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QUILL POINTS

Greatness is made by contrast. The higher the people climb, the fewer great men appear.

Perhaps the Salvation Army can survive in a democracy. But it's hard to imagine a victorious war in which doughboys vote on the general's tactics.

Note to the stage: Open plumbing and open covenants are all right, but let's keep the sewers hidden.

How unfortunate that the only people who know just what the stock market is going to do are blind with the rent.

Statisticians who are figuring up what the election cost the country should wait and see the next appropriation bills.

It's easy to tell one sex from the other. A man won't take your last cigarette.

Nature doesn't change, and many a maid got kissed in the old days because she couldn't remove her hands from the spinning wheel.

Billboards on the highway would be good advertising if you could sell a man something by making him mad.

An intelligent man is one who doesn't know the answers to the questions in the intelligence test and doesn't give a darn.

Americanism: Charging the other fellow too much, so you can have the money to pay him too much and thus make both of you feel prosperous.

There's nothing new about the new Cabinet, except that it will be one of the sectional kind.

You pay for a home on the installment plan, too. That's why landlords wear silk hats.

Alas! The more expensive the car, the more it reminds the world of easy payments.

The world grows better. The magazines quit advertising patent medicines and now suggest yeast, salts, violet rays and massage motors for what ails you.

Inhibition: The kind of thing that frets a marine when he sees somebody else trying to settle a row in South America.

The next great war will be with insects, but the doughboy won't care unless they are second lieutenants.

The effort to add another month to the year should appeal to the manufacturer of open-window envelopes.

One reason for divorce is the lady's inability to be content with a mere man when she expected a Santa Claus.

Correct this sentence: "From now on," said she to him, "we won't buy a thing we don't need until we get out of debt."

Dear Aunt Ada: I am 24 years, and very good-looking. I have known a married couple for several years, and they recently purchased a new auto. I went riding with the husband, and were detained, arriving home at two o'clock in the morning. His wife will not speak to me now. What shall I do?

Farmers are jubilant over the snow, like they rejoice over the rain.

Several have returned from pleasant places, where they had their pocketbooks stepped on by elephants.

Alma is being expressed that Jim Grieve of Prospect, will swap his cowboy hat for a derby. Mr. G. is absolutely fearless when it comes to headgear.

On and after tomorrow there will be one less leaf on the calendars.

Sarah Jane, who is not allowed to look at newspapers, because of murder trial accounts, did not hide the lurid magazine quick enough.

More of the gals are in suspense and suspenders.

Two more uncles and a Grand-paw were reported this morning.

A good representation was up from our thriving sister cities last evening to be charged.

The fancy dog and cat coteries have now commenced an affair.

Feminine decorations for spring include the old-fashioned ear-rings—the kind that flop out of the rear seat when turning corners, and catch on the fire hydrants.

SONS OF MAN We are those unthrifty souls Who watered dusty streets with wine; Gathered pearls from Indian shoals And cast them royally to swine; Our most precious love who strowed To be trampled by the crowd; Freely leached our hearts' red blood To dye the garments of the proud; Who have sung away our years To soothe the perfurer and the thief; Paired for the heartless healing tears; Fed the tyrant with our grief; Paid the price we never owed; Prayed to gods who ask no prayer; Climbed the high encumbered road Never asking why or where. (Saturday Review.)

Oregon Weather. Snows in east and rains west portion tonight and Friday; warmer. Strong southeast winds, occasional gales, on the coast.

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.

