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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry.

There is a dearth of scandal, due
either to the masses behaving them-
selves, or not getting caught, prob-
ably the latter.

Tin colts continue to lose disputes
with iron horses at the crossroads.

Lady Ford-Coupe of the local Brit-
ish set has started to fatten and
freckle. Providence is so aggravat-
ing at times.

The following item from the Pen-
dleton East Oregonian shows the
trend of the times, and proves that
politicians are stealing the Governor
and Grand Lecturer's stuff:

Sheriff Cookingham of Pendle-
ton preached in Adams Sunday
to a crowded house, there was
not standing room. All enjoyed
his talk.

Occupancy of the pulpits should be
the exclusive right of governors or
candidates therefor. Manifestations
of religious fervor on the part of
candidates is commendable. Scoffers
and sinners may doubt their sincerity,
however. This is due to the fact
that there are always plenty of office-
seekers delighted to talk to voters
from in front of the choir, but none
teaching Sunday school classes, the
members being too young to exercise
the electoral franchise.

COD LIVER OIL AND CUPID

(Pat. Med. Ad.)

"Quit kidding me, Agnes; when
I get ready to land a man he's got
to be a real man with plenty of
good healthy flesh on his bones."
"Of course, I dance with Ed;
he's a good enough fellow and I
just feel sorry for him, but no
skinny hollow cheeked, spindly-
shanked lath is going to sail the
voyage of life with me."

Cheer up, Ed—things aren't as
bad as they look to you right
now. Many hundreds of skinny,
gaunt, emaciated men looked
even worse than you do till some-
one told them about Cod Liver
Oil Compound Tablets.

Little girls are wearing sunbonnets.
Sunbonnets function like blinders on
a horse's bridle, and keep the wearer
from side-long glances.

Photographs show the junior need-
pender giving a sheep a haircut. Hur-
rah for Robert!

It's all over but the shouting, and
counting the dead, but nobody wrote
an essay on the need of a debutante
driving 60 miles an hour down the
Main Stem, after a head of lettuce to
garnish the fruit salad.

The SF. Bulletin is looking for a
girl who wants to go into the movies.
This ought to be quite a contest, but
somebody should try and find a girl
who don't want to go in the movies.

DON'T SHOOT TILL YOU GET A GOOD LAWYER

(Engene Register)

LOWELL, Ore., May 13.—(To
the Editor.)—Having lived on the
trail from Lowell to Oakridge for
a great many years and collected
bounty on all kinds of wild ani-
mals, I would like to ask if there
is a bounty on road supervisors
who make false statements as to
the condition of the trail from
Lowell to Oakridge—as it is only
a trail and not a road.

BILL McMAHON.

To the Editor:
My wife and I have made three
trips across the country, and ran up
into Nova Scotia, and have won
everything out but the frying pan.
No place did we like like Medford.
Just as we were going to
spend \$39,000, we discover that the
local press prints baseball scores, in-
stead of encouraging the building of
henhouses. Everybody we met men-
tioned this so we went on. Things
were not like this when I came here
the year 70, and every time they
counted the dead, and every time the
editor saw a chicken he ordered a
skyscraper. My property was
worth something then. Wake up, is
what this country says.

Henry Wellmaked,
Painted Robin, N. D.

DON'T VOTE AGAINST YOUR INTEREST.

BEFORE voting against annexation to the city, as some of the
property owners, outside of Medford, of course intend to do,
it might be well for them to analyze the problem a little more
carefully.

What makes a lot at the corner of Riverside and Main, for ex-
ample, worth so much more than a lot in Berrydale or Siskiyou
Heights Extension?

The answer, of course, is population. The more thickly popu-
lated a district becomes, the more valuable the property.

For the same reason city property as a general rule is more valu-
able than suburban property, not because it is more productive, but
because there are more people living on or near it, and the demand
for possession is greater.

Every sane person votes for his own interest. The property-
owner voting against annexation is acting upon the assumption,
that his increase in city taxes will cost him more than any probable
increase in the value of his holdings.

