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COMMON SENSE VS. RELIGIOUS CONTROVERSY.

SECRETARY of the Navy Wilbur enters the biblical-evolutionary tangle today with a plea for common sense. Secretary Wilbur, it seems, believes in both the Book of God and the Book of Nature, and he deprecates the tendency to disregard either in arriving at a working philosophy of life and religion.

It is doubtful, however, if Mr. Wilbur's contribution to the Symposium results in any clearing of the atmosphere, or any marked progress toward unanimity.

The trouble with his plea of common sense is that in the realm of theological controversy, there is no valid place for common sense. What appears to be common sense to Secretary Wilbur for example, may well appear common sense to no one else.

To Mr. Wilbur common sense means a belief in evolution in the Book of Genesis and the Resurrection. To Mr. Darrow such a philosophy is nonsense, to Mr. Bryan it is sacrilege, and to someone else it may be both.

The only common sense route is this sort of controversy is the route of tolerance and freedom. What is one man's religious food is another man's religious poison. With the world what it is, and human nature what it is, it is as futile to try to establish one form of religious belief, as one form of food or one style of clothing.

Secretary Wilbur would have made a better case if instead of defining his belief, in the name of common sense, he had welcomed all beliefs which are the sincere expressions of the individual's faith, as the only common sense.

For absolute truth is impossible in this realm of emotional conjecture; and liberty of conscience, freedom of faith, and tolerance to all, is the only program upon which all fair minded people can unite.

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE STORY

UM-M-M, BUT IT'S GOOD

Um—I would go 1-5-9 for an ice cream 2-3-4-5 today! 6-7-8-9-10, quick if you 11-12-13 going with me 24-28 I must have one right soon! It 26-30 quite a walk to the drug store, but we 2-6-11-14-18 get 3-7-12' reward when we taste the cool sweet soda. The 18-19-20-21 who waits on the counter may 15-16-17 a scoop more ice cream to our sodas if we ask her to!



I do 4-8-13-15-20 the long walk, but if we swing our 19-22-25-29 and pretend we are soldiers 24-25-26-27 a cheering throng we won't notice the distance so much.

I am sure that man 16-21-23-27 his whiskers, they were gray before!

Ah! I love to hear the soda water hiss "28-29-30" it seems to say!

Answer To Last Puzzle

1-4 (is), 2-3-4-5 (roces), 7-8-9 (far), 22-23 (in), 25-26-27 (bud), 2-8-13-15-20 (rarely), 15-19-20-21 (ever), 33-34 (at), 5-10-15-21-26 (every), 28-29 (do), 35-38 (as), 8-9 (or), 14-15-16 (ten), 30-31 (my), 6-11-16 (sin), 17-22-25 (and), 28-29-30 (soul), 14-20-25 (Ted), 25-26-27 (dye), 29-32-34-39 (anto), 10-11-12 (vie).

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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.

Poison Left Around.

Strychnin is pretty well known as a deadly poison, and most people are sensible enough to have nothing to do with such a poison, or if they must handle it at all, to use the utmost care and caution. Yet strychnin poisoning is responsible for most of the fatalities from accidental poisoning in children.

According to statistics given out by the largest American life insurance company, there were 78 deaths from accidental poisoning among children insured in the company's industrial department in 1924, and strychnin was the poison responsible for the fatalities in the greatest number of cases, 24. Lye and other corrosive alkalis were second, with six fatalities. Then there were 12 other kinds of poisons responsible for the remaining 48 deaths.

When a child succumbs to accidental strychnin poisoning, somebody ought to be punished for criminal negligence or carelessness or cupidity, as the case may be, for almost invariably one of these factors is found contributory, though perhaps charitably omitted from the death certificate.

In the 24 fatalities among insured children the children in seven cases found some nice sugar coated or chocolate coated cathartic pills or tablets which contained the deadly strychnin, and in three cases the children got hold of "tonics" which contained the deadly strychnin. Yet only a small proportion of the children of the country are insured in this particular company, so the toll of precious young lives sacrificed in this way must be appalling for the whole country.

