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A COMMUNICATION IS RETURNED.

THE MAIL TRIBUNE is in receipt of a weird, lengthy and rather pathetic communication from Roseburg, Oregon, with the request that it be printed to bring good luck to the writer, the claim being made that unless the person possessing the letter attempts to have it published, that misfortune and trouble will follow, while its publication will bring prosperity and good fortune.

Clippings are enclosed which prove that at least one daily newspaper in Southern Oregon complied with this request, presenting as its justification the following gem of logic:

"If the publication of this letter will relieve the superstitious fear of anyone, and will do away with misfortune, it is gladly published."

In precisely what way such publication will relieve anyone's superstitious fear, or do away with misfortune, the newspaper in question does not explain.

Obviously such publication merely adds fuel to the flames of superstitious fear and gives credence to what is plainly a hoax, designed either to titillate the morbid sensibilities of some practical joker, or encourage the crazy delusions of some mentally deficient crank.

There is enough ignorance and superstition and stupid fear in the world today, without encouragement from the daily press. Editorial acquiescence on the ground "it can do no harm and may do good" is simply a confession either of soft-headed weakness or of the possession of that superstitious fear, which the publication pretends to deplore.

"I never thought at the time," our correspondent writes, that I was the least bit superstitious, but it seems everything I have attempted since then has been unsuccessful. I have sure had very bad luck. So if you will kindly print it, etc., etc."

And if we print it, and the bad luck changes,—as in the natural course of events bad luck will,—this paper will be responsible for convincing at least one unfortunate individual, that his destiny is controlled not only by what articles appear in the newspapers, but by the new moon, the left hind leg of a rabbit (or is it the right?), Friday the 13th, a four-leaf clover, or a thousand other things, which have come down from the jungle days to harass and befuddle the gullible, and retard the rational advance of the human race.

So we return the communication with the suggestion that our correspondent burn the terrifying scroll, take a cold plunge and return to work.

Agreement may be impossible, upon the force that controls human destiny, but agreement should not be impossible, that such a force is not influenced by what some newspaper editor happens to send or not send down the copy-shoot!

QUILL POINTS

The smaller the town, the more pride it feels in its parking problem.

Rights: Privileges enjoyed by people strong enough to lick neeblers.

Service: The fancy touch, furnished free, that makes the bill 10 per cent larger.

Camping affords little thrill in spring. The forests are too green to burn well.

The eternal triangle that affords most thrills is the one from short to second to first.

About the only effects of the war now remaining visible in America are girl ushers.

Americanism: Admiring a success; demanding that he stop work and make a speech.

The reason every bird has a home is because it isn't so particular about a good neighborhood.

Correct this sentence: "It isn't timidly," said he, "that keeps me from affecting a walking stick."

Correct this sentence: "I don't care what the style does," said she; "I'll never let mine grow out again."

The new international dance won't help much unless it is designed to eliminate stepping on one another's toes.



RURAL GRIEF.

FARMING is an occupation that is fraught with grief and woe; every brand of tribulation hands the farmer biff and blow. Now and then he is exhorting, smiling like a house afire; but full soon we hear him snorting, loaded to the guards with ire. When I called on David Dickens, who has farmlands rich and wide, he was pointing to his chickens with a noble, honest pride. "They are splendid," said this booster, pointing out his fowls to me; "there is not a hen or rooster that is short a pedigree. Oh, my herd of hens surprises every judge who comes to stare, every one has taken prizes at the bench shows here and there. Soon I'll sell about a million for a stack of good long green, then you'll see a proud civilian riding in his limousine." "May you prosper, Yeoman Dickens," I remarked, and meant it, too; "as your bundle grows and thickens I'll rejoice as much as you." But I drove a fortnight later, to this worthy franklin's farm, in my four-wheeled nutmeg grater, and the scene had lost its charm. David met me, sad and sighing, wrung his teeth and gnashed his beard; "All my priceless fowls are dying, it's the luck I always feared. First my rooster, Gay Deceiver, threw a fit and looped the loops; then they all fell ill with fever, and they're dying in their coops. I had thought to grandly travel in a gilded limousine, but I'll have to scratch the gravel on my flivver still, I weep." When I see a farmer grinning, I remark, through mists of tears, "for the moment he is winning, but he'll lose for seven years."

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE STORY, A COMFORTABLE PLACE

This is a 1-2-3-4-5. You see it 2-7-11 rockers on it, so it 10-11 called a 5-9-12-16-20-25-30 chair. When Mother was a little 1-6-10-13-18 she used to 14-15-16-17 to 30-31-32 up into our big chair and make believe she was going 36-41 go on a journey.

Our chair has a cushion on the 23-29-35-40. 37-38 you 19-20-21-22 if I ask my sister, 15-19-24, to come and play, 32-38-43? We can play store. Will you get some sugar? Of course 23-24-25-26 from the play box is what we pretend is sugar. I will be the butcher and get some 33-34-35-36. Perhaps I will sell some bottles of 27-28-29, too, 1-27-33 not sure. That is my cow grazing over yonder in the green 28-34-39.

