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THE JACKSONVILLE MUSEUM.

THE PEOPLE of Jacksonville are to be congratulated upon the opening of their Museum, which is a credit, not only to Jacksonville, but to Jackson county as a whole.

This exhibition will serve as a constant reminder to the present generation, of the pioneer spirit of fortitude and sacrifice without which the blessings now enjoyed, would have been impossible.

It is well to keep those traditions alive. For in this age of jazz and license disguising under the banner of personal liberty, nothing is more needed than the sturdy, homespun qualities of courage, industry and thrift, which characterized those early days, and to the spirit of which this Museum is dedicated.

This Museum, we repeat, is a credit not only to Jacksonville, but to the entire country. And it will benefit not only Jacksonville, but the entire country. It is only right, therefore, that the exhibition should receive the support of the entire county, and the work and expense incident thereto should not be borne by Jacksonville alone.

In this direction, we believe, it would be an excellent plan to secure some competent person to act as a guide and lecturer for the Museum. The exhibits are interesting, but they lack the personal element. If some person, preferably a pioneer, could be secured to act as Curator at least during the tourist season, and give visitors explanatory talks and personal experiences, we believe the value of the institution would be tremendously increased.

We are certain the people of Medford would be glad to contribute to a fund for this purpose, and so would other communities in the county. If there should be objection to voluntary contributions, the provision of a small fund by the county court would, we feel sure, meet with widespread approval.

Many tourists will visit the Museum as it is. But if a Curator were provided and free lectures and explanatory talks given, the news would spread rapidly up and down the coast, and very soon the true possibilities of the institution from an educational and development standpoint would be realized.

QUILL POINTS

About all the lining a modern frock has is girl.
Some men are born with consciences and others marry them.
Youth: "How fast will she go?" Age: "How are the brakes?"
Where they know least about evolution, they need the most of it.
Most of the big fortunes are in bonds, industry and litigation.
What has become of the old-fashioned girl who wouldn't accept expensive gifts?
Ancient saying: "Put on another one, dearie; I can see right through you."
Another good way to stand in with prominent people is to furnish bail for them.
A woman who bosses her husband may be happy, but he doesn't afford the happiness.
There are 873,642 things you don't need, all of which can be bought on the easy-payment plan.
A few more weeks and school will be out and dad will be asking where in thunder the car is.
Correct this sentence: "Don't blame yourself, dear," said the woman; "it was all my fault."
The final test of pure religion is to keep on loving men whom you no longer need in your business.

Most matrimonial troubles arise from the fact that two ordinary people expect more than they deserve.

Seizing the north pole as a war base will appeal to doughboys. It doesn't rain all the time up there.

Ignorance causes fights. About 97 per cent of them originate in the conviction that the other fellow is easy to lick.

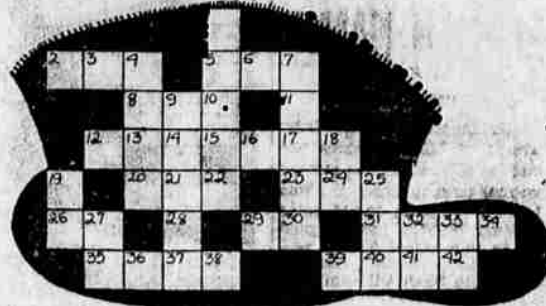


FORETHOUGHT.

WE GUARD against the things we dread, the fell disease, the chilling rain; and then, some day when we are dead, we find our caution was in vain. In Kansas, in the olden days, when cyclones made headquarters there, we used to gather round to praise the cellar built by Bildad Bare. The walls were made of granite blocks, and it was fashioned to defy the whirling hurricane that rocks the strongest things beneath the sky. "Now let tornadoes do their worst," said Bildad, with a prideful grin; "no howling storm that ever burst can hurt the man who sits herein. When I behold a coming storm I'll seek the cellar with my wife, and in that haven, snug and warm, we'll watch the elemental strife. When barns and haystacks hurtle by, upon the pinions of the blast, we'll sit in comfort eating pie, while folks less prudent stand aghast." We praised old Bildad for his sense, the sense that comforts and insures; we said to him, "A few weeks hence we'll all build cellars just like yours." One day when good old Bildad plowed some rolling acres, far from home, there rose a sombre, funnel-cloud that blotted out the azure dome. It carried Bildad seven miles, and slammed him through a lot of trees, and with him broke down gates and stiles, and wound his form around his knees. Upon his head it made a dent and stripped him of his socks and shirt; and Bildad was the only gent in all that section who was hurt.

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE STORY

PATRICIA'S HAIR



We call her 1-5-10-15-22, for short for Patricia is too long. She has 25-31-40 or a pair of long black cork screw 9-14-21-28-37 hanging down her back, and she will 31-32-33-34 her hair with a straight 4-8-13-20 right down the middle of her head.
Shall we 5-6-7 her how she 7-11-17-23-30 her hair 18-24 pretty? "My 26-27 always 12-13-14-15-16-17-18 it for me a whole lot with a big hair brush. If you 20-21-22 it I 19-29 sure you will have just 33-42 nice hair as mine!" said Fatsy.
"I will 35-36-37-38 it out and see how it will 8-9-10. But I doubt if it 29-30 as easy as all that!" said brother, 32-41.
"I don't care a 2-3-4 about my hair!" said cousin Tommy, "I've planted two pea 39-40-41-42 in a big flower 23-24-25 and I am going to be too busy with them to be looking 27-35 myself in the glass!"

