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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Horizontals are being compli-
mented upon the shape, complex-
ion, reticence and pleasing per-
sonality of the people they have
produced, and are fine examples
of the grower's skill. The hori-
zontals had some well trained
help in Mother Nature, Old Sol,
Henry J. Climate, and the more or
less busy bee.

"How anyone could steal a saxo-
phone is a mystery," ejaculates the
esteemed, Saxon Statesman, and
continues: "Our idea would be to
keep the instrument locked up in
jail with the thief." Our idea
would be to keep the instrument
locked up in jail with the owner,
but in separate cells. It is no
mystery how anyone could steal a
saxophone. The mystery is why
they are not all feloniously ap-
propriated.

The grocer has been employed at
a lumber office for almost a year
and resigned last week to get mar-
ried Tuesday—(Tola, Kan. Regis-
ter.) The bride has a good job.

The City of Portland has passed
an ordinance prohibiting crows
from functioning in the city limits.
The crows are a nuisance, and
have been causing a lot of trouble
in the city. The ordinance is a
direct attack on the crow, and
is a noble like a \$47 auto horn.
The ordinance is a com-
pensation of the resolution of the
Chamber of Commerce prohibiting
the bill interests from building a
railroad in the state, and the crows
will pay less attention to their
nesting than the railroad did. The
crow is a clever crow, and has a
criminal nature. Every spring he
pulls up Bill Gore's corn by the
roots and leaves on the backs of
Frank Bybee's sheep, and across
the Alice Hanley peacock, and eats
up the wheat Dock Robinson of
Jacksonville, intends for his pul-
lets. The crow is the villain of
the Blinney family, and is as
tough as a 15-year-old high school
boy dressed up like a University
of Oregon junior. The crow does
not take life very seriously, and
is correspondingly happy. The crow
cannot sing a lick on earth, but
like banjo and banjo, this does
not keep him from trying.

A farmer of Newton county,
Arkansas, lost a two-year-old
heifer when the animal choked on
a roll of bill the farmer had lost
in a pasture. (Kansas City Star.)
The tiller should keep his money
in a till.

The endurance flights demon-
strate that an airplane motor can
endure almost as much as the
public.

Joe O'Brien, the barber, was
struggling down the Main Stem yester-
day when a brick fell off the
Fred Weeks store and missed Joe-
seph by a hair—and a red one.
Messrs. James Bates, William
Bates, and Henry Bates rushed
out from their barber's parlors
cried in unison: "You had a
close shave, Joe!" The incident
cut into the afternoon news of the
Bates Boys. Mr. O'Brien said, "I
bobbed just in time." Mr. James
Bates investigated the incident,
and said he could not see how the
brick fell. Perhaps the brick was
obeying the law of gravitation,
which is in good working order.

Blondes have started their fall
freckles, and are feeding the
freckles butter.

One of our most temperamental
young autoists, who all last sum-
mer essayed the role of a tornado,
has developed into a fine walker.

Steps have been taken to make
the court house fight a county.
Instead of just a city, affair. This
is the proper spirit, and will do
much to dispel the belief that
Medford is greedy. Bids for box-
ing gloves, to be distributed at
every street and fence corner, will
be opened soon. Congressman
Hawley writes that the Kellogg
Anti-War pact has nothing to do
with municipalities.

BRIDGE
(Great Head Tribune)
After all, bridge is a won-
derful game and teacher.
When a woman can keep
track of the plays made, keep
up a running conversation,
spot all the cowboys and come
home with an earful of gossip,
it shows the old head has been
busy and clear as a bell.
(Not to mention the ability to
maintain neutrality between two
of the Older Girls who are mad at
each other, and testifying con-
stantly in deep whispers about the
overbearing of the other.)

ANOTHER MURDER TRIAL FARCE

THIS Professor Snook trial is the sort of farce that should
never be allowed.

There is no question that Snook is guilty. He confessed.
Even now the murder is not denied.

But a long drawn out, unsavory trial is certain. The de-
fense will claim the defendant was doped by the dead girl, the
victim of an iniquitous drug ring.

If this method fails, then insanity will be tried. It is as cer-
tain as anything can be that as long as his money holds out,
Professor Snook will escape that immediate punishment he de-
serves.

