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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry.

Wind seems to be the main ingredient of the proposed world's fair in Portland in 1926. The opening remarks of the committee reveal a state of destitution, for it says:

"and, at the time of making these articles of incorporation, this corporation possesses no money, or property whatever."

Backed by such sterling resources, the 1926 world's fair can not help but be a chic and smart affair, and indicates that the hallowed metropolis after its convalescence from infatuation for the Ku Klux Klan, still retains a sweet and abiding faith in the teachings of the late P. T. Barnum, and the gullibility of the masses.

There are no objections, however, to the chief burg holding a world's fair in 1926, or any time thereafter, provided they furnish something besides the roses and the oratory.

AN ASTONISHED JOURNALIST

(Salem Statesman) From time to time the twins of the county are being enumerated, with the latest report coming from Pratum. This brings the number quite high, and far beyond the expectations of the reporter.

A farmer was in town today. He had not been robbed, there was plenty of rain, and he was ahead with his plowing.

It's getting along towards the time of the year when citizens think it smart to scale the lofty pinnacles of R. Ahnetts.

Besides worrying about adipose tissue under the chin, balloon ankles, bunions, and warts on the neck, uncovered by hazy hair, the female population lives in daily terror lest they get cow arms.

A SUCCESSFUL RAID

(Klamath Falls News) The entrance of the Klan into the church in a body was somewhat of a surprise to some who had gathered at the church to hear Mr. Smith preach. It was the first public robot meeting in the city for many a day.

WANTED—Barber. S. Jumper, North Bend.—(Wanted Coon Bay Times.) Look before you leap.

From the report of the lib. game last eve at Corvallis, it is gathered that OAC played the best game, but California put the round inflated thing through the iron hoop at the north end of the gymnasium too frequently.

It is undoubtedly true that this estate might be determined by a divorce. But this is a contingency of so remote expectation as not to enter into the ordinary calculations of the duration of the relation of married life. It is one of those extreme cases, which, like earthquakes and tempests in the natural world, or the public execution in the history of individual existence, do, indeed, sometimes occur, but which no one feels bound to expect or to provide against.—(Los Angeles Examiner.) The essence of the action is bull, and germane to the bunk. The plaintiff may go hence without prejudice, and is ordered to take his hat. Michigan 236:19.

A lady writes, in the higher octaves, that "I will never degrade my art by attempting pop music." To which your corr. replies: profundo antano, go ahead and massacre class, mus.

PAINT THE WRETCH GREEN

(CofO. Emerald) Thieves as a force on the campus have hitherto gone unrecognized. Among the many (some persons think too many) organizations at the university there are none that the Emerald knows of which specialize in the particular type of conduct known as specialized crime along these lines. And the student body has no place for the person or persons stealing the fur coat of Miss Gerald Lutz from a suite at Hendricks hall, or of other types of robbery.

People are planting gardens in their backyards, just as they would not be second through the Mississippi valley in the family circle when the radishes are to eat.

CRIME AND THE MOVIES.

CHICAGO recently passed an ordinance preventing the showing of firearms in moving pictures except in the hands of law-enforcement officers.

Now according to reports from that metropolis, firearms are to be replaced by bowie knives, black jacks and test tubes of typhoid germs.

To be consistent, Chicago will, therefore, have to amend the ordinance to include all lethal weapons, not overlooking pieces of gas pipe, sticks of wood, coal shovels, golf clubs, and hard knuckled fists. For when a person has murder in the heart, it is seldom difficult to find some medium of probable destruction.

The purpose behind the Chicago ordinance is no doubt a laudable one. The increase of crime in the Windy City is prodigious, and everything that will have a tendency to decrease it, should have the support of all right-thinking people.

But we fear the deletion of firearms from the Chicago movies will not turn the rising curve on the chart at police headquarters downward. Criminal history has yet to produce evidence that homicide has ever been produced by the drama,—spoken, written or pictorial. If this were true then Shakespeare would probably have most of the crimes of two centuries to answer for.

It is conceivable that a movie could be constructed to encourage crime, but the present procedure would, of course, have to be reversed. If crime should triumph, if the villain should win the lady, and the righteous hero,—with his soulful eyes and Jap-lac pompadour,—should lose her, then one might imagine a susceptible youth going out into the world and playing the villain.

But assuming the movie has a definite moral influence,—and it probably has,—then this influence must be to discourage crime rather than encourage it. For unless we are much mistaken, a melodrama has yet to be put on the screen, where, virtue doesn't triumph, and vice go down to defeat at the end,—usually by a painful route, over a rocky precipice, or riddled by the heroes' shotgun.

No. Crime comes not from without, but from within. There are a thousand external factors,—environment, health, poverty, education, disappointment,—but the one determining factor is the character of the individual.

And not the movie show, but heredity and the home determine that factor.

QUILL POINTS

New version: Full many a maid is born to blush unseen.

America won't be unprepared for the next war if it is fought with pistols.

The higher civilization doesn't seem to change any fundamental except bedtime.

The farmer is saved for the moment. Congress isn't going to do anything about him.

