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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry.

The State Parent-Teachers association adopted resolutions condemning adopted to cows at the Pendleton Round-Up, on the day a Portland judge told them 95 per cent of all juvenile delinquency was due to parents.

LEGISLATURE TO BE ASKED TO CLOSE GAPS—(Hillside Klamath Falls News.) A step in the right direction, but they won't do it.

Seamless socks for the Galishevskis will keep the seams straight, but they won't straighten shanks like this: (.)

ENRaptured, BY GOSH! (Evansville, Ind., Pathfinder.) Thundering like caged spirits at the gates of the pit, with the supernatural howlings of tempestuous furies then with the cooling of the mildest zephyrs, swiftly changing again to the brasses of pillared gates clashing and the roar of the giant battering ram—and again changing without effort to the aeolian sweetness of the wind harp—that, mildly, is Evansville's organ answering the touch of Prof. Gillette.

All our candidates are "clean candidates." What the intelligent (so-called) voters want, is one with a dirty face, and his hair mussed up.

Crime statistics for 1925, first three-quarters, show that on 472 occasions, gentle romances grew rough, and charming girls stopped a lead navel in the area commonly covered by the vest. In 61 per cent of the assaults, saddened ladies pulled the trigger, and shot fairly straight. An Iowa citizen was the maddest. He hurled a lighted kerosene lamp at the apple of his eye.

The Col. Thomson style of oratory should be adopted and enforced. It consists of being introduced in 700 words, and responding in 7. (WHD applause). Heretofore, it has been the barbarous custom for a local orator to be exhaustive, sticking manfully to the task, until depleted of words and wind.

Has anybody ever figured out approximately how much gossip costs the county when it gets out of backyards?

Mr. Woodrow Wilson Barber lost an argument with a pine board Sunday morning.

BACK TO YOUR CAVE, PUPPY! (Grants Pass Courier.) But, alas! even a Sunday school teacher was no different. After I had gone with him for a month he kept trying to hug me and begged me for a kiss. At last one day he kissed me any way, and that ended it all between us.

The general public is highly impressed with the way a tonsorial artist whistles his voice down to a pathetic whine when bobbing a young man's hair.

Hobias S. Deuel, the bouncing Pav of a proud boy, is now only 17 feet farther up in the air than the balloon in the east end of the biz district.

Our cub scrivener has a kodak picture of a social lion in golf pants, holding a salmon in one hand and a girl with the other. This is the height of something.

The hours I spend with thee, dear heart, Are full of joy to me—although At times I'd like to kick apart My radio! My radio! (Boston Transcript)

This year's output of beany pumpkin pies are not fit for Charles Chaplin to throw at a film villain.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE: Give me a spoon of oleo, Ma. And the sodium alkali. For I'm going to make a pie. Mamma I'm going to make a pie. For Dad will be hungry and tired, Ma. And his tissues will decompose; So give me a gram of phosphate. And the carbon and cellulose. Now give me a chunk of castin, Ma. To shorten the thermic fat. And give me the oxygen bottle, Ma. And look at the thermostat. And if the electric oven is cold, Let turn it on, half an ohm. For I want to have supper ready As soon as Dad comes home. (Farm Journal)

ANOTHER CRISIS IN FRANCE.

MORE than the fate of France depends upon the second Poincaré ministry. For if this liberal cabinet falls, there would seem to be two probable alternatives—both of them bad for France and for the peace of Europe,—a reaction to Poincaré militarism or a decline to Bolshevism.

As the new ministry declares, to restore the franc requires sacrifices immediate and exceptional. In England such sacrifices could be expected, but in France no such confidence is justified, for France has an emotional habit of kicking over the traces whenever the purse strings are drawn too tight.

No one realizes this better than former finance minister Caillaux who is standing on the side-lines waiting to see which way the mercurial cat will jump. Caillaux is a master contortionist. He can go Bourbon or Bolshevik with equal facility. And unless good sense prevails and the present government is sustained, Caillaux is a five to one shot as the next Premier.

This will mean trouble,—trouble for France and trouble for Europe. A return of the military party will kill the Locarno pact render the rapprochement with Germany impossible, and lead Europe once more to the brink of war and ruin.

A victory for the radicals on the other hand, will plunge France into a condition very similar to that of Italy, immediately following the world war, and like Italy, France will have to resort to Fascist methods to escape social and industrial revolution.

So the situation is not very cheering. The only hope appears to be that France will sense the seriousness of the dilemma, and accept the dose of financial medicine, which however unpalatable, must be taken if health in France and Europe is to be restored.

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.

From Complex to Simple.