The availability or necessity of incorporating strychnin in a physic pill or an alleged "tonic" is open to debate even from the medical or therapeutic point of view. If a physician insists upon the advisability or necessity of such use of strychnin, then he should exercise reasonable care and precaution against improper or wrong use of the medicine containing the poison, and that surely calls for discrimination in the dispensing of such medicines. Perhaps a few physicians are careless about dispensing medicines of this class, but in a great majority of cases of strychnin poisoning in children the poison has been dispensed not by a physician but by some merchant who either knows and doesn't care, or doesn't know that the medicine he is selling so indiscriminately contains strychnin. I repeat that when a child is accidentally poisoned by such medicines, the person who dispensed the medicine about the house is equally culpable, be he doctor, druggist or mail order merchant. It is nothing less than a scandal and a crime that it is possible for anybody to purchase enough of this deadly poison, strychnin, in what purports to be harmless medicine, to kill a child, and without any concern or restriction by the law. Cupidity of this sort is too commonly encouraged and protected by the law.

Strychnin should be procurable only on a physician's prescription, and restrictions at least as carefully observed as are those placed around the purchase of morphin ought to be fixed by the law regulating the sale and possession of such a poison. There are doubtless a million homes right now where medicines containing strychnin are carelessly left around within the reach of children. Is yours such a home?

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Thread Worms

Please give the cause of thread or pin worms in the adult and what will eradicate them. (M. J.)

Answer.—The adult worms have headquarters in the intestine of certain individuals, perhaps in some animals, too. The worms mate in the small intestine, the males soon after ward die and the females wander on into the caecum, which is the portion of the large intestine in the region of the appendix, and some of them reach the lower end of the colon. The eggs, microscopic in size, leave the body in the dejecta, and are distributed by pollution of soil, water, fruit, vegetables and other foods (contaminated thru the agency of flies), and by the soiled fingers of young children the eggs are often carried to the mouth. Thus other

Abe Martin



"If I had it I'd do over agin I don't believe I'd want another husband" that never noticed I had a new hat till he got th' bill," remarked Mrs. Ike Solos. "I say, if President Coolidge kin stand a cheeroot after it's had smoked th' nation's purty safe."

Who's Who

Mary Lewis. The rise of Mary Lewis from singer in a little Arkansas church to prima donna in the grand opera world, in six swift years, is striking proof that the twentieth century American girl has pluck!



Mary Lewis was 15 when she decided to aim for the artist's platform. That was in 1919, when she was the Sunday evening soloist of Little Rock's Presbyterian congregation. Her friends urged her to hold local glory rather than pursue visions of foreign fame. Her widowed mother needed the \$20 a month that the choir work earned. But Miss Lewis took the chance of winning both money and success on the stage.

She started by joining the chorus of a vaudeville troupe. That meant four performances a day in combination movie and vaudeville houses. However, it provided money she needed, a tour to the Pacific Coast and enough savings in a year to buy a railroad ticket to Broadway.

Reaching New York practically penniless, she sang in cabarets until placed in the "Greenwich Follies" chorus. In the first week of rehearsals, Producer John Murray Anderson discovered the richness of the girl's lyric soprano voice and promoted her from chorus to prima donna role at \$100 a week.

Two years later Florenz Zeigfeld, Jr., secured her for his "Follies" and the following autumn Mary Lewis reached her goal—she was invited to join the Metropolitan Opera company.

She made her operatic debut in the National Opera House at Vienna in 1923. "Bravo! Greater than Jeritta!" her audience cheered. At the London Opera House last year music lovers called for her to bow before the curtain fifteen times. This coming year Mary Lewis will sing in America, making a concert tour through her native Arkansas and the forty-seven sister states.

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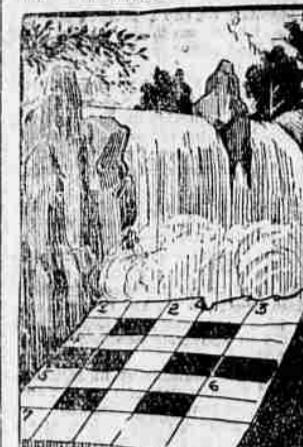
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Children's Pictorial Cross Word Puzzle

HOW TO SOLVE PUZZLE. The words start in the numbered squares and go 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 4. A cent. Word 5. A tree. Word 7. Thick; heavy.

Running Down. Word 1. A dandy or dude. Word 2. A portable oil burning light. Word 3. Where the stars and planets dwell. Word 6. What we sleep in. Word 8. A garden implement.

YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE ANSWERED.



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Ye Smudge Pot

Plump ladies battling fat, are getting up early to turn cartwheels on the lawn, and if they fall its on their own responsibility.

What has become of the Oregon branch and superintendent of the A-Int-No-Saloon League?

