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Ye Smudge Pot

(By Arthur Perry)

There seems to be a lack of co-operation between the woodpile, the janitor, and the hole in the front of the furnace.

Most of the alien hell-raisers the government ferociously threatens to send home, to relieve the unemployment situation, will die of old age, on American soil, and outside of prison walls.

It makes me positively seasick to get a mouthful of lipstick every time I kiss a girl.—(Albany Democrat-Herald.) A great righteousness boils up in a finicky lad.

Among our heavy thinkers and efficient, there is an epidemic of saying: "I get this thought."

GRATITUDE
(John Day News)

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Cone wish to sincerely thank all the kind friends who worked so hard to save our property from destruction by fire last Thursday at our house, and hope to be able to return the favor to each and every one in the near future.

One of the ice-house workers called at this sanctum yesterday and is down with the chilblains, and what is feared is frost-bite.

The vocalists are busy mastering a Fugue for Christmas, which is to music what "Turkey Soup . . . Kazula" is to eating.

We have received the following grim rib-tickler, from a genial local undertaker full of ominous joviality, viz:

Just about the time most of us get to thinking we can lay off—six men carry us off.

The paragraph leaves the reader solemn — listening to the hind wheels of the hearse grinding in the gravel in the backyard of the funeral home.

More of our promising young men are getting ready to put something green in the paw of the preacher.

Shoe shop for sale—very cheap to anybody crazy enough to buy it. Vincent Ferina, 217 E 9th.—(Kansas City Star Want Ad.) The customer is always right.

The all-American wisecrack was evolved by Ed Howe, of the Atchison Globe, who wrote: "Man ought to be able to quit drinking, without becoming an evangelist."

"What goads journalists to spend their life at grinding newspaper toil?" inquires an upstate college paper. We have no idea what goads a journalist, but with a newspaperman, it's hunger, armed with an 8-penny nail stuck in the end of a broom handle. It is probable that a "journalist" is goaded onward by his ideals. Journalists are always jabbering about "grinding newspaper toil," and are never ground. To hear the lot tell it, all newspaper offices are equipped with a shirt-tail full of type, a press, and a combination silo cutter and coffee grinder, into which the journalists are tossed, to assist the toil in the grinding.

The trouble with the World Court plan, is that it will work with all the noble thoroughness of Prohibition.

If it rains until March 15, as seems probable, the weather bureau will report .007 of an inch of moisture fell, and the first farmer to start spring plowing, will report it's too dusty to continue the urgent work.

Who remembers the Christmas celebration that brought out the versatility of Pop Gates to the fullest. He made the principal address, presented the Keys of the city to Santa Claus, functioned as Santa Claus, and climaxed a busy evening by holding up the tree with one hand, while passing out popcorn with the other.

This thriving and picturesque fishing hamlet, is smacking its lips over the Alaska cannery product, and mad enough to eat the can.

"ARGUMENTS WILL ARISE AT LEGISLATURE" (Salem, Ore., Capital-Journal.) The wild conjecture.

Spend Half Million in Pen.

CANON CITY, Colo. — During the past two years the state penitentiary has spent $506,737.70 in Canon City for supplies and salaries, Warden Francis E. Crawford said in an address before the Rotary club.

PASS THE JOBS AROUND

LYNN, Mass.—The General Electric company will soon discharge more than 100 married women at its Lynn plant because officials have found their husbands receive sufficient remuneration to provide for family needs.

Frank P. Cox, manager of the West Lynn works, yesterday described the proposed change as an effort to pass along employment to those who need it. The places of the married women will be filled by widows, single women or married women whose husbands are unable to properly support them.

SOUNDS like a good idea. Married women whose husbands are competent to support them, should not be taking jobs from married women whose husbands AREN'T. Likewise married women, whose husbands have an income sufficient for the family needs should not be depriving single women, or single men of work, particularly at a time when unemployment is a serious community problem.

The General Electric company is one of those hated octopuses, of course. But we think its policy of giving work to those who need it most, and refusing work to those who need it least, might well be followed by the smaller and presumably more virtuous business concerns in this country.

For the big problem before the country today is not the pursuit of wealth but the prevention of suffering and want. It is certainly time for the married woman who doesn't absolutely need a job to give her place in the line to someone who does.

Few can be expected to do this voluntarily, so it is up to the employers of labor to adopt such a policy themselves, and thus distribute the available remunerative work in this country at this time among the maximum number of people.

