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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry
Considerable excitement was caused in the metropolis last week by the information that the matchmaker for the boxing commission was getting \$500 per month...

THEY WILL NEVER CLIP HIS WINGS

Lindbergh is a wonderful flyer, one of this Nation's most precious possessions. For that reason it is too bad that he cannot be persuaded to exercise reasonable caution. An accident to Colonel Lindbergh would be, as President Hoover has said, "A great blow to the affections of the United States."

It would also be a great blow to aviation in the United States, which perhaps interests Colonel Lindbergh more. It would check the progress of aviation seriously, arousing great distrust.—Arthur Brisbane.

THERE is considerable truth in this. Any accident that would remove Lindbergh from the scene would leave a void in American aviation which no one could fill.

But no one would deny more emphatically than Lindy himself the assertion that he does not use reasonable caution. The only possible exception was when he recently stunted over the Cleveland field, an example of chance-taking, which we have never seen satisfactorily explained.

As a general rule, however, we believe that Lindbergh does exercise reasonable caution, never takes avoidable chances, and has been saved from serious mishap, not by luck, but by the constant exercise of good sense and skill.

And when one comes down to the essentials the situation with Lindbergh is simply this: he must do one of two things: Either keep on flying, or quit flying entirely.

WITH him there can be no middle ground. He is the lone eagle. And he is going to remain the lone eagle as long as he lives. He not only believes in aviation, aviation made him what he is,—it is his life.

So no matter what Mr. Brisbane thinks or anyone else thinks, Lindbergh is going to keep on flying. He may drop stunting entirely. He should do this, in our opinion, not only for his own sake, the sake of his wife and family and friends, but for the sake of aviation.

But he will never take off his wings, and contentedly take his place with other "crawling things." Feet on the ground and eyes on the cash register are not for him. His career was made in the air, and in the air it will end.

And when one considers all angles of the situation, that seems to us rather fitting,—quite as it should be. Let others be concerned about playing safe, and saving their super-precious skins!

Let the gallant spirit of Lindy forever sing:
"I'll fly with thee! I'll fly with thee!
We'll make with joyful wing
Our annual voyage o'er the globe,
Companions of the Spring!"

OREGON LEADS THE COUNTRY

RETURNING to earth we notice an interesting fact about motor travel which we believe is not generally known. For many years it has been heralded about that California leads all other states in Oregon motor travel.

But nothing has been said about Oregon motor travel in California. Now statistics compiled by Texaco Travel Service shows that Oregon leads the country in motor travel over the Golden Gate commonwealth.

The list is as follows:
The thirteen states that sent the largest number of automobiles into this state are given in the report as follows: Oregon, 11,120; Washington, 10,520; Arizona, 4834; Colorado, 4650; Illinois, 4290; Texas, 4020; Ohio, 3240; New York, 2870; Michigan, 2780; Oklahoma, 2600; Kansas, 2430; Utah, 2160, and Missouri, 2060.

The peak of this travel is in the winter, while the peak of the California travel to Oregon is in the summer. This is reciprocity. California leads in Oregon and Oregon leads in California. In the matter of tourist travel the state that flies with its own wings is certainly doing its share.

Now Francis Ouimet joins Bobby Jones in praising Medford's star golfer and golf architect, as shown by the following press dispatch:

Francis Ouimet, one-time national amateur champion golfer, went back to his home town of Boston after the recent tournament singing the praises of Chandler Egan of Medford, Ore., to the extent of almost a column in the Transcript. Egan is a master builder of golf courses, says Ouimet. "East golf clubs must look to their laurels in the matter of scientific and highly conditioned golf courses if they want to keep up the pace."

A man doesn't always reap what he sows. Mr. Edison invented the phonograph and now he is so deaf he can't even hear the noon whistles when they blow.

Too bad Mr. Sinclair didn't take his medicine like a good sport instead of playing sick and pleading for a pardon, which he failed to get.

The word "please" pays some profit, but the word "halitosis" has earned millions.

Give your boy a college education. Without it he may never develop the gall of a good bitch hiker.

Please, Mr. Weather Man, give us a rain.

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 on one side. 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.

A MAN IS AS OLD AS HIS EYES

When a man who has never before actually needed glasses begins to have some difficulty in reading fine print on a gray day or in an indifferent light, he has come to the peak, and how soon he shall begin to slide down the other side depends on how well he has lived. This, of course, is not a "prophetic" call, it is only a gradual shrinkage in the power of accommodation, the capacity to focus the eyes to see clearly objects at varying distances, and it is due to hardening of the crystalline lens. Indeed the eyes betray a man's age more frankly than do the arteries; at least to the man himself.

When we are well born we have a wide field of accommodation, measuring 14 diopters. A diopter is the power of a lens with a focal distance of one meter (39.37 inches). At the age of 15 years this is reduced to 12 diopters. At 20 years it is only 10 diopters. At 40 it has shrunk to 4 and at 50 it is only 2 diopters. At 60 it is less than a diopter or practically no focusing power at all.

So, and though it is, friends, we're getting gentle when we find ourselves shoving the newspaper out a arm's length or drawing the head back to get a clearer view of it, and the hardening process, sclerosis, or loss of elasticity by no means limited to the focusing apparatus. It involves more or less every tissue in the body.

The eye differs from a camera in the focusing arrangement. Instead of moving the sensitive film closer to the lens or farther back from it, or the lens to get a picture, it accommodates itself to objects at varying distances by a change in the convexity of the lens. Obviously the lens and the muscular attachment for manipulating it must be fairly elastic if it is to serve this purpose with efficiency.