We don't believe in capital punishment. But as long as
that is the law it should be enforced. And it should be en-
forced in this country as it is in England, promptly, without
undue litigation and futile delay.

THERE is another instructive feature of this case. Had this
crime been committed in the state of Michigan only a short
distance away, there is no doubt Snook would have been in the
penitentiary a month ago, there to remain for life.

A very similar crime was committed in Michigan about a
year ago. Forty-eight hours after the confession the guilty
man was in prison and the incident closed—the public spared
expense and the demoralizing spectacle of another long drawn
out and senseless murder trial.

The reason was that Michigan does not legalize capital pun-
ishment. There is no doubt that this man Snook would be glad
to plead guilty if he knew that he would be given imprison-
ment for life. But facing death even a rat will fight for its life.

PROFONTS of capital punishment might use this as an
argument against its abolishment on the ground of its de-
terrent effect through fear. But the fact remains that murders
are less frequent in Michigan, without capital punishment, than
in Ohio, with it.

And in Michigan punishment for murder is prompt,—long
drawn out murder trials infrequent—while in Ohio delays and
misarrange of justice are notorious.

Not only has capital punishment failed to reduce crime, it
has in murder cases been one of the chief causes of the courts'
delay and the defeat of justice.

THE PEOPLE CAN RULE IF THEY WILL

IT IS trite to say that public opinion rules in a Democracy.
But a recent demonstration of the fact is sufficiently un-
usual to deserve special mention.

The International Paper Company announced the purchase
of several newspapers a few months ago, and expressed its in-
tention of controlling many more.

The International Paper Company being also a power com-
pany, there was a great popular outcry against such a proceed-
ure. Vox Populi frowned and fumed in practically every news-
paper in the land. The Federal Trade Commission took a hand,
and called officers of the company on the carpet.

THERE was no law, however, to prevent the company from
carrying out its program. But after the hearing the offi-
cers of the corporation met and discussed the problem. A week
ago they announced that the newspapers purchased would be
sold, and the International Paper Company would entirely
abandon any effort to control by purchase the press of America,
or any portion of it.

Public opinion alone did that. We talk a lot about the power
of Big Business, and the power of money; but the plain truth
is there is no power, or power combination, in this country that
can stand against public opinion.

The only difficulty is to so educate it, that it will never
fail to become aroused at the proper time.

The idea that a city has no more right to supply its em-
ployees with garage space, cars, gas, oil, etc., etc., than its citi-
zens, certainly has the virtue of originality. Carried to its
logical conclusion, this means that practically every city on the
Pacific Coast should abandon its established procedure regard-
ing "city supplies," or else give its citizens free gasoline.

With automobile factories in Canada, France and England,
perhaps Henry Ford is not so unselfish in favoring no duty on
foreign cars, as some free traders try to make out.

People still have their heads back and their mouths open
during an endurance flight but most of them are yawning.

Smoking is a blessing to women in one way. When both
parties to a kiss have eaten onions, neither suffers.

Recipe for constructive reform or any advance in civiliza-
tion: Raise the gasoline tax.

France can beat the United States at tennis just as easily
as the United States can beat the rest of the world.

Personal Health Service

By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.

Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene, not to disease diagnosis or
treatment, will be covered 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 re-
ceived, only a few can be answered here. No reply can be made to queries not conform-
ing to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady, in care of this newspaper.

ALL THAT SNEEZES IS NOT CHU

Although I hate to acknowledge
it, for I know some dumbbells will
not understand and I fear even
some of the "scientific" medical
brethren may twist the truth into
a semblance of
support for their
superstition
about the effect
of "exposure" on
"resistance,"