The missionary's job might be harder. Suppose heathen kept up with civilization's headlines.

Nurmi might as well stay on with us. He has natural equipment for the job of umpire.

Doubtless Gibbons is the logical champion. He is 847 ahead of other contenders.

Liberty of the "personal" kind has much less appeal after you get a few kids to train.

Some little girls have time to play, and some have parents who think they have musical talent.

Alcohol is used to preserve almost everything except an equilibrium.

Trotzky is writing a book called "My Mistakes." Mr. Bryan is writing an autobiography, also.

"Women have keener minds than men." This wins the annual prize in the faint-praise contest.

Rippling Rhymes

By Walt Mason

APPRECIATION.

I SENT five dollars every week to Benjamin Badminister Beak. The man was old and out of luck, and had great need of every buck, and often, as I mailed a check, I murmured to myself, "By heck, I'll bet when he is breaking bread, he hears his blessings on my head!" He had no claim on me at all, save that he married Hannah Hall, who was my wife's step-sister's aunt, and whom I aided him to plant. Relationship was too remote to make me feel I owed a groat to Benjamin Badminister Beak, and yet I staked him every week. For 'twas a pleasant thing to feel that one old pilgrim, down at heel, was blessing me at break of day, and also when he hit the hay. Then bleak reverses came along: my bank account, that once was strong, became the sickest thing in town; I had to cut expenses down. Said bank account was much too weak to help out Benjamin B. Beak. His martial soul it seemed to vex when he received my nice pink checks; he wrote me notes in which he said that he would gladly punch my head; he called me up by telephone and said my heart was made of stone. I was a traitor to my clan, a conscienceless, unworthy man; I was an insult to my sex for cutting off those weekly checks. He's now my unrelenting foe, and you may hear bad language flow in his presence I named; I'm roasted, badgered and defamed. But, rising from financial valleys, I'll send again the weekly checks.

Abe Martin



There's few things that'll take the conceit out of an anybody like a triple mirror. Our idea of a poor fish is a Herrin policeman.

Poems That Live

A Day Worse Than Lost. If you sit down at set of sun And count the acts that you have done, And counting find One self-denying deed, one word That eased the heart of him that heard— One glance most kind, That felt like sunshine where it went— Then you may count that day well spent. But if, through all the livelong day, You've cheered no heart, by you or any— If, through it all, You've nothing done that you can trace That brought the sunshine to one face— No act most small That helped some soul and nothing cost— Then count that day as worse than lost. —George Elliot.

Timely Views on World Topics

Dr. David Starr Jordan Opposes Selective Breeding as Means of Improving Race.

"Selective breeding is not the method by which to improve the human race," Dr. David Starr Jordan, president-emeritus of Stanford University and one of the nation's most noted educators, said in San Francisco.

"It would eliminate two of the important factors in the evolution of mankind—personal initiative and romantic love. All the persons with initiative would run away from selective breeding."

"I have little confidence in birth control," he declared. "It seems to me to interest childless women and spinsters more than any one else."

"The Dimes have a proverb that it does not harm to be born in a duck yard if you are laid in a swan's egg. Eugenics is the science and art of being well born. We can expect to be born free and equal. What we may ask is to be born with an equality of opportunity to develop that which is within us. In heredity we have not a reputation in kind but in possibilities."

The former Stanford president took occasion to expound a theory of eugenics that decries birth control and maintains that preservation of the strongest and best in humans, rather than the elimination of the weakest and least desirable, should be sought.

The shade of Mark Antony, valiant Roman of the days of Julius Caesar and Cleopatra, has stalked the annals of American history from the days of the Puritans down to the modern era in the form of blood descendants of that noted orator, according to Dr. Jordan.

Brought here by Puritan leaders, the blood of Mark Antony has run through American history and has coursed through the bodies of George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt, Dr. Jordan asserted.

Virtually every one of the American presidents, Dr. Jordan declared, descended from a common ancestor dating back to about the time of Edward II.

Dr. Jordan admits he lacks certainty as to just how freely the Puritan Fathers would care to admit their ancestor, because of his affair with Cleopatra, but declares that, nevertheless, "they would get away from it."

A huge portion of the English American stock, Dr. Jordan declares, gets back eventually to the Warren family, adding that the Warrens have been definitely traced back to the famous Roman orator who came "not to bury Caesar but to praise him."

PALM TREE COURTING IS DANGEROUS IN L. A.

LOS ANGELES, March 14.—Stroll last night in the moonlight, late April storm to chat in the shade of a busy palm in the front yard of L. M. Coleman. The latter, awakened from slumber by their voices, mistook them for burglars and emptied a revolver at them, wounding both. Receiving hospital surgeons said the couple would recover.

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE STORY

IN THE ORCHARD



There 1-4-9 two fine trees in our back 2-3-4-5. One has 3-8-14-19-25-28 on it. I picked this one for 2-7-13 and I 6-7-8-9 you'll like 11-17. I got an extra 10-11-12, one for you though I had to climb 13-14 very high to 12-18-23 it.

