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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry.

The chill blasts of winter penetrate the inner defenses of man, and one and all should change their whereabouts.

Manufacturers of chewing tobacco proclaim that it is still being used to "strengthen the worker and aid the thinker."—(S.F. Examiner.) Now it's your turn to tell one.

Since the womenfolk's frequent harships, there is a decline in cuspiding and an increase in the desire to do so.

Our Soborner and Grand Lecturer is versatile. Every county fair he has attended is "the best I ever seen."

A man was heard praising the UofO. football team to V. Vawter Tuesday. Mr. Vawter is an alumnus, and the flatterer was out of money.

LOST—SAT. P. M.—Large nugget plant with many catch.—(Roseburg News-Review.) A modern invention fails to function.

The law of commensation has started to work anew. Billy Sunday has been offered a job in the movies, and two Chicago bootleggers have been called Shioks.

The time your corr. received derogatory letters from four separate people, in the same handwriting, has been used. Derogatory telephone messages have been received from four separate people, all in the same voice.

The kids who last year were short of organic salts, are now racing to eternity shy of calcium lime.

SOUNDS SUSPICIOUS (Los Angeles Times) ARTISTIC 6-room home; 3 spacious bedrooms, living room 14 1/2 x 25; a high barrel ceiling, jug-shaped fireplace, all rooms hand decorated. 2-car garage. 432 N. ALMONT, 2 blocks east of Bohney dr., Beverly Hills. Builder, Tucker 8171.

Flies continue plentiful, but are easier to hit.

Culinary artists are now making pumpkin pies. The feat is accomplished without the use of pumpkins.

Once upon a time a jazz orchestra came along that was not accused of making a pronounced and decided hit at the leading beach resorts of southern California.

Bye, Baby Hunting. Papa's gone a-hunting. Mama take you to the dance.

WELL SAID (Oregon City Enterprise) "Old Jerry," the family horse that has served Mr. and Mrs. McIntyre at Brightwood over 29 years, made his last trip to the buckleye fields last week and is no more.

"The Menace of Al Smith," is swooping down upon the nation, so much so that the most conservatively terrified of the Portland press mentions the Ku Klux Klan on its editorial page. There is some talk of Mr. Smith running for president in 1928. Alfred seems to be a menace in three different directions: viz: opposition to politicians making an unholy farce out of prohibition; government by shirt-tailed maskers, and the lending of all that is saved by economy at home to nations abroad. This sounds reasonable to entirely too many voters for comfort in Republican ranks, hence, Mr. Smith is a menace.

To the Editor: I am a water user. I have investigated the new water supply, and I find the same is wet, will not run uphill, and seeks its own level. Do we want to take a chance on a liquid that conducts itself in this manner? I am also informed it nourishes a loafing place for pussy-willows, worse than Bear Creek. Let us drown the city hall gang in it, at the polls. We get our general light and heat from the Sun and Moon. I have never been able to find the supply un satisfactory. Then why not get our water from either the Big Dipper or the Little Dipper? Anybody that it looks to me like somebody has been drinking still water, buried deep, I have read all the letters, and there has not been an inkling on the real questions confronting the population, in the main.

Yours, A. Fawcett.

ATTEND THE MASS MEETING FRIDAY.

A WEEK from tomorrow the people of Medford will decide the question of a new water system.

As The Mail Tribune has pointed out before, this is a question of supreme importance to the city, and should be decided not upon hearsay and suspicion, but upon the facts.

Thus far the opposition has been saturated in an atmosphere of vague suspicion. The most absurd charges have been made and the most fantastic innuendos circulated.

To the people who still entertain these suspicions, there is only one sensible course to pursue,—bring the suspicion out in the open and let it meet the facts. If the facts support the suspicion well and good, if they don't, then the suspicion can be deposited in the ash can, where unwarranted suspicions belong.

A good place to ascertain the facts will be at the mass meeting at the Natatorium Friday night, to which everyone in the city is invited. All are welcomed, but those who are now opposed to the new water system or who are undecided regarding its necessity, are particularly invited.

There is no justification for mudslinging or pettyfogging in this campaign. The question is not a personal or political one, but a question of public policy, which should be and can be settled, in an atmosphere of mutual good will, tolerance, and a common desire to ascertain the truth.

QUILL POINTS

No sex can endure half masculine and half feminine.

Far too many people seem to think variety is also the spice of matrimony.

It is so difficult to tell just where poise leaves off and swell-head begins.

Now Is the Time to Plant Sweet Peas

Local Minister Gives Expert Advice on Culture on Fragrant and Popular Flower.

