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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Parry.

The Kianly gent who faintly admitted
daylight into another Kianly gent
in the home town of the Emperor,
has pleaded insanity, when everybody
knew it was the "hostile press" that
pulled the trigger.

Considerable difficulty is being ex-
perienced in cranking Henry Ford for
President.

Science has made giant strides this
year, but is still shy a coffee that a
beany cook can't distill into every-
thing else but.

Efforts are still being made by the
Irrepressible Force, to fulfill a date
with an Immovable Body, at the lead-
ing crossroads.

CIVIC GROVER BERGDOLES

(Creswell News)

The meeting of the chamber of
commerce Tuesday night was a
sombre affair. One or two gazed
in the window of the meeting
place but most of the members
reclined in their homes on cush-
ions of ease and let the other
fellow attend to the meeting.
This hasty deserves publicity as
this report should be an inducement
to attract members who
enjoy belonging to something
with nothing to do. Come on fel-
lows, if this is a go, let's go.

The movement to change the nick-
name of Oregon from "Wetfoot" to
"Rainbow" is ill-timed, because if all
the uplifts, raking and pending, pan
out the commonwealth will be Heav-
en. Then the intelligent voters will
have to elect a St. Peter every four
years.

This winter the Galsheviks have
covered up their wishbones, and sworn
off sleeves.

The hide market is improving. If
a hide owner works night and day,
steady, for a year, and observes no
holidays, he might pack enough hides
across the street to make a first pay-
ment on a pair of shoes.

This is an uncertain world, but this
much is certain: The senatorial candi-
dates who have injected the religious
issue into the next campaign, by flat-
footed appeals to bigotry and malig-
nant hatred, will lie out of it next
spring, and probably get away with it.

(Eugene Guard)
Greenleaf, Ore., Dec. 12.—Bat
Downing has returned home from a
week's visit in the Willamette valley,
minus a lot of teeth.

The recent storm filled the road
with slides, logs and debris, and
where the road couldn't be harmed in
any other way, Kirby's logs tried it.
Their logs went out pretty clean.

Billy Wilbur and F. W. Taylor were
beaten home camera on the first train
through after the blockade.

Nature not having been able to do
enough apparently, Mr. Tito blocked
the road for a while, with rock blast-
ing.

Earl Clark's horses and T. W. Kim-
ball have been marooned at Dead-
wood.

Marion Wheeler is home from a
trip around the world, and adjoining
suburbs. It's a girl.

TIME'S ACRES

Beat, Beat, with your soft, gray feet.
Tear at the cold, your shawl.
His grave is here, but it's many a year
Since the grass on it was mown.

His ears are crumbled to bitter dust.
His eyes are a hollow bone.
Your twisting hair is bright and fair,
But he is under a stone.

You took his flesh and you took his
heart.

But his bones are his own to keep.
Knuckle and straight, he has them all
Down in the gravel deep.

Perhaps he laughs with his hard gray
mouth.

Perhaps he shouts with glee,
and cuddles his bones up one by one,
And wishes that you could see.

ut what is fire to a living man
is nothing at all to a bone.
lies at ease in the cold and the
mold.

And he lies at ease alone.

will be part of the earth in time.
You will be only dust.

Your carved door will be nothing
more
than a heap of eating rust.

uch for your assure fleur-de-lis,
and your cross in a chevron d'or,
will be lilies in a morning breeze
the foot of a sycamore.

AMY LOWELL

AS TO A PAINLESS TAX.

IS THERE such a thing as a painless tax? Only a short time ago
a very popular weekly magazine claimed it had discovered such a
tax. It was the sales tax adopted in Canada. Senator Smoot was so
intrigued by the idea that he announced a few months ago that he in-
tended to introduce a similar tax measure in congress. In his veto of
the bonus bill, the late President Harding advocated such a tax.

It is interesting, therefore, to note the result of the sales tax in
Canada. In an article in the current Review of Reviews, the results of
an exhaustive examination of the working of this tax are formulated.

Although the two authors of the article try valiantly to express
no conclusions, the conclusions are obvious to any reader. The sales
tax in Canada is no more painless than any other tax. In fact, at the
present moment, the tax is extremely unpopular, particularly among
the masses who are forced to bear the chief burden.

The sales tax is a tax on all sales. If you buy a suit of clothes, or
a can of tooth powder in Canada you pay a certain tax, usually from
four to six per cent on the purchase price.