Answer To Last Puzzle
1-2 (dn), 5-9-12 (dn), 28-32 (lt), 24 (dn), 8-9-10-11 (lss), 15-19-21-23 (lt's), 2-4 (lt), 15-17-18-19 (tree), 6-10 (us), 30-31-32 (lot), 1-3-7-11 (digs), 15-17 (cm), 15-20-22-24-29 (twenty), 25-27-30 (all), 14-18 (we), 6-6-7 (ang), 13-14-15 (owl).

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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. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady, in care of this newspaper.

Poisoning From Mercury Ointment.

The popular misapprehension of the effects of exposure to cold or wet is based mainly upon the necessarily rather common coincidence of some illness or indisposition shortly after the alleged exposure. The absurdity, unhealthfulness and actual danger involved in the serious acceptance of this myth, which is still urged upon the laity by certain physicians and health officers, are becoming more and more apparent to enlightened people. These people, source of some anxiety and uneasiness to the old fogey doctors and the politically unfortunate health officers who still maintain that folks do take cold, that the more careless or reckless folks become about exposure the less prevalent are the very diseases which these quackeries would have us associate with exposure. You see, there is some chance that the younger lady may notice that fact and begin to wonder how come. To me it is a satisfaction to recall that only five years ago when I wished to purchase ointment in the winter time I could not find them in the big city shoe store—they did not keep them in stock at that season of the year because there was no demand; today in the same store they sell practically nothing else in winter. The old fogey doctors and the health officers of three or four big cities I could name, ought to get together and try to dissuade the shoe merchants from contributing to this reckless exposure. The health officers of two or three cities I have named ought to get out bulletins warning the men of the dire dangers of exposing their ankles—of course the women have long since proved that such teaching is just bunk.

But let us get on with the mercury poisoning. The foregoing observation was suggested by the parallel misapprehension of absorption of various medications, foods or poisons through the skin. I find there are quite a lot of poorly educated doctors who still entertain the notion that certain elements or poisons are actually absorbed through the unbroken skin. This is not so remarkable when we consider how many of the same caliber still believe in the foolishness about taking cold.
Dr. Jeanette M. Shefferd of Fall River, reports an interesting case of mercury poisoning from the application of a mercury ointment to the skin. A Greek waiter was admitted to the hospital with the characteristic symptoms of mercury poisoning, yet he insisted that he had not been sick and had not taken any medicine for a long time. Finally, however, an intern obtained from the patient the information that the patient had sought the advice of a drug clerk a few days before entering the hospital. In regard to large or hospital size body lice with which he was infested, and the drug clerk had prescriptively broken the law by prescribing and selling to the simple Greek three ounces of mercury ointment. The Greek took a hot bath that night, applied nearly all of the ointment and got into bed, covering his head with the bedclothing. The following day the symptoms of mercury poisoning occurred. Of course the Greek had not associated the use of the ointment with taking medicine, so he did not mean to deceive the doctors in the hospital.
Now a thoughtless or careless reader might assume that this was an instance of mercury poisoning from absorption through the skin. Dr. Shefferd entertained no such notion. She remarks in concluding her report: "He probably inhaled enough mercury to produce the poisoning."

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Crosseyes.

Would an operation to straighten cross eyes prove successful? Is there any chance of a cure for this affliction? Do glasses help, and have any such operations been successful? (B. T.)

Answer—Often glasses will correct the trouble if they are applied when the child is only a year or two old. Parents find it difficult to understand that glasses may be necessary even for an infant in arms, in order to preserve the sight in the deviating eye. The only "quint" which is ever really "outgrown" is the purposeless movements of the eyes of infants a few weeks old, before the eyes have learned to focus upon an object. A baby does not acquire accurate focusing power of coordinate movements of the eyes until after the age of three months. Any evidence of squint or cross eyes in a child over one year old should be immediately dealt with by the oculist, and his judgment should determine the mode of treatment, whether by prisms or other glasses or by operative measures. Glasses do straighten cross eyes in many cases when skillfully used and before the sight of the deviating eye is too greatly impaired. Glasses are seldom successful in remedying cross eyes in persons over six years of age. Operation is successful in many cases in children after glasses have failed.

Teachers Warned Off

I am a country school teacher and would like to have any material you can suggest on sex instruction. Some of my boys and girls are entirely ignorant of the subject. Their ages are about 13 to 16. (S. M.)

