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Ye Smudge Pot

Nobody has been so low-down as to intimate that the future Mrs. Lindbergh is not good-looking...

The notion that roses have nothing to do but appear in bouquets and the buttonholes of prominent citizens...

ELIMINATE 'PERHAPS'

Dear Annie Laurie: I am a freshman in college, good-looking, popular...

Charlie Strang has acquired his degree of doctor of surgery conferred by members of the fair sex...

The backbone of the Mother Lode found by Mica Womack looks something like a jawbone.

It is hoped none of our transcontinental derbyists look as mad as the average transcontinental derbyists do here...

Educators have launched a campaign to spell 'bought' in a shorter space, viz: bot. It is not known where they gouged the idea.

The Great Northern is in a quandary. They don't know whether to come down the Main Stem, which has rails already laid...

If candidates for governor of Oregon don't quit blossoming, there will be nobody to run for constable.

Every war veteran knows he could kid the admiral and the general; but not the 2nd lieutenant...

Many of the Non-Hat Wearers have straw hats, which they carry in their hands.

Mrs. Hoover may be 'First Lady of the Land'; but Mrs. Gann is the First Sister—(Tampa, Fla., Times)

The flu is now raging in these parts as the spring fever.

AN EDITOR SNOOPS One of my good friends got out of her car in front of her bank yesterday afternoon about one o'clock...

Perhaps Tammany has turned a scornful back on Al, but it's too late to do him any good.

Still, maybe your wife would be as wonderful as that one in the movie if she had a husband as wonderful as the one in the movie.

GOVERNOR NAMES LIST OF BOARD APPOINTEES

SALEM, Ore., May 14.—(P)—Dr. L. S. Heeson of Portland was appointed by Governor Patterson today as a member of the state board of medical examiners for five years.

Beetles Paralyzed. WASHINGTON.—Geraniums have a peculiar fascination for the destructive Japanese beetle which, after eating both the flowers and foliage, is paralyzed.

THE RIGHT RELIGION

THE person with the right religion is one who could view that ghastly horror in the hospital at Cleveland, Ohio, yesterday:

Sick people unable to move from their beds caught like rats in a trap, not only doomed to die, but die in unspeakable agony; patients on the operating table, coming out from the anesthetic, with the hope of recovery in their eyes, only to be alone and unattended and watch the deadly fumes come nearer and nearer; nurses and doctors working like persons possessed, to save their patients, only to find them dead, and a few hours later to die in unspeakable pain and horror, themselves.

We say the person with the right religion—regardless of the label it may bear,—is the one who could view such a scene and then proclaim with that fervor which only complete spiritual conviction can bring:

"God's in His Heaven; All's right with the world"

THE MOST FORTUNATE PEOPLE ON EARTH

THE Russian Soviet government fights all organized religion on the ground that it is merely "an opiate for the people."

If Mr. Stalin could have witnessed that holocaust in Cleveland yesterday, we wonder if he would have denied that there are times in this workaday world when an opiate for the people is desirable? More than that, would he have denied that there are times, when it may be both a blessing and a human necessity,—a relief from pain too great for the average individual to bear?

But religion with many is more than an opiate. It does not deaden the senses, it seems to translate them into a faith no fortuitous tragedy can shake, into a spiritual peace that "passeth all understanding."

It is one of the ironies of life and one of its most baffling mysteries that those who can't share this faith should ever wish to withhold its blessings from those who can.

NO MYSTERY ABOUT IT

THE OREGON JOURNAL professes to be completely mystified by President Hoover's objection to the debenture plan on the following ground:

If the increased price did reflect to the farmer, the plan would stimulate overproduction and thereby increase world supply, which would in turn depreciate world prices and consequently decrease the price which the farmer would receive, and thereby defeat the plan.

Commenting on this paragraph the Journal declares: What Mr. Hoover seems to say, then, is that if farmers' prices are increased, there will be greater production, lower prices, and therefore no farm relief. If that is correct, how then, can there be farm relief? Unless the farmer's profits are increased, how can he be helped? If there is to be no profit in farming, who is going to do the farming? And if farm relief does not mean aid to producers through greater profits, how is the present depression to be relieved?

Obviously by restricting production. The fatal weakness in the original debenture plan, as in the McNary-Haugen bill, was the absence of any provision to RESTRICT production. As wheat is not perishable, and as any individual with an acre of ground, could raise wheat in time to take advantage of higher prices, both schemes would, as the President pointed out, ultimately defeat their common purpose.

EVEN the proponents of the debenture in Congress admitted the truth of this assertion, and sought to remedy the defect by providing the debenture rate should decrease with increase in production.

But President Hoover would discard all subsidies, and through the farm board, so diversify agricultural production, and so eliminate over supply, that prices for all crops would be stabilized and total profits from agriculture materially increased.

FRANKLY, we don't know whether or not the Hoover plan would work. We don't know whether ANY plan of farm relief would work—at least with sufficient success to remove the problem from partisan politics.

But we do know the Hoover plan is in harmony with basic economic laws, and the debenture plan, like the McNary-Haugen plan, is not. And, as we still have more confidence in the laws of economics than the promises of politicians, we favor the farm relief President Hoover promised in his campaign, and which was incorporated in the measure passed originally by the Lower House.

Try that first. If it fails, then would be the time to see if a measure which defies the law of supply and demand can succeed.