quite a share of
those maddening
people who stuff
up and sneeze or
snuffle or begin
to run at the nose
shortly after encountering a draft,
dampness, a head wash, or a bit
of breeze when they are overheated,
haven't it all in the actual
sense of the word (the word means
any of the common respiratory in-
fections). What a lot of those very
unreasonable and unreasoning folk
really have in some simple low
grade rhinitis or other chronic
trouble in the mucous membrane
lining the nasal cavities or the
communicating cavities or sinuses.
We can't stop off to explain how
this affects the victim, except to
say it is often so mild an ailment
that the victim never even under-
goes a medical examination and
perhaps goes on through life cod-
ding himself under the impres-
sion that he is unduly "sensitive"
to slight exposure, and all that;
one other point about these victims
of chronic low grade nose troubles
is that it does seem they can't
think very clearly, for if they
could they ought to realize that the
"fresh cold" they so readily
imagine they are taking when some-
thing "environmental" changes
makes the nasal trouble manifest
seldom materials. I can't help
blaming these birds with the easy
running heads for much of the
popular delusion of "taking cold"
and for a good many of the worth-
less and dangerous remedies that
purport to "break up" that non-
entity.

I told here recently about some
important observations made by
Dr. Stearns S. Bullen in a study
of 245 cases of asthma in chil-
dren. One of Dr. Bullen's obser-
vations suggests another not un-
common condition that resembles
asthma but is not. Parents of asth-
matic children often say and be-
lieve that the asthmatic attacks
occur only when the child "catches
cold." Dr. Bullen finds that these
so-called "colds" almost invari-
ably represent an upper respira-
tory tract manifestation of hyper-
sensitivity (that is, idiosyncrasy)
to the particular food or foreign
protein that may be causing the
asthma.

A medical friend of mine thor-
oughly believes in "taking cold,"
in spite of all I can say. His wife
has suffered for several years from
asthma. Recently she has found
relief after a series of skin tests
by a physician found the dog was di-
rective to dog hair, the dog was dis-
posed of, and the patient given
series of gradually increasing
homoeopathic doses of dog hair ex-
tract. This has given complete
relief over a period of several
months, and yet the patient and
her physician husband still cher-
ish a fancy that the asthmatic at-
tacks were brought on by "taking
cold," because the early symptoms
resemble those of acute coryza or
acute bronchitis.

We scarcely know as yet how
prevalent such peculiar sensitivity
may be in the whole population,
or what proportion of acute upper
respiratory tract reactions are so
caused. But it is probably fair
to estimate that 8 per cent of all
allergic character, and unfor-
tunately this one individual may
make more noise about his alleged
"cold" than the dozen who actual-
ly have it. "If this isn't a cold,
what is it?" the poor goof cries.
And he can't hear me at all when I
reply, "No, it isn't a cold, and
maybe it isn't even cold; it's just
coincidence."

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
—Coffee Grounds in Kitchen Sink.
It probably has little to do with
health, yet I believe many of your
readers would be glad to know that
coffee grounds should be thrown
in the kitchen drain, not in the
garbage. The grounds serve to
keep the waste pipe clear, their
gritty nature acting as a brush
clearing away the slime that col-
lects from time to time and often

requires a plumber's services.—M.
T. A. K.

Answer.—No, it has nothing
to do with health, but thank you
for the suggestion.

Feet converted into Sowers.
You will be further confounded
by the enclosed circular, which tells
us that science has discovered how
to drain rheumatism poisons from
the system through the feet....
—M. M. W.

Answer.—Thank you. I'll keep
it circular as a curiosity. It does
actually say that the feet are "the
natural sewers of the body." The
funny part of it is that there are
plenty of suckers in the country
who will invest a dollar for a trial
package of the nostrum. Another
comical aspect of it is that our
government winks at the little
sucker. Along with the nostrum the
sucker gets a pair of foot plasters,
which help to draw the poison out,
you understand. This is probably
the old army game—remember the
"magic foot draft" that dupes
worse while taking methylene blue
pills? The blue stain in the kid-
ney excretion was the "poison" the
drafts drew out of the system. But
this new trick promises to draw it
right through the feet. There are
11,000,000 people in the United
States, 40,000,000 of their children
in fact and probably under 10
600,000 children in mind. Will
Mr. Hoover say or do anything
about the shameless exploitation
of our moron population?

Food Utensils.

Are stainless steel food utensils
safe to leave food in, as we now
leave it in aluminum vessels?—
Mrs. M. L. C.

Answer.—Yes.

Mineral Salts.
Is there any relation between
the mineral salts of fruits and
vegetables and ordinary salt such
as we use on the table?—S. P. G.

