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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry.

It seems to be well established that a convict at the state penitentiary is lucky if he serves his time without becoming a drunkard or a drug fiend.

AN AMAZING SUIT FOR ONLY \$12.50—(Ad American Legion Weekly.) If the price don't astound you, the garment will.

Between the hypocrisy of the Jr. wooden-dry, the eminent and stalwart wet-dry, and dictation by the Ain't No Saloon League, the former has the best of it.

PLAIN BRUTE DEGENERACY (Press Dispatch) In her divorce action Mrs. Jones claims non-support, asserting that since she shot her husband he has contributed nothing to her support.

Some of our males have no more business wearing short pants, than some of the women have of wearing short skirts.

Remarks of a football coach to a player who has just run 90 yards for a touchdown: "TERRIBLE! TERRIBLE! Get over there with the girls and make mud pie until you can do something! GIT!"

A Rurle Todd, who engineered a self-conducted hell at Kelso, Wash., is now in Oregon. How the state happened to miss him in the first place is a mystery.

AN OPTIMISTIC PESSIMIST (Grants Pass Courier) H. H. Boomer has returned from a week spent in Portland. He is going out to his road camp at Waddo today. When asked when the contract will be completed, Mr. Boomer stated that his men might have a surprise for him and have it done now, for all he knows, but that he thinks it will be about December 1 before he has it completed.

It's getting along toward the time of the year when the starving Armenians start starving.

How does the state fish and game commission stand on the proposal to honeycomb the commonwealth with two railroads?

Mary, nee Marianne Green has returned from the metropolita, where she met a number of film-doll's leading billposters. Miss Green is up and coming, and full of city tricks. She dawdles a mean cigarette-holder, after the manner of a club bear.

No bouncing father of a proud baby boy, has bounced any longer about it than Ashur Neff, Esq.

THE SHARP KNIFE SECTION (Albany Democrat) It is nothing uncommon to hear at the whittling bench the various prospective China hunters telling where to find great flocks of China pheasants and what they are going to do to them Thursday morning with the coming of the sun.

The Jville slogan in the courthouse extraction campaign will be: Medford is no Queen Victoria.

Here lies a noble Kiwanis; He inflicted songs upon us.

Wrestling prospects are very bright for Corvallis high this season, with the return of four lettermen and several others from last year's squad.—(Corvallis Gazette-Times.) The grapple for knowledge.

Put me down in some old cafe, By the side of a rain-drenched road With the francs to pay in a soldier's way.

And a stomach for any load, I'd like to be where the bunch has been.

In the days we used to know, Where it wasn't a sin to drink your vin.

And the mademoiselles weren't slow.

Just take me back where Madame goes by With the chatter of wooden shoes, Where the shadows fly when hope is high.

And gone are the loquacious blues, I'd like to hear those songs again That swell when buddies meet.

The songs of men who dared, and then I'd come back home to sweet.

—Vance C.

SENATOR RALSTON

SENATOR RALSTON, who died in Indiana yesterday, was in many ways a very remarkable man. He presented that rare combination in political life today, a truly modest and self-effacing gentleman, and a keenly far-sighted and successful politician.

From miner's helper to the United States senate, epitomized his typically American career. But he never gained political advantage by the conventional tricks of the politician. His strength lay not in his ability to flim-flam the people, but in his ability to understand them.

Only those on the inside at the democratic convention in 1924 know how near the Indiana senator came to being the democratic nominee. At any time after the Smith-McAdoo deadlock he could have had the nomination without the asking. All the cards were set for his triumphal entry. Had he not absolutely refused to consider it, and formally announced that if nominated he would decline to run, he, instead of Davis, would have headed the democratic ticket.

His refusal was an example of his political shrewdness. He knew what most of his supporters failed to grasp, namely, that nothing could prevent a Republican victory. He could undoubtedly have carried Indiana, and had a fair chance of some of the border states, but he would have gone down, as Davis went down, before an irresistible Coolidge landslide.

The death of Senator Ralston, following the death of W. J. Bryan, again weakens democratic leadership, and adds weight to the prediction that the fate of Democracy in the next election, rests upon the shoulders of two candidates previously defeated in the conventions, W. G. McAdoo and Al Smith.

