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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

This is Labor Day. The toll-wrecked barbers and bankers let the chains of their serfdom slacken, while the whippersnaws and the money rusts in the vaults. They won't have another chance to close up shop and go fishing until National Fire Prevention Day (Oct. 9), or Columbus Day (Oct. 12). Labor Day should be observed only by those wardens and geniuses who manage to keep out of labor, year in and year out, yet miss no meals, nor look tacky, nor suffer ill-effects from idleness. They are the favored ones of earth. The majority are "weary and heavy laden," like a 4d.

The feminine portion of the population of the land last year used 4000 tons of powder (non-explosive), and enough lipsticks to reach from Los Angeles to Chicago by way of San Francisco. A number of editors rise up and cheer, timidly: "The women don't really need those aids to beauty." To which the dependent replies, as loud as possible: "The hell they don't!"

"The Groom Was Overseas during the Great War"—(Halfway Notes in Pendleton-East Oregonian). Where a scribe is hard pressed for something nice to say, it should be mentioned that when the groom was about 14, he was the best speller in town.

FALL IN THE AIR

Somewhere, perhaps in the Polar

Some. The winds at their work sent out a breeze

To ride on the crinkled clouds that spread

A halo over the moon's round head;

And out of the clouds the breeze came down

And stopped to ruffle the clin- tree's crown,

And stirred a shimmering moth to flight

And stole along in the moon's white light,

Deftly sliding the orchard grass

So never the owl had seen it pass

And never a cricket lost its seat

Nor ever a Katy did miss a beat

The breeze stole straight for the blowing corn

As clouds rolled up with their edges torn

And hid the moon, and the breeze emerged

And made for a forest that was spured

On the side of a hill away to east.

And raised the hair on a prowling beast

And flicked the nose of a grazing deer

That fled to a brooklet running clear

The breeze slipped down from the wooded hill

And doubled back on the land until

It reached a house in the maple shade

With fleeting patterns the moon- light made,

And stirred a moment the climbing vine

And climbed itself by the clinging line

Of tendrils into an open room

—Bold was the breeze to so presume—

As bold indeed as the cock that crowed

Thinking the dawnlight filled the road:

Still, bold as it was, the little breeze

Went whispering out from a husky grove.

(New York World.)

Scientific Notes

Figuring the efficiency of the modern automobile in terms of the stream of gasoline necessary to make it go, it has been estimated that a constant flow of fuel of little greater diameter than that of a hair would furnish all the power necessary.

Cotton cloth covered with bar has proved a durable surface for dirt roads in experiments in South Carolina. The road is graded, leveled and smoothed, a coarse cotton cloth spread over it, and a thick coat of paving tar applied.

—Popular Mechanic's Magazine.

HAVANA (AP)—Helen College, founded by Jesuits 127 years ago, is to be razed to make way for an extension of the Malecon, or sea wall drive. The interior department requested that the building, one of the oldest in the city, be vacated.

WE CELEBRATE LABOR DAY

LABOR DAY has an unusual interest for Medford this year, coming a few days after the announcement that the 1930 convention of the Oregon State Federation of Labor will be held in this city.

We had just started to write an editorial on the subject of Labor Day, with particular stress upon the tremendous change in the attitude of the American people toward labor, when we happened to see the following in the current Collier's.

This editorial expresses our sentiments, rather better than we could express them, so here it goes.

Moreover, by borrowing our daily creed, we can have sufficient time to do what so many others are doing—celebrate Labor Day with a minimum amount of it.

An amazing thing has happened in this country within the past twenty years. A new democracy of comfort has arisen. There is nothing like it in all the world. When William McKinley was elected President, wage workers were called "hands." More than that, workers were thought of merely as "hands." Only the fact that the month had to eat before the hands could toil gave rise to the "full dinner pail" campaign slogan.

Labor's hope was expressed in the demand for "a living wage." Workers struck in protest against starvation wages.

Few expected a laborer to enjoy the comforts of life. The toiler by the very nature of his employment was supposed to live meagerly. For a workman to desire luxuries while he was still a workman was economic blasphemy.

