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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry.

The Rifflans attacked the French Tuesday on a river whose name does not matter, and the French administered a severe defeat, and annoyed the Rifflans something awful, by retreating. This is a trick they learned during the Great Fracas.

Another cad had knocked a lady down and out, in a rough romance, instead of standing up like a man and being pumped full of lead, when she endeavored to shoot him.

School is out, throwing the care of the kids exclusively on the shoulders of the police.

O! DON'T MENTION IT!

(Salon Statesman)

Editor Statesman:

At 3 o'clock, or shortly after, Monday afternoon, two young men walked east on Court street, cutting diagonally across the post office grounds, heading toward Willamette university. One of them was attired in blue trousers, a light shirt, tan shoes, and I believe a cap. The other wore absolutely not a single garment but a shirt. No shoes, hose, or trousers. It was not a bathing suit, a running suit, a boxing suit. It was nothing but a shirt. And not a very long shirt at that. What if the wind had been blowing ever so slightly?

Ella Whittaker is lame. A cow kicked her between the separator and the vat.—(Greenleaf News.) Cruel and unusual.

Nothing much is doing in the purty balls of Oregon, of which Portland and Salem are the respective centers.

As expected, Prohibition enforcement has tangled with President Coolidge's devouring passion for economy. Locks will not be knocked off safes containing public funds, and enforcers will not be allowed to run hogwild in the mint. Hence the President is not in sympathy with the 18th amendment.

FOOT THING!

(Baltimore Sun)

My sister Sue's a frail young thing When she is home with mother; Whenever there is work she has One ailment or another.

Her back's too weak for making beds And certainly for sweeping; In fact, she can't use it To lie on when she's sleeping.

Her hands are far too delicate For slinging suds and scrubbin'; They're only fit for her to give The ivory keys a drubbin'.

But worst of all, she says her shanks Can't stand much errand runnin' And judgin' by the skirts she wears They're only good for sunnin'.

But, gosh! you ought to see my sis When she's not home with mother; She's anything but frail and weak. Believe her little brother! Just take her where a dance is on And start the music playin' And watch that back too frail for work.

Start shimmyin' and swayin'! Them shanks that shrink from doing chores Can step it off and step it Till robust cowboys will away And limp home plumb decrepit. Yes, sister's dreadful frail and weak When she is home with mother, But she can't pull them allibs And fool her little brother.

Here it is Friday, and how many knew this is "Phone For Your Food" week.

DATA ON HEAVEN

(Göttingen, Pa., Times)

To the Editor:

Sir: The basis of calculations of the size of Heaven is found in Revelation XXXI, 16: "And he measured the city with the reed, 12,000 furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal."

Twelve thousand furlongs are 7,200,000 feet, or 1,350 miles. The cube of this must be taken in order to obtain the total dimensions of Heaven which are 469,795,088,000,000,000,000 cubic feet.

With these figures before us, we can figure out just how much room there is in Heaven for each individual soul. A single calculation is given to prove just how easy the process really is. The meeting place of the angels probably is the most spacious and requires at least half the total space. We deduct another fourth for streets and open places, which leaves 124,198,273,600,000,000 cubic feet for the actual dwelling place of the angels.

BE CAREFUL ABOUT THAT FIRE!

FOREST fires are beginning to appear as daily items. The greatest tragedy nature faces is the forest fire. Many of them are unavoidable and spontaneous; but many are due to the carelessness of heedless folk. The picnic season is beginning and it is a good time to make a hearty resolution that nature suffer nothing from your fault this summer.

Fire, whether in a city or at sea or in the forest, is a very terrible thing, annihilating in its progress, most difficult to control. It sets no bounds to its destruction other than the consuming of everything its flames can feed on. A match thrown to the ground can begin it; a cigarette stub or pipe plug can do it; an uncovered camp fire often does it.

For years there has been a steady campaign educating the American people in the preservation of their woods and forests. Still there are fires, for the hardest thing in the world to teach the human race is self-protection and the most difficult defect of character to remedy is carelessness.

Those who enjoy nature should be the first to care for her and the last to destroy her.

QUILL POINTS

Typical American town: One that needs another hotel.

Among other good substitutes for tire rubber is sole leather.

Some men are born fighters, and some join the Democratic party for reasons more obscure.

A model home is any kind of structure that will keep grouches outside.

So many unpleasant experiences begin with the words, "It seems there were two Irishmen."