Answer.—Ordinary salt (sodium
chloride) is naturally present only
in foods of animal origin, milk,
eggs, meats. The "mineral salts"
are present in all kinds of foods,
in varying quantities and kinds.
They have no particular relation
with common salt.
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Quill Points

If a man commits one crime,
that's his fault. If it becomes a
habit, that's usually society's fault.

Modesty is nine-parts shame,
and it may be that Mr. Dawes
hasn't much of a calf.

Nature knows best when she
gives the predatory rich few chil-
dren. Suppose lions multiplied
like guinea pigs.

Another saving effected by
an electric refrigerator is the
wear and tear of deciding who
should have emptied the drip
pan.

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Chemists searching for a better
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Advice to tourists accented by "guides" in naughty Paris: Let your conscience be your guide.

If only the inferiority complex would afflict the kind of hairpins who call other men "Bud."

Embellishments by the great indicate that Fitz was right when he said: "The bigger they are, the harder they fall."

"A locomotive engineer earns more than some governors," said Mrs. Newrich. "It doesn't matter to me what he thinks of us."

Correct this sentence: "So long as my father does his work well" said Mrs. Newrich. "It doesn't matter to me what he thinks of us."

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President Hoover plans a commission to prevent unnecessary army expenditure.

Fast wars, and preparation for future wars, cost this country about two billion dollars a year. That is not as bad as spending fifty billions in a hurry, and getting nothing for the money when war finds us unprepared.

But it would be desirable and easy to save some of the millions now spent uselessly. Fifty million dollar battleships—that are only airplane targets in modern war, might be abandoned. Also the spending on our coast defense pop-

guns, that could never shoot anything.

President Hoover, an engineer, understands modern methods, and will save hundreds of millions a year if politics and navy and army officers who DO NOT understand modern methods, will allow it.

Yesterday afternoon O'Brien and Jackson, young St. Louis fliers, with plenty of vitality, were still sailing around in their endurance flight, with all records broken.

For many hours the young men have been receiving a bonus of \$100 each for every additional hour flown. They assured friends on the ground by radio that they were in no hurry to come down.

Such tests are valuable and, fortunately, not dangerous. They prove the quality of engines, the strength of plane construction and the long-life value of oil and gasoline used in the tests.

Thursday the pope left the Vatican to head a religious procession in St. Peter's square, the first departure of any pope from the self-imposed imprisonment in the Vatican in more than 50 years.

More than 24 hours before the event crowd had gathered eager to wait a day and a night for a glimpse of the pope in the religious procession.

The communist branch of organized labor in New York has appealed for funds to be used fighting the powerfully organized American Federation of Labor.

Big Business, with no internal quarrels, reads about labor quarrels and smiles.

In India, Great Britain governs easily 300,000,000 natives. Mohammedan and Hindu British subjects hate and fight each other.

They never combine to fight the British.

The reason is that the British are more intelligent than the natives, just as organized capital, here, is more intelligent than organized labor.

If it were not, labor would have the capital. The biggest capitalists were working for small pay a few decades ago; Ford for \$100 a month, Rockefeller and Mellon for less.

Do You Remember?

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
(From files of the Mail Tribune)
July 26, 1919.

Washington.—Senator Borah declares he's against League of Nations, with or without reservations.

New York.—Air-mail strike settled; pilots return to work, but pay reduced from \$3600 to \$2800 per year.

The high price of strawberries attributed to prohibition by canners' association.

Hankin Estes returns from Camp Lewis, following operation by Dr. R. J. Conroy.

Vancouver, Wash.—Bud Anderson narrowly escapes death when fellow workmen release compressed air machine in his mouth.

John Dennison of Grants Pass engages Medford plane for series of flights in that city.

UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER HEARS
protest against mineral claims of
Pat Swayne on Applegate river.

Syndicate of wealthy eastern people plans a boulevard to Jacksonville to make that place fashionable suburb of Medford.

Bridge over Union creek is completed by Hodson Auto company.

Grasshoppers are appearing in the valley and County Fruit Inspector Geo. W. Taylor urges a concerted campaign to check them.

Social event of season is marriage of Howard A. Hill to Miss Sylvia Runyard.

New Manager