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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry
"I was certainly satisfied with the verdict," said Miss Bertha Cleaver.

This is the day of the year with the shortest skirt.
Civilization ought to ruff up like a robin full of fishworms, because by common consent there will be no hangings on the Friday following Christmas.

AND SO TASTY! (East Rochester Times)
Will the ladies of the Willing Workers of Preshbyterian church who have towels which belong to the kitchen please bring them to the church on Friday as we need them for supper.

Besides taking a drink every time they get a chance, and then delivering dry orations, the statesmen of the nation seem to be a bunch of pirates, cutthroats and skinflints, determined to ruin those who run out of luck before they do.

WHEN MISERY IS MISERY
Perhaps the saddest lot that can befall mortal man is to be the husband of a lady poet. It is, of course, bad enough to be a husband at all, but to be the husband of a woman who squats on Pegasus and is pleasurably flicked by his tail must be the apex of human misery.

HIS SHOES MADE MILLIONS

CHARLES SPENCER CHAPLIN, comedy king of the movie screen and several times a millionaire today, was delighted to get a job at \$60 a week just 15 years ago—and wasn't quite sure he was worth it.
This is the story of Chaplin's humble beginning told by Harry Carr, the author, who was an aide to Mack Sennett, pioneer comedy producer, in 1914 when Sennett gave Charlie his first movie job.

"I would like to say that all of us on the old Sennett lot recognized the genius of Charlie from the first," says Carr, telling the story in the current issue of Smart Set Magazine. "But we didn't. He didn't even recognize it himself. Sennett had offered him \$60 a week. Charlie told me that he knew no such salary could last, but he thought he might as well take it as long as he could."

Chaplin had drifted to America with a vaudeville troupe when Sennett spotted him in an obscure theatre and made his offer. The comedian had nothing—not even the oversized shoes, antique derby, or twitching cane that have since made him famous. Those he picked up in Hollywood.

"FOR weeks Chaplin wandered around the studio like a lost soul," says Carr, "for Sennett had a peculiar way of hiring an actor, then ignoring him until that actor's ego was so reduced that it could pass through a needle's eye."

"When they didn't ignore him, they insulted him. It was during this period of walking around in the shadows that he wandered into the prop room and found the little hat, the big shoes and the cane that were to become world famous."

Finally Chaplin got his chance, but the subtlety of his pathetic smile, his expressive feet, and his nervous cane failed to register with a director who had been trained in the slam-bang comedy tradition. He couldn't, however, make Chaplin change his method, and finally he appealed directly to Sennett, relates the Smart Set writer.

"Sennett thoughtfully considered the British mutiny. 'Say you,' he said at last, 'get out there in front of the camera and let me see you do it in your own way—just the way you think it ought to be done.'"

"In about 17 seconds from that time the technique of the motion picture comedian's trade had been changed forever."

Carr also reveals other interesting beginnings, disclosing notably that Ramon Novarro's first job was as one of the famous "Keystone Hops" and that Harold Lloyd and Wallace Beery also served with those pioneer comedy polioe.

Personal Health Service
By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.

Aligned 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. 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.

A LIFE SAVING POSTURE

A little clinical twist of the wrist or bedside trick that very few of our modern overeducated doctors know is the value of posture in the relief of many cases of chronic bronchitis, emphysema, bronchiectasis and other conditions in which cough and expectoration are troublesome. Many of the patients are getting along in years and hence difficult to teach new tricks, but a good doctor should not hesitate to prescribe whatever he thinks the patient should have, even unto standing grandma on her ear. The trick is this: Every morning and every night the patient should stand on his head for a while, or if too feeble or dignified to attempt the feat, lie on his back and rest the hands on the floor. This posture should be retained for at least five minutes. Often it enables the patient to clear a considerable amount of expectation from the chest, with a few coughing spells. After that the patient may get up or be lifted back into bed. The main trouble with a remedy like this is that it is so simple that the average chronic invalid will not take it half as seriously as he does the latest nostrum from the Hokum Laboratories, Ltd.

In epidemics of poliomyelitis (infant paralysis) there are generally a few cases in which doctors call the bulbar type in which the paralysis involves the muscles of breathing and the muscles of swallowing. Though these cases are distressing enough, there is usually a good chance that the paralysis will clear up in a week or two weeks if the patient does not succumb or drown in his own secretions before the acute stage of illness is over.

Dr. Jay L. Durand of Seattle believes drowning is the cause of death in many such cases, and reports two cases in which, apparently, life was saved by simply turning the patient over into the prone position (belly down) and tying the feet to the foot of the bed, and elevating the foot of the bed. This seemed to bring much relief in one case when artificial respiration applied by two physicians had failed. Although Dr. Durand does not say so, it would seem that the artificial respiration the two physicians were giving must have been by some quaint method for as every Boy Scout knows, you must put the object in the prone position before beginning artificial respiration if you want to give the subject the best chance.