Answer—Unless by special request of the parent, a teacher should not attempt to give such instruction. Your best intentions are too likely to meet with disapproval. This is a disgrace to what purports to be liberal education, but you are an earnest young teacher and I warn you to follow the easy path which has been beaten by the great army to which you belong. Certainly your boys and girls need such instruction. But the school authorities do not look at it that way. Nor do the parents in general. Even if the school authorities and the parents instructed alone that line, the teacher who attempts it should have special training for that branch of teaching, for it is a most difficult and delicate art.

SPORT REVIVED FOR ANGLERS WHO FISH FOR FUN OF FISHING

BATH, Eng., April 26.—The old time sport of "manfishing" has been renewed here, a human "fish" having been landed at one of the Bath swimming tanks in 7 minutes 35 seconds by Dr. Charles Begg, a well known angler of this district. The "fish" was Albert Canning, a Bath swimming master.

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Abe Martin



Bootlegger like Lark sold his list of a travelling optician yesterday. It takes longer to get on your feet after payin' for a fine education than it does if you start out without one.

Timely Views on World Topics

"Blame War and Business Booms on Sun Spots," Says Statistician
Sun spots are the ultimate causes of war, business booms and the alternating periods of dull markets, asserts Axel P. Enstrom, director of Sweden's Engineering academy and one of the country's most eminent statisticians. In 1905 he received the Carnegie Iron and Steel Institute medal for his work on electrification problems; but in recent years he has specialized on the study of the periodic recurrence of "good" and "bad" times in business, which, he believes, can be predicted by the use of statistical tables.
In a book published in 1913, he foretold that a peak of high prices would come in 1918, and now he calculates that the present "boom," with rising prices, will continue until 1927, when another depression is due. After that another war is not unlikely, he concludes, because when food is scarce nations fight for what there is. Briefly, his theory is that at regular intervals occurs a diminution in the amount of energy flowing from the sun to the earth, indicated by variations in the sun's so-called "spots."

Causes Poor Crops
A reduction in the solar energy causes poorer crops, with increased prices. These high prices inevitably stimulate greater business activity, industry and commerce. Conversely, an abundant crop causes a drop in prices and "dull" times follow. The world crop in 1924 was small. The calculations of Mr. Enstrom indicate another poor crop for 1925, causing still higher prices, which in turn will contribute to the further development of the industrial and trade boom that now spreads over the world.
A big crop in 1926 will cause a break in prices, a business panic and, possibly, war.

Basing his observations on a close study of recurring trade booms for the past five hundred years, Professor Enstrom concludes his most recent interpretation as follows:
Then War?
"I am disposed to continue my assumption that two years after this year's small crops we shall have to reckon with an international high peak in prices and consequent business activity. And I should not be surprised if this simultaneously develops into warlike complications in one direction or another, wherever tensions are latent.
"An unprejudiced study of history quite convinces me that fundamentally, even though unconsciously, it has been the sense of an approaching lack of foodstuffs, or the danger of famine that, like a nightmare, has driven the nations into war in the past as well as in recent times. I fear that the overpopulated nations' terror at the phenomena that accompanies a surplus of inhabitants, will continue to cause bloody conflicts, despite the bitter sufferings which the recent world war caused the human race. Men so easily forget.
"However that may be, a rise in prices is now to be observed in the world, though it is not yet called an inflation. But if aided by still another poor crop, it continues to develop, it will burst into full bloom, an abnormal quantity of money will get into circulation, and the inflation will become unmistakable. Then there will, presumably, be a good crop in 1926, which will cause a fall in prices and a near deflation episode in 1927, or soon thereafter. Whoever lives will see."

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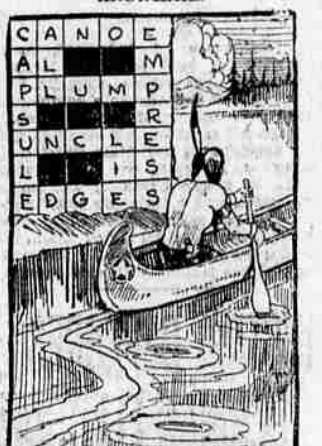
JUNIOR CROSS WORD PUZZLE



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 square will form words. The key to puzzle—the first word—is given in the drawing. Below are keys to the other words.

RUNNING ACROSS
Word 1. In the drawing above.
Word 5. Bustle; hubbub; trouble.
Word 6. To make use of. "One should always — common sense."
Word 7. Everlasting.
RUNNING DOWN
Word 1. The last name of the man who roused the American "minute-men" to defend Lexington by his wild ride through the night.
Word 3. Where the angels dwell.
Word 4. To drive forward as a pro-peller does a ship.

YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE ANSWERED



Poems That Live

Stanzas From "Maud"
O that 'twere possible
After long grief and pain
To find the arms of my true love
Round me once again!
When I was wont to meet her
In the silent woody places
By the home that gave me birth,
We stood transfixed in long embraces
Mist with kisses sweeter, sweeter
Than anything on earth.
A shadow flits before me,
Not thou, but like to thee;
Oh, Christ, that it were possible
For one short hour to see
The soul we loved, that they might
tell us
What and where they be.
—Alfred Lord Tennyson.

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