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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry... The report of the life insurance experts that the work of the nation is performed by 2500 men

The manufacturers of white pants have demonstrated they can make them faster than service stations can be created.

INGENUITY OF LEGISLATURE WILL BE TAXED—(Hdline Portland Telegram.)

Rutabagas are now available. They are run through chese cloth for infants, thrown indiscriminately into the soup by chefs in lieu of carrots, and are great things for fancy cows to choke upon.

The U. S. Board of Health declares the "flu" is largely imagination. People who thought they were hit in the middle of the back by a truck when first they sneezed guessed right upon that occasion.

The father who last October testified that he would rather see his boy smoke a pipe than a cigarette, can now see him smoking both.

A good female bridge player always holds her hand so everybody can see it, but herself.

1928 auto license plates will be awarded to the owners of the 1928 auto plates with the most dirt upon them.

The pictures of the aviators who stayed aloft six days, in the Quetton Mark, show five of the lot wearing golf pants, which increase the significance of the achievement.

HOME BEER MAKING FRAUGHT WITH DANGER—(Siskiyou News.) Blow that fraught off!

CATS, ETC., ETC. The mention of cats is always sufficient to stir up as neat a little tempest as ever blew out of the northwest.

Snakes and cats, however, seem to have a way of producing violent human reactions. There is, naturally, a good deal less controversy about snakes, although nearly every group contains some one who tries to draw attention to himself by claiming a fondness for the reptile family.

Dogs do not arouse argument—they have been surrounded by such a high protective wall of sentimentality that people who do not like them are ashamed to say so. They fear that to admit a lack of fondness for the dog is to scorn the virtues of loyalty, steadfastness and a lot of other things. Why this should be I do not know; people dislike the cat without feeling that they are thereby slurring cleanliness, daintiness and gentle manners.

It always annoys me to hear a cat accused of possessing a small mentality because it refuses to learn tricks. That, to my mind, is a proof of its intelligence. It seems to know that if it begins that sort of nonsense humans with few resources of their own will set it to entertaining company or even to spending a good part of its career in draughty dressing rooms.

By assuming a marked "No sale" attitude the cat escapes the exploitation that has been the lot of all other domestic animals. In this matter it shows quite as much guile as the bride who assures her husband that she knows nothing whatever about cooking or taking care of a house.

Some people whose own mirrors are not dusty from disuse accuse the cat of too much vanity. It is true, I admit, that the average cat does spend quite a lot of time on personal adornment. Leaving its mistress out of the question, I can at least venture in its defense that it is not any more vain than the common house fly. I have seen flies fawn over their appearance almost by the hour, yet beseech that the owner of the house totaly failed to appreciate.

Albert Stocks of Central Point was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

QUILL POINTS

The age of discretion. Alas! doesn't arrive until you have lost the taste or capacity for indiscretion.

One law for the rich and one for the poor and none at all for the criminal class.

Still, the stranger feels free to take liberties if she's the kind of girl who will accept a ride with a stranger.

Don't be too good to the kids. It's a shame to deny any child the occasional joy of martyrdom.

Radio speeches boasting of prosperity are all right. Those who aren't prosperous aren't listening in.

None of the big jobs are held by men who would rather lie and shiver than get up for an extra blanket.

This age isn't more wicked than the age of our fathers. It just fails to pull down the shades.

Boyhood ambitions don't always fail. Back in 1890, every boy wanted to become a lawbreaker.

An economist is a man who thinks we have achieved a high standard of living because we have established a high standard of spending.

Americanism: Lacking the money to buy a big thing because you couldn't resist spending your pocket change for little things.

And yet nobody ever earned a bronze statue just by being orthodox.

A grammarian is one who doesn't care what the picture is if has a gaudy frame.

The less they know, the less ignorant they feel; and some people always are "healthy" because they are too ignorant to know they are sick.

This freak spelling, like "ye print shoppe," apparently was used on early hot-dog stands. There is, for example, The Palace of the Doge.

