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Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Perry.

When the horse and buggy was all the go, they did not stop in the middle of the street while the fair navigator went into the store for a head of lettuce. The clerk came out, put a hoof on the hub, and visited.

The batch made of the legal hangings at the state prison yesterday could have been prevented. The hangman was a trifle nervous, and the knot slipped, and the affair was finally fatal to the victims, but not until it had become 100 per cent grewsome. By legalizing promiscuous hanging of sinners by the super-righteous and patriotic, a force of adepts at it would be developed for the lawful killings.

The Christian Ladies' Aid will meet Thursday at the church to clean and scour.—(Wendling, Ore., News.) That's right!

DANG A MAN WHO TELLS! (Yreka, Cal., Journal) Nellie was there. Once only she went riding with Adam and Mary and when they returned she was asked, "What did Adam do?" She replied, "Adam kissed Mary but not me." Those old Siskiyou girls were great for holding hands, and when I shook hands with them they would hold my hand in the same snuggly of years back, until I would look around to see if my wife was watching. Ella was there with her sunshine smile.

Mark Twain's famous wise-crack: "Man is the only animal that can be skinned more than once," is still working.

It is alleged that Klamath Falls now in the midst of a railroad row, will eventually wind up with as many depots as it has courthouses.

"The Art Development League of Oregon" is functioning, but the natives are still enthralled by a steam callopo, and go into hysterics when a barrel stove crashes on a hippocket.

PROGRESS CAUGHT NAPPING (Pendleton East Oregonian) The new chop mill will be of especially importance to the farmers of the vicinity and there is suggestion of a much needed garage and service station also.

Chester Woodpecker is being urged by friends to run for the office of state bird, and will accept. He stands for law enforcement and lower taxes.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson travel leisurely by car and have with them a beautiful canary and fine pedigreed Persian cat, Benny.—(Siskiyou News) Now, if they just had a lion and a lamb.

Evolution, the theory that man sprang from monkeys, is as good a thing to fight about as a community unit, as any, when the windpiper is furnished by eminent poppycockists. It ruffles the dignity of a citizen with a C. Chaplin mustache, and a pair of balloon britches, to hold his forebears, long ago, idled spare moments awkwardly looking for fleas on the back areas of what roosted in the next tree. Where Man sprang from does not matter much. Where Man springs to is far more vital.

UNAPPRECIATIVE FEMALES (SE, Call) Dear Aunt Ada—Do you think it necessary for my regular boy friend to be stingy all the time? We are two nice looking young ladies, and very refined, but we never meet two nice attractive young men. Do you think men like flappers or quiet girls?

3. In going on a trip in my boy friend's machine, do you think it proper for him to ask you and your girl friend to pay for part of the gasol?

ROSE BUDS. The Hoffmanns had a pleasant surprise when their cousin, Arthur John of St. Paul, Minn., walked in on them recently for a five days visit.—(Ora-gon City Enterprise) Tough stuff.

Girl Shoots Three in Triangle.—(Hullne Portland Journal.) Cruel and inhuman.

WHAT WOULD IT BE WORTH?

NEARLY everyone at some time or another, has on a tramp through the country, with dripping forehead and parched tongue come suddenly and unexpectedly upon a mountain spring. Prostrate on the mossy sward, the faltering pilgrim, has unceremoniously pushed his face into crystal-clear pool and given himself up to one of the most thoroughly delightful sensations, that human flesh falls heir to.

Arising a new man in the new world, the comment before departure has usually been something like this: "Gorsh, I wish I could take that spring home with me!"

In a few months now Medford will be presented with the opportunity of bringing "that spring home with me." A survey has been ordered of the Big Butte water reservoir,—a mountain spring tucked away in the hills beyond Butte Falls, bubbling up from the rocks night and day, winter and summer, as pure and cold and crystal clear, as any spring of fable or story.

Two main points are to be determined. The amount of water available and the cost of bringing it to Medford.

While the survey is going on it might be well for all citizens to think the problem over, particularly in the direction of determining what they would be willing to pay to have a mountain spring in the home, pure cool refreshing water all the time, and an ample supply for the lawn and garden, throughout the year.

What would it be worth? Not only to the resident who is here but in the way of attracting future residents.