I commend Dr. Durand's suggestion to all invalids, particularly feeble invalids, who suffer from cough, difficult breathing, shortness of breath and inability to expectorate. At least such invalids may assume the prone posture part of the time, without pillow, turning the head toward one side. Then while they are in this posture any attendant may raise the foot of the bed on blocks a foot or less in height. But even if the patient lies on a horizontal plane, the prone posture with nothing under the head, favors the clearing of any material from the breathing passages.

Of course if you lift the subject's head even an inch or two, you defeat the purpose of this posture. That's something very few Boy Scouts know, because they are almost universally taught to put something under the subject's forehead when applying artificial respiration by the prone-pressure method.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
First Aid to Pedestrians
"Brought to the hospital by a passing motorist" is a phrase which occurs in stories of automobile injuries. I understand that there is some risk in doing grave injury by turning over an injured person in some cases, nature of the lung or something like that. It would seem that the twisting, turning and pulling and hauling necessary to get a badly injured person into an ordinary automobile must be an unfavorable factor. (M. J.)
Answer.—You are right. However, in many injuries that risk may be

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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle
ACROSS
1. Barn
2. Fry
3. Charged with
4. Mountain in Washington
5. Measures of distance
6. English poet
7. Printer's measures
8. Supper
9. Before
10. War horse
11. Age
12. English surgeon
13. Unseated
14. Seat
15. One of a ancient race
16. Bird
17. Colony of honey bees
18. Waterwheel
19. Instrument for crushing ore
20. Lowest part of a song
21. Iron
22. Hower: simplified form
23. Wreath
24. Cut off
25. Character in "The Last Days of Pompeii"

Crossword puzzle grid with words filled in: STOP, PASS, STOVE, ALICE, PLANNER, SORREL, LAR, NURSE, ERA, OVER, SEE, LAID, DERIVED, DIMES, PAD, SAL, SWEET, RELAPSE, LEAN, WIN, CALF, OAR, TIDAL, RET, ERNEST, TEASES, SELAH, ONSET, DIARE, REED.

Grid for Quill Points puzzle with numbers 1-48.

Quill Points
A republic is a land in which the vote of one half-wit can determine whether a candidate is a great statesman or a nobody.

Communications
Oregon Isn't Pennsylvania.
To the Editor:
Quoting from your editorial in Thursday's Tribune concerning the appointment of Mr. Grundy; the statement is made "personally we don't happen to fancy the Grundy type."

Ye Poet's Corner
The Christmas Star.
(Everett Cole)
The star that arose o'er Bethlehem's plain,
Shines through the night as ages roll on
And beckons men's hearts with its ethereal light.

GOODWIN TO BECOME CORPORATION AUDITOR
SALEM, Ore., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Charles A. Goodwin of the state corporation office has been promoted to the position of auditor to succeed Charles E. Warren, resigned. Goodwin has been examiner and assistant auditor for the department for the last 15 months.

Do You Remember?

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
(From files of the Mail Tribune.)
Dec. 21, 1919.
Indiana-born Alexander Howatt, president of Kansas mine workers, imprisoned for contempt of court.

Norman Hapgood, minister to Denmark, charged by Senate with Red sympathies and reported to be en route home.
Ad: "Trigona oil stock will be a practical Christmas gift for any member of the family."

Klamath Falls: Claude Beck, dock farmer, claims he killed 1500 jack rabbits in one night.
Oregon announces line-up for Harvard game with Prink Callison center and "Skeeter" Maner substitute to Bill Steers.

All records for Christmas package by mail and express broken.
TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
(From files of the Mail Tribune.)
Dec. 21, 1909.
Dr. Cook officially branded as "greatest fakir in world," by University of Copenhagen, after examining his alleged north pole records.

Evans Creek telephone Co. is formed.
New York—Mark Twain returns from Bermuda, very sick man, and refuses to make any jokes for reporters.

C. D. Miller of Nash purchases Louvre cafe.
Ashland votes down saloons by overwhelming vote.
Colonel Karkoff, chief of police at St. Petersburg, assassinated.

SUNDOWN STORIES
WIND WHISTLE HORN
By Mary Graham Bonner.
"I've turned the time ahead this evening," said the Little Black Clock, "and we're going to have a ride in an airplane."

By BUD FISHER
THIS IS MUTT SPEAKING! AS PRESIDENT, SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF THE LION TAMERS' CLUB I WILL NOW READ THE ANNUAL REPORT! MERRY CHRISTMAS!
THE SICK AND BENEFIT COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES THAT OUR SENIOR LION IS NOW IN THE DOG AND CAT HOSPITAL!
THERE IS THREE BUCKS IN THE CLUB TREASURY ONE DOLLAR OF WHICH HAS JUST BEEN EXPENDED TO ENTERTAIN VISITING DIPLOMATS!
THE REMAINING TWO BUCKS WILL BE EXPENDED FOR OUR BANQUET JUDICIOUSLY—AND WE ARE PLEASED TO STATE THAT THE SECRETARY, TREASURER AND PRESIDENT HAVE BEEN ELECTED FOR ANOTHER TERM!