If this assumption is correct his position is sound. But there is
good reason to believe his assumption is absolutely incorrect.

Some of the most attractive building sites for homes in this vi-
cinity, lie in the districts concerned. But while there may be enough
water for the present population, there will certainly be no water
for any increase in population unless city water is made available.

In other words, unless these districts come into the city, they
will not grow any faster in the future than they have in the past,—
which means very little growth, indeed.

On the other hand, if they do come into the city, their growth
is certain, and with their growth the value of every foot of land
will increase materially.

The fear of taxes is so ingrained in human nature that the mere
word often blinds the individual to his own self-interest. There
should be nothing inherently terrifying in an increase in taxes,—
the question is what does that tax-increase bring?

As we see it, the suburban property owner, by voting for an-
nexation tomorrow, will get more than his money's worth. In-
creased taxes involved will not be an expense, but an investment
which will bring steadily increasing dividends through the years
to come.

QUILL POINTS

After all, the final test of good manners is matrimony.

Still, very few statues are erected to good losers.

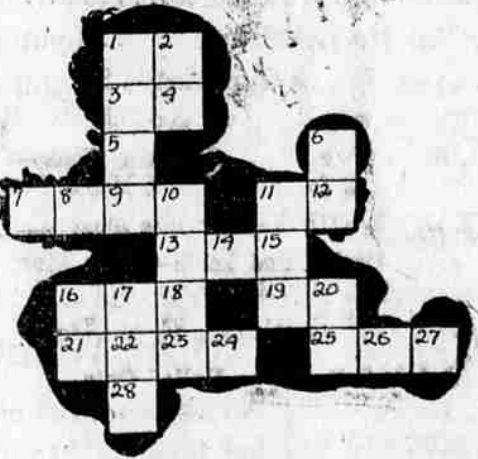


TAKING IT EASY.

J. GLADSTONE WIGGINS spurns me now, his glance is
J. stern and sour; he called me in to wash his cow, and paid
me by the hour. I started in one morn at eight, and sloshed
all day, and made that cow look up to date and swell and re-
cherehe. But Wiggins, when he journeyed home, from toiling in
the mart, had fantods working in his dome, and wrath was in
his heart. He paid me with a bitter smile, and said, "Ods blood
and bones, your breast is full of sin and guile, Theophilus P.
Jones! I offer you a little job, an hour's work and no more,
and all day long you scrub and swab the old cow till she's sore.
I thought to pay you fifty cents, an ample sum, by chee, and
now our robber hand presents a bill for smackers three! I pay
you now what you demand, resentment in my heart; I'm done
with you, get off my land, avaunt, aroint, depart! I'll tell my
friends you are a jay who takes a half-hour's job, and stretches
it throughout a day, that coin may fill your fob." I chase
around from door to door, employment to obtain, and no one
offers me a chore—men smile when I complain. "A man with
reputation punk," they say, "can scarcely thrive; you take
a job that's worth a plunk, and make it bring you five. You
work that graft three times or four, and then your rep is made,
and men won't hire you any more to ply a brush or spade."

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE STORY

THE KING OF OUR HEARTS



1-2, behold our little King of Hearts! He is just a tiny 7-8-9-10
but my bow he can 10-13-18-23!

Grandma says he is a "1-3-5-9!" which is very queer, don't you
think 19-20?

11-12 mother does not hold him 24 her 17-22-28 he will kick
and cry till 6-12 course we must humor him. 11-15-19 a shame he
can't talk 20-25 even 25-26-27 about because then he could get what
he wanted himself.

I 16-21 very fond of him 16-17-18 except his crying. He is so
cute when he tries to 13-14-15 his fists and he looks so pretty 3-4 his
little crib.

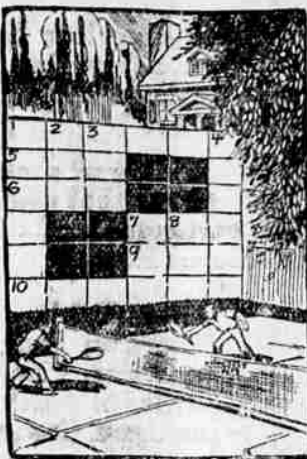
He loves to hear about "The house that Jack built" and crows
when I come to "this is the rat that ate the 21-22-23-24 that lay in
the house that Jack built."