"6-7-16-71" laughed my sister Ima, "8-9 one would have guessed that was a cow!"

"There isn't a particle or 39-40-41-42 of a doubt about it, Madame!" I said.

When our game was 17-21-26-31-37 we put everything away 4-8 its proper place.

Answer To Last Puzzle

1-3-7 (sun), 12-22-23 (and), 19-26-32-37 (over), 2-4-8-14 (open), 33-39 (as), 12-13 (of), 25-31 (in), 6-13 (if), 16-17 (do), 5-12-18-24-30-36 (forget), 37-38-39-40 (none), 1-2 (so), 30-31-32 (one), 24-25-26-27 (give), 11-16-23 (odd), 28-29 (is), 28-34-40 (ire), 33-34-35 (ark), 14-15 (no), 9-15-20 (son), 21-29-35 (ask), 5-6-7-8-9-10 (faint), 3-4 (up).

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Personal Health Service
By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.

Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene, not to disease diagnosis or treatment, will be answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and written in ink. Owing to the large number of letters received, only a few can be answered here. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady, in care of this newspaper.

Whole Wheat or Graham.

In retaliation for something I said here recently about the difficulty of getting genuine whole wheat flour,

two large mills have sent me samples of their genuine whole wheat flour and both milling companies have assured me that their product is readily obtainable anywhere.

Now there is a curious thing about this whole wheat flour. One of those mills sent me a sample of genuine whole wheat flour and a sample of genuine graham flour—two different products. The other mill sent me a sample of graham flour which purports to be exactly the same as whole wheat flour, in fact the name printed on the sack is Graham (Genuine Whole Wheat) Flour. So there you are. Whole wheat flour and graham flour is one darn thing or another. But let us look at the samples a little more closely. First, the miller who offered samples of each says that genuine graham flour is manufactured from selected soft white winter wheat and contains the entire wheat berry from which nothing is taken away in the milling. He further asserts that it is made on an old-fashioned mill stone operated by water power and is in every respect absolutely what Graham originally advocated. Then this miller explains that his other product, genuine whole wheat flour, is manufactured from selected hard spring wheat and contains the entire wheat berry, from which nothing is taken away in the milling. He points out that the only wheat flour and genuine Graham flour is in the kind of wheat used, the bran of the hard spring wheat grinding into finer particles than the bran of the soft white winter wheat. Therefore, the genuine Graham flour contains a somewhat coarser bran than the genuine whole wheat flour. This miller admits that much of the stuff sold as "Graham" or "whole wheat" flour is not like Graham's original article nor is it really the entire wheat. The hard spring wheat used for the genuine whole wheat flour has a higher protein content and for that reason will make better bread than the soft winter wheat used for the genuine Graham flour. Sylvester Graham specified soft winter wheat perhaps because that was the kind grown near his New England home.

The other miller, whose product is called Graham (Genuine Whole Wheat) Flour, tells me that what I said about the poor keeping qualities of Graham or whole wheat flour was correct, for there is likely to be plenty of trouble in warm weather, though not much in cold weather. He further testifies that he knows of no difference between Graham and whole wheat flour, and as his product purports to be whichever one chooses to call it, we must conclude that the millers disagree as to what constitutes Graham flour and what constitutes whole wheat flour.

We saw the other day how the bakers disagree. It is rather pleasant to find that the art of disagreeing is not restricted to any one trade. I am always delighted to point out disagreements in other trades than ours. Even undertakers—if one could discuss such a lugubrious subject frankly and unreservedly.

The Graham (Genuine Whole Wheat) flour looks to me like a cross between the other miller's Graham flour and his whole wheat flour.

Our testimony being all in, the prosecution rests.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Battling 500.

Nearly three years ago we consulted two physicians about our 5-year old boy's breathing. One phy-

sician said circumcision was about the only cure, and the other said no, the boy would outgrow the trouble. Then we wrote you, and you were kind enough to send some simple instructions which we followed closely and in a few weeks the boy was over his trouble. Now I have another nut for you to crack. This same boy, now nearly 8, has a habit of gritting his teeth—D. E. W.

Answer—I strike out this time. Next time I come to bat please give me a low one. But I say, those two doctors should be matched for a grand final guessing contest, for it is still uncertain which is the worse guesser. And here arises a fine point of ethics. Is it right for a physician to accept a fee for "professional service rendered" when he hands the patron that hokum about "outgrowing something" or suggests an operation which is not indicated by the trouble complained of? He is certainly entitled to fair compensation for his time and for examination, but having completed that transaction, as a matter of plain honesty, he ought to tell the patron frankly that he doesn't know what to do for the trouble, and let the patron go to a physician who does know what to do.

A Dozen Fore and Aft.

Will 12 somersaults forward and backward on my cot take the place of morning setting up exercises? I am 16. It is harmful to do too many somersaults.—C. J.

