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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry.

Experts who have examined school
children, and found their tonsils in
the proper place, and not underweight
from eating oatmeal containing saw-
dust, can now examine parents who
let their kids ride a bicycle down the
Main Stem at high noon, and other
times when the traffic is congested.

Courage is one of the characteris-
tics listed as predominant traits of
Oregon Journalism, said courage being
largely exercised by whispering,
shivering sibilis for the hellraising Ku
Klux Klan.

The groom-to-be is an industrious
and ambitious young man with a
bright future before him.—(Yreka
Journal). Where it belongs.

The keen-eyed kops have just about
located the Siskiyous train robbers in
every place, where they are not.

THE INCONSPICUOUS MOTHER
(Eugene Guard)

Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Gent are
the proud grandparents of an
eight pound girl, born to their
son George and wife, whose home
is near Coberg.

Neither of the major parties as yet
have cooked up an issue for the next
campaign that the women voters can
have a good cry over.

Ed Blinn's 17 year battle against
the Beef Trust, was nearly terminated
Thursday, owing to the old warrior jay-
walking.

Next to 48 buttons up the back of a
Gashviki skirt, nothing is so neces-
sary as 97 pins in the tail of a new
skirt.

FEARLESS SPUNK
(Portland Oregonian)

The Astoria Budget rises to in-
quire if the state will not be
thankful when the Oregonian's
spelling match is finally ended
and over. With equal propriety
this paper may also ask if it is
not likely that the Budget's read-
ers will be grateful when its editor
ceases to write impertinent
and insane paragraphs.

Among the blessings of 1924, that
cannot be evaded, will be an epidemic
of spindle-legged leading citizens in
golf pants.

A LADY TALKS

She said she didn't give a whit, and
I wouldn't either. If I was her, I
kiss her divorce, and the colored
troops fought nobly. About three
years ago I smiled at an insurance
agent, and death and taxes and the
poor is not the only thing we have
always with us. They stick like a
porous plaster. Here comes the big
wind. Yesterday he straightened out
Pineland, and local conditions. I hate
to see the Max of three boys in the
high school next year, trying to kid
himself into a chickenish mood.
You can't back up 10 years, by giving
your eyebrows a shave and shampoo.
Ho! hum! she says, how old am I? I
said, Ho! hum! I'd rather not state.
She's getting gray back of the ears
from playing that Chick game. Max's
wrong, huh? I? No! Not feller, al-
ways polite, twilight or daylight,
nothing in his life. You don't have
to slap that boy into his place. Here's
a letter from Missoula, asking me to
come back, for a party the class of
1912 is going to give. Can't cut the
mustard. I was the most popular girl
on the campus. I was so green, in
them days, I would believe everything
a drummer told me. Just a rose that
bloomed too soon, shooting biscuits
from the hip. Fate punched me once
too often in the short-ribs, and I
faded out of L. J. picture. Pretty hard
to take. Now I gotta use a napkin
for a handkerchief. Excuse me, you'll
find the front door unlocked. By-by!

Local residents will regret to learn
that Leonard Sternhagen had a nar-
row escape from death while hunting.
—(Chiloche, Cal. Journal). Another
"genial funeral director cheated."

What shall we do with our streets?
They are too thin for cultivation and
too thick for navigation.—(Dallas
Chronicle). Your future course is
plain as mud.

The Daily
Bank Robbery

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 7.—A bank
messenger with \$15,000 in his posses-
sion disappeared today somewhere be-
tween Los Angeles and Huntington
Park, a suburb, according to advices
received from the police of the latter
place by the sheriff's office here.

THE ENGLISH ELECTION.

ALTHOUGH a conservative victory in the English elections was
predicted, the result is virtually a defeat for Premier Baldwin's
government. For a government in parliament without a majority,
is really no government at all. Premier Baldwin returns, but cer-
tainly he can have no illusions regarding the necessity of packing up
and getting ready for departure. Another such victory and Premier
Baldwin's political career will end.

It is difficult to explain the apparent surprise of the London stock
market at the result. Usually stock markets are keen in diagnosing
political situations. From this distance one could see no possible vic-
tory of a decisive nature for the party in power.