It is not a cheering prospect. Neither the Democratic party nor the country can afford the loss of a man who, like Senator Ralston, so ably represented the best traditions and finest ideals of American life.

QUILL POINTS

Brief example of faith in the scheme of things: "Charge it."

This is the time of year when every school has the best football prospect in five years.

Rats! The Orientals don't believe in kissing, and look at the darned things.

The new model Fords look about the same, however, after an argument with a telephone pole.

The stranger who looks at you in that interested way is preparing to ask if you've gotta match.

A Christian nation is one that deports tong fighters and keeps only its gunmen.

Americanism: "Hard knocks made me a success; I'm going to make things easier for my boy."

If the air service gets more money, think how many bureaus will get insubordinate and court investigation!



JUST FOLKS

I HAVE met the famed and mighty, men of wisdom and of sense, and I never found them flighty with a vanity intense. They were simple in their manners, they were quiet, often shy, and they waved no gaudy banners to impress the passing guy. "We're just folks," their whole demeanor seemed to say, in modest tones, and they called for kraut and wiener just like Smith or Brown or Jones. "We're just folks, we grieve or frolic like the unknown passerby, and at night we have the codie if we've eaten too much pie. We have made some small successes since the day when we were born, but the best of us confesses that he has an aching corn. We are told we may have places in the nation's hall of fame, but we've pimples on our faces and the gout has made us lame. We are only common mortals, we have sorrow, hope and gloom, walking sadly to the portals of the pride-effacing tomb." I have seen the selling-plater, I have seen him at his den, and he fancied he was greater than the common run of men. He had gathered transient glory that would fizzle in a day, and he thought in song and story he would shine and throw away. And his bearing was so regal, it was quite a holy show, and he thought himself an eagle while he struck me as a crow. Tin horns, pikers, scowl and grumble if we bow not and adore, but the truly great are humble—they're just folks, and nothing more.

Children Cry for Fletcher's CASTORIA



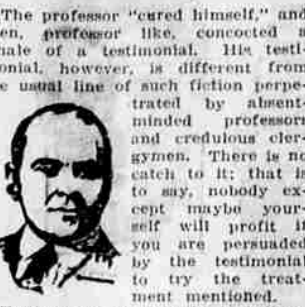
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Temperature a Great Health Conservator.



The professor "cured himself," and then, professor like, concocted a testimonial. His testimonial, however, is different from the usual line of such fiction perpetrated by absent-minded professors and credulous clergymen. There is no catch to it; that is to say, nobody except maybe yourself will profit if you are persuaded to try the treatment mentioned. Testimonials in general, I believe, should be read for amusement only; they are excellent humor, provided you are not too gullible. Symptom hounds should leave testimonials strictly alone; they'll find richer pickings in quick doctor books or pamphlets for prospects. The professor's treatment—well, you may take it or leave it, and almost everybody will leave it if the court knows herself, and she thinks she do.

your present position, what asylum are you going to enter when you complete your course? If vaccination were the evil you imagine and doctors the inhuman wretches you anti-vaccinationists would make them out to be, how come so many of us doctors who oppose compulsory vaccination are so careful to keep ourselves and our loved ones vaccinated? Acquired Deformities Not Heritable. Infantile paralysis at the age of 10 years left one leg shorter than the other. The person in question is now 30. Would such a person be unfit for marriage and the rearing of children? (G. M. J.)

Answer.—No deficiency resulting from disease or injury is heritable. Only congenital defects, conditions present at birth, may be transmitted to children.

Saving the Mineral Elements. The makers of certain kitchen ware have put out utensils for a new method of cooking vegetables without water. Carrots, asparagus, beets, potatoes, string beans and other vegetables rich in minerals may be cooked by this method. Please give me your opinion of this, and of the necessity of retaining the mineral elements ordinarily lost by boiling and discarding the water the vegetables were boiled in. (B. M.)

Answer.—Roasting or baking or frying is better than boiling, because the mineral salts are retained. But if the water in which vegetables have been boiled is utilized in soups or otherwise as food, nothing is lost.



Mrs. Tilford Moots got a letter from her nephew, who lives in Wyoming, sayin' that last Sunday was such a beautiful day that at least thirty five people got killed. Ole home weeks are gittin' to be quite a tad, but what 'er country really needs is more modern-home weeks. (Copyright John F. Dillon Co.)