A RETURN TO SANITY

THANKS to the regular Republicans and Insurgents, President Hoover is allowed to carry out the relief program he had outlined. This is consoling.

If there is one thing about which the President knows all there is to know,—it is relief work. During the war and post-war period; also, at the time of the Mississippi floods, Mr. Hoover carried on relief work which drew forth the admiration and praise of the entire world.

His conspicuous success was largely due to the fact that he had complete control over administrative work and expenditures. Yet partisanship is so strong that, when, as President, he asked for the same powers, there was a great hulalabaloo and radical members of the opposition succeeded in defeating the administration program.

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AS OFTEN happens, however, the opposition went too far. When Democratic orators felt impelled to question the President's honesty, and the propriety of his methods in Belgium, there was an immediate reaction and yesterday the marplot brigade was routed, and Mr. Hoover was given the funds and the authority he originally requested.

This is a victory for President Hoover,—also, for sanity and fair play. With the President in command, the country can rest assured that relief work for the country's unemployed will be carried on at the maximum benefit and efficiensy, with the minimum extravagance and waste.

WHY LET THE SECRET OUT?

GOVERNOR NORBLAD is no doubt wise to order a secret investigation of the Dahack killing, before he decides, whether or not, to call a special grand jury to consider the case, under the direction of a special prosecutor.

But we question the wisdom of making this decision known. For now those with special knowledge of the tragedy will be on their guard, and suspicious of all inquiries from strangers they do not know. Far better, in our opinion, if the Governor had said nothing about sending a secret service man down here until the facts had been secured.

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FOR the facts are what the people want. There is strong sentiment here, and everywhere else, against indiscriminate shooting by dry officers, killing unarmed men first, and determining their guilt or innocence later. There has been too much of this sort of thing in the past, and if the Dahack killing was another example, then those responsible should be apprehended and punished.

On the other hand those engaged in breaking the law know they are taking a risk, and to a certain extent must suffer the consequences, if they refuse to obey the commands of arresting officers.

Justice is what we all want in this case. But justice is impossible without all the facts. We fear the Governor's public announcement will render the securing of such facts more difficult than if he had kept the entire matter secret.

Jobless men may restore normal industry by disposing of apples. That's the way Eve got the race started to work.

Fess fears the Grand Old Party may split. There is always that danger if a fellow straddles too much.

If you haven't voted yet for the new high school, get busy—there is still time to reach the polls before they close.

Thus far we would put Medford up against any place in California as a pleasant winter resort.

MAIL TRIBUNE DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

1 Sulaiman
4. Turn to the left
8. Equine animal
14. Decorate
15. Cuckoo
16. Upright
17. Lamentable
19. Paint
21. Chess piece
22. Short for a Miss's name
23. Sin
24. Color
25. Mexican Indian
26. All-wise
28. Not so wild
30. Surfaces a street
31. By
32. Fold over on
34. Sheet of glass
35. Fragment
38. Pertaining to musical sound
40. Snow runner
43. Parent
44. Commonly
47. Son of Judah
48. Brazilian macaw
50. Trials
51. Woolen fabric
53. Remain
55. Gaelic form of John
57. Thus
58. Drive off
60. Clear of outlawry: Old Eng. law
62. Public vehicle
65. Region
66. Droop
67. Denoting the central part
69. Sun god
70. High pointed hill
71. Purpose
72. Charges with gas
74. German city
76. Couch
78. Puff up
79. Shabby: colloq.
80. Mournful
81. Hold back

DOWN

1. Pertaining to the Pope
2. Ancient Roman official
3. Drunkard
4. Perennial plant
5. Force air noisily through the nose
6. Possesses
7. Article
8. Broader
9. Edge of a garment
10. Alternative
11. Takes away
12. Frightens
13. Vessels for heating liquids
18. Russian mountains
20. European fish
21. Presenting one's self for duty
24. Is able
27. Thick black liquid
29. Beats at chess
30. Grows uninteresting
32. Children's game
33. Companion
35. Watering place
36. Automobile
37. Part of a flower
39. Pertaining to the nose
41. Small barrel
42. Anger
45. French marshal
46. Affirmation
49. Slander
52. Huge mythical bird
54. Beverage
56. Title
58. Fixed charges
59. Uneven
60. Two-syllabled metrical feet
61. Telegraphed: colleq.
63. Rugged mountain crest
64. Lower
66. Side of the scale
68. Valley
71. Indefinite amount
72. Append
73. Make bare
75. Ending of the past tense
77. Babylonian divinity