Answer—No, somersaults are hardly exercise. I do not think you can do too many somersaults.

H. B. P.

What should I exclude from my diet for high blood pressure? I understand I cannot eat eggs nor drink milk. Am just weak from under nourishment.—Mrs. H. W. E.

Answer—It is a mistake to fool with your diet like that. As a rule persons with high blood pressure may eat a reasonable amount of eggs, milk and meat. You should leave the question of diet to the judgment of your physician who probably has some idea what ails you. High blood pressure is not a disease, but just one feature present in various diseases.

TONE UP, PURIFY IN THE SPRING

Every woman knows that her house has to be cleaned thoroughly every Spring. During winter, dust, dirt and germs accumulate in the corners, under the rugs, in the curtains "an" every place. Just so with your system—it should be given a thorough cleansing, purifying this Spring. HOLLISTER'S ROCKY MOUNTAIN TEA will do the job, slick and quick. It will clean your system, freshen and purify you all over—you'll enjoy living, eat better, sleep better—feel better. Heath's Drug Store and Haskin's Drug Store.—Adv.

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Who's Who

Arturo Alessandri. The story of Arturo Alessandri's meteoric rise and fall recently astonished the world. After organizing a formidable liberal movement and rising to power as the reform leader of a new Chile last September he was quietly ousted from office overnight and banished by a group of military usurpers, amid the apparent indifference of his followers. He left the presidential palace of La Moneda a poor man. It is said, with only about \$18 in his pocket, and friends had to supply him with funds for his journey into exile.

A. ALESSANDRI. Now, five months later, following a second bloodless coup d'etat carried out by military elements opposing the late usurpers, Alessandri, the stormy petrel of Chilean politics, the fallen idol of yesterday, called by to his homeland, is to be welcomed with open arms by the Chilean masses.

Alessandri is the embodiment of a rising middle class, which is demanding liberal reform in a country governed through practically all its history by a reactionary master group. During the greater part of its republican history Chile has been ruled by this wealthy, clerical oligarchy, and Alessandri is the first Chilean president who does not belong to the old Chilean aristocracy of colonial tradition.

Alessandri also is the first Italian name in the list of Chilean chief executives. He is the grandson of an Italian resident who married a Chilean woman and settled in that country. Born Dec. 21, 1869, he studied law and practiced his profession for several years, entering politics later and gaining rapid prominence.

Following one of the most memorable campaigns in the history of Chile, he was elected president, June 25, 1920, by a margin of only two votes in the electoral college. The election was contested, but the court of honor confirmed Alessandri's victory, and the Chilean congress, in joint session, Oct. 6, 1920, proclaimed his president for the term 1921-1925. He assumed office Dec. 23, 1920.

Roderick L. Macleay, owner of the salmon cannery at the mouth of the Rogue river, is spending a few days in Medford from Portland.

Gas on Stomach Won't Let You Sleep

Gas pressing on heart and other organs sometimes causes a restless, nervous feeling and prevents sleep. Adierka helps any case gas on the stomach, unless due to deep-seated causes. The QUICK action will surprise you. Because Adierka is such an excellent intestinal evacuant it is wonderful for constipation—it often works in one hour and never gripes. Heath's Drug Store. Adv.

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JUNIOR CROSS WORD PUZZLE

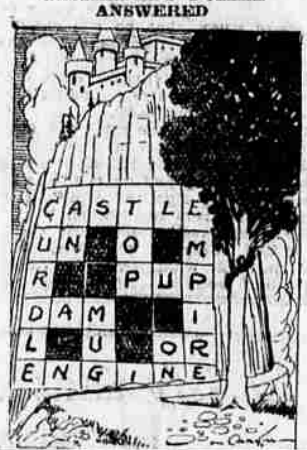


HOW TO SOLVE PUZZLE

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 5. A likeness; the drawing above.
Word 7. Weary; exhausted.
Running Down.
Word 2. Part of a circle.
Word 3. A monkey.
Word 4. An animal kept to play with.
Word 6. To avail one's self of. To employ.

YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE ANSWERED



Skinny Men

Gain 5 Pounds in 30 Days or Get Your Money Back.

Doctors and good pharmacists know that Cod Liver Oil is full of vitamins that make flesh, create appetite, builds up the power to resist disease and puts good solid flesh on skinny men and women.

But it's horrible tasting stuff and every day fewer people are taking it, for doctors are prescribing and people are fast learning that they can get better results with McCoy's Cod Liver Oil Compound Tablets, which Heath's Drug Store, West Side Pharmacy, Medford Pharmacy and druggists all over the country are having a tremendous demand for.

One woman gained 10 pounds in 22 days and if any skinny man or woman can't put on 5 pounds in 30 days, your druggist will gladly refund the purchase price.

Be sure and get McCoy's, the original and genuine Cod Liver Oil Compound Tablets—60 tablets—60 cents. Adv.

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