Ameriennism: Having two children and hoping to keep control of the country from aliens who have twelve.

Strange how many "respectable" people you see in places where you are ashamed to have them see you.

Primitive man had one advantage. He never came home to a lettuce sandwich, spread with mayonnaise.

Unconscious humor: A man pleading an inherited taste for whiskey as an alibi for drinking white mule.

There was romance among the gold diggers of '49, but the gold-diggers of 19 think romance is bunk.

The mosquito is like a child. When he stops making a noise, you know he's getting into something.

An idealist is a man who has liberal notions about surrendering the other fellow's advantages.

You can't tell. Many a man gets a reputation as a conservative merely because he is a slow thinker.

Co-operation is the big thing. The best pitcher in the world can't do any more than keep the score tied.

Scientists studying the problem of rising vertically might find some suggestions in a flivver's back seat.

At any rate it is sporting to dismiss a crooked dry agent. It gives a new man a chance to get his.

Now that naughtiness is spreading in the provinces, the man who goes to New York on business is really going on business.

It isn't intelligent to be ahead of your times. You can't make a peach sprout grow by howling for peaches.

Life has few anxieties after the girls are married off, your hair definitely gone, and the fenders crumpled.

Correct this sentence: "Yes, indeed," said the traveling man, "I really prefer the paper towels."



Rippling Rhymes

By Walt Mason

REALISM.

IN NORTHERN Europe writers toil to show how peasants live and die; their books are often fragrant of the soil, and of the barony and the sty. A wrinkled woman with a hoe wades slowly through some chapters nine, and all she talks about is woe and griefs that don't take in their sign. The wrinkled erone has seven sons, tall men with sandbars in their hair, and they are always packing tons of futile burdens here and there. And everything they do is vain, no harvests follow when they sow, their mules are mired down in the lane, their cows go dry, their pigs won't grow. Their lives don't know a lighter side, disaster frustrates all they do; a fian may marry, but his bride turns out next day to be a shrew. A girl may marry, but the gent who leads her to the village kirk, soon shows he cannot make a cent, although his life is made of work. And so, these dreary people trail through turgid pages sad and gray; the only thing they do is fail and do it in a dismal way. There is no humor in these books, and if you take one in your hand, and read it in such inglenooks as you may have at your command, you will not have a sprightly hour, unless you gloat o'er fruitless lives, exult in sorrow stark and dour that haunts the peasants and their wives. Yet many soulful readers rise proclaiming that these books are great; the authors draw the Nobel prize, and take in roubles the crate. All sorts of people are required to make this world, this tearful vale; and as for me I can't be hired to read sad books, that make me wail.

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE STORY



This 1-2 a donkey. Have you ever owned 3-4-5? They look a bit like 8-9-10-11-12.

My 21-29-34 said that 1-4 Spain and Italy donkeys are 9-15-20-28 a great deal as beasts of burden, 21-22-23 you know that?

See how very 13-14-15-16 our donkey is. He is eating grass by the garden 17-18-19-20. He's 17-25-33 the name of stubborn all right! I've taken him away from that gate ten times and he 3-6-10-16 goes right back to 22-30 again.

Look he 2-5-7-12 me coming and 23-31 you notice! He turns his back to me! Ah donkeys are 24-25-26-27-28 for their naughty ways!

"I will take my baseball 13-18-26 and hit him a crack!" said brother Tom.

"Don't do it!" I cried, "He's only a poor dumb animal!"

"Oh, he is no deal 8-14-19-27, I wager!" cried Tom, "Though he makes out he is!"

He'll kick you so you'll not have an 29-30-31-32 of a doubt he means business!" I warned.

Answer To Last Puzzle

1-2-3 (bee), 4-9-13 (has), 16-19-23 (Amy), 2-6-11-15 (ever), 1-5-10-14 18-22 (bitten), 21-22 (an), 8-12-17-20-24 (nice), 19-29 (Mc), 13-14-15-16-17 (stran), 4-5-6-7-8 (blives), 23-24 (ye), 3-7 (eel), 9-10-11 (ate).

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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.

Erroneous Ideas About Insanity.

The usual conception of insanity is a manifestation in language or conduct of disease or defect of the brain. But the law draws a sharp line between sanity and insanity, thus:

(1) A criminal is insane if he does not know the nature and quality of his act or if, knowing the nature and quality of his act, he does not know whether it is right or wrong.

(2) A testator is insane if his mind, memory or understanding is unsound.