For the past ten years one of the citizens of Medford, Rev. J. B. Coan, has been growing sweet peas and experimenting in sweet pea culture in the northwest. He has developed this hobby to such an extent that sweet pea lovers constantly seek his advice along this line. Mr. Coan believes that during the past season certain varieties which he developed in Medford have surpassed any outdoor grown sweet peas anywhere on the north Pacific coast, and is more than enthusiastic over the possibilities which southern Oregon climatic and soil conditions possess for the culture of this popular flower.

Mr. Coan has set forth in the following interview information from his experience of value to sweet pea lovers of this section and to any who desire to grow this flower which is rapidly increasing in popular favor.

"So many requests have come to me since I have been in Medford for information regarding the culture of fine sweet peas, which has been one of my hobbies for the past ten years, that it has occurred to me to give any who desire it the advantage of my experience in this delightful pastime. I am sure that I do not know all there is to be known about the culture of sweet peas, but during these years I have experimented with this flower and grown it under almost every possible condition with many failures and many gratifying successes.

"There are few sections of the country so well suited as these coast valleys for sweet peas I have learned, and my results the past two seasons has revealed to me two things. First, that there is not a spot on the continent which can produce sweet peas to surpass those cultured here, when the season is normal; and second, I am thoroughly convinced that this valley is destined to become a section where many varieties of fine peas will be produced on a commercial scale.

"There is no flower, which even under average conditions, yields such gratifying results as the sweet pea. The rose has a longer season, but is not nearly so prolific. The sweet pea requires slightly more attention than the rose, but during the blooming season, ten minutes a day is sufficient time to give to a thirty or forty foot row.

"The reason for this interview just now is because fall planting for early spring blooming should be done immediately. For the finest flowers and the earliest, from four to six weeks earlier, plant now in the light of the moon. The plants will attain three or four inches or more before steady cold nights come and each warm day during the winter will grow a little and when spring opens they are well on the way to budding when the spring planting is coming up.

"There are two things which I consider most important about fall planting of sweet peas. First, the right kind of seed, and second, the location of the row. Ray Spencers or other exceptionally well developed seed, and in separate colors, in the bulk. Any amount from a quarter ounce up can be purchased. Place the seed in glasses and cover with warm water and in twenty-four to forty-eight hours, depending upon the shade, the seed will be swelled and germinated, sometimes even sprouted. Any seed that fails to swell take a pen knife and clip the hard hull. Then plant varieties separately.

"Any soil in this valley, except hardpan, if well fertilized with old manure is excellent. The second important item in fall planting is the location of the row. The sunny side of house, trellis, etc., with rows running in east and west directions is best. North and south rows for spring planting. In case the sweet pea row has no house, fence or trellis as a background to catch the winter and spring sun, stand a wide board on edge along the north side of the row six or eight inches from it. In the fall cover about half inch.

"Fall planted sweet peas are usually through by mid-summer, having a blossoming season of from eight to ten and sometimes twelve weeks, but seldom more than ten. Spring planting sometimes if the season is right, will blossom until frost, but usually gone by August first. Of course there are many varieties of Spencers, and any wishing to know the best for this locality, I will be glad to inform them.

"I hope to see this wonderful flower more popular here and a sweet pea culture club organized with an annual spring or early summer sweet pea flower show promoted by the club."

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.

Air Is a Good Antiseptic.

In surgery, as in many other fields of endeavor there is a marked trend back to nature. After all, it matters not how skilled a surgeon may be, nor how impeccable his technique, he is bound to call a consultant to help him in bringing about good healing. The consultant is old Doctor Nature, prince of Charlatans, inflated by flattering letters, resoundful but never entirely reliable unless supervised by intelligence. Nature is a wonderful healer, but recks little if the patient is mutilated while the healing process is under way. For instance, nature will heal a broken bone without human aid, but what a hideous deformity results! And nature will amputate a gangrenous toe successfully—if the patient can endure the prolonged operation.

Back to nature under the eye of a skilled physician—that is the sensible program. If you trust to Old Doctor Nature unassisted, you are pretty sure to encounter disaster sooner or later. Fresh air is by all odds the most efficient antiseptic known to science. By fresh air we mean ordinary cool, moving air. As an application for an inflamed or unclean wound or ulcer or burn it has no peer. But it must be applied in the form of a mixture—equal parts of air and brains. Nature contributes the former; the doctor adds the latter to the formula. A dog or a horse or a wild animal may do fairly well with a wound treated by fresh air alone, for animals have a better "stand in" with nature than we civilized mortals. Animals do not break so many of nature's laws as we do. A dog may lick his wound with his tongue—the only thing cleaner than a hound's tooth. A civilized human being had better not try the experiment until he is first convinced his mouth does not harbor disease germs.