Do you remember the hullabaloo over the silk shirts of wage workers during the early days of the World War? High wages suddenly brought in topsy-turvy conditions. No humorist was too mean or too dull to squeeze a laugh out of the absurdities of mechanics driving to work in motor cars.

We don't see much of that brand of comedy these days. The wheel has turned. Now you hear imaginative men saying that what China or Mexico or any of the poor countries needs is more automobiles and more of the other symbols of a modern-day industrial civilization.

Within these five years we have learned that even the least skilled worker is more than a pair of hands to be employed.

Business has made further researches in anatomy. More than eighteen million telephones and nine million radios have been put to work to serve the needs and the desires of those who have ears as well as hands.

Nineteen million houses have been fitted with electricity because our eyes demanded better facilities. Nearly six million washing machines have been installed because of our desire to avoid unnecessary labor.

Every comfort and every luxury you can call to mind, from bathtubs to cosmetics, or from silk stockings to grand opera, is produced because all classes of Americans are potential buyers and users.

THERE is no longer a class struggle in America because there are no longer classes. A manufacturer in his heart may be an old Tory nurturing ideas which savor of Queen Victoria, but his sales manager is looking for a market not restricted by narrow social lines. American industry has gone democratic because of the profits of mass consumption.

The consequences of this unpremeditated change are enormous. As a nation—of course there are exceptions—we have learned two things of the greatest value to labor. We know first of all that high wages pay, and then we have learned that short hours are vital if we are to buy and use what we have learned to produce.

It is possible to pay high wages for short hours because of the enormous increase in power machinery. Government experts estimate that, as a whole, existing machinery could satisfy the needs of the American people with nine months' work. George Harrison Phelps in Our Biggest Customer tells of one man in a steel mill operating a crane with magnets, who displaced sixty-six men previously employed at this heaviest of labor. Naturally the steel mill could pay higher wages to the remaining worker!

THIS episode, however, suggests the other side of the picture which is not so rosy.

With our great growth great changes have come. Some industries go backwards as others advance. Buggy makers grow scarce in a motor age. Workers divorced from their wheelbarrows by the introduction of lifting machinery are still men and family men in need of jobs. It is not easy to forget one technique and pick up another overnight.

We have still to learn how to provide work for men displaced from their jobs by changes beyond their control.

During the years ahead we must learn how to recover the sense of stability and assurance for the future which men enjoyed in simpler times. The dread of unemployment which hangs so heavily over the heads of men past middle age must be lifted. Some industries, fortunately, have already learned how to care for their own.

FOR a long time a commission representing the government, industry and labor has been wrestling with this situation. Herbert Hoover directed the commission before he was President. No more serious problem faces our country today.

In the long run new industries absorb those displaced by changes in other occupations, but the process is sometimes slow and it is tragic for those immediately involved.

Fortunately, these are relatively a small minority. The great majority have benefited enormously by the changes. Our standard of living has been raised beyond all imagining. At the level of our new prosperity we are able to get a broader view and to perceive the truth of old principles of human equality.

This new recognition of the inherent dignity of every man is the hope of the future.

Business turned "hands" into customers, and customers now rule 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 answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be typed and written in ink. Going 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.

THE MOST CURABLE STAGE OF TUBERCULOSIS.

If regular family doctors do not diagnose tuberculosis of the lungs early enough to insure patients the best chance for recovery it is mainly because they do not get a chance to examine the patients until the disease has become moderately advanced. In spite of all efforts to educate the public about this, it seems to be just human nature to procrastinate, to put off going to the doctor, and perhaps to try this and that remedy recommended by friends, while the disease is in the incipient stage. People developing tuberculosis naturally wish to believe it is anything else, "just a cold that hangs on," "an obstinate case of flu," "run down from overwork," "nervous exhaustion," "anemia," or whatever friends or advertisements may suggest.