HALFWAY MEASURE S AGAINST THE FLU

Trying to get a compromise view of the recommendations, rules or instructions offered by various public health authorities or officers in the United States and Canada in reference to the prevention of the "flu," I find that in the United States, where we have a very warm regard for our selves, few if any such sets of rules omit the caution to "avoid undue chilling of the body," but in Canada, where there are some very cool heads, the health authorities are not so keen about keeping folk cuddled. Everywhere, almost, the health officers now caution people to cover their nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing. This implies a commendable belief that the "flu" is a communicable disease and specifically through spray or droplet infection. I have collected and studied scores of such sets of rules or recommendations given to the public by health departments recently, and in practically all of them I find some hint or suggestion about covering nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing, or about drooling, when possible, the spray of other persons. In not one of them is this bit of advice carried to a logical conclusion. No one of these health authorities, evidently, considers this matter of spray infection of any great practical importance. Apparently the perfunctory suggestion about covering coughs and sneezes is included in the directions of recommendations, apparently out of deference to the substantial feelings of some laymen than it is because the health authorities think it essential.

Of course we don't know what causes the "flu," but we believe it is a respiratory infection. We have ample reason to believe that this disease, like diphtheria, measles or any other respiratory infection, is carried in the more or less invisible spray of nose or mouth secretion or moisture that is given off when the patient coughs, sneezes or talks with nose and mouth uncovered. We know that this spray carries as far as 12 feet during coughing or sneezing, but not over five feet during ordinary conversation.

Knowing these things—and we know what I have just said about the spray range—we are justified in warning the public against the danger of open-face sneezing or coughing. But we fail in our duty when we fail to warn the public at the same time of the infinitely more common danger of the conversational spray. If an individual can or does subject me to any risk by sneezing or coughing upon me from a distance of ten feet, he can and does subject me to the same risk by merely talking to me from a distance of less than five feet. If he is going to talk to me at all on ordinary range, he must wear a suitable mask for the same reason that he must cover his nose and mouth if he is going to cough or sneeze.

I maintain that all public health authorities who give out any advice to the public about covering coughs and sneezes and ignore the devastating short range spray are incompetent and ought to be educated, or silenced, as a plain matter of public safety.

And an ignorant or vicious person coughs or sneezes in one's face nowadays, but thanks to the culpable negligence of our public health authorities nearly everybody believes it is fair and proper to spray his neighbor with germ-laden conversation.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Carbon Monoxide

Is it unhealthy to sleep in a room with a heater? The windows are opened at night, but of course closed all day. It seems we have had a cold this winter all the time. Could the heater cause that?—Mrs. W. L. M.

Ans.—It is certainly unhealthy, and in fact dangerous to life itself, to have any kind of stove burning in the sleeping room or other part of the house without proper flue connection with the chimney or the open air to carry off the products of combustion. An electric heater, of course, does not burn fuel and does not require such flue connection. You fail to indicate the nature of the heater. There is a possibility of carbon monoxide poisoning where coal, wood, oil, gas, kerosene and gasoline is burned for heating or cooking purposes, especially when drafts are closed down or when the iron of the heater or stove becomes clogged or when carbon or soot becomes incandescent. An open window in the sleeping room is a life-saving precaution where carbon monoxide poisoning is concerned. Never should any kind of portable fuel burner be used in a closed bathroom or other small closed space where a human being is confined for even half an hour. I do not know, but I believe prohibited slight carbon monoxide poisoning from faulty burners or leaky pipes or flues heaters not only produces grave impairment of health but prevents victims from acquiring immunity against respiratory infection. Of course it is perfectly safe and healthful to sleep in a room with a heater if there is proper flue connection and a good draft.

Roaches. What is good to put in a new ice box that has not roaches in it? The house is old but the ice box is new.—Mrs. C.

Ans.—I know of no roach poison that could be safely left in the ice box. Why not overhaul the ice box, clean it out well, then follow up with a relentless drive on the roaches in the house? Send stamped envelope bearing your address and ask for instructions for ridding the house of roaches. (Copyright, John F. Dille Co.)

If anybody had a-keed me when Velma West murdered her husband with a table leg I would have said about two months ago, but seems that it's been almost a year. Her action has just been started to pay her. Next to think to take a teaspoonful of medicine before each meal, the hardest thing to remember is which way a hand flew after a stickup.

