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ANOTHER "PERFECT CRIME."

ANOTHER "perfect crime" points a perfect moral. Like Dr. Brumfield in Oregon and the Loeb-Leopold boys in Chicago, Dr. Schwartz of Berkeley, California, boasted a superior intelligence. Crime interested him and he was convinced that with his extensive knowledge and extraordinary wit he could conceive and execute a murder which would bring him wealth, and baffle the forces of law and order completely.

It was Dr. Schwartz's theory that the criminal usually meets disaster, not because he does wrong, but because he does it stupidly. So the murder of an itinerant laborer, the collection of a fortune in life insurance was prepared with the skill of a criminal master, and the distinguished chemist, was ready to take a trip to Europe, and chortle for the rest of his life over how easy it was to beat the game, if you only do it cleverly.

But something went wrong with Dr. Schwartz, just as it did with Brumfield and the Chicago prodigies. The watchman returned too soon, just as the Brumfield car failed to burn and, the Loeb chauffeur destroyed the perfect alibi.

Something always goes wrong. To the materialist the regularity with which criminals come to grief,—tho not so frequently to just punishment—must prove a baffling mystery. For there is no material explanation. On the ground of cold logic and the law of chance, most of these perfect crimes would come through nicely. But somehow they never do,—or almost never. The few exceptions only prove the rule that there is a moral law at work somewhere, which no one understands and which the perfect criminal always scoffs at as, childish and stupid.

And it is this moral law that invariably spells the perfect criminals undoing. A great many people complain of the publicity given crime these days, apparently under the delusion that news creates crime rather than crime news.

It might help matters materially if these good people would observe that crime news teaches the lesson, that the wages of sin is death, and incidentally it was the publicity given the Walnut Creek murder that led to the apprehension and destruction of the man who committed it.

QUILL POINTS

A statesman is a politician who never steals anything except territory.

Perhaps more of us would be cynics if the cynics seemed a little happier.

A good vocabulary doesn't help much in describing the weather.

So many of the things that are good for you have the general characteristics of spinach.

1880: Drunk cowboy licking the town marshal. 1925: Movie cowboy licking a cone of ice cream.

Another good way to avoid decrease in the French population is to keep it out of Morocco.

About the only thing in peace times that corresponds with a strategic retreat is bankruptcy.

Among the things that make life hard for a widow are friends full of advice.

An ordinary man is one who loses little sleep about the fact that gangsters are killing gangsters.

All you can say for a village that deports Japanese is that it gives the state department some practice in diplomacy.

Starting with nothing doesn't seem such a hardship to those who are accustomed to coming back from vacations.

There were no lawn mowers to borrow in Bible times, else that man never would have asked: "Who is my neighbor?"

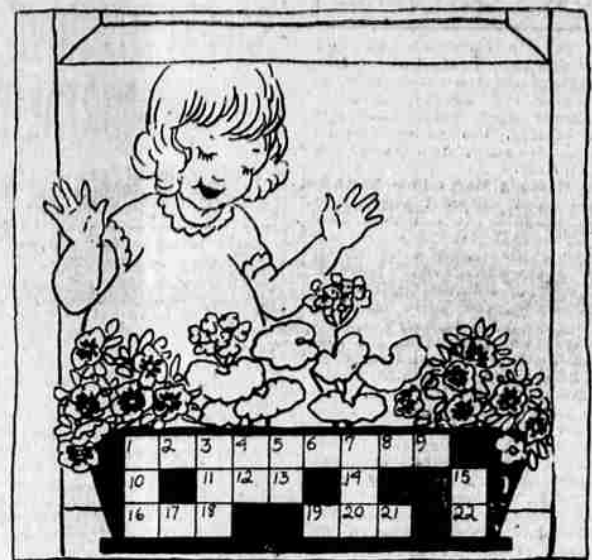
Correct this sentence: "My cook was a treasure," said she, "but she was impudent and I discharged her."

Correct this sentence: "We leave the children at intervals," said she, "but never give them minute instructions about behaving."



THE FORMULA. A RICH man died the other day; he had some seven million bones; and just before he passed away, he said, in low and throbbing tones, "Success in life may be achieved by lads who're not afraid to sweat, who pay all bills when they're received, and never, never go in debt. Be cranks, young men, on paying bills—this is my message to you all;" and then refusing further pills, he turned his wan face to the wall. He started business poorly fixed, he had some hundreds, it is said; he never got his mottoes mixed, he paid his bills and went ahead. "I'll pay up always as I go and go no further than I pay;" these were the words he used to throw around about him every day. And soon he had a fine renown that circulated everywhere; he always paid the money down when any bill was just and fair. A reputation of this kind is better than a pedigree, and he who bears it soon will find that all the world's his Christmas tree. So in a few brief busy years this man accomplished splendid things, was famous in three hemispheres, from Birmingham to Holly Springs. Revered, respected and admired, at last he felt his work was done; he gave his message and expired—a message good for every one. "Young men, he cranks of paying bills!" It isn't in poetic vein; it won't impart esthetic thrills, but it is strictly safe and sane.