The more or less famous, if not well known, "Constant Reader," proposes that "the government or perhaps the Red Cross should reprint the articles in this column, and distribute them broadcast in pamphlet form—as though any such circulation could compare with the circulation of the articles enjoy in this newspaper. "Constant Reader" goes on to say how much he enjoys the articles, how much he has learned from them, and so forth. He adds, however, that he has been unable to grasp the reason for changing the name of the common cold to "coryza" and finally to "cri." He feels sure the symptoms are the same and the name under any name.

Since "Constant Reader" is anonymous here, it may not be sarcastic to mention that one with "cri" may feel bad, but the 29 odd diseases which belong to that group do not particularly impair the sense of touch, so that it is inaccurate to say one with such an illness feels "badly." If a victim of the cri really feels badly, then it is quite all right for the young lady across the way to thank somebody very much; and if she can do that so much it would seem that Dr. Webster was all wrong when he maintained that it is impossible to give or receive thanks in advance.

Coryza was invented long before I was born. It is the medical name for acute distemper, acute infectious rhinitis, acute nasal catarrh, or if you insist, acute cold in the head. It is not just another name for the "common cold," nor is it just another name for cri. When doctors or folks speak of the "common cold" they do not refer to coryza particularly, but to nobody knows which of the score or more illnesses which I have proposed to group under the general name of the common respiratory infections, or for the sake of brevity, the cri—a word I have coined from the initial letters of "common respiratory infections," and which is pronounced krye.

I have listed here more than one occasion the score of clearly defined diseases which scientific physicians everywhere classify under the name of respiratory infections: Briefly, they include coryza, tonsillitis, simple sore throat, acute laryngitis, acute bronchitis, pneumonia, tuberculosis diphtheria, measles and all the other eruptive diseases (of course, smallpox among them); infantile paralysis, influenza, meningitis, probably pneumonic plague and encephalitis lethargica. It makes an imposing list; they are all transmitted, as a rule, precisely as diphtheria is. When you come in contact with any of these respiratory infections, take your choice from the list, it matters very little whether you believe in "cold" as a factor or not, the infection is there and you may take it or leave it.

Now wait a minute—this is the device of being so confident to this list, by two by four corner, it warps my style, often makes me seem sarcastic according to late dispatches from Paris. Mr. Berenger is scheduled to be the new French ambassador at Washington.

Children's Pietorial Cross Word Puzzle: Running Across. Word 1. The kind of a stalk Jack climbed in the fairy story. Word 4. What persons who live in Arabia are called. Word 5. Part of the leg.

Running Down. Word 1. A water craft. Word 2. Once more. Word 3. A small island. YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE ANSWERED: D W A R F S, S C H O O L, S I L E N T, G A R D E R.

Who's Who: M. HENRY BERENGER: One of the most important figures in France's financial affairs today is M. Henry Berenger. Back in France with the other members of the commission which came to the United States to arrange the funding of the French war debt, he is taking an important part in working out the details of the payments agreed to.

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Easy Lessons in AUCTION BRIDGE

New Series by WYNNE FERGUSON

Author of "Ferguson on Auction Bridge"

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ARTICLE No. 20

One of the most difficult points of auction bridge, as well as one of the most interesting, is the proper bidding of a two-suited hand; that is, a hand that contains two suits of at least five cards each. It is the strongest hand that can be held if played at the best suit of the combined hands. Such a hand is considered, on the average, one trick better than the usual suit bid, and at least two tricks better than a no-trump bid. This fact shows the importance of the proper bidding of such hands, in order to arrive at the best bid of the combined hands. As dealer, or before partner has bid, if your hand is a "two suiter," try for the opportunity to bid both suits, provided, of course, they are sufficiently strong to warrant an original or forced bid. As a general rule, bid the higher valued suit first, provided it contains sufficient strength to warrant the bid. If not, bid the lower valued suit, and show the higher valued suit on second or subsequent round. In the same way, always prefer, if possible, the major suit to the minor.

The following hands illustrate the principles just discussed and if you can figure out the proper bid in each instance, you are doing very well. In each case, there is no score. If you, as dealer, held the following hands, what would you bid? Compare your analysis with the one that will be given in the next article.

Hand No. 1: Hearts—A, 10, 9, 8, 7; Clubs—A, 10, 8, 7, 6; Spades—7, 6; Diamonds—6. Hand No. 2: Hearts—8; Clubs—6; Diamonds—K, Q, 9, 4, 2; Spades—K, J, 10, 7, 6, 5. Hand No. 3: Hearts—none; Clubs—A, K, Q, 10, 4; Diamonds—10, 7, 6; Spades—A, K, J, 10, 7. Hand No. 4: Hearts—A, K, Q, 7; Clubs—K, Q, 10, 8, 7, 6, 5; Diamonds—none; Spades—Q, 6. Hand No. 5: Hearts—A, 8, 6; Clubs—K, J, 9, 5, 3; Diamonds—K, J, 9, 8, 5; Spades—none. Hand No. 6: Hearts—K, Q, 8, 4, 3; Clubs—Q, 10, 9, 8, 7; Diamonds—7, 2; Spades—J.