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

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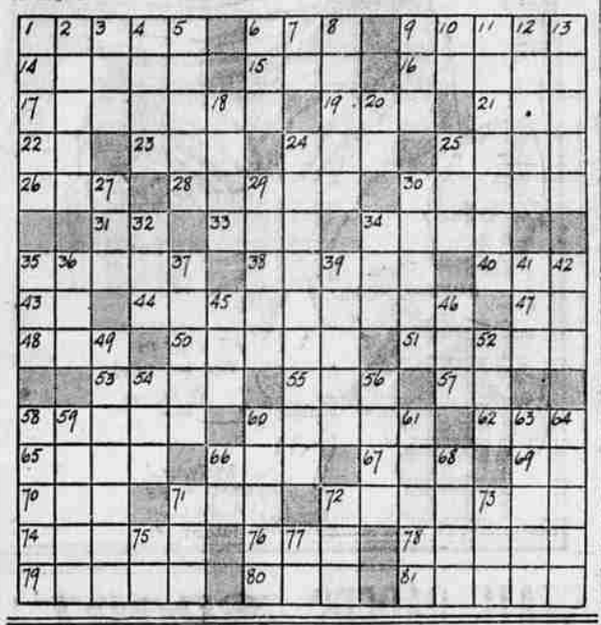

Personal Health Service

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 The Mail Tribune.

THE REVOLT OF THE BABIES

Propaganda and subsidized medical research, the foundations on which a vast amount of big business is built, have made the sledding pretty hard for us babies. The uninitiated observer may not be aware of it, but the fact is that it is getting very difficult for honest parents to raise a baby without contributing a percentage to the Interests that thrive by subsidized science and propaganda. What is more painful to admit, the medical profession of the country is apparently willing to have intercourse with the enemy. On every side we see today what purports to be authoritative medical science abjectly subsidized by big business, and when the kept research workers have attained the results their wasters want, the medical press stands ready to serve these same masters in the propagation of the ideas they wish to popularize.

It is true that some of our medical organs make a play of excluding from their columns false and extravagant claims or unreasonable statements about remedies, treatments, foods, sanitary gadgets, and the like. But when a really big business interest seeks to establish some profitable conception in the public mind, the first step is to endow or found a research fellowship or several of them in some institution already established or even to found such an institution. Then the medical or scientific research robots go to work. In due time they publish their "findings" in some obscure scientific periodical. Thereafter it is all smooth sailing for the big business people. The most squeamish of our medical journals sanction the idea by giving it expression. The laity is quite at the mercy of big business, you see.

If our great medical press can keep up a sufficient scolding about the small fake nostrums and food humbugs, it is possible to give the freest play to some of these really big nostrums. Should anybody raise a question about the honesty or decency of the practice, the great medical organ has only to point to the results shown by scientific research.

This is all a smooth and beautifully organized game. Nevertheless it is a stain on the proud banner of American medicine. If the medical profession in this country has taken pride in anything it is in the traditional way in which the commercial or mercenary spirit has always been restrained here. In contrast with the crass exhibitions of the profession abroad.

We the babies of America deplore the strange position in which we find our friends the doctors. If the doctors turn against us we're sunk. We appeal to the doctors, not the organized medical profession, for a medical organization has no more soul than a business corporation has, but we appeal to the doctors individually and personally to remain loyal. This is not so difficult for the honest practitioner. He can always accept or reject the "findings" of the subsidized scientists, and if he is cautious and wise he will ignore such "scientific" evidence when it comes from a hireling of big business.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
Two or Three a Day

Please give me your opinion on these points. I am 38 years old and in good health. Is it all right for me to drink one or two cups of tea or coffee daily? To smoke one or two cigarets a day? My diet is mostly fruit, vegetables, milk, nuts, a few eggs and starches. (H. B.).

Answer—Yes to both.

Flaxseed Helped

Perhaps my experience with your flaxseed trick will be of interest. I was laid up with a plaster cast around my waist and down my legs for two months. Instead of resorting to physics or enemas I took a teaspoonful of flaxseeds every night and needed adjusting only three times in that period. I feel indebted to you for the comfort I obtained. (H. L.)