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE STORY INDOOR FLOWERS



I know a little girl who has a fine 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9 right in her bed room window. I think she is only six years 3-11-18 but she keeps her flowers 15-22 such fine condition one would be 11-12-13 to believe a much older person tended them. "Let us 19-20-21 a few bright 16-17-18 flowers to my window box. 4-12 would like to see a flower 7-14-20 of red flowers 1-10-16 they are so cheerful!" said the little girl. The little girl's brother 5-13 made the window box for her. Answer To Last Puzzle 1-2-3-4 (mail), 3-7-9 (Ida), 10-12 (to), 13-14-15 (box), 1-5-8 (man), 2-6 (an), 11-14 (no), 9-10 (at), 5-6-7 (sand), 19-20 (is), 17-18 (Ma), 17-19-21-22 (mind), 22-23 (do), 15-16-18-20 (Xmas).

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 it is deemed, and addressed in 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.

The Medicine Will Follow.

Editors sometimes remind verbose contributors or reporters that the story of creation was told in rather less than half a column. True, but maybe if the writers of that story had spread it over a full column all this bickering and quarreling among some of the evolutionists and some of the religionists might have been prevented. However, I confess that when I have something to say I have no trouble saying it in less than half a column; it is only that I haven't anything to say that I feel cramped here. I have nothing to say today, that is, nothing you can cut out and paste in your doctor book or on the door of your medicine cupboard. I am just going to spill a few words today about an assumption, an hypothesis if you please, but one with good scientific ground under it, I believe. The idea, confront you with a condition rather than a theory, and if you want to find out what the medicine for the condition is you'll have to keep up your subscription for at least a few days longer, until the remedy shall be divulged in the sequel to this talk. And in order to present the outline in the space now remaining we'll have to resort to telegraphic brevity.

Exposure of the body to direct sunlight and open air is curative in various forms of tuberculosis and other low grade, chronic or long drawn out infections. Some characteristic, as yet unidentified, distinguishes fresh air or outdoor air from even wholesome or clean indoor air. Most of the physical or chemical effects of sunlight are produced by the invisible rays beyond the violet in the spectrum, or as they are called, ultra-violet rays. Sunlight is the richest source of ultra-violet rays, though practically the mercury vapor quartz lamp can provide 30 or 40 times the amount of effective ultra-violet rays ordinarily obtainable from sunlight.

Certain food materials which are ordinarily poor sources of vitamins may be activated by exposing them to ultra-violet light, so that they will yield to the animal or human body necessary vitamins. No one knows as yet precisely what a vitamin is, but physiologists have proved that apparently four or possibly more of these unidentified food factors are essential in the diet of growing animals and man. For emphasis let us repeat that some foods, such as the vegetable oils, ordinarily poor or lacking in vitamins, may be endowed with vitamins by exposing them to the influence of ultra-violet light, be it natural or artificial.

