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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry. A Portland lad of 14 summers had a tantrum. His mother sent him to the woodshed. Instead of spanking himself, he tried to commit suicide.

IF IN NEED of a plumber phone 713-J. Waits the Plumber.—(Klamath Falls News.) Naturally.

The beauty shoppes have hired a lawyer to prevent regulation by the legislature. Three of the products of the beauty shoppes strolling casually, but charmingly through the legislative halls, could do a better job.

There ought to be at least one article of food, that a heany chef can't improve with a dipperful of water, or a handful of carrots, (mixed, of course). Right now, in the midst of the pancake season, there is too much Bear Creek in the maple syrup. A pancake is supposed to be sweetened, not waterlogged.

She was the recipient of two lovely bouquets of hothouse flowers and with the pleasant social time and delightful lunch, declared she liked farewell parties.—(Yreka, Cal., Journal.) One of them backhanded slaps.

After listening to local apologists for the petty pestering of the President by the Oregon senatorial representation, it is not hard to assume that the eminent seceders are living, breathing, palpating versions of the well-known boy upon the burning deck. A more or less disgusted constituency is sadly in formed that "Charlie and Bob are between two fires." This is a stemwinder of an alibi, and demonstrates the need of fire-escapes.

"AND THIS IS FAME" (Albany Democrat) Elmer Groshong, of Holley, guessed the exact number of seeds in the big pumpkin exhibited by Charles Sterling, and for so doing gets as premium a sack of flour. Curiously enough the same man made the correct guess in the contest last year.

Now that the annual Yuletide committing of matrimony has started, let some happy couple vary the monotony of the usual society page claim of "a quiet wedding was solemnized last Tuesday," by hitching up, noisily.

The weather is now what a doctor would designate as a minor dislocation of the lumbar vertebrae. However, it is a superficial contusion, subject to return without notice.

It is encouraging to note that our Prohibition enforcement officers have taken to regulating foreign ships with bonded liquor, protected by treaties, causing a legal hubbub, and accomplishing nothing.

HORSEPLAY (Oregon City Enterprise) The imprint of a bloody hand on the hip of a white horse and a note suspended over the animal's back by a wire from the rafter, was the scene which confronted A. Leason of Upper Highland, 20 miles east of Oregon City when he entered his barn at an early hour Thursday morning.

After reading "The Confessions of an Imperial Klausman," written by Lem A. Dever of Portland, and digesting the spiritual and financial blound-up of Oregon, the conviction is bound to exist that the various counties have some work to do. The only hopeful note is the information, that many of the original victims are coming out from under the hysteria. It is an interesting account of a good job of scientific horseshogging.

The John C. Mann display of Dokkie uniforms in his north window, is just as vivid, if not more so, than in previous years.

"I have questioned hundreds of girls regarding the reasons for the change, and they all claim that it is because husbands, fiancés and lovers object to artificial complexions."—(Los Angeles Examiner.) They do, do they.

The elements are trying to make it Christmas Shopping.

Three fresh Jersey milk cows can be bought at a bargain on account of sickness. Come and see them today. 213 Sawyer street.—(Chico Enterprise.) Frank and Gandid.

A REPLY TO A CRITIC.

THE EUGENE GUARD, in championing the federal child labor amendment, accuses The Mail Tribune of misrepresentation. Quoting a recent editorial from this paper, as follows: "If this amendment passes no child in the country will be allowed to work until after the eighteenth birthday," the Guard declares:

"The federal child labor amendment will prohibit nothing and regulate nothing. It will authorize congress to legislate, to regulate or prohibit child labor. The amendment is purely and solely an enabling act."

Quite true. But does the Guard wish to maintain that if the amendment passes, giving congress the right to prohibit child labor under 18 years of age, that congress will not exercise that right? If so, then any discussion is foolish. For the passage of the amendment will not change the present situation in any particular.

The states can't pass laws for the government. All the states can do is to waive their rights, and give the government power to pass them. That is the purpose of this amendment.