Poems That Live

The Chambered Nautilus. This is the ship of pearl, which poets feign. Sails the unshaded main,— The venturous bark that flings. On the sweet summer wind its purpled wings. In gulfs enchanted, when the Siren sing, And coral reefs lie bare, Where the cold sea-molds rise to sun their steaming hair. Its webs of living gauze no more unfurl; Wrecked is the ship of pearl! And every chambered cell, Where its dim dreaming life was wont to dwell, As the frail tenant shaped his growing shell, Before them lies revealed,— Its irised ceiling rent, its sunless crypt unsealed! Year after year beheld the silent toll! That spread its lustrous coil; Still, as the spiral grew, He left the past year's dwelling for the new. Stole with soft step its shining archway through, Built up its idle door, Stretched in his last found home, and knew the old no more.

Thanks for the heavenly message brought by thee, Child of the wandering sea, Cast from her lap, forlorn! From the dead lips a clearer note is born Than ever Triton blew from weathered horn! While on mine ear it rings, Through the deep caves of thought I hear a voice that sings:— Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul, As the swift seasons roll! Leave the low-vaulted past! Let each new temple, nobler than the last, Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast, Till thou at length art free, Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's unresting sea! —Oliver Wendell Holmes.

To Preserve Silver Tongue. RICHMOND, Ind.—Bryant's voice is immortal. Imperishable Macaulay records of the "Cross of Gold" speech and other masterpieces are to be kept in the national museum at Washington. Cook with...

Easy Lessons in AUCTION BRIDGE

New Series by WYNNE FERGUSON Author of "Ferguson on Auction Bridge" Copyright 1925 by Hoyle, Jr.

Is it more difficult to play the dummy hand against two opponents or for the two opponents to play against the declarer? That question has been the cause of much discussion but to the writer there seems only one answer. It is much more difficult for the opponents of the declarer. The latter can see his twenty-six cards and should know the best way of combining them to the best advantage. He is not in the dark as are his opponents, for they must guess as to the other's holding and they are just as apt to guess wrong as right. Also, in the opening lead, the opponents of the declarer are at a disadvantage. If partner has not bid, what should be the opening lead? This is a question that puzzles the experts at times but the average player can greatly overcome this difficulty by the careful study of a good table of leads. In playing against the declarer, try to convey as much information as possible to your partner by use of conventional leads and discards. Watch your partner's play and that of the declarer very closely. Try not only to make every play of your own convey information to your partner, but try also to learn something from every play of your partner and of the declarer. The following hand looks easy but unless the proper lead is made, the game is lost: Hearts—Q, J, 8 Clubs—7, 4, 2 Diamonds—K, 10, 7, 4, 2 Spades—J, 4 The dealer bid one spade and all passed. What is the correct opening lead with the above hand? The correct lead is the queen of hearts. Any other lead with this hand would have lost game. The player who held it opened the four of diamonds, a very bad lead. Never open a suit containing the king against a suit bid, if there is any other possible lead. It is nearly always a trick loser. The writer has occasionally mentioned the Law of Symmetry in these articles. This Law is, in effect, a theory that there is a symmetrical relation existing between the distribution of the four suits in any one of the four suits and the distribution of any one of the four suits among the four hands. This symmetrical relation is well exemplified by the distribution of the following hand which came up recently in actual play: Hearts—Q Clubs—K, J, 7, 4 Diamonds—A, 8, 7, 6, 2 Spades—5, 4, 3

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No score, rubber game. Z dealt and bid one spade. All passed and A opened the six of clubs. Z won the trick with the nine of clubs and proceeded to look the hand over. What would you figure as to probable distribution and correct play of the hand? Z should note that his own hand and Y's were divided 5-4-3-1. He also noted that A opened the six of clubs and that B played the deuce. If B had held two clubs, he would have started an echo to show his partner that he could trump the third round of clubs so his play of the deuce indicated a singleton Z, therefore, figured that the clubs were divided 5-4-3-1. He holds five spades and his dummy three so that if A also held a singleton, it must be in spades. Therefore the spades must be divided 5-4-3-1. His heart and diamond holding and that of the dummy also indicated a possibility that these suits were divided 5-4-3-1. Z, therefore, decided to play accordingly. At the second trick he led the ace of hearts and then a low heart trumping in dummy. He then led a low club which B trumped. On this trick Z played his ace of clubs so that he could finesse the king jack later. No matter what B now plays Z must make a small slam. Figure it out. The hand is remarkable in that after the first lead the distribution of all four suits can be so accurately determined. It is also a remarkable illustration of the Law of Symmetry. All of the four suits and all of the four hands have the same distribution, 5-4-3-1. It is the first time that the writer ever has noted such a unique hand.