Specialists holding jobs in sanitariums are fond of complaining that family physicians are too easy going and not strict enough about examining the patient in the beginning. Sometimes they query a large number of tuberculosis patients in such an institution and record the answers the patients give about their early experiences with physicians. I believe we quoted some such data here recently. But commenting on this frailty of the family doctor from a secure billet in an institution is easy enough; it might disturb the complacency of some of these critical specialists if they had to go out and earn an honest living in the practice of medicine among ordinary people. Ordinary people do not exactly fall on the neck of a doctor who is too eager to strip em and see whether they have tuberculosis whenever they come complaining of that tired feeling and a little cough. If the doctor has such an impulse, he has got to be careful how he behaves; let him betray even slight enthusiasm about the stripping business and he is likely to be minus one good patient.

In rebuttal I am glad to offer the following evidence: Among 1419 tuberculosis patients in sanitariums 1879 had been examined during the first time they consulted a physician; 844 had been asked to inspire, expire and cough while the doctor listened with stethoscope.

That I can safely say, is an excellent record. It shows that physicians in general practice are a good deal more efficient than some of our young job holding specialists would have us think. Specialists in all fields like to make people think that early and accurate diagnosis of anything in their special field is very difficult and demands extraordinary ability. In most cases of lung tuberculosis the diagnosis is simple, for the disease is definitely established by the time the patient consents to have a proper medical examination, and a proper examination means of course that the patient must be stripped to the waist.

Besides this essential of diagnosis, and the use of the stethoscope, and the requesting the patient to breathe in, and then to cough a bit, there are other aids that enable the earnest family doctor to make a pretty dependable diagnosis of lung tuberculosis. These are sputum examination, a record of temperature for a hundred hours or more, and finally an X-ray examination.

The earlier lung tuberculosis is diagnosed and the patient placed on the proper regimen, the more certain and the quicker the cure.

QUESTION AND ANSWERS.

Waiting in the Cold Damp Night

In your answer to S. V. G.'s question you neglected one thing. Please tell us what was it that caused the daughter to contract pneumonia as she waited on the bank for the men to grapple for her father's money—1, M.

Answer—I haven't the slightest idea. I merely assert that there is no reason to imagine that "exposure" to cold in such circumstances can cause pneumonia or any other illness. Pneumonia is a fairly common infection; possibly the daughter was already infected and in the stage of incubation (about to come down with) the illness when the accident occurred.

Pitcher Acquires Glass Arm.

Chalk up another mark against youngsters overdoing themselves in athletics, such as high school football, and marathon races. I pitched 15 innings of baseball the other day, not because I liked to, but because the other side refused to let my team score.... now my arm is in bad shape.... said it is a Charley Horse.... Can you tell me how to relieve it, and how to prevent it in future?—G. H.

Answer—In future you had better retire modestly after seven or nine innings and let some other lad have an opportunity to show what he can do. Your trouble is probably not ruptured muscle fiber (that's "charleyhorse" in athletic parlance). Charleyhorse usually occurs when one attempts too vigorous effort suddenly, without having gradually "warmed up" for it. Your trouble is more likely ordinary strain. Best relief I know for that sort of pain, lameness, soreness, or dislocation, if you can find a good physician who gives such treatment.

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ACROSS

1. Narrow opening
2. Triangular piece of cloth
3. Female sand-piper
10. Concerning
12. Kind of tree
13. Japanese origin
14. Conditions
15. Straight-edge
16. Frozen water
17. Winter vehicle
21. Lubricate
22. Spruce
23. Irksome
24. Early English courts
25. Artificial hair
26. Bright
27. Parts of flowers
28. Entrance
29. Court
30. Covered
31. Japanese coin
39. Work
41. Clasp tightly
42. Labeled

DOWN

1. Felt
2. Guided
3. Above
4. Thin
5. President's mallet
6. Heavy blow, sting
7. Thirst
8. Whole
9. Firearm
11. Silent
12. Career
14. Supports
17. Four-deck heraldry
20. Arranged
21. Spans of horses
24. Vexed grass
25. Meadow
27. Heat low
28. Shoemaker's block
29. Solists
30. Fondment
31. Weep convulsively
32. Ingredient of illuminating gas
33. Substantives
34. Droops
35. Foods
36. Feasting period
40. Rant
42. River, Scot.
43. Samurai

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