Answer To Last Puzzle

1-2 (oh), 10-11-12 (Dad), 13-14-15 (Dot), 16-17-18 (diddle), 19-20 (bell),
21-22 (see), 23-24-25 (the), 26-27-28 (have), 29-30 (let), 31 (no),
32-33 (not), 34-35 (Isd), 36-37-38 (no), 39-40 (met), 41-42-43-44
(dine), 45-46-47-48 (home), 49-50 (one), 51-52-53 (sun), 54-55-56-57-58
(found), 59-60 (hold), 61-62 (Dix).

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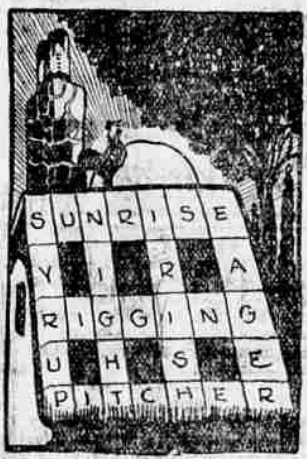
JUNIOR CROSS WORD PUZZLE



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. What the men in the
picture are playing.
Word 5. Wrath, anger.
Word 6. Allow, permit.
Word 7. A boy's name. Male
cats are called by this name.
Word 9. A feeling of wonder and
reverence.
Word 10. Closer.
Running Down.
Word 1. The name of the great-
est player in the game shown above.
Word 2. Before.
Word 3. It's between the men in
the picture.
Word 4. One of the four sea-
sons of the year.
Word 7. A thick black liquid,
derived from coal.
Word 8. To be indebted to.

YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE ANSWERED



Abe Martin



Of course times might be better, but
what if ever-buddy that's got neuritis
laid off. "We all go to a houseparty
late so we'll remember who was
there," says Mrs. Lafe Bud.

Engineer Tests Alvita for Kidney Trouble

"I have been troubled for several
years with bladder inflammation
and when I sent for Alvita was un-
able to work and did not know if I
ever would run an engine again. I
could not stay in bed nights, as I
was worse lying down than at any
other time. I have been up 23 to
30 times in six to eight hours. Forty-
eight hours after I began taking
Alvita tablets I was almost normal
and in four days went to work, and
at present feel perfectly well. I
don't know what to say; in fact,
cannot tell how I appreciate the
benefits I have derived from the
use of Alvita. I have given away
some to other men that are af-
fected."

(Signed) W. F. OLEWINE.
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Personal Health Service

By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.



Discussing arthritis a while ago we
discarded the meaningless term "rheu-
matism" because there is no such
entity or condition. No doctor whose
education or reputation deserves re-
spect can or will de-
fine or identify any
particular disease
condition as "rheu-
matism." The term
is applied to various
joint conditions
when the doctor de-
sires to soothe anxi-
ety as to the nature
of the illness or to
avoid the embarras-
ment of confessing he doesn't really
know. And there are still quite a
number of cases of joint disease of
unknown cause, although our knowl-
edge is constantly increasing and the
use of the term "rheumatism" is con-
stantly decreasing. The main objec-
tion to the application of this term,
when the real cause or nature of the
trouble cannot be determined, is that
it denotes some harm or injury from
exposure to cold or dampness, and
that is purely a fanciful notion which
has never been scientifically estab-
lished. No one has been able to show
that exposure to cold or dampness has
anything to do with joint disease.