Physiologists have demonstrated thru animal experimentation that the very life process itself (metabolism) is dependent upon ultra-violet light, and that the young animal cannot be healthy or strong, cannot develop or grow normally without this vital influence. These same physiologists have carried on experiments in nutrition which strongly suggest we cannot yet say, prove, that the vitamins may be carriers of the vital influence conveyed by the ultra-violet. Their studies have lent weight to the idea that exposure to the open air and sunlight tends to increase one's resistance to the respiratory infections. The common respiratory infections (CR) include all of the eruptive fevers and the other communicable "children's diseases," so called.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Fish Skin. Some time ago you gave a formula for dry or fish skin. Several people have told me it was fine. Please repeat it, so that I can have it put up. My skin becomes actually scaly particularly about the elbows and knees and most in the winter-time. I have tried dozens of things with no effect.—B. L. E. Answer—Rosecrin 1.30 grains Powdered benzoin 20 grains Absolute alcohol 15 minims Oil of sesame 4 ounces This must be digested three hours over a water bath, then filtered. Just a few drops of this should be rubbed into the affected skin once or twice daily. Some druggists will tell you they have never heard of rosecrin or powdered benzoin, or oil of sesame, but they'll know absolute alcohol all right. The kind of druggist that has never heard of these medicinal items ordinarily knows absolute alcohol intimately. And ethyl alcohol, low and Jack. In general do you recommend high or low altitude for the neurasthenic? Would Colorado Springs or Los Angeles be better for one who is nervously excitable, depressed at times, subject to giddiness. Answer—Here, here, cut that out. We can't permit you to smuggle symptoms into this column that way. Try Penn Yan for the first and last symptom—I tried it and it worked like a charm, but I was depressed all the time I was there. Colorado Springs and Angelburg are both pretty good for the first two symptoms, but judging by the letters residents of these burghs write me I fear the places would not help the last symptom much. In general, it is probable that neither high nor low altitude has much to do with the condition of such a person, unless he has too much Jack. Very high altitude is stimulating. Dry Bunk. Please tell me what all this talk about too much water acting as a poison to the body means.—D. W. Answer—Posh. Some people do not drink enough water. Few, if any drink any more than is good for them. Felon. What is a felon and how can it be stopped or killed?—Mrs. V. S. Answer—A felon is an abscess under dense, unyielding walls, such as the tough periosteum (membrane covering bone), usually in a finger. For relief of pain, safety and quick recovery, the proper treatment is immediate incision and drainage, under anesthesia. Huge Postoffice Deficit. WASHINGTON, Aug. 10 (A. P.)—A cash deficit of \$37,149,000 for the fiscal year of 1925 which closed last June 30, was announced today by the postoffice department after a preliminary compilation of receipts and expenditures made at the request of Postmaster General New.

Abe Martin



The reason I believe the earth is round is because Rev. Culp, of Indiana, who's alius runnin' off from his wife an' five little children never fails to come back where he started from. The up-to-date farmer is keepin' books just like any business man, an' t'day after Jake Bentley got thro' lookin' over his ledger, he said, "Well, sir, if I hadn' pulled a couple o' tourists out o' th' ditch I'd a lost money on my farm last year."

Poems That Live

Why Art Thou Silent? Why art thou silent? Is thy love a plant Of such weak fibre that the treacherous air Of absence withers what was once so fair? Is there no debt to pay, no boon to grant? Yet have my thoughts for thee been vigilant, Bound to thy service with unceasing care. The milder, least generous wish a modicum For aught but what thy happiness could spare. Speak—tho this soft, warm heart, once free to hold A thousand tender pleasures, thin and mine. Be left more desolate, more dreary cold Than a forsaken bird's nest filled with snow. 'Mid its own bush of leafless eglantine, Speak, that my torturing doubts their end may know! —William Wordsworth.

Timely Views on World Topics

Lack of Steel Eliminates Japan as War Threat, Says Geology Professor. Lack of steel eliminates Japan as a war menace to western civilization, according to Dr. Charles Kleith, professor of geology, University of Wisconsin. "Since steel plays such a vital part in modern civilization, the dearth of mineral resources in the east seems to contradict decisively the theory that the east is going to be the center of the civilization of the future," he said. "It also removes Japan as a war threat. A nation cannot have great war power without great industrial power. In the opinion of many students of world affairs, steel is more important than food in war." "The discussion of Japan as a formidable power is based on a misapprehension of the facts. All talk of Japan's menace is merely bullying a puny power. Japan is woefully weak in this main sinew of war—steel and knows it. It seems incredible that Japan, realizing this situation, could consider war on a large scale. It seems impossible that they could keep the way open to any one of the three great steel producing centers—the Lake Superior region of the United States, England and the Ruhr, which together produce more than 90 per cent of the world's steel—especially if she were at war with any one of the countries which control these regions." New Iron and Coal Fields Unlikely. Dr. Kleith pointed out that there were three factors necessary for the establishment of a great steel producing industry—iron, ore, coal, to which the iron is always moved, and an established steel finishing industry. Because of the need for all three factors occurring in the same place, because of the immense amount of capital required to build up such an industry and because geological surveys indicate that no new discoveries of large deposits of coal and iron ore are likely, he continued, it was hardly possible that any steel producing industry could be established in the Orient or anywhere else in the world to compete with the three in America, England and the Ruhr.

Children's Pictorial Cross Word Puzzle



Running Across. Word 1. Animal in the picture. Word 4. Active strength or force. Word 5. The opposite of late. Running Down. Word 1. A sport of France. Word 2. Keenly desirous. Word 3. To deck or dress up.

YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE ANSWERED.



World Flyer Arrives. BRISBANE, Queensland, Aug. 10 (A. P.)—Commander De Pinedo, the Italian aviator, who is flying from Italy to Japan, has arrived at Townsville, North Queensland, from Rockhampton. This leg of his flight was about 375 miles.

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