(3) In a lunacy examination, made by a commission of physicians expert in that line appointed by a court of record on application of a relative or other person directly concerned, the individual is insane if he is incapable of managing himself and his affairs. These points of difference between the common idea of insanity and the interpretation of insanity in law should be known to everybody.

A purely medical interpretation of insanity permits no such clear dividing line between sanity and insanity. Medically a great many persons who are sane by these legal tests are as certainly insane by the test of common sense. It is not at all unusual for a paranoiac to win his freedom from asylum prison by convincing a court of his sound judgment and intellectual integrity. The legal definition of insanity fails to compass monomania—delusion upon one subject. This permits some very dangerous persons to remain at large.

People generally have only vague, and usually erroneous notions about the causes of insanity. Some of the wrong notions are in themselves harmful. In another talk to avoid confusion, we'll consider the true cause of insanity. Here I am going to mention only some erroneous ideas people have about the causation of insanity.

(1). Excessive smoking, particularly cigarettes, is perhaps a common stigma or sign or symptom of a defective brain, for everybody knows that morons are the chief offenders in this respect, but there is no reason to imagine that it is a cause of insanity.

(2). Indulgence in alcohol or the cultivation of drug habits is likewise rather an insane act, a manifestation of an unsound mind, in the majority of cases, although we know that chronic alcoholism, at least, not rarely leads to actual insanity in adult or mature life.

(3). That overworked notion of "overwork" with its attendant hokum about "a breakdown," so often utilized to conceal the facts from the curious public, has nothing to do with the cause of insanity. An individual who is already insane may have certain fixed delusions about his work, business cares, debts and other things which would not worry him in his right mind.

(4). Insomnia is no more a cause of insanity than neglect of exercise is. Here, again, a not uncommon symptom in certain types of insanity is popularly taken to be a cause. In nine cases out of ten, insomnia is a temporary difficulty and the victim is mentally sound, but now and then the nocturnal restlessness of some one who is insane makes such an impression upon the lay mind as to erase the comforting observation that it meant nothing like that in the other nine cases.

(5). In a notorious quack "miracure" which for many years brought poor deluded victims to the crook who ran it there were some hideous representations of the fate in store for young persons with bad habits. The fake showed the wretches confined behind bars presumably in "asylums," whatever they may be. Here, too, the same fact applies; that is, these habits may be rather characteristic of insane or

idiotic individuals, but are rarely if ever the cause of insanity or idocy.

(6). The absence of any instance of insanity in one's ascendancy is no assurance that one is not insane. Quite as important as cases of frank insanity, in the inheritance, are cases of such heredity—equivalents as epilepsy, hysteria, chorea, neurosthenia (whatever that may be), somnambulism, migraine, alcoholism, drug habits, criminality or perversion.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

I was astonished to read the article in which you said that one's diet does not affect constipation. I spent the winter in Florida and ate a great deal of oranges and grape fruit, and while I was there my bowels never were better. (D. H. R.)

Answer—I am astonished to read what you said I said, for I said nothing of the kind. I simply asserted that no wholesome or proper food or article of diet is constipating or binding, and I added that certain foods are more laxative than others, so you see you must have misunderstood what I said—or else the printers have been more careless than usual. What you largely determines constipation. Send us a stamped self-addressed envelope and ask for Rules of Breaking Up the Constipation Habit. Please do not clip this, but just ask for what you want. I cannot send the rules unless you tell me that you need them.

Plucking Eyebrows. No, it doesn't insure eyesight even if you pluck all your eyebrows out. Cancer, Not Communicable. Relative visited us shortly after an operation (having the larynx removed), and while here she kissed us all, especially our 6 year old boy, repeatedly. Only now have we learned that she had cancer of the throat, and we are terribly frightened. (J. F. C.)

Answer. There is no occasion for any anxiety at that score for cancer I am not communicable anyway. Eyelash Culture. For quite a while I have been putting vaseline on my eyelashes and rubbing it on the edges of the lids every night, hoping to make my eyelashes grow long. Lately I have been having some trouble with my eyesight. Mother thinks the vaseline is the cause, and she would like to know before taking me to an oculist. Answer—It is silly to imagine that you can increase the growth of the eyelashes by applying anything to them or to the eyelids. The petroleum jelly is not likely to be the cause of any trouble with the eyesight. Of course, you may have infected your eyelids if the petroleum jelly was in an open can. Any such medication should be kept in a collapsible tube, for protection against contamination, or if it is kept in an open container then it ought to be sterilized by boiling or other means every few days.