If you wonder how good your imagination is, try to imagine President Gil talking rough to Calles.

Still, maybe your wife would be as wonderful as that one in the movie if she had a husband as wonderful as the one in the movie.

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.

LIKE THE LEGEND OF MARCH

Every doctor who has had five or ten years of experience in general practice, as every doctor should have before he presumes to hold himself out as a specialist, although alas, very few of the ruck of specialists these days have so qualified; every common, ordinary family doctor, the for I

you invariably think of when some one is alarmingly ill in the middle of a dark and disagreeable night, even if you patronize specialists exclusively when the sun shines and nothing serious ails you; every real physician knows that in good faith a man must remove the smile from a patient's countenance and send the patient away with a scowl, a frown, a sneer or a snarl there instead. To be sure, there are happy instances where the doctor may, without compromise, reverse this process, but these happy occasions are not frequent enough to compensate, and so a doctor's view of life is likely to acquire a tetric tinge unless he can find means to stimulate counter emotions. All this refers to things as they were, to conditions of practice up to the year 1927.

Now a miracle has happened. It makes me feel, for the first time, envious and jealous of the young doctor who is just entering practice. It is merely a new instrument provided by the technical knowledge and skill of the instrument maker. It is called a diathermy apparatus. It places in the hands of the doctor a power over ache, pain, soreness, stiffness, local infection and inflammation, such as healers have never known before. The necessary equipment costs the doctor as much as an automobile. I don't know about intrinsic value, but from all I have observed, I believe no automobile can bring the young doctor or the old doctor so satisfactory a return on the investment.

How different the outlook on life for the doctor equipped with this truly marvelous remedial agency. Patients we formerly dismissed with a prescription and a promise still come complaining as of yore, but if they come in enquiring they go out smiling; if they limp in sneering they hop out cheering. And the relief is not merely momentary, as one might assume, it lasts for hours, for days or sometimes permanently.

Even if this diathermy never cures anything—if it doesn't, then we have no cures in all medicine—it is in my judgment the most valuable therapeutic acquisition that has been made in our generation. Even if it were of no other service than the desiccation of coagulation treatment of diseased and enlarged tonsils, I should still classify it among the great advances of modern medicine. But when one has observed the application of diathermy in various modifications and through various ingenious methods of application, for the painless obliteration of skin lesions or blemishes, the successful treatment of gynecological ailments, the apparently quick cure and certainly lasting relief of rheumatoid arthritis, the sterilization or painless destruction of sensitive foci in tonsils or adenoids and the radical treatment of chronic nose and throat conditions, the magic dissipation of soreness and stiffness from sprains and similar injuries, one feels impelled to tell the world the good news.

I do hope I am moderate and absolutely fair in my report of this great new remedy. I hope, too, that the medical brethren who are not yet familiarized with diathermy will exercise restraint in their opinions of it when patients ask about it.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS The Machine Age It occurs to me that you may be interested to learn that Dr. — of the famous — clinic asserts that a basal metabolism test is indispensable for the determination of some cases.—(M. D. C.) Answer—I imagine it is—for that kind of doctor. Machine diagnosis is almost automatic, and customers seem to like to pay for it.

Cancer Mother just discharged from hospital as a case of incurable

WASHINGTON, May 14.—(P)—Active and alumni delegates of Psi Upsilon fraternity gathered here today for the opening of the 95th annual convention of the fraternity.

Saturday a national luncheon will be given in honor of Chief Justice Taft with two other Psi Upsilon alumni taking part. Secretary Stinson will speak and Senator George H. Moses of New Hampshire, will be toastmaster.

Law and Books, Rialto Love, hate, tragedy, joy law's Nemesis, flit across the screen at the Rialto theatre in "Blindfold."

On a dark background of intrigue, interwoven with the machinations of a gang of high class jewelry thieves, the invincibility of law and love stand out.

As Kely, the cop, O'Brien plays sympathetically, and gives a new picture of law protectors. Lois Moran, as a plain news writer, in the early stages of the story, becomes one of those ultra-sophisticated, with gowns and jewels.

Earle Foxe, as Dr. Simmons, neurologist, plays a sardonic role. Don Terry and Maria Albin again distinguish themselves.

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MAIL TRIBUNE DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes solutions for yesterday's puzzle and a list of literary odds and ends.

Col. J. F. Mundy buys Walter Moore tract of 212 acres for \$15,000.

Editorial—There is little doubt that the nomination of former Senator Simon for mayor of Portland is the first move of an organized effort to emasculate the direct primary.

Portland enthralls over concert in Portland by Miss Fern Hutchinson, who is studying with W. Gifford Nash.

Nash hotel enlarges dining room into finest between Portland and San Francisco.

Maupin Volunteer fire department organized hook and ladder department.

RELIEF FROM CURSE OF CONSTIPATION A Battle Creek physician says, "Constipation is responsible for more misery than any other cause."

THE CLIFT SAN FRANCISCO GEARY at TAYLOR ST. One of San Francisco's finer hotels, distinguished in the refinement of its service, surrounded by downtown San Francisco \$40 rooms with bath

WICHITA PRISONERS TRY JAIL DELIVERY WICHITA FALLS, Tex., May 16.—(P)—One prisoner was shot to death and two others wounded when four men in the Wichita county jail rushed their jailer today in an attempt to escape.

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