QUILL POINTS

Why keep the fleets under international control? Ambitions are not.

As a rule, Americans agree on almost everything else if they agree on bedtime.

A man is getting old when a doubt header makes a board seat 87 degrees harder.

"Ah," said Happiness, "here is a chap too busy to think about me. I'll stick with him."

The best place for the uplift to begin is with the foot that is on the accelerator.

The country that does best on the cinder path has least experience of the primrose path.

Thank goodness! It will be hard to think up a sacred principle to make the North Pole worth fighting for.

"How shall man acquire a conscience?" Well, what's the matter with the old plan, "Will you marry me?"

Correct this sentence: "Yeah, it's getting thin," he admitted; "but I've never tried any kind of tonic."

Alas! In the sentence, "He was a prominent citizen," the significant part is not the word "prominent," but the word "was."

Correct this sentence: "Look through this, Dad," said the flapper, "and see if it is fit for me to read."

COMMUNICATIONS

Has New Earthquake Cause.

To the Editor:

They are having earthquakes in the east more frequent than usual as we are here. Now let me give my conclusions from observations since the San Francisco earthquake, which I noticed followed three days of a northerly wind, and light gray appearing atmosphere. All quakes since have followed same conditions.

After a southerly wind we have electric storms in the air. It seems to me these different winds have different effects on electricity. One causes it to bunch in earth, the other in air, by some effect of natural attraction or repulsion.

On this coast we have had much together wind for five or six years and more earthquakes. This may have worked an unusually large body of electricity in the east or increased the circulation, further east through the earth's surface, which may be what

is causing so many quakes in that locality of late.

The shifting of the earth's surface can be easily accounted for in this way: When we have an electric disturbance of the earth strong enough, it cracks the surface and lifts it up; when it goes back down, it does not go down together as it originally was. Then the surface is left shifted along the line of fracture, probably close to a contact or a weak point of old fracture. Many times these disturbances are felt about equal in force and almost exactly the same time, for three or four thousand miles. Seepage of water would not act this way over such a long route instantly unless something like an electric shock opened the way for it all along this route.

Now I don't want to create another kind of disturbance, but observations and studying this over makes this explanation most reasonable to me. I gave this explanation to the Oregon Journal some time ago. It was ignored, but this does not prove that electricity is not the force that causes earthquakes.

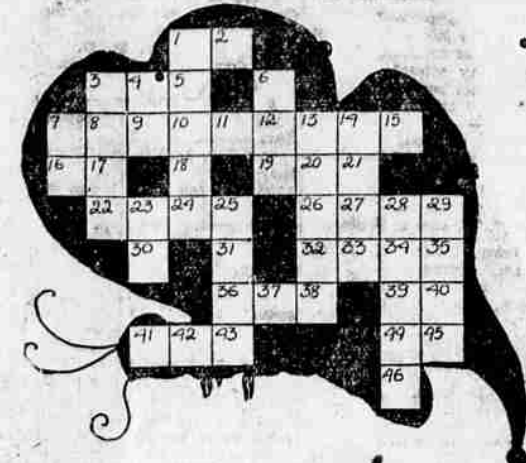
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THE COUNSELOR.

SOMETIMES offer good advice to youths who smoke cheroots; I say, "You'll pay a fearful price for this, you young gaboots! I hand you counsel wise and ripe, at which you should not shy; just wait until I light my pipe, and I will tell you why. Tobacco is a solace fine when you are young and hale; it has an influence benign, if you are feeling stale. It cheers when grievous problems irk, this friendly nicotine; yet all the time gets in its work on heart and nerves and spleen. Tobacco is a snare to catch the feet of heedless men; has one among you got a match? My pipe's gone out again. O, children, harken to my rede, don't be tobacco's slaves; avoid the rank envenomed weed that fills untimely graves!" They say, "It came with evil grace, the counsel you just spoke, while you were blowing through your face all kinds of rancid smoke. If you would guide the erring jay from habits base and mean, you ought to throw your pipe away and wash your whiskers clean." Such sophistries I always meet when anxious to advise and save from ruin and defeat the young and growing guys. Oh, who is in a better place to roast the dead weed than one from whose protesting face tobacco smoke is freed? The youngsters cannot understand why one who puffs and stokes, would see the weed forever banned, and hates it while he smokes. But smoking graybeards are sincere when they address the lads, and say, "Avoid this habit dear—be wiser than your dad's!"