Lady Ford-Coupe, of the local British set, who has no daughter, Monday purchased three magazines for her.

Our metropolitan press is talking about the "logical candidates for governor," and something ought to be said about the illogical candidates, of which there will be no lack.

WHOA! I SAY!

Rez, the King of Wild Horses, has IT. If I could find a leading man with the same look in his eyes, my quest would be finished."

Sparks is traveling through the country in a Ford car and carries a small engine that furnishes power. (Pilot Rock News) founds plausible, meaning the idea, not the engine.

It has been discovered by Portland sport writers, that the reason the Portland ball team only wins one game a week, is because the ball is "lively." This knocks the idea in the head that the Portland team won one game a week because the other teams got the most runs.

"Civilized warfare" is getting more so. The President disapproves of putting typhoid germs in drinking water.

Cosmetics and narcotics for 4ds are still being peddled in our midst.

FAIR WARNING

Her voice has a peculiarly sympathetic quality that holds and attracts her hearers—as one but it, "her voice has a quality that will play havoc with the hearts of her audience."

The member of the fair sex who requested that something be printed about John Mann, called yesterday and acted like Engle Point. She discussed matters not beside the question, or behind it. Your cor, which she ceased her oratorical intelligency her name would be printed, but she can read it here, which is just an effective, and sater.

DAMMED FISH IGNORE FISH LADDER

(Hille Marshfield News.) So would you.

The automobile tramp has really become a serious problem so far as relief organizations are concerned. On the ground that it is cheaper to travel in a flyover than to pay rent thousands of families are moving all the time from community to community and from city to city, living off charity, organized or otherwise. (Eugene Guard.) This is horrible, and what'll the tourists say?

A FLIP GROCER

FOR SALE—Jane ate cake and Jane ate jelly, Jane went to bed with a pain in her. Now don't be misled, the Hurry Cash Grocery still sells the best home made CAKES in town.

Fate has smote Dick Sherwood an uncalled-for lick. He has two grown boys with C. Chaplin mustaches, eye-brow model, nose width.

"When the First Cause built up Adam and created Eve, his madam. He used a pile of dust, and then a rib. And, while leaving out the index He inserted an appendix. But to claim they both had tails is but a fib!

Of course there is a vestige. But a coxy has no prestige. Even though there's muscles there to wag with.

And we've no right to inquire What prompted our first sire, So let's denounce the tale of tails a myth.

the judge, exasperated, Shall have led and tersely stated, "We're all puse in Monkeyville, in Tennessee!" (S. F. Bulletin)

QUILL POINTS

The proper study of man is the laws he feels under obligation to obey.

Philosophy is what you develop as a substitute for a winning streak.

Every once in a while you see a prize-winning poem or story that is pretty good.

Common soap made Lord Loveluhme. Soft soap made many a lord before him.

Classical literature: The kind given free in eight volumes with a set of trash.

Example of husband having the last word: "Blah! You haven't got the nerve to shoot."

One good thing about a resort is that you can enjoy the view every day without tipping it.

It is well to be fastidious, but a new divorce suit every season is going a little too far.

Correct this sentence: "They lost their money," said the man, "but that didn't affect their social standing."

Correct this sentence: "I don't believe in evolution," said he, "and I've read the whole of Darwin's 'Origin of Species.'"

How Schools Are Run at Pendleton

It isn't only for its nationally known Round-Up that Pendleton is an outstanding city.

Pendleton is equally eminent as a city of outstanding schools. For years it has pursued a steady policy of electing a school board of substantial and far-seeing business men. The board, in turn, employs the best obtainable superintendent and principals, and to these experts largely commits the direction of school policy and organization. For seven years H. E. Intow, one of the outstanding educators of the state, has been superintendent, with the result that there is a wonderful harmony of effort from the school board down to the humblest instructor.

For years the citizens have been proud of their schools. They pay the best salaries to their teachers of any city in the state outside of Portland. They withhold nothing that is required in the way of equipment to make school work completely effective.

This emphasis of the schools has long prevailed in Pendleton. It dates back into the days when Dr. C. J. Smith, now of Portland, was a conspicuous figure in Pendleton life. The population of the city is of a kind that does nothing by halves. The harmony, the efficiency, the universal ideal for effective schools and the results accomplished thru that policy are an example to all other cities of what school work should be and how it should be carried on.

It is in striking contrast with the factionalism and tangles in the school activities in some of the cities in Oregon.—Portland Journal.