Now to step for just a moment from the scientific to the comparative. I make no bones of saying that I cherish a peculiar notion that if one keeps up one's daily somersaults and other similar foolishness, one's eyes will stay young some years longer than they will if one puts on false dignity early in adulthood. Let the peerless specialists and the eminent medical brethren bray over this all they like. I say I make no bones of expressing my notion about it. Take it or leave it.

If you think it is nonsense, I dare you to debate the subject, and I don't care whether you're an outright layman or a versatile medical editor and hackman. So far not a word about the girls. I just hate to drag them into this, but the truth is they're in it just as deeply as we are, men.

Another odd notion of mine—perhaps this one is a wee speck less singular—is that one who uses his eyes regularly for distant vision, especially out in the open country, will retain youthful eyesight longer than he would otherwise. It is the enormous amount of close or near work we demand of our eyes that makes 'em set and become fixed for such limited function. A hike in the country is as good for the eyes as it is for the arteries, especially if you like to study the distant trees and other wonders of nature.

When the good old sight does begin to be a bit stiff and unaccommodating, don't be silly, get some spectacles from the optometrist and wear 'em for comfort in your reading or work.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
Disposal of Coffee Grounds
It seems to me that your suggestion to dump coffee grounds in the sink, with the idea that this will tend to keep the drain clear is calculated to make a lot of work for plumbers. —E. C. H.

A great many of your articles hit the nail squarely on the head, but I believe it was a mistake to print that communication from somebody who suggested putting the coffee grounds in the sink, on the theory that they are gritty and will help to keep the pipes clear. This is contrary to my experience. Nothing but waste water should run through the sink pipes.—T. E. J. Plumber.

Answer—The ultimate fate of the coffee grounds is not at stake. I believe the vote is about even, at present. Maybe other readers will send in their experience to help settle the question. The mere finding of coffee grounds in the house obstructing the drain does not signify that coffee grounds caused the obstruction.

Youngsters Like Dirt. My first little boy ate dirt whenever he could get any, and I went through a veritable nightmare trying to watch him and stop the habit. He gave up eating dirt when he was about two years old. Now my second son, aged 14 months, appears to beat his brother's record in the dirt eating sport. Can you give me any advice?—Mrs. S. J. P.

Answer.—A gentle paddywhacking for each offense you detect. No great harm in it. The kids are just getting their peck of dirt earlier than is customary. You know, some wise man said everybody must eat a peck of dirt in his life time. I'd put it at several bushels, if one cares for spinach at all.

Fine Eye Book. Please give the name of the book, with author and publisher and price, that you referred to in a short while ago, dealing with the care of the eyes.—W. V. N.

Answer.—"Hygiene of the Eye," by Posey, published by Lippincott, Philadelphia. (I regret I do not know the price.) This book was issued over 10 years ago. There may be such books of more recent vintage, but anyway you will find Posey's book a fine one for layman or physician. (Copyright John F. Dille Co.)

Quill Points
Mandate: A sparring partner. Popular parental alibi: "Well, your teacher's wrong, that's all."

Nature does it better. When wild things get too fat, they don't wait until they're lean enough to catch something.

The two things that will develop a dominating personality are a correspondence course and a nice fat purse.

If it is true that a great misfortune makes people forget lesser ones, just let your mind dwell on the fact that you were born.

The world grows better. Once the magazines advertised Peruna to cure everything, and now they advertise yeast and violet rays to cure everything.

Americanism: Killing scrub stock to improve the breed; permitting the marriage of half-wits whose progeny will be supported by the taxpayers.

Results count, not methods. And you can always get a 25 per cent raise by reducing your expenditures 25 per cent.

There are two ways to keep out of jail, but it is hard to be good and many prefer getting a million dollars.

The Moslems threaten to make holy war, and it will seem relatively holy without bombs or poison gas.

Every man is a yes-man when asked to sign a petition.

If only the radio had some device to let the bum performer know when you tune him out.

Personality is the quality that enables you to hold Willie's respect after he discovers how dumb you are in arithmetic.

Early to bed and early to rise hasn't done much for the tribe of flies.

To say that vice spoils a brilliant career is equivalent to saying a hog would be clean if it didn't prefer lying in a wallow.

Correct this sentence: "I am astonished," said the fourth grade teacher, "to find a child in this class with dirty finger nails."

MAIL TRIBUNE DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

ACROSS Solution to Saturday's Puzzle

Crossword puzzle grid with clues: 1. Stuckling, 2. Secure from danger, 3. Illustrious fear, 12. First garden, 13. Persia, 14. Meadow, 15. Those who take dimensions, 17. Cereal grass, 18. Inhabitant of arctic, 19. Abnormal growth, 20. Yawls, 21. Old, 24. Head of an Indian tribe, 25. Color, 26. Device for throwing stones, 27. Note of the scale, 29. Science of beauty, 30. Hissound, 31. One-legged jump, 32. Bird, 33. Article, 34. Painful, 35. Yawls, 36. Low color, 37. Snip with the finger, 39. Incited, 40. Girl's name, 41. Developed films, 42. Scenic, 43. Scenic, 44. Scenic, 45. Girl's highest note, 46. Gypsy, 47. Scandinavian navigator, 48. Scarcely, 49. Girl's highest note, 4. Faint of force, 5. Anglo-Saxon slave, 6. Object of adoration, 7. Edge of a garment, 8. Present, 9. Ocean, 1. Put into a silo, 2. Old form of address, 6. Faint of force, 7. Small coin of Great Britain, 8. Following, 9. Apart, 10. Withstand, 11. Lines, 12. Western plan, 13. First, 14. First, 15. First, 16. 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