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE STORY CATERPILLAR FAIRY



1-2 we are going to visit our uncle 16-17 let's go up into the 1-5-10-18-24 and get that big book about the moth and 7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-15. Uncle Edward can tell such a lot about natural history. The fruit trees have large 3-5-17-22 and will soon 7-16 abloom I am sure!

4-9 was 23-30 a day last week. Uncle told us about the cocoons. How the butterfly 13-20-26-32-38 itself from the cocoon.

39-40, last we 6-12-19 at Uncle Edward's.

"Do you want to have a 3-4-5 of nature study?" he asked.

"Oh, yes!" we all cried. "That 44-45 just what we would love!" And 19-20-21 the day had passed we learned a whole lot about, the slimy 28-34-39-44-46, the hard shelled 41-42-43 and the big 25-31-36-43 crabs, too. The snail carries her house with great 26-27-28-29 on her back. The bug 29-35-40-45 leaves and smaller insects.

My dolly lost a 22-23-24-25 off her foot. I found her shoe but the stocking I fear is lost indeed.

"Shall I 14-21-37-33 the way into our play room?" asked cousin, 32-33-34-35, Uncle Edward's little girl. Her father gave a 36-37-38, meaning "yes" of course.

Answer To Last Puzzle

3-7-12-17 (bowl), 2-4-8-14-19 (sugar), 25-26-27 (sis), 1-2 (us), 17-18-19-20-21-22 (larger), 4-5-4-5 (um-um), 13-18-23-25 (eats), 8-9-10-11 (gets), 6-7 (no), 11-16-22 (sir), 5-9-10-20-24-27 (merges), 12-13-14-15 (wear).

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Personal Health Service By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.

The Peril of Politeness.

Two midwives divided the obstetric practice in a town of 1300 inhabitants in Europe. Within a period of 14 months 10 of the infants delivered by one of these midwives died of tuberculous meningitis. No case of tuberculous meningitis was found in any of these families. But the midwife was found to be suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis and she afterward she and her competitor practiced succumbed to that disease. Both mouth to mouth insufflation to start the newborn babies breathing.

A girl of 18 followed what she conceived to be the correct fashion and indulged in some innocent "petting" parties with young men of her exclusive set. The young men enjoyed good reputations and to all appearances enjoyed good health. But, said to relate, one of them had syphilis in a secondary stage, and presently the unhappy girl developed the primary lesion (chancre) upon her lip. But this need not deter the younger set from their innocent amusements; syphilis may be arrested by a lifelong course of treatment.

That disastrous outcome of what for the girl was nothing more than an innocent lark or adventure, is not an isolated instance, but as doctors know well enough, a not infrequent occurrence. The popular notion that syphilis betrays itself in some sign on the face is wrong; for in most cases the face shows no sign, and pimples about the face are rarely due to syphilis.

At the height of the great influenza epidemic, you may remember, a good many people began to wear gauze masks even on the street as they traveled to and from their work or business. They entertained serious doubts about the wisdom of politeness. They decided that if the fellow with an alleged "cold" would not take the necessary precaution to prevent the spread of whatever ailed him to his friends or to strangers with whom he came into close association, then they must protect themselves without regard to politeness, so they donned the masks.

A few uneducated doctors, including some health officers, ridiculed the gauze masks at the time, because the meshes of the gauze were entirely too coarse to prevent microscopic germs from passing through. In that childish observation they betrayed their own ignorance. For 20 years or more surgeons have employed just such masks to prevent possible contamination of the operation wound by mouth spray—minute, perhaps invisibly fine droplets of moisture shooting out in the form of a spray from the mouth when one speaks. These droplets of moisture may carry bacteria. The gauze manifold effectively stops the spray.

I have repeatedly urged an application of the golden rule to the question of the prevention of crani- any of the common respiratory infections which our friends try to pass off on us as "colds"—and it would seem that the infectious character of such ailments is now sufficiently well recognized by the laity (in spite of the best efforts of certain "health" agencies) to raise a right to go about unmasked when he has an alleged "cold?"