Answer to Problem No. 2

Hearts—Q Clubs—Q, 9 Diamonds—A, 8 Spades—8, 5

Hearts—J, 10 Clubs—10 Diamonds—K, Q Spades—Q, 9

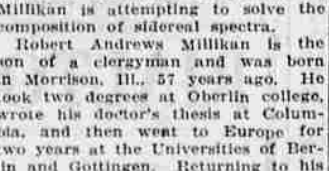
Hearts—8 Clubs—7, 6, 3, 2 Diamonds—10 Spades—10

Hearts—9, 5 Clubs—J Diamonds—7, 5 Spades—K, J

There are no trumps and Z is in the lead. How can YZ win at the tricks against any defense? Z should lead the jack of clubs and win the trick in Y's hand with the queen. Y should then lead the nine of clubs on which Z should discard the five of diamonds. A is now up against a discard. If he discards a heart, Y will play the queen of hearts and lead a spade so that Z's nine of hearts will be good. If A discards a diamond, both of Y's diamonds will be good. If A discards a spade, both of Z's spades will be good. Any of the three discards, therefore, will lay A's hand open to a loss of a trick. Suppose he discards a heart, Y plays the queen and then plays the five of spades. Z wins the trick and leads the nine of hearts. What can A now discard but a spade or a diamond? If the former, Z's spade is good; if the latter, Y's diamonds are good so that YZ must win the balance of the tricks.

Who's Who

DR. R. A. MILLIKAN Because of the discovery and invention of the ultimate unit of electricity, the electron, by Dr. A. MILLIKAN, scientists are able to explain many electrical phenomena which heretofore were rather abstract theories. In 1911 he first succeeded in isolating the electron; a few years later he was able to measure it by means of ultra-sensitive instruments. In 1923 his work was officially recognized and he was awarded the Nobel prize in physics for establishing the nature of electricity. At present Dr. Millikan is attempting to solve the composition of sidereal spectra. Robert Andrews Millikan is the son of a clergyman and was born in Morrison, Ill., 57 years ago. He took two degrees at Oberlin college, wrote his doctor's thesis at Columbia, and then went to Europe for two years at the Universities of Berlin and Göttingen. Returning to his alma mater, he became assistant in the Oberlin physical laboratories, working his way up to a full professorship in 1910. Then he was taken by the University of Chicago, and it was in the laboratories of this institution that he did his most valuable work during the next decade. During the war he was commissioned lieutenant-colonel and was made chief of the science and research division of the United States army signal corps. Since 1921 he has been at the California Institute of Technology at Pasadena. It was after he became professor at the University of Chicago that Dr. Millikan's work began to attract attention. In 1923 he was awarded the Comstock prize of the National Academy of Sciences for electrical research. In 1922 he received the Edison medal of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, and in the following year, the same year in which he received the Nobel prize, he was given the Hughes medal of the Royal Society of Great Britain.



THE DATE TREE



October 15, 1911—14 years ago—California passed the Woman Suffrage Act. The first State in the United States to enact such legislation, California by this law enfranchised 1,500,000 women, thus setting the pace which has now been followed by every other State in the Union. Copyright 1925 Premier Syndicate, Inc.

King George Reads Bible LONDON—King George reads a chapter of the Bible every day.

Girls! Have Pretty Eyes No girl is pretty if her eyes are red, strained or have dark rings. Simple camphor, witchhazel, etc., as mixed in Lavoptik eye wash, keeps eyes healthy, sparkling and vivacious. Dainty eye cup free. Leon B. Haskins. Sold in Central Point by Mary R. Mee, Druggist. Adv.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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