The fellow who has no time for his health today will have no health for his time tomorrow.

Abe Martin



Of course the damage had been done, but if King Boris had had an up-to-date mustache a bullet couldn't have left half of it. Miss Pearl Moots has bought a hikin' suit for auto rides.

Timely Views on World Topics

Steady Improvement of European Economic Conditions Seen by British Leader.

"During the last twelve months the economic condition of Europe has materially improved. And the most satisfactory feature of this improvement is the fact that it has been firm and steady, not violent and spectacular," so declares Philip Snowden, British statesman, in a recent article. He goes on to say: "The foreign exchange has made a great advance toward stability. The movement of the exchange is probably the best barometer of the economic condition of the world. By this test the countries of Europe may be said to have passed out of a state of high fever into a condition of normal temperature, though enfeebled constitution."

"The stability of the exchange and of currencies is the essential condition of trade confidence. When the currency of a country fluctuates violently from day to day, or from hour to hour, all sense of security is destroyed. A spirit of recklessness seizes everybody, and trade and finance become a gamble. All the ordinary motives of industry are undermined."

"The curses of Europe in the years after the armistice—vast inflation, depreciating and fluctuating currencies and exchanges, budget deficits—if not wholly removed have been vastly mitigated in the last twelve months."

Germany, Austria, Hungary, Poland and Russia have reformed their currencies, and these new currencies are maintaining stability. There are at present no signs of any reaction. Dawes Plan Helps Central Europe.

Whatever may be our views of the ultimate practicability of the Dawes plan, there can be no doubt that the immediate effect of this settlement of the troublesome reparations question has been to very materially help the economic and financial restoration of Central Europe.

"As was the case before the war, Germany must still be the main-spring of the economic machinery of Central Europe's trade. A prosperous and stable Germany will revivify the surrounding countries, and their prosperity will react on world trade."

The main benefit to Germany, and to European reconstruction, from the establishment of the Dawes plan is that it has put the budgetary position, and also the currency and fiscal systems, on a sound basis. The fixing of reparations payments at a definite sum has removed the feeling of uncertainty as to what might be demanded from her which previously existed, and which was fatal to effort on the part of Germany to restore her economic life.

Poland Gains Proud Place. The great work of the League of Nations in promoting the reconstruction loans for Hungary and Austria has had a most beneficial effect, not merely on the countries directly concerned but upon the condition of Central Europe generally. If Hungary in particular, a most vexatious transformation has taken place. The budget position is satisfactory. Foreign trade is much more active, and railway traffic returns have increased to the extent of putting the railways on a paying footing."

If we would spend as much time and money trying to prevent sickness as we do trying to cure it, there would be less sickness to cure.



PHILIP SNOWDEN

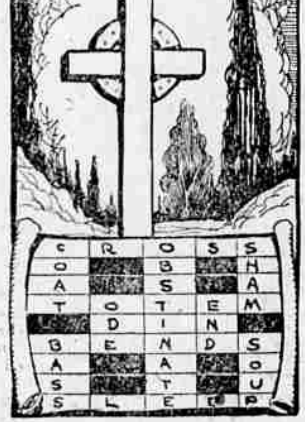
Children's Pictorial Cross Word Puzzle

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 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. The singular of the verb "are." Word 6. Our redeemer or deliverer. Word 8. One of the points of the compass. Abbreviated. Word 9. A stinging weed. Plural. Running Down. Word 1. Another name for buffalo. Word 2. Our country. Abbreviated. Word 3. A very hard stone that strikes fire with steel. Word 4. A fabled man-eating monster. Plural. Word 7. To employ.

YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE ANSWERED.



Poems That Live

Before the Rain.

We knew it would rain, for all the morn, A spirit on slender ropes of mist Was lowering its golden buckets down Into the vapory amethyst.

Of marshes and swamps and dismal fens— Scooping the dew that lay in the flowers, Dipping the jewels out of the sea, To scatter them over the land in showers.

We knew it would rain, for the poplars showed The white of their leaves, the amber grain Shrank in the wind—and the lightning now Is tangled in tremulous skeins of rain!

—Thomas Bailey Aldrich.



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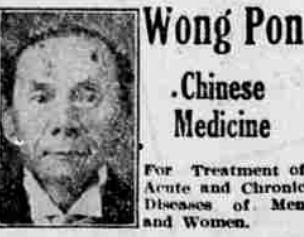
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