For conditions in England are bad. The people, particularly the
workers, are in a desperate frame of mind. Naturally the party in
power had to bear that burden. The remarkable thing is that the
Baldwin government received a plurality, when general conditions in
Great Britain are considered.

But the result does not necessarily mean a labor government. La-
bor has gained, but so has the liberal party. And there is no reason
why the liberals and conservatives should not join forces in the near
future.

England is essentially conservative. The natural political cleav-
age lies between radicals and anti-radicals. If Lloyd George and As-
quith could smoke a pipe of peace, Asquith and Baldwin, confronted
by a Bolshevik regime, could smoke many of them.

So while a labor government has been predicted for many years,
there is nothing in yesterday's election to indicate such an occurrence
—at least in the immediate future.

THE ASHLAND WINTER FAIR.

THE MAIL TRIBUNE has received most flattering reports of
Ashland's winter fair which closes tomorrow night. As the
program for Saturday evening promises to be an exceptionally enter-
taining one, and as there is a pavement leading directly from Medford
to the Winter Fair door, we suggest that as many Medford people as
possible take in the Ashland exhibition before it closes tomorrow
evening.

LAUREL GRAY
LOVE GOSSIP
THE GREATEST THING IN THE
WORLD
by Laurel Gray

The Wet Blanket

Vanity is the wet blanket on many
an otherwise first-rate love affair.
Many otherwise sensible girls sup-
press a real affection for some likely
young man because they fancy them-
selves too "desir-
able" or "too
good" for him.
And many a man
mistakes his van-
ity for dignity.
There is a per-
fectly natural
kind of dignity
which every lov-
er has a right to
express. But to
be dignified isn't
to be pompous,
proud, imperi-
ous. A natural
dignity doesn't need a bit of cultiva-
tion and it isn't a deterrent to the
development of the love-association.
But vanity, the 100 per cent article,
has no place in love and marriage.
Some girls are vain for no other rea-
son in the world than that they are
the female of the species. This is
the most outrageous of all vanities for
it offends the natural sense of justice
and fairness of the male critter. The
mothering instinct is a species of van-
ity but it is justified because it is an
instinct that gives even while it finds
satisfaction in a selfish expression.
For a girl to imagine she is the salt
of the earth for no other authentic
reason in the world is the silliest sort
of vanity. But, then—there are a
lot of men who are vain because of
the same cause. Well, there's no
special distinction in sex and an all-
wise nature has made it come fifty-



forty. The distinctive qualities of
which we have a right to be proud are
those we have created and cultivated
against instinctive desires and inclina-
tions. Such qualities are gained by
perseverance and sacrifice and they
are an excuse for pride. But vanity?
That's a vice!

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Caught in Cold Kentucky

One day near the end of November,
a Kentucky woman started on a rail-
road journey of about an hour. She
sat in the waiting room at the depot
half an hour. It was a cold day, with
a stiff wind blowing. The waiting
room was unheated. The woman felt
chilly and shivered. By and bye the
train came along and she boarded it.
The coach was un-
heated and the win-
dows were open.
The woman felt
chilly and shivered
some more on the
train. When she alighted at the end
of her little journey
she was sneezing
and, she later testi-
fied, suffering from
the effects of a cold.
The woman was
whatever that may be. This cold, she
and her witnesses were able to estab-
lish subsequently to the satisfaction
of the court, soon "developed into
grip" and the woman was confined to
her bed with grip for six weeks.
She obtained a judgment for \$700
damages against the director general
of railroads (it happened in 1918),
but an appeal was taken, for the rail-
road people argued that there was at
the time an epidemic of influenza—
that was the reason they had the
coach windows open—and they
argued that the woman had simply
contracted a germ disease shortly be-
fore she began her journey, that this
germ disease (influenza or grip) was
not caused by exposure, and anyway
there was a reasonable doubt whether
the patient had suffered from influ-
enza, for which the railroad could not
be held responsible, or a cold which
might have been caused by the rail-
road's negligence.
Railroad attorneys are usually
shrewd men, but in this case they
apparently overlooked an opportunity
to place upon the woman's shoulders
the burden of proving that such ex-