Therefore to maintain that if this amendment passes congress will pass a federal child labor law, in accordance with its provisions, seems to us entirely correct, while to suggest that if this amendment passes, nothing will be done, appeals to us as both foolish and misleading.

The Mail Tribune believes all children should be protected from anything approaching wage slavery,—that no child should be robbed of its birthright of normal health and decent education.

But to gain this end, another constitutional amendment is not necessary. The problem can, and should be, solved by the states, in co-operation with the parents, just as it has been solved in Oregon.

We differ with the Guard, not in our view of the child labor problem, but in our view of the proper method for its solution.

Abe Martin



It's jest about got so children are neither seen nor heard any more. The fellow that discovered that a paper dollar only lasts seven years must have been in jail or lived with his wife's folks.

What's in a Name?

By MILDRED MARSHALL

Betsy. The quaint and charming name of Betsy, so endeared to American history, had its source far back in early times when the Muscovite princess Elisavetta, the daughter of Jaroslav, was the object of the romantic love of the great poet and the sea king, Harald Hardrada, of Norway, who sang nineteen songs of his own composition in her praise on his way to her from Constantinople and won her hand by his feats of prowess.

Her name, which means "God's oath," appears in many romantic tales and Danish ballads and finally spread, in numerous variations, throughout Europe by way of Germany. Elizabeths, Isabels, Ellizas, and Elisabets were the most popular names in Europe—and still have tremendous vogue for that matter—but Betsy is typically English and latter-day American.

Many famous women have borne the name in this country. Betsy Ross, whose skilful fingers fashioned the first American flag, is a heroine of history. A no less authentic, but more extravagantly romantic character, was the beautiful Patterson, who captured the love of Jerome Bonaparte, brother to the great Emperor, and suffered a broken heart.

The ruby is Betsy's talismanic gem. It brings her beauty and pride and haughtiness, according to ancient superstition. Wednesday is her lucky day and 3 her lucky number.

COMMUNICATIONS

Eagle Point Mayor Protests. To the Editor: We at Eagle Point have noted your repeated gibes about "Out at Eagle Point where..." No doubt you think these slurs are very smart and witty but I tell you they are not—they are only vulgar and libelous of your friends. It seems to us that your editorial page is very well named "The Smudge Pot" for it gives very little light and busies itself principally in begriming the names of many whom it should respect. Without knowledge in the case, we strongly suspicion that the editor has a convenient spittoon near his desk and that is where he gets his material for the "Smudge Pot."

Waite-Lincoln Game Portland Cancelled. PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 20.—The football game arranged for this afternoon between the Waite high school team of Toledo, Ohio, and the Lincoln high school of Portland, was cancelled yesterday on account of the frozen condition of Multnomah field, due to the cold spell. The Waite team announced it would return home.

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The Milder Forms of Itchiosis. Lanolin, 2 drams; Boroglycerid, 1 dram; cold cream made from white petroleum, 6 drams. Such a preparation should be dispensed in a collapsible tube. In severe itching two to four grains of menthol may be added to the formula.

Sesame oil (also called teel oil and benne oil) if obtainable, is ideal for the skin and hair. It should be prepared by the druggist, heating over a water bath with each ounce of the oil five grains of benzoin and three drops of absolute alcohol. This will prevent rancidity. The sesame oil does not clog the skin as other oils do.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Sanitary. A friend advised us to use a solution of permanganate of potash for sanitary purposes, but we don't know what strength to use. (T. T. W.) Answer—I should not advise it.

Soap and water, sunlight and fresh air are sufficient for any sanitary purpose, except in certain infectious illnesses when the physician will instruct you what to use.

Liniment. If nothing is absorbed by the unbroken skin does it do any good to rub liniment on for rheumatism? (A. O. T.) Answer—Whatever rheumatism may be, pain and soreness is often relieved by external applications in the form of a liniment, ointment or plaster.