Atrocities are destructive measures taken by an enemy before you are equipped for the same tactics.

Nations renounce poison gas and then keep on experimenting in order to be ready in case temptation should overcome them.

The trouble seems to be that one set of men signs the peace treaties and another set manufactures fighting material.

South America, resenting a Monroe Doctrine that protects her against her will, should try living up here where each legislature invents a few more like it.

Correct this sentence: "I had rather say worth while things in bum English," said the college professor, "than to speak platitudes with grammatical perfection."

Who says a college education does not pay? By butting Strangler Lewis out of the ring seven times, a graduate of Dartmouth has won the world's heavyweight wrestling championship.

Perhaps we better keep an eye on Police Commissioner Whalen of New York City. Unless we are mistaken, the late President Roosevelt got his start that way.

"The cure depends on a correct diagnosis," says a syndicate doctor. Of course. Otherwise you might send him to the wrong specialist.

You think the normal 90's developed better youngsters? But where is the profit in making nice boys and girls if they turn out to be foolish parents?

A German naturalist says monkeys adore their benefactor instead of calling him a Shylock, so maybe Darwin was wrong.

Those occasional eruptions on the surface of Mother Earth, called ego ezema or war, are caused by the itch for power.

Short history of man: At 20 he yearns to uplift humanity; at 50 he yearns to raise chickens.

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.

HEREDITY VERSUS ENVIRONMENT.

It seems that there is a controversy between students who believe heredity is the determining factor and those who insist that environment is the greater influence in the development of character, personality, genius, intellectual ability, or in the development of vicious, criminal or undesirable traits or tendencies.

Pavlov the great Russian physiologist, who worked experimentally that "conditioned reflexes," the highest form of nervous susceptibility are inherited. You may judge for yourself, without further technical knowledge, how much Pavlov's experiment means. Here is a brief summary of his experiment: He undertook to train white mice to run to their feeding place when they heard an electric bell ring. It required 300 lessons to teach the first generation of white mice to respond to the call to dinner; that is, three hundred times was it necessary to combine the feeding of the mice with the ringing of the bell before the mice learned what the bell meant.

If you have ever tried to train a dog or a cat to do anything you will appreciate the significance of "conditioned reflex"—a response induced by a particular condition or circumstance, and success in the training of either animals or children depends upon the patient repetition of the lessons, with the condition or circumstance always the same—for instance, your word of command or your gesture must never change while you are trying to teach a given lesson.

The second generation of Pavlov's trained white mice required only 100 lessons to learn to answer the dinner bell by running to the feeding place.

Caspar Bedford maintains, in his interesting book on Human Heredity, that the later born children of large families inherit greater capacities and cut a finer figure in life than do the earlier born children, the parents having acquired greater potentialities as they reached maturity, and hence more of the desirable traits to transmit to offspring. Bedford cites an imposing list of famous people, great geniuses, who owned the later or the last born children in large families, children born when their parents were middle aged or older. If the idea is sound, then it should be confirmed by another list of criminals or defective people who were the late born children of parents who cultivated evil habits of living and sank to lower standards of conduct as they grew older.

The third generation of Pavlov's white mice learned to answer the dinner bell after only 30 lessons. It would seem that these white mice had inherited something from their talented ancestors.

The fourth generation of white mice required but ten lessons to answer the dinner bell, or fear, or their remarkable intelligence—or was it due to environment?

The fifth generation of white mice learned the lesson after five lessons.

Children who learn quickly and without long and painful hours of study such as "homework" entailed, may thank their grand and great grand parents for the gift of bright children. Did they inherit their remarkable intelligence—or was it due to environment?

Whatever all this may or may not signify, I believe that apart from obvious physical defect or definitely diagnosed disease, environment is all that really counts for or against attainment.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

CLAUDICATION. I have been troubled occasionally with muscular cramps in my legs. I find that relief is almost always obtained by voluntarily contracting the affected muscles. The cramps are not from strain, for the attacks follow lack of exercise, after eating heartily, especially of meats or other nitrogenous food.—E. B. D. Answer—I advise you to have

of blood, gives the heart more work to do. Cobler Lucey was only half right.

