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Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Peery.

In the rural districts, the well known milk-fed Thanksgiving turkey, that eats grasshoppers all summer, is getting big enough to be run over by automobiles, when the farmer is not looking.

There is a shortage of potatoes in Oregon. Our grand, glorious, and gumptionless commonwealth does not raise enough of the lowly spud to feed itself, a fact not set to music by Hunsdinger's chaps, as printed in Cook's Hogster hooklets. This is due to the inadaptability of the soil. Neither can potatoes be hoed with a fishing pole, or harvested with a double-barrelled shotgun.

There is something about the Evolution theory (which does not matter much, even if the oft defeated William Jennings Bryan is furnishing windpower for the hellaboo.) that causes believers and unbelievers to twitch with hate and palpitate with bigotry traits, regarded in certain circles as the trademark of deep and abiding religious convictions. Already anger holds forth in that portion of the population given to bragging of their spirituality, aent the controversy. This intolerance should be capitalized, and probably will be, ere the leaves begin to fall, for no one yet has failed to realize the relativity of a rumpus to a fat collection. The origin of Man—like his finish—is a mystery, so why get mad about it. But the collections, they are the assured contingency of it all. A human never loses sight of the dollar, any more than a monkey loses sight of the peanut.

DEMON STATIC (Winkleman, Cal., News) Over-devotion to the radio is said to have been a contributing cause for the suicide of Russell Baker, who tied a heavy iron bar to his neck and then jumped into a deep pool. He is said to have become a nervous wreck through loss of sleep. At his work he talked incessantly of the radio and apparently forgot his wife and three small children.

"Is that her knee cap, or her shoulder blade I see," asked a leading citizen this a. m., as a Galshewick tripped north on the Main Stem.

It now develops that the G. Hill war on speeders, was a sector of the crusade for righteousness, and the supremacy of the Nordlies.

I wash widows, mow lawns, do anything, 50 cents an hour. Phone White House Cafe, Ed Egan.—(Ad Red Bluff News.) My Gosh!

FORDS BEFORE FAMILIES (Oregon City Enterprise) R. J. Hickey and Jim Polson each have built double garages on their lots and will live in them while building their houses.

Dewey Alt has moved into the small building which will later be used as a garage, and will live in it while building a good home on the acre bought of Glenn McIntyre.

Our Governor and Grand Lecturer is getting ready to run for something. He stands convicted of outguessing the legislature—a great mental strain, it is said. All the fast thinking executive has to do now is to have occasionally upstate, and bewitch the Republican party of southern Oregon into debauching itself for a fish commissioner, to be a winner at the coming polls.

The rare days in June the poets sing about, to date have been raw.

LADY looking for a ride to and from Portland before June 12. Will pay for gasoline both ways.—(Roseburg News-Review.) A quicker, cheaper way would be to start walking.

Classical dancing will be taught male students of the institutions of higher learning. What they really need is more graceful bucking of the line, and charming interpretation of a touch-down.

One of these nights a radio announcer will receive a telegram from a tormented listener, reading: "Your program fine, and coming in rotten."

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE GROWS STRONGER.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE'S Memorial Day speech emphasizes the fact that political issues, which once separated the Republican and Democratic parties are rapidly disappearing.

Not so very long ago, the Democratic party was the party of state's rights and the Republican party was the party of federal centralization.

But in his address last Saturday, President Coolidge came out to assert their authority and vigorously resist the tendency to concentrate the law-making and law-enforcement power in the federal government at Washington.

It was also only a few years ago that the Republican party was the party of imperialism and according to its opponents the party of extravagance, which imperialism involved.

But today a Republican President is fighting the Democratic program of greater participation in foreign affairs and is leading a vigorous campaign for economy and retrenchment, at home.

With unerring political principles in which a majority of the American people believe and today occupies even a stronger strategic position than he did at the time of his election.

Unless there is a decided and unexpected change in the political situation, the only issues left for the Democrats three years hence will be the negative issues of anti-Republicanism,—the slight crumbs of comfort formerly allowed the "Outs" for their struggle with the "Ins."

QUILL POINTS

Philanthropy: Giving it back.

It isn't only in case of fire that the guests leave the hotel scantily clad.

One explanation of the divorce evil is the fact that girls too readily say "yes."

The objection to repentance is that it stops about the time the headache does.

A politician's idea of co-operation on the part of the people is three rousing cheers.

Fame: A headline in a newspaper; forty begging letters in the morning mail.

Cynicism: An exploring fore finger questioning the veracity of a fresh-paint sign.

After all, giving is a selfish business. We wouldn't give if it didn't afford us pleasure.

Travel ads are so well written as to give you all of the foreign atmosphere except the queer smells.

Pigeon holes: Places to park things that will make us wonder next month why we saved them.

America's government is stable. The country is too big for all sections to entertain the same grievance.

A wonderful land! Feet that were on the first rung of the ladder ten years ago are now on the desk.

Give the devil his due. Ananias was dead before any of the resort literature was written.

Bohemia: A place where a platitude is an epigram after the third drink.

If a man is known to be worthless, no employer will give him anything except a recommendation.

This will be the four hundred and thirty-third unusually hot summer since Columbus came over.

If you know how many distant relatives a bride has, you know how many pickle forks she will get.

You can estimate the progress of your case of swell-head by the growing number of people that seem impudent.



Rippling Rhymes by Walt Mason THE SQUARE PEG.