The following hand is noteworthy in that YZ can make five odd in hearts, although AB have practically all of the high cards:

Answer to Problem No. 10: Hearts—A, Q, 4, 3; Clubs—5, 2; Diamonds—10, 3; Spades—J, 10, 8, 6, 3.

Hearts—J, 10; Clubs—A, 8, 3; Diamonds—8, 5, 2; Spades—A, Q, 9, 7, 4. Hearts—K; Clubs—K, Q, J, 10, 9, 6, 4; Diamonds—A, Q; Spades—K, 5, 2.

Hearts—9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 2; Clubs—7; Diamonds—K, J, 9, 7, 6, 4; Spades—none.

No score, rubber game. Z dealt and passed. A bid one spade. Y passed and B bid two clubs. Z bid two hearts. A bid three clubs. Y bid four hearts. A bid four hearts. Z bid five hearts. A doubled and all passed. A opened with the ace of clubs and then played the ace of spades which Z trumped. How should he plan the play of the hand? Z should play the deuce of hearts and when A plays the ten, Z should stop to consider. There are now only two hearts unaccounted for, the king and the jack. If A has both, he is bound to make a trick, no matter what Z plays. If he has the king and B the jack, Z will lose a trick by playing the ace. If A has the jack and B the king, Z will win a trick by playing the ace. In other words, the play of the ace of hearts from Y's hand at trick three is an absolute guess. Personally the writer would play the ace although the play of the queen would not be criticized. From the hands given, the play of the ace of hearts at trick three gives YZ five odd. The rest of the play is easy but should be worked out for practice.

No score, rubber game. Z dealt and passed. A bid one heart. Y one no-trump. B passed and Z bid two spades. A bid three diamonds. Y doubled and B bid three hearts. Z bid three spades. A bid four hearts. Y doubled and B passed. Z now bid four spades. A and Y passed and B doubled. All passed and A opened the ace of hearts. He then played the ace and king of diamonds and all followed. He then led a low heart. Y played the queen and B followed. How should Z analyze the hand and plan the play so that he can win the balance of the tricks against the best defense?

Answer to Problem No. 11: The bidding and B's double practically locate the remaining spades in B's hand and Z should plan the play accordingly. For that reason he should trump Y's trick with a low spade in his own hand. He should then lead a spade, winning the trick in Y's hand with the queen. He should then lead the king of hearts and again trump in his own hand. He should then lead another spade and win the trick with the ace in Y's hand. He should then lead a diamond from Y's hand and trump in his own hand. He has now led trumps twice and trumped three times so that he has led the king and ten of spades. He should now lead three rounds of clubs, winning the third round in Y's hand. For the last two tricks, therefore, he has the king ten of spades as a tenace over B's jack and five. It is a fine example of the so-called "grand coup," the trumping of a partner's winning trick to shorten one's trump holding. In this problem, Z was forced to trump his partner's tricks three times in order to make his bid. Play it out for practice.

Problem No. 11: Hearts—K, Q, 4; Clubs—A, K, Q, 10; Diamonds—Q, 10, 7, 3; Spades—A, Q. Hearts—7; Clubs—J, 8, 2; Diamonds—9, 5; Spades—K, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 4.

THE DATE TREE: By ERNEST SEEMAN. Abe Martin: Of all th' sorry mergers a red nose an' a gun metal mustache is th' worst. All th' average feller needs t' make him take a chance is a warnin'.

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Nov. 3rd, 1495 — 430 years ago—Henry VII writes in his Book of Private Expenses the following item: "4 shillings to the singing-children for the king's spur fine." This odd entry may be traced to a curious tipping law then prevailing in England, which read: "If any knight or other person entitled to wear spurs enter a chapel in that gubbe, he shall pay to the choirsters a fine; but if he command the youngest choirster to sing the ragunet and he fail in the same doing, then said knight shall be excused from the said fine thereupon."

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KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Nov. 2.—For the fourth time this year yeags last night blew open the safe of the Klamath Falls creamery and escaped with approximately \$200 in cash.

The big safe was moved from the office to the ice room where the bandits blew open the door with the accuracy of experts.

Sherriff's deputies this morning were seeking to find trace of finger prints, but thus far no clues have been uncovered.

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