He has the same right as the young man with the unsuspected syphilis had to kiss the girl who consented to "pet" with him.

He has the same right as the tuberculous midwife had to infect the 10 newborn babies.

As long as our reactionary "health" authorities continue to uphold and support the dangerous delusion that

certain of such ailments are merely ineffectual or not infectious, everybody much decide for himself whether he would rather be polite than protected.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Moles.

Please tell me the best way to get rid of moles.—C. N. T. Answer—Moles may be removed or obliterated by various methods. The best way is to submit the problem to a physician who is a skin specialist, and leave to his judgment the choice of the method and its application to your individual case. Amateur surgical attempts are likely to produce serious results. A mole is a little and your health are important and deserve competent medical care.

The Old Hukum About the Bust. I am sending a formula that I have been advised is very good for developing the bust, and would appreciate your opinion of it. The formula calls for 10 grammes of calcium lactophosphate, 10 grammes of fluid extract of galega, 10 grammes of tincture of fennel and 400 grammes of simple syrup.—Mrs. S. V. Answer—It is a silly old joke. The galega is a weed known as goat's rue, and the simple peasants of France formerly thought it increased the milk when goats ate it. There is no particular reason to imagine that it has any effect upon the human breast. You have been spoofed perhaps, by one of those misguided women who pose as beauty experts or beauty doctors and exploit the credulity of their sex.

Plucking Eyebrows. Will plucking the eyebrows injure the eyesight?—K. A. Answer—No.

Sulphur or Molasses. I have been advised to take sulphur and molasses, but do not know what quantities or for what length of time.—J. A. D. Answer—Why not ask the physician who prescribed it? I should advise molasses without the sulphur, though if you want to mix your molasses with sulphur, say half and half, and take a spoonful of it once or twice a day for a while, it won't do any harm. The molasses is a mild natural laxative; the sulphur is even more laxative. The mixture has no effect on the blood or system otherwise.

Friends in Usual Role. I was a great sufferer from cramps every month, until I acquired the somersault habit. But I am getting skinnier, and my friends advise against the rolls which they say are only for fat folks to reduce.—N. T. Answer—Your friends are in error.

Eat Your Way to Coma. Does excessive eating stagnate the functions of the brain? I am 16 years old, have a ravenous appetite and am about 15 pounds overweight. Is it advisable for me to try to reduce?—Evelyn J. Answer—Excessive eating tends to make one "dopey." A regular girl of your age should have a ravenous appetite and satisfy it at regular meals with regular food. I should not advise you to reduce, but maybe you can save on sundaes, candy and other odd sundries until your height and age catch up with your weight.

Balsam Pillows. Are balsam pillows made from a christmas tree healthy for children and adults to sleep on?—Mrs. C. K. R. Answer—They're as healthful as any other pillow. If one likes the fragrance it may help to bring sleep.

Arthur Foster of the Land Settlement department under the State Chamber of Commerce is to spend the week end in Portland.

Abe Martin



If a feller wants a piece of apple pie why hain't he man enough t' say so instead of mokin' a water say: "Punkin, mince, custard, blueberry, cream, raisin, peach, churly, lemon, rasbury, blackbury, currant, goosebury, apricot, rhubarb an' apple?" It won't be long till we'll have t' pay f' see a golden wedding.

Poems That Live

Empires. How dear we deem that in this age The end of all the ages lurks? That God is printing the last page Of the last volume of His Works!

Have we not canted of the mills Of God, how very slow they grind? Why should we fancy on our hills Their sails are sped by earthly wind?

Persia and Egypt, Greece and Rome, And vaster dynasties before, Now faded in Time's monochrome, In what do we surpass their lore?

Some things they knew that we know not. Some things we know by them unknown, But the axes of their wheels were hot With the same frenzies as our own. —Francis Money-Counts.

Timely Views on World Topics

Re-Grouping of Nations Under Various Compacts Can Lead Only to Trouble.

If France's security is guaranteed by a group of nations, certainly Germany's security should also be guaranteed by them. That is only fair. The English proposal to include Germany among the guarantors and guaranteed is therefore superior to the French proposal. But are not both plans inferior to that of a general guarantee of security by the 53 nations composing the League of Nations?"