Acetphenetidin. Recently you referred to the danger of taking acetphenetidin. Some time ago an eminent physician prescribed this substance for my grandmother in combination with caffeine and salol, there being three grains of acetphenetidin to the dose. Do you think we should change doctors? Is the doctor who prescribed it trustworthy? (S. C. B.) Answer—You misunderstood what I said about acetphenetidin. It is a dangerous drug for a layman to tamper with. It is as safe as any other drug in the hands of the physician. I should advise a layman not to indulge in chloroform on his own responsibility, but that does not imply that a doctor should never administer chloroform or that he is incompetent or untrustworthy if he does.

Itchiosis, of which the itch and ordinary erythema are the milder forms. Perhaps the mildest form of itchiosis, though you may doubt this if you've got it, is that condition so much affected by the well washed, pruritus, as the doctors call it, meaning itching without apparent cause. It is a mild condition comparatively speaking. But obstinate and annoying, I admit. This is the pruritus season. Not that everybody puts on his heavy underwear now, but along about this time of year nearly everybody has the furnace going and the household atmosphere, not to mention the respiratory medium at the store or office, is Sahara like, which is pretty tough on the skin. Then a lot of folk indulge in more hot bathing this time of year than they do in the summer, and this makes the skin still drier and harsher. And finally, there is something, we do not know just whether it is in the character of our food, the relative diminution in the quality of sunlight or possibly a famine in the body ration, something that makes the human metabolism slow down a bit in the autumn, and the skin suffers with the rest of the system. So almost everybody, even the most inveterate bathers itches more or less now.

For a clear case of bath pruritus the sensible plan is to break the bathing habit, either abruptly or by tapering off. A cold air bath is rather beneficial to the most sensitive skin, and a moderate amount of friction with a dry towel is good, too. But water is an aggravation to a dry, irritable skin; hot water is still worse, and hot water with soap is the worst thing in the world for such pruritus. But people who are bath addicts find it almost impossible to avoid occasional relapse, and when this happens it is well to make it as short as possible and then treat the skin to a bit of oil, and pure fresh preparation, say freshly made cold cream, or sweet almond oil, or olive oil, or sesame oil, or the anti-pruritic skin cream suggested by Dr. Buckley.

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QUILL POINTS

Prosperous times: Those in which we charge one another too much.

Still, the happiest people are those who are married yet, instead of again.

People are queer, and only the rich can afford to wear jewelry from the ten-cent store.

Lowly origin won't keep you down. Think of the rodents that have become sealskin.

Most of the things we long for might be ours if we had the nerve to ask them.

And now "in conference" may mean he is trying to think of a seven-letter word ending in "z."

In this great free country, almost everybody can climb high enough to call somebody else a moron or a yokel.

The trouble about fighting for one's rights is that more rights appear as one becomes a better fighter.

The strange part is that husbands who lose their memories and wander away, take all the cash.

Take a correspondence course. Then when you're a success you won't be nagged at for funds to build a stadium.

Rippling Rhymes Walt Mason

GRAY HAIRS.

"I'M OLD AND gray," said James J. Jay, "and so I have no place; youth must be served, and age, unerved, must in the discard chase. 'Men Wanted' signs my eye devides, as I tramp fro and to; but when I ask for some cheap task, they tell me I am through. 'Young husky lads, not ancient dads,' say merchants, 'we require; it's yours to wear an easy chair and slippers by the fire. You're done, old scout, you're petered out,' employers all explain; 'you're bent and weak, it's time to seek the boneyard in the lane.' From store to store, on fetlocks sore, I toil, to seek a job; at every croop they hand me soup—excuse me while I sob." Yet, now and then I see old men still busy in the mart; they draw good pay; though old and gray, they're young enough at heart. They don't insist that every twist of modern days is wrong; they don't deplore the days of yore, and so they still belong. Old men are prone to sigh and groan o'er all things new they see; they gaze with tears through vanished years to show how things should be. They're fired from stores because they're bores with their bewhiskered tales, they're fired from shops because their yawps don't fit where pep prevails. "Just keep in step with modern pep," I cry to James J. Jay, "and you will get a good job yet, and draw down princely pay."

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