If the wound, burn or ulcer can be kept at rest, under a suitable screen to keep off insects and prevent contact with bed clothing, there is no dressing more comfortable than just room or open air. Excessive discharge promptly diminishes or disappears. Unpleasant odor is soon removed. Pain ceases. Healing proceeds with incredible speed. Just air is a more efficient, less irritating antiseptic than any chemical.

How to apply air is a technical problem which only the doctor can solve when the patient must be about. Various screens or frames may be constructed to keep everything but air from contact with the open surface. The method has proved a happy one in the great Cook county hospital, Chicago. It will be widely employed when it becomes better known. It is no more available for self-treatment or for unskilled hands than skin grafting. It is as simple as skin grafting, but alas, the simplest things are the hardest things to do in surgery.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Doctor Surgically Removes Pin Worms.

A boy of 9, healthy heretofore, began having attacks of abdominal pain, vomiting, rigidity of right rectus muscle, tenderness right lower quadrant, temperature around 102. Appendicitis was diagnosed. At operation the distal of the very long appendix appeared clubbed. On opening the appendix the dilation proved to be due to a mass of pin worms. This was a new one on me, is it rare? Answer—It is rare, comparatively. Still, a long list of such cases has been reported in recent years. Probably the appendix makes a comfortable depot or headquarters for pin worms in many cases. In the colon in that neighborhood the worm larvae mature. The adult worms then descend to the lower bowel. Rattlesnake Oil Superstition. Please tell me where I can purchase genuine rattlesnake oil for rheumatism. Answer—I don't know. Why not try hunting your own snake—that would do more good than any oil.

THE DATE TREE BY ERNEST SEEMAN



Sept. 30th, 1874—51 years ago.—The Fiji Islands are annexed by Great Britain. Captain Cook, the British navigator, discovered one of the Fiji Islands as early as 1773, but as the country was inhabited by ferocious cannibals, his government did not then annex them. In 1840 the United States made a survey of the group, which was found to contain 250 islands, 30 of them inhabited. In 1859 Chief Thakombau, having trouble with his subjects, appealed to both England and America to take over his dominion. After several years of negotiation, England finally consented. Copyright, 1925, Prentice-Hall, Inc.

Children's Pictorial Cross Word Puzzle



Running Across. Word 1. What the barber in the picture gave the pig. Word 4. What the people who live in Ireland are called. Word 5. The rear of a boat; also a synonym for ha'sh.

Running Down. Word 1. The name of a kind of cheese. Word 2. The name of the little girl who had so many adventures in Wonderland. Word 3. The first name of the leader of the "Green Mountain Boys" during the Revolutionary War.

YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE ANSWERED



ANNOUNCEMENTS

UNITED STATES SENATOR JAMES J. CROSSLEY Of Portland, Oregon, hereby announces that he is a candidate for the Republican nomination for U. S. Senator at the May, 1926, Primaries. Will work zealously for development of Oregon and support of measures for real benefit of farmers as suggested by their organizations. Favor World Court and Reform Senate. Adv.

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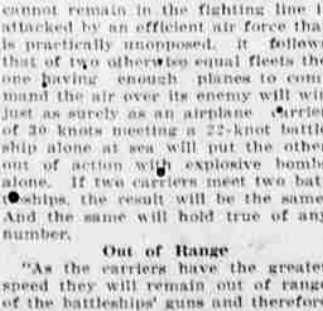
Divecin's prohibition from politics is just about as likely as getting a daughter if you give up a worthless husband. Miss Pearl Moots, of the Munc. Recremer Beauty Parlor, is organizing a class in spittin' fer cigarette smokers.

Timely Views on World Topics

Best Battleships Afloat Can Be Destroyed By Aircraft, Warns Admiral Sims.

Those who contend that airplanes far outstrip battleships as fighting forces have a strong ally in Rear Admiral W. S. Sims, U. S. N. In a recent statement he declared that "aircraft of the land forces completely surprised and defeated the scouting fleet" during the navy maneuvers at Hawaii. "Even the most hard boiled of the battleship men," Admiral Sims insists, "have to acknowledge that the precious battleships cannot escape disablement in the presence of an air force that completely controls the air over them. They may be able to drive mine plugs into the leaks and limp into port, as the general board claims, but so far as the battle is concerned they might as well be sunk. Fleet Unequal to Planes. "If therefore, the great battleships cannot remain in the fighting line if attacked by an efficient air force that is practically unopposed, it follows that of two otherwise equal fleets the one having enough planes to command the air over its enemy will win just as surely as an airplane carrier of 20 knots meeting a 22-knot battleship alone at sea will put the other out of action with explosive bombs. If two carriers meet ten battleships, the result will be the same. And the same will hold true of any number. Out of Range. "As the carriers have the greater speed they will remain out of range of the battleships' guns and therefore suffer no damage whatever, while the

ADMIRAL SIMS



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