Arthritis means simply inflamma-
tion of a joint, and unless the noun
is modified by an adjective such as tu-
berculosis, gonorrheal, syphilitic, sep-
tic and the like, it conveys no idea of
the cause or nature of the trouble with
the joint. To call the patient's trouble
or chronic arthritis is to translate what
he complains of into medical terms; it
is not a diagnosis. Poor Anselmy Brav-
ley's rheumatism was always "articu-
lar" that is something affecting the
joints, and he and his friends com-
placently blamed our climate and
weather for it. Anselmy had a very
successful doctor, too, who made his
rounds in a swell car with a chauffeur
and everything. Anselmy was like
thousands of other "rheumatic" suf-
ferers and his doctor probably knew
as much as the average busy practi-
tioner of that day. But it is now cer-
tain that the climate and the weather
were blamed for many of the nefarious
activities of the now familiar strepto-
coccus, just as many a tooth is sacri-
ficed in vain today in a blind endeavor

to eradicate the breeding place of that
versatile germ.

Acute inflammation of several joints
together or successively, accompa-
nied with more or less fever, is still
called "rheumatic fever," although
physicians universally consider it an
infectious disease, that is, due to bac-
terial infection. The germs responsi-
ble for joint inflammation and fever
generally gain entrance to the blood
stream through which they reach the
lining of the joint or joints, from some
old or recent throat infection, such as
tonsillitis or quinsy. The streptococcus
is a frequent but by no means the
only cause of such throat infection and
the secondary joint infection is the
"pneumococcus, better known as the
"pneumonia germ." Then there are
certain strains of a third bacterial spe-
cies called the staphylococcus which
cause some of these throat and second-
ary joint infections. Just why it is
that the germs are not confined to the
throat lesions but invade the blood
stream and so reach the joints—or
maybe the lining of the heart—in cer-
tain individuals, we cannot explain.
The wonder is rather that this com-
plication happens in only a minority
of cases of ordinary sore throat, ton-
sillitis or quinsy. It happens often
enough, however, and particularly in
apparently mild or slight sore throat
in young persons, to warrant a dif-
ferent view of such minor ailments
from the view people generally take
when they are encouraged to think of
such ailments as "ordinary colds."

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The Healthy Boy

Our boy 6 1/2 years old is 48 inches
tall and weighs 49 pounds. His school
report says he should weigh 54
pounds, so he is five pounds under
weight. He has the best care and
plenty of good food, but he is very
slow in eating. Please advise. (L.
F. A.)

Answer.—The average height and
weight of boys 7 years old are 47
inches and 51 pounds, so your boy is
doing as well as could be expected,
with what nurses serving as doctors
and teachers trying their hands as
diagnosticians.

Mineral Matter

Will you kindly name the foods
containing the following: Calcium,

magnesium, phosphorus, iron, silica.

(Mrs. S. B.)
Answer.—Raw cabbage, milk,
cheese, beans, oatmeal, beets, carrots,
cucumbers, eggs, beef, peanuts, let-
tuce, asparagus, spinach, oranges,
lemons, pineapple, onions, freely used
in the diet will assure an ample sup-
ply of the minerals.

Kidney Trouble
For kidney trouble, these liquids
beneficial or harmful: Mineral waters
such as Vichy, Deeprock, Lithia and
other charges, waters; milk, plain, fer-
mented or cultured such as koolak,
fermillac, glyco, pepto, koumiss; also
fruit juices as grapefruit and orange.
(T. N. J.)

Answer.—Any or all of the items
may be harmless in certain cases of
kidney disease. Ordinary natural
water is preferable to any charged or
artificial water, as a rule. The vari-
ous fermented milk preparations are
wholesome if you prefer them to
plain milk. Usually any of the fruit
juices may be taken by the nephritic
patient. The diet, however, is not
to be adapted to the name of the ail-
ment, but to the individual require-
ments of the patient, and is therefore
a question to be left to the judgment
of the patient's own physician. I be-
lieve a great deal of harm results in-
directly from the mineral water myth.

Chloasma and Xanthoma

Please explain the cause and give a
remedy for chloasma and xanthoma.

(Mrs. J. M. E.)

Answer.—Chloasma is the medical
term for the patches of brown pig-
mentation commonly known as
"moth patches" or "liver spots."
Xanthoma is the term for soft yellow
plates or nodules under the epidermis.
The cause of these peculiar pigmen-
ted lesions is unknown. The only
remedy for either condition is de-
struction of the patch or patches by
one or another method available to
the surgeon, or skin specialist.

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