Brisbane's Today (Continued from Page One.)

As his courage in Captain Fried's steamship. Guided by appeals for help, from an invisible source, he found his way through the storm to the ship in distress. He told his men he hoped to reach the ship by 6 o'clock. He was alongside at 10 minutes past 6.

The process of "developing" a dusky native is simple. You just take away his misdeed instrument and hand him a shovel.

You can tell a racketeer from an agent of the revenue department. The racketeer's demands are moderate.

One way to determine whether your carriage is correct is to pause in a revolving door and see where it hits you.

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It's a queer government that urges us to pay as we go and then makes us pay the tax on last year's income to pay the tax on last year's income.

In some cases distance may lead to enlightenment, but in the case of the average radio performer, it just leads to immaturity.

Self-diagnosis is easy. If you criticize him easily, he's an inferior; if you criticize him calmly he's an equal; but if you rave and exaggerate in criticism, he's your superior.

Correct this sentence: "She's just a normal, average girl," said he. "Why wouldn't I tell a tiny fib to keep out of trouble?"

The Cull Problem. Medford, Ore., Jan. 30, 1929. To the Editor: A short time ago I noticed an item in your paper to the effect that a member had offered a resolution to the Traffic Association concerning the practice of certain cash operators buying the so-called culls from a number of the district packing houses, and after setting them packing a large portion of them and sending them east where they were sold in competition with the so-called good fruit.

I wonder if the gentlemen ever stopped to consider the position of the grower in this matter, who, after spending a year's time and much money producing a crop, then has to give it to a dealer for packing (at an exorbitant price, by the way) finds a goodly portion of the marketable fruit dumped on the cull pile. Perhaps this is one of the reasons for the low pack out percentage of these houses.

When we were doing our own packing we got from ninety to ninety-five boxes of packed fruit from one hundred boxes of the size in general use now, but when we had it packed in town, the rough road from the orchard, or something caused the fruit to shrink unbelievably.

But to get back to the shipment of the so-called culls, I take it that the gentleman had reference to Mr. Thornley in his resolution. Mr. Thornley is an excellent operator in the fruit, both as a grower and packer, and was playing the fruit game when the most of the other packers were playing marbles, and a rather good idea of what the market wants and will take, and when he puts his good money into these so-called culls, that come out of some grower's fruit, together with the cost of packing and transportation, he is doing it with the expectation of making a profit and more power to him. But when, as I am informed,

And yet the one who feels inferior because he's poor is a worse snob than the one who feels important because he's rich.

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This quality fruit is sent to what we have in the fruiting market in the world, the Auction, a market that demands super packs, and in these sold for within a few cents a box of the price received by the other houses for their best fruit, it is about time the growers did a bit of investigating of this waste of their fruit by the various packing houses and took remedial action more drastic than the passing of a few resolutions.

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OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis, Jan. 21.—(Special.) The Oregon State football heroes will soon be in possession of another trophy to be awarded them by the Portland chamber of commerce because of their victory over the "Violet" in New York last fall. The trophy, which stands four feet high, will be presented at a luncheon honoring the football traveling squad in the new Memorial Union building February 23. A delegation of Portland business men, led by Mayor George L. Baker and Stanhope K. Poe, chairman of the trophy committee of the Portland chamber of commerce, and the sports editors of the Portland papers will be present.

As individual souvenirs to the Beaver gridiron warriors engraved rings will be given.

A STUDY OF BOATS. NORFOLK, Va.—(S) Steamships do not have young, although this looked possible in Hampton Roads when two German vessels of the same name anchored side by side. The North German Lloyd liner Westfalen was just to times the size of a vessel of the same name.

PASTOR CAPTURES AN EAGLE. ELIZABETHTON, Tenn.—(S)—The Rev. W. L. Hall claims the most successful hunt on Roan mountain this year. A gray eagle weighing 12 pounds was captured by the minister when it flew into a fence and was stunned.

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