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Ye Smudge Pot (By Arthur Parry) It is cheering to note, in the press, that "due to the bounty of the nation, all the poor will partake of a Christmas dinner"

The boy-friend has invited me to dinner, theater, dances, etc., and I always refused his invitations.

Another young lady has encountered tragedy at a lonely spot after midnight. The police describe her as "a modern girl," but the lonely spots are all old-fashioned, and stay-out all night.

The Christmas cheer has started to ebb over the arrival of vodka, in dimpled containers.

The army major who waxed romantic with a Texas blonde, and as a result is alleged to have put poison in his wife's food and drink, faces the cheerless prospect of a life in the "big house."

A letter has been received requesting the writer to "help out the farmer and eat a pound of bolted wheat for breakfast."

"TRAVELLING DOLLAR BILL SENT ON WAY BY MERCHANTS"—(Hillside Del Norte Triplet.) People who for years have been whistling posts for dollar bills, fail to understand why it was necessary for the merchants to send the "travelling dollar bill" on its way.

Ben Sheldon is up from Los Angeles to observe Christmas in the burg where, as a potential candidate for the legislature, he acted as Santa Claus and ignited his cotton-batten whiskers on a pink candle.

A Nipponese infant was downtown yesterday and bawled in his native tongue and broken English. He had a whitehearted equal, and he also used all his lungs.

"DON'T KICK THE LEGISLATURE IN THE FACE"—(Charlotte Sentinel.) There's a much better place.

The Ford ambulance on the Main Street bridge that steered vigilance is the price of an uncrimped tender.

"A scientist has discovered a new type of mosquito. The truth of the matter is the mosquito discovered the scientist. Let's give credit where credit is due."—(Town Topics.)

The thinking Maws are telling their progeny to eat their spinach for Santa Claus.

QUILL POINTS

Anyway, Russia has an ideal system. When the government needs an alibi it gets some engineer to confess and take all the blame.

An Albany, N. Y., man got 15 years for stealing a dime. Mr. Rockefeller certainly has made those things sacred.

Of course pains can be caused by a distant center of infection. Head swelling often results from a pat on the back.

You see, by saving the wine grape crop the administration saves the growers and thus saves a batch of electoral votes.

Note to the Farm Board: Why favor California? Other farmers could get rich, too, if given authority to compete with Capone.

Audubon societies say birds will take naturally to golf-course sanctuaries, but we've never been able to get a birdie on one.

Russia's system might work in America; but if you shoot all those "ag in the government," who would be left to bury them?

Correct this sentence: "This time," said the girls, "there will be no Christmas for any of us until old Dad has all that he needs."

Americanism: Furnishing Russia talent and machinery to modernize herself; living in dread of the competition thus made possible.

Mr. Einstein's triumphal tour in this country demonstrates that if you can evolve a theory no one understands, the world will beat a path to your door.

They say there is just as much money in this country as ever before, but if so it seems to be wearing a false beard and traveling incognito.

EUGENE GARBAGE WAR IS SETTLED BY COURT RULING

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 23.—(AP) H. M. Elliott and J. B. Johansen are at present subject to arrest by Eugene authorities if they attempt to haul garbage from the city to their livestock outside the city, but after next April, it will be a different story, according to an opinion of the state supreme court today in which an opinion written by Justice Rossman affirms a decree by Judge G. F. Skidmore in Eugene's garbage war.

Because of dissatisfaction arising over a pro-nuisance hauling of garbage by various persons, the Eugene city council by ordinance granted to Bray Brother the exclusive right to haul the city's garbage for a period of three years, dating from April 1, 1928.

Later, at a municipal election May 27, 1929, a charter amendment was adopted by the people providing that the city should not grant a monopoly for garbage hauling.

long, will have six fat roosters on Christmas day. He eats only once a month and swallows his roosters feathers and all.

"The chimpanzees, orang-outangs and other big monkeys will each have two extra oranges. Caribou and elk will have the food they like best.

And any criminals locked up waiting to be executed will be asked as usual to write their own menu for the death morning. They may have anything they like, but usually order ham and eggs. Murderers have little imagination.

Something new in prohibition enforcement. Federal agents arrested a colored man headed away from shore in a rowboat. He confessed that he was rowing out to the 12-mile limit to get some gin that he could not trust the gin of New York.

Recent alcoholic deaths testify as to the soundness of his judgment. But he was locked up in spite of his plea that if merely "wanting" good gin was made a crime, the prisons would be crowded.

Calvin Coolidge, recalling the landing of Pilgrim fathers on the

MAIL TRIBUNE DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

Across: 1. In a hospital state. 4. Stupid person. 12. Heavy coat. 14. Italian coin. 15. Superior