If you 10-16-22 me to, I'll pick you another one and maybe you will let me have a 15-16-17-18 from it. I have stripped this branch 15-21-27-30 of fruit and I'm afraid to climb higher. It may 19-20-21-22 me to a fall. Perhaps you'd shed a 24-25-26-27 for me then! I think I'll get down now and 20-26-29 some fruit. I've worked hard enough for a rest! Look at this apple, it has a leaf and 28-29-30-31.

Answer To Last Puzzle: 1-3-7-11 (cats), 2-3-4 (bark), 2-6-10-15 (barn), 5-6-7 (pat), 8-9-10-11-13 (horse), 5-9-14-18 (pony), 8-13-17 (Ham), 13-14-15 (Ann), 12-16-20 (eat), 17-18 (my), 19-20 (at).

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Personal Health Service

By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.

In an article entitled "Cold Logic," printed here recently, I quoted the following from a folder distributed by a corporation which engages in the practice of hygiene through extensive advertising:

"There is little doubt but that certain manifestations of the common cold such as congestion in the head and running at the nose are purely physical reactions due to chilling of the body. Whether or not such a condition passes over into an infective cold depends on the condition of the individual, and probably largely on the type of bacteria that are already present in the nasal cavities and throat."

I ridiculed this theory by emphasizing the fact that the reactions referred to are merely physical, not spiritual or mental as one might otherwise have supposed, and by paying Houdini to investigate the magic by which the "purely physical reaction" changes over to an infectious disease—or if Houdini isn't available, then asking Mrs. Gamp or Ben Told how it is done.

So far a teacher of pathology in a medical college tells me, my criticism was fine. But he is afraid I spoiled it by going too far with my explanation. And I am afraid the teacher is right, now that he points out the flaw in my argument. Anyhow, I had better try to explain my explanation.

My article concluded with this remark:

"To be sure, bacteria are almost always present in the healthy person's nasal passages and in the throat, sometimes virulent disease-germ, virulent to guinea pigs or other animals, but we have no ground for the assumption that such germs are virulent to the individual who carries them; on the contrary, there is more reason to assume that such germs tend to minimize the carrier."

My pathologist critic avers that germs which are not virulent can scarcely confer immunity in any circumstances, and far be it from me to question the accuracy of his knowledge about that. He says: "You had the game won—and then you spoiled it by fumbling the ball at the last moment. It would have been sufficient, oh, quite, had you closed with the remark that we have no ground for the suggestion that such germs are virulent to the individual who carries them. The finish you put on that sound argument amounts to something strangely like an Hibernicism."

Which is all too true, darn it. And what makes it worse still is, I dare not try to blame it on the proof readers, the editors or the printers this time. I done it by my own self all right. But anyway there was our dog and another dog. Here comes my explanation of the bull.

"Take as a type of bacteria often present in the nasal passage or throat of healthy persons, the pneumococcus. Although cultures from the nose or throat of any large group of people will show the pneumococcus present in the majority, it is a nonvirulent strain on four out of five cases. We know that virulent bacteria diminish in virulence or lose their virulence by passage through successive animals or persons. Perhaps these nonvirulent strains of pneumococci have lost their virulence in that way—and in process of losing it have conferred some degree of immunity upon the persons harboring them. The pneumococcus is the germ that causes pneumonia and many cases of those common respiratory infections which some folks call "colds." But I call 'em pneumococci, the word being built with the initial letters of common respiratory infections, and conveying a true meaning, unlike the term "colds."

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Carbunkle. (1) What causes carbunkles? (2) Can you recommend anything to prevent them in future. (3) Do they indicate a danger of diabetes? (B. F.) Answer.—Carbunkle is a suppurative lesion, instead of being localized like the apparatus of a boil, tends to spread widely in the skin or under the skin, perhaps breaking out at several

JUNIOR CROSS WORD PUZZLE

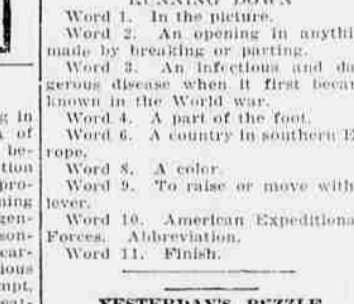


HOW TO SOLVE PUZZLE. The words start in the numbered squares and run either across or down. Only one letter is placed in each white square. If the proper words are found each combination of letters in the white squares will form words. The key to the puzzle—the first word—is given in the drawing; below are keys to the other words.

RUNNING ACROSS. Word 1. In the picture. Word 3. Corpulent. Word 5. To be ill; to suffer pain. Word 7. The most distant planet; also the god of the waters. Word 8. To put back in place. Word 12. A grain. Word 13. Free from moisture. Word 14.—With leaves and fishes Christ—the midwife.

DOWN. Word 1. In the picture. Word 2. An opening in anything made by breaking or parting. Word 3. An infectious and dangerous disease when it first became known in the World War. Word 4. A part of the foot. Word 6. A country in southern Europe. Word 8. A color. Word 9. To raise or move with a lever. Word 10. American Expeditionary Forces. Abbreviation. Word 11. Finish.

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