Now there are certain necessities of life which must be purchased.
Both the poor and the rich must have food and must have clothes.
The sales tax therefore places a tax not in proportion to the ability
to pay, but relatively speaking places an equal tax on all who must
renew their larders and wardrobes.

True the heavy purchaser pays more, and luxuries are more heav-
ily taxed than necessities, but the difference is not great enough to
prevent a real injustice to the purchaser of moderate means.

So, according to this article, there is very general dissatisfaction
with the sales tax in Canada and a movement for repeal has already
been started.

This result only goes to demonstrate that such a thing as a painless
tax has not yet been devised. All that can be hoped is to approxi-
mate justice in the tax business. When anyone claims discovery of
a painless tax, a safe rejoinder is: "There ain't no sich animal."

Personal Health Service

By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.

Noted Physician and Author

Before a Man Marries

"A man in his early forties is call-
ing on me," writes an anxious reader,
"and seems anxious to see me very
often. I hear that there is insanity
in his mother's family and that his
mother was in an
asylum and some of
his cousins were in-
sane and some other
relations of his
mother were men-
tally defective, but
his father's family
was all right. Would
it be safe to marry
this man? That is,
would he be likely
to go insane himself
or would children
inherit a mental de-
fect?" (M. B. G.)

I get many letters from prospective
brides who are disturbed by a similar
anxiety, and nearly as many from
potential bridegrooms with similar
doubts.

When a girl consents to be spliced
with a man over 40 years old she
ought to get a darned good bargain,
and no mistake.

Now whatever the law or the cus-
toms may be at present, there is one
thing certain, and that is the duty
a prospective bridegroom owes the
woman he means to wed. That duty
demands that he shall present to her
proper guardian or to the woman her-
self if she has no guardian, the certi-
ficate of a reputable physician which
shows the man's marriageability. No
man worth marrying can object to
furnishing such a certificate—if a man
hesitates about this, he is a very good
man not to marry.

It may be contended that the pros-
pective bride is equally bound to fur-
nish the bridegroom some such certi-
ficate. I do not think so. I think that
if a woman is desired as a wife or
desirable, that is sufficient. There is
the "double standard" of morals
which in spite of all modern crusades,
still seems good enough for most
men; long as this curious idea pre-
vails, no man is above suspicion and
no man may consider himself too
honorable to furnish the certificate of
his fitness for marriage. A woman,
thank God, is pure until proved guilty.

A man, thanks to the "double stan-
dard," must bring some evidence be-
sides his own word or reputation, and
it doesn't matter a little bit who or
what the man may be.

Honray, such as the correspondent
refers to in her letter today, should
not be given much weight in making
a decision about marriage. It is as
likely to mislead one way as another.

Certainly there are many men who
are clean and fit to marry, whether

they are 20, 30, 40 or older. But a
man who is clean and fit will never
for an instant hesitate about seeking
the certificate of a reputable physi-
cian as a preliminary to an engage-
ment to marry.

This is a wicked world and the
wickedest and cruelest part of it is the
suffering of wives and young mothers
who have been permitted to marry
unfit men, just because somebody
neglected to attend to the small
formality of prospective bride-
groom's health certificate.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Boric Acid Solution

I think you said some time ago that
it is harmful to use boric acid solution
for eye drops or an eyewash. Will you
kindly repeat what you said or ex-
plain how it does harm. (R. H. O.)

Answer.—No; I really said that the
solution has no known medicinal
value and that it is used merely be-
cause it is a mild nonirritating or non-
poisonous antiseptic. In various acute
inflammations or infections about the
eyes. Saturated solution of boric acid
(as much boric acid as boiled water
will dissolve) is about equal in density
with the tears, or a solution of a
heating teaspoonful of common salt
in a pint of boiled water, and there-
fore is not so irritating as plain water
would be to the eyes.

Sauerkraut

Is sauerkraut of any benefit in one's
diet? If so, please explain in what
way it does good. (M. T.)

Answer.—Sauerkraut is rich in cal-
cium (lime) content; the average
American urban dietary is poor in
calcium. Sauerkraut is about as
well as milk, buttermilk, sour milk or
any of the proprietary fermented milk
products or the bacterial cultures for
maintaining a thriving colony of lac-
tic bacilli in the intestine. Lactic fer-
mentation in the intestine is a whole-
some or healthful process because it
keeps the field unfavorable to the
multiplication of the bacteria respon-
sible for putrefactive decomposition.
And most important of all, sauerkraut
is darn good eating.