"I WORK," said Job Kersimpkins Twins, "I work, but don't nerwetter! I do not like this job of mine—I'm built for something better. You see me here at dinky jobs, at brewing and at bakings, and I've an intellect that throbs for mighty undertakings. One day you see me sawing wood, the next I'm hoeing pumpkins. I try out all the jobs in sight, my spirit nothing daunting, but none of them appears just right, there's always something wanting. Men say I am not worth two bits, I'm lazy and unwilling; but when I find the job that fits, you'll see me make a killing." He teetered round from chora to chore, and when his years were fifty, he journeyed to the poor-house door, in raiment far from nifty. Whatever job he had to do he viewed with scorn and loathing; he wished to join the lordly few who work in tailored clothing; he would be captain of the hosts, a man of lofty station, so digging holes for cedar posts stired up his indignation. He'd supervise a diamond mine, or gild a set of lilies, but packing soil to shrieking swine gave him the well known willies. "Aet well your part," the poet writes, and if your part be humble, still act it well, oh, weary wights, and do not beef or grumble. We all admire the gent who sings while doing jobs unpleasant, and if he's built for better things those things will find him present. But fortune doesn't often choose the man who hates his calling when her rewards she grandly strews—she doesn't like his howling.

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE STORY PICNIC TIME

Mother filled a big splint 1-3-5-8-12-18 just full of good things for our 2-4-6-9-14-20. She 10-16-22-26 there is nothing so 13-19-23-29 as a regular picnic. We usually take a 21-25-31 or a pan along to cook things in.

Once we had a picnic at a resort and there was a 10-11-12-13-14-15 railway near by. We had that picnic last fall way off in 7-11-17 (October abbreviated). It was a fine picnic and we all said it was "7-8", but I like spring picnics best. There are 24-25 spring flowers in the fall. Once it rained when we were all ready to go on a picnic, so mother let us have one up in our 16-17-18-19-20. We have 26-27-28-29-30 windows up there.

Answer to Last Puzzle 1-2-3-4 (bump), 12-15 (on), 17-21-24 (top), 5-6 (as), 18-23 (of), 12-13 (or), 1-5-8-13-16-20 (barrel), 2-6-9 (use), 10-14 (at), 20-21-22-23 (boat), 15-16-17 (net), 8-9-10-11 (read), 4-7-11 (pod), 18-19 (O. K.)

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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. Due 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.

All Kinds of Disease.

I notice a certain number of readers write from time to time (and it makes me tearing mad), that you give people advice about all kinds of disease so I thought I would drop you a few lines (spaces, in fact) and see what you think about my case. And then follows a harrowing recitation of all kinds of symptoms. And as I say, I am feeling pretty mad and I just carelessly permit the automatic chucker to close the incident or else I tell 'em on the whole sale plan that my best advice to people who are "handed" like that is that they consult a physician. Then somebody else gets mad! That's why I haven't been so liberal with this advice lately. I found it was driving a considerable number of its recipients into anonymity, and goodness knows the chucker is worked to capacity without overloading it with such twaddle.

The one thing I am glad to give advice about almost anything else but, is a reader's individual case. That is a medical problem, to be submitted to the individual's own physician—or to the corner cop or the neighbors if the reader prefers. It does not come within my province and neither here nor by correspondence do I ever offer medical advice. Questions which come under the head of "Health or Hy-

giene," or "How to keep Well," I am glad to answer to the best of my ability and with the aid of many experts and authorities available to me. Even medical questions which do not require a consideration of the diagnosis—which a doctor can make only by personal examination—or of the treatment—which a doctor can intelligently advise, suggest or prescribe only when he has made a personal diagnosis—I am glad to answer whenever I think I can give an answer which is likely to do no harm and possibly some good. No squeamishness about medical ethics has anything to do with this policy. If I believed that a doctor could obtain a reasonably accurate understanding of the diagnosis of an individual case through correspondence, I should not hesitate to advise, suggest or prescribe treatment for correspondents—whatever treatment I deemed necessary, whether medicinal or non-medicinal.

In spite of much earnest effort to avoid the very thing which these observant correspondents would hang on me, namely, the unwholesome and unhealthful sin of discussing "all kinds of diseases," for a lay audience, now and then something slips in here which I feel ashamed of.

This department is a health center for the distribution of good cheer, good health and good sense. "All kinds of diseases" are barred. But if you're interested in any kind of health, I'll be glad to hear from you, as briefly as possible, of course.

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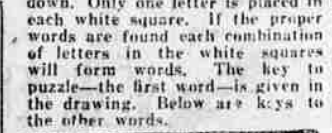
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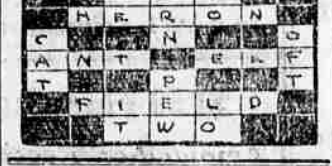
HOW TO SOLVE PUZZLE. The words start in the numbered squares and run either across or down. Only one letter is placed in each white square. If the proper words are found each combination of letters in the white squares will form words. The key to puzzle—the first word—is given in the drawing. Below are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



Running Across. Word 1. In the picture. Word 5. A common vine. Word 6. A girl's name. Word 7. "His clothing was torn to..."

Running Down. Word 1. A weak-minded person. Word 2. A country in northern Africa. Word 3. To wipe out. Word 4. What lawns are made of.

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Abe Martin



All of us have so many personal responsibilities in this world that we ought to be glad when we do run into something that's none of our business. I'll bet the agent that involved me in a set of Wilkie Collins jest as I wuz startin' out in life could make France pay.

Poems That Live

Last Days. The last days of my life until today, What were they, could I see them on the street Lie as they fell? Would they be ears of wheat Sown once for food but trodden into clay? Of golden coins squandered and still to day? Or drops of blood dabbling the guilty feet? Or such split water as in dreams must cheat The undying throats of Hell, athirst all day I do not see them here; but after death God knows I know the faces I shall see. Each one a murdered self, with low last breath. "I am thyself,—what hast thou done to me?" "And I—and I—thyself," (to, each one saith.) "And thou thyself to all eternity!" —Dante Gabriel Rossetti.

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