This is the query raised by Theodore Marburg, publicist and peace advocate. He continues:

"Groupings lead to counter-groupings. The Triple Alliance of Germany, Austria and Italy produced the Triple Entente of France, Russia and Britain. Again, granted that a sense of fairness supports the British demand for an inclusion of Germany in the pact, how much would her presence in the group really add to France's security? Bismarck made his secret compact with Austria against possible Russian aggression and then as secretly made his compact with Russia against possible Austrian aggression.

If group should array itself against group, Germany may array itself with France's enemies. To be of value, compacts in a narrow group must be made between natural allies.

France and Britain Awake. At present France and Britain are such natural allies. Peace between them is secure. Each knows that if, in a moment of weakness, she should ally herself with Germany against the other and so overwhelm her, she herself would be the next victim of German ambition. They remember how Prussia in alliance with Austria, took Schleswig-Holstein from Denmark to place it under the joint dominion of herself and Austria; how, within a few months, she fell upon her former ally, Austria, overwhelmed her in a seven week war and herself took over Schleswig-Holstein with its valuable littoral.

France may be jealous of Britain's secure position on her snug island, of her vast empire, of her influence in European and world affairs. But France does not want to conquer Britain and she knows that Britain harbors no designs against her. On the other hand, which of them doubts that Germany, if she had the power, would joyfully smash both of them tomorrow?

Realize Germany's Power They both understand that while Germany is to be helped to her feet in the economic realm she must be kept disarmed. They feel that she should have an equal chance to develop her national life, an equal chance to air her grievances and to have justice done to her, and they have, therefore, invited her to enter the League of Nations as an equal. But a narrow alliance to keep the peace, whether Germany be included in it or not, is quite another matter. In small groups of nations selfish interests have more chance to prevail; witness the history of the Holy Alliance and of the Concert of Europe. Austria's selfish attitude wholly blocked the attempts of the latter group to prevent the first and second Balkan wars.

"No, where real security resides is in a general compact such as the Geneva plans of 1923 and 1924. From such come justice, out of which alone peace flows. Just as the federal government of the United States results from the united action of an organized world. Unless this is true, unless justice cannot come about by universal consent, we are on the wrong track in this whole movement for better world organization."

JUNIOR CROSS WORD PUZZLE



HOW TO SOLVE PUZZLE.

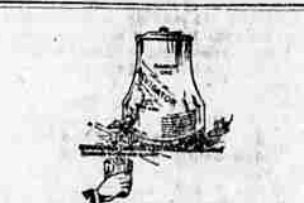
The words start in the numbered squares and run either across or down. Only one letter is placed in each white square. If the puzzle letters are found each combination of words are found in the white squares will form words. The key to puzzle—the first word—is given in the drawing. Below are keys to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

RUNNING ACROSS Word 1. What the boy in the picture has just whitewashed. Word 5. Short for yonder. Word 6. Like; similar to. Word 8. I. Word 9. Southern state. Abbreviated.

Word 10. A conjunction. Word 11. What crows say. Word 13.—Foe.

RUNNING DOWN Word 1. An European country. Word 2.—An eastern state. Abbreviated. Word 3. A lake and city in northern Italy. Word 4. Vigor, force, what children have much of. Word 7. To look closely. Word 12. You and I.

YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE ANSWERED



Too Good To Be True

So say some, but thousands attest its value

It is a fact that to those who have never before heard it, the story of radium water's amazing health values seems too good to be true.

But that is because most people do not know that the curative and health values of the water at Hot Springs, Ark., and other health resorts is due to radio-activity.

Radio-active water is true water. It cleanses the body of poisons which too often remain to lower vitality and resistance to disease.

But until recently it has never been available to those who could not actually visit one of these famous health springs.

Now an amazing product makes radium water obtainable anywhere. The Radium Revigator has made all this possible. Does not change the taste of the water.

Mrs. Ira Judson Coe, of Oakland, California, writes: "My daughter took first much better. The older one is of a nervous temperament and now sleeps all night, has no trouble with her stomach, and is more normal to every way, and the one who is 12 has never had much 'pep' as we say. We are fully convinced that the water has worked wonders."

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