Stubborn Corn

Please inform me what is the best
home treatment for a very stubborn
corn. Also, will very heavy soles and
very flat heels injure the feet? (M.
H.)

Answer.—Paint the corn once daily
with a solution of 30 grains of sal-
icylic acid in half an ounce of flexible
collodion. In a week or longer it will
soften and come away. Heavy soles
and flat heels will not injure the feet.
As a rule the lower the heels the bet-
ter for the feet.



Rippling Rhymes

Walt Mason

SELFISHNESS.

THE HOMELESS wanderer appears, as night involves the
skies; and eight or ten assorted tears are streaming from
his eyes. His worn out shoes are sad to see, his clothes are full of
rents, and, with a gesture fine and free, I give him fifty cents. I
hand him fifty cents, my friends, the coin I gayly throw, because
such haphazard action lends to my tired heart a glow. I know not
how the hobo blows the coin I freely gave; he may consume the
drink that goes with an untimely grave. I know some moralists
deplore this way of helping jays; it only makes the poor man
more confirmed in pauper ways. It may be sinful, vain and
wrong, Experience admits; but when the poor man comes along I
stake him with four bits. For if I didn't I would feel the mean-
est of gents; all shriveled up and down at heel and much like
fourteen cents. For I have been without a couch, without a crust
to gnaw, and I have met the saintly grinch who quotes the moral
law. I'd hate to seem as small as he when hungry men arrive;
so, with a gesture grand and free, I dig up kopecks five.

"JUST TOWN TALK"

Copied Right By Mike

IT WAS ALL arranged
THAT I'D find their car
IN FRONT of the Colonial
ABOUT FOUR o'clock
AND WE'D go out
TO A certain place
AND STAY all night
AND THEN get up
JUST AT daybreak
AND SHOOT some ducks
AND I went home
AND DRESSED all up
WITH A flannel shirt
AND HIGH-TOPPED boots
AND A leather vest
AND A battered cap
AND CAME down town
AND FOUND the car
IN FRONT of the Colonial
AND GOT inside
AND THERE were bundles
AND SEVERAL sacks
AND I noticed one
WITH GREASE spots on it
AND I knew at once
IT CONTAINED doughnuts
FOR THE morning meal
AND I opened it
AND TOOK one
AND BEGAN eating it

AND A boy came along
SELLING THE Mail Tribune
AND I bought one
AND I could see
HE WANTED a doughnut
SO I gave him one
AND ABOUT that time
I NOTICED a woman
OVER ON the curb
LOOKING AS if
SHE WANTED to speak
AND I bowed a little
AND LIFTED the battered hat
BUT SHE didn't speak
AND HURRIED away
AND SOON came back
WITH HER husband
OR SOMETHING
AND IT was their car
AND I got out
WITH MY mouth
CHUCK FULL of doughnut
AND MUMBLED something
AND CROSSED the street
AND WAITED in a stairway
FOR THE other car
I THANK you.

Jim Hill's Daughter Dies.
NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Mrs. George
T. Slade, daughter of the late James
J. Hill, railroad magnate, died at her
home here early today.

LAUREL GRAY
LOVE GOSSIPTHE GREATEST THING IN THE
WORLD

by Laurel Gray

Honorable Men.

Girls love honorable men. Not in
the sense of the sentimental novels
and silly plays.
Real honorable
men; men who
would scorn to
lie or cheat or
pretend or be-
tray a friend.
Honorable men
are not so rare
as the profes-
sional pessimists
would have us
believe. Men are
instinctively hon-
orable. Men are
naturally on the
level. Complexes of modern society
invite mean, small, dishonorable pre-
texts and make-shifts, however. The
man who is strong enough to be him-
self is an honorable man, and you'll
notice that desirable girls recognize
such a fellow intuitively. Honorable
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WATCH YOUR
BATTERY
PRONTO-LITE BATTERY
STATION

Abe Martin



Th' automobile is a big help t'
th' hand in more ways than one.
For instance, when he shoots a
cashier ever-buddy thinks it's a
tire. It seems like th' only way t'
reach a ripe an' peaceful ole age
is jes' t' be downright an' ever-
lastin'ly worthless.

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