Some Jugo-Slavs are annoyed, that their King Alexander should declare himself an absolute monarch, promising to kill anybody that questions his autocracy.

Very intelligently the king promises death or twenty years in jail to any newspaper writer offering serious objections to his plan. Absolute monarchs and a free press don't go well together.

Excitement following the war and all the talk about "self determination" created separate kingdoms that might more wisely have been left in control of others. Nations fit to survive, do survive, without outside help.

Those governed by the self-announced autocrat, Alexander, include Dalmatians, Serbians, Croatians, Slovenes, Bosnians, Montenegrins, Herzegovinians, and others. To manufacture a homogeneous working government machine out of that combination is not easy, even with a handman and autocracy to help.

The Fisher Brothers, who began building automobile bodies in a small way, not long ago, now run many things, and have been invited to form a combine to control practically all the world's production of whiskey.

The idea started in Canada. A combination of British and Canadian concerns would doubtless make some gentlemen very rich. It would not, however, affect the whiskey business in the United States, its tens of thousands of secret stills, tens of thousands of "speakeasies," at least 25,000 of them in New York City alone. They make their own, and heaven help the drinkers of it.

Quill Points

The open car still has its uses. When the curtains are up, police know it's a gang car to be let alone.

It isn't the place of residence that makes hicks. It is the conviction that New York should be punished for feeling so smart.

If only the free dinners given to the newly famous could be retroactive.

A good citizen is one who doesn't break any laws except the ones you break.

Doctors are queer. The more practice they get, the less practicing they do.

The middle-aged man's glare doesn't indicate hatred of foolish youth. It just makes him mad to think he used to be like that.

Folly comes fully. A drink sobers a drunk man, and people fall in love again to get over an old case.

It is more blessed to give than to receive. You notice it when you get the first-of-January bills.

Americanism: Ridiculing the may trapping of royalty; feeling important in a lodge uniform.

There's one consolation. The Democratic party \$1,600,000 debt is owed to people who are accumulating by feeling nothing.

There's just one redeeming feature in the modern system. They get divorced before they have time to have any children.

Even flattery can be irritating when an installment collector and a bond salesman call at the same time.

If he buys her a big diamond on credit, she will live always in a rented house; if he's rich and buys her a small one, the property will be his—never "ours."

It's hard to be an ideal wife. If you aren't dumb, it's hard to keep a husband convinced of his superiority.

The "speakers" are like jazz in church. When this novelty wears off, the net achievement is just another noise.

Among the things that thrill us



Abe-Martin



Brisbane's Today

(Continued from Page One.) aching tooth or a cancer. More's the pity. Mr. Lucey, the old Northampton cobbler who knew President Coolidge when a boy, is supposed to have given little Calvin this advice: "Keep your shoes laced tight and never let your tongue wag." President Coolidge took that good advice about the tongue. There is no information as to the advice concerning shoes. It is harmful to lace children's shoes too tight. Lacing tightly around the ankles, pressing on blood vessels, impeding the flow

MUTT AND JEFF—Mutt's Brother Has a Keen Sense of Humor



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Ye Poet's Corner

JOYS OF SPRING (By Mary O. Carey.) Don't pine o'er the days of winter, Nor fret when the clouds hang low; Just think of the beautiful roses Whose roots are hid in the snow. Think when the spring will come— As the springtime must. The rose will bloom in brightness And the ice will turn to dust. The violets now are peeping forth: I found her buds of blue, Just barely hidden in the earth— Away from my prying view. The acorn brown is breaking now, Her tiny sprout bent low; With the very first warm sunshine 'Twill surely unfold, I know. Just so, our hearts will lighten— When the robin comes to sing; We forget the dreary winter, In the joys of the spring. (Copyright reserved.)

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