posure as she met in the unheated
waiting room and the unheated coach
could cause any illness whatever. The
woman would have a hard time prov-
ing that, because it isn't so. The Ken-
tucky court of appeals, however, just
assumes that it is so. Without any
proof at all, just hearsay or fancy. The
court held, in affirming the judgment
that "it is a matter of common knowl-
edge that colds may be easily con-
tracted under conditions such as de-
scribed," by the woman who sought
damages. The court could have as-
sumed similarly fanciful notions as to
yellow fever 30 years ago; then it was
"a matter of common knowledge,"
that yellow fever was a contagious di-
ease; so certain were the benighted
people of the contagiousness of the
disease that they generally established
shotgun quarantine around communi-
ties where the disease appeared. But
we know now that the people were
sadly mistaken about that, for yellow
fever can be spread only through the
carrier agency of the Stegomyia breed
of mosquito, which agent has no re-
spect for shotguns or the complacent
delusions of the law.

"The uncontradicted evidence," pur-
sues the court, "shows that the
plaintiff did contract such a cold on
this journey, and that her sickness
followed." Whether the woman's ill-
ness was "grip," influenza or any
of the other respiratory diseases
which masquerade under this all en-
veloping title of "cold" (until the doc-
tor can get some idea just what ails
the patient really), the period of incu-
bation, less than half an hour, was
certainly unique in medical annals.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Impacted Wisdom Tooth

I have an impacted wisdom tooth
which has given me no end of trouble.
The dentist said it would have to be
chiseled away from the jaw bone and
I'd have to take either to have this
done. It showed plainly in the X-ray
picture. (Mrs. W. C. T.)

Answer.—The dentist is probably
right. Unruptured or impacted wis-
dom teeth cause a great deal of trou-
ble in young people, the pain some-
times masquerading as facial neural-
gia, and the exhaustion of the aul-
ing molar being the only relief. This
requires a general anesthetic. Here is
one instance where the X-ray negative
does determine the diagnosis.

Cancer on the Lip

My father has a cancer on his lip,
what they call a pipe cancer. Do you
think electric treatments would cure
it? Some say they will and others
don't think so. Everybody says some-
thing different. Do you think a plas-
ter would draw it out? (Miss A.
McK. E.)

Answer.—I fear that by the time
your father makes up his mind to
submit to treatment the cancer will
have advanced beyond the hope of
cure. In some cases of cancer of the
lip cure may be obtained from X-ray
treatments, but as a rule the only
hope of cure lies in immediate opera-
tion, with some X-ray treatments of
the scar to prevent recurrence, per-
haps. No electric treatment will cure
cancer. Using a plaster in lieu of the
painless, surgical treatment is a hide-
ous act of cruelty in this day of en-
lightenment. The cautery in the plas-
ter destroys whatever it touches, of
course, but I'd hate to subject any liv-
ing being to that sort of blind ruthless
surgery as long as there were a sur-
geon to be had with a clean knife di-
rected by humane intelligence. The
great majority of alleged cures of
cancer by pastes and plasters are mis-
taken diagnosis—benign conditions
wrongly called cancer. In the great
majority of cases of actual cancer
treated with plaster or paste the vic-
tim suffers horribly and the crude
attempt ends in disastrous failure.
Still I must admit I have seen some
successful results from the use of
plaster or paste for small surface can-
cers (epithelioma), tho the suffering
under treatment was certainly far
greater than would have been the
case with surgical removal of the can-
cer; the scar that remained was far
more disfiguring than is the scar of a
clean operation. The patient under
the plaster treatment descended into
the valley of death from benighted
rather than too far for safety. I thought,
If I had a lip or skin cancer I'd prefer
a surgery first program.

Abe Martin



"If it wuzn' fer missin' th'
operations I'd jest as leave have
good health as not," said Mrs. Em
Moore, this mornin'. Th' H John-
son club met last night, an' after
practicin' on th' piccolo for
awhile he went home.

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