Answer—At least it is harmless. I suspect you might have been just as comfortable without the flaxseeds, after the first week.

The Old Lemon Juice Hoax

Kindly tell me if a person drinks a glass of grapefruit juice or lemon juice squeezed in hot water every morning will it reduce them? (Dolores.)

Answer—No. It is wholesome and healthful enough, if you like your grapefruit or lemon that way, but of course it has some nutritive value and it is silly to imagine you can reduce by taking nourishment.

Diet for Anemia

Are certain foods especially good for a person who is anemic? If so, please give a list of them. (R. P. G.)

Answer—Send a stamped envelope bearing your address and ask for monograph on anemia and be sure to say whether you have anemia or your dependent. Here I will merely repeat that with rare exceptions anemia is not due to deficiencies of diet, and hence it is seldom influenced by special diets, that is, common secondary anemia.

Surgical Diathermy in Nose

You have favored the diathermy method for removing tonsils. Can this same method be used for removing a portion of the bone in the nose? (F. W.)

Answer—A doctor skilled in diathermy employs it with equal satisfaction for shrinking enlarged turbinate bodies in the nose (people often speak of removal of portions of these spongy bodies as cutting out "bone.")

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SUNDOWN STORIES

AND SO ON
By Mary Graham Bonner

John and Peggy sat with the Little Black Clock while he was turning the time slowly forward.

Now they saw a funny old automobile and the people were saying, 'How can it go? What next? What in the world will they be doing next?"

Before long, as the Clock turned the time ahead, they saw a plane flying overhead and they heard the people shouting,

"What next? What in the world will they be doing next?"

Now the Clock had turned the time to the years ahead and they saw dirigibles larger than boats, larger than hotels and people were planning trips around the world which would hardly take any time at all, while others were crying.

"What Next? What in the world will they be doing next?"

"I've shown you most of these wonders as they were being invented," the Little Black Clock said.

"But you see each thing seems so very wonderful until people become used to it.

"Before they are used to it they are so amazed by the great discovery or invention that they say, "'What Next? What in the world will they do next?'"

"I don't blame them," said John. "It's so very hard to see ahead."

"Well," said the Little Black Clock, "I haven't turned the time quite far enough as yet."

And now the children saw Santa Claus rushing along with a great pack upon his back ready to go to one of the places where there were children.

"You haven't turned the time ahead now," John said.

"Oh yes I have," said the Little Black Clock. "I've turned it way, way ahead. But you see Santa Claus always keeps young and Santa Claus will always visit children on Christmas eve."

And true enough. Santa looked just as he always had—just as ruddy and adorable as ever.

Tomorrow—"Christmas Ways"

Stayton. — Floyd Crabtree built modern dairy barn and milk room on his farm.

Quill Points

Pedestrian: One who bit off more than he could chew.

India's caste system isn't like America's. A bear market doesn't get it all balled up.

Mr. Doak will be an unusual Secretary of Labor. He doesn't brag about his lowly origin.

Good times are timid. They always sneak up on you while your nose is pressed on a grindstone.

If he boasts that he doesn't love money, perhaps it's because he never had enough to inspire love.

Of course you can mention the famous guys you know, but only a buck private boasts of dining with a top sergeant.

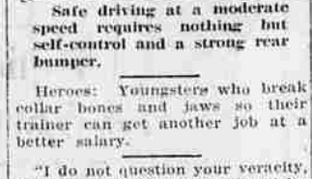
If you think the average man isn't conservative, note the bald area he calls a spot.

Tariff wall: An American invention that transforms raw deals into retaliation.

Americanism: Feeling superior to Europe; feeling proud when an American wins a European prize for shaming his country in a book.

Mussolini is finding it a hard job to suppress the natives of Sicily. Chicago can sympathize.

The most remarkable endurance record is that established by statesmen. Think of squatting 11 years on a fence.



Safe driving at a moderate speed requires nothing but self-control and a strong rear bumper.

Heroes: Youngsters who break collar bones and jaws so their trainer can get another job at a better salary.

"I do not question your veracity, sir, but I doubt the authenticity of your source of information." Modern translation: "Oh, yeah?"

What's the use? When we reconciled ourselves to sandwiches and learned to send Christmas cards instead of presents they began to make fancy ones at six bits.

Russia knows how to warm up patriotism. Just get some peasant to confess that he and Hoover and King George plotted to bomb the new factories.

Correct this sentence: 'My engagement ring was a cheap one," said the woman, "but I never feel cheated when I see a finer one."

First Kindergarten.

ST. LOUIS. — This city claims the distinction of having the first kindergarten in the United States. Miss Susan Blow, having long nursed her idea of instituting a school room "to teach children how to go to school," was permitted to open the first kindergarten here in 1873. The results from this primary grade were so effective that today the idea is now nationwide.

Hall of Fame Elector.

CEDAR FALLS, Ia.—Dr. Homer H. Seerley, president emeritus of Iowa State Teachers college, has been named an elector for the 1930 hall of fame for New York university. He is one of a group of 107 prominent persons who will select outstanding Americans for the seventh election to the hall of fame in the New York institution.

Hot Chocolate Too Hot.

ST. LOUIS. — Persons who complain because their chocolate is not hot enough should have been present at a candy store here the other day. Oliver Heber, proprietor of the store, was making candy. He left the pot to wait on a customer. The chocolate got hot and boiled over. Results: $5,000 damage to his establishment.

Blind Men's Sales Force.

HARRISBURG, Pa. — A sales force of blind men has been organized by the Harrisburg branch of the Pennsylvania Association of the Blind to advocate the purchase of products made by the blind.

Brightwood. — Bruns-Jonsrud Lumber Co. established sawmill in this city.

Do You Remember?

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
(From files of the Mail Tribune.)
December 19, 1920

Local auto buying brisk despite recent advance in price for all makes.

Harry L. Walther of Copco journeys to Portland and tells the narrow escape from running for the legislature from this county.

George A. Hunt, the local theater man, recently operated on for appendicitis, is on the "up."

John Benson of the Applegate reports that while at work on his mine he was savagely attacked by a maddened deer.

New South Methodist church is formally dedicated and Rev. Jouett D. Bray collapses from illness during his sermon.

Frank Wagner, escaped convict from the Oregon tate prison, shot and killed in pistol duel with posse near Astoria. Wagner was captured in a blacksmith shop while making a new set of safe cracking tools.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
(From files of the Mail Tribune.)
December 19, 1910

Eighteen per cent of Medford streets now paved.

Streets lined with Christmas shoppers.

Stricter game laws urged and a closed season for trout in Rogue river favored.

Jud Pernoll, the young Grants Pass southpaw, is sold to the Oakland team.

Work starts on new buildings in the Queen Anne and Jackson street districts.

Cluster lights on Espee depot grounds turned on while the band plays and 2500 people cheer.

Local waiters form a union.

School census shows a 23 per cent gain for this city.

"It's a small old world," says Mr. Puff.
"If only you travel around it enough.
Those squirrels which keep that lady warm
Were friends of mine back on the farm."

Talks To Parents

The Parents' Task
By Alice Judson Peale

Chrichton Miller, writing of parents and children, says that the parent too frequently thinks of his relation to his child as that of the potter to his clay, rather than that of the gardener tending the development of a bulb.

The potter works with inanimate material which he can shape into any form his fancy pleases and his skill permits.

The gardener knows that he works with living material. Its potentialities are limited by the laws of its growth.

At best it can only be the best of its own particular kind. If he gives it good soil and plenty of sunshine and water he will develop all that is in it. But if he cares for it poorly the finest bulb will bring forth only a dwarfed and misshapen product.

The best parents can be no more than skillful and conscientious gardeners. They can do their best to make the most of their children's inherent potentialities.

As soon as they try to engraft their own ambitions upon their children, as soon as they try to force them into a preconceived mould they will succeed only in stunting and twisting their growth.

It is the parent's task to try to understand his child, to know sympathetically his ambitions; to see realistically his limitations and to open to him such opportunities as he may profit by, to love him unfailingly and well.

To see the task of parenthood in this light is to spare the child from being forced toward goals impossible to attain and from entertaining ambitions doomed at the outset to disappointment.

Land Values Increase.

LINCOLN, Neb. — Land values in Nebraska have shown an upward trend since the collapse of the stock market, realtors and statisticians point out. This reaction was forecast during the collapse last fall.

MUTT AND JEFF—The Mystery of the Leaping Whiskers

By BUD FISHER

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is a doctor's Prescription for
COLDS & HEADACHES
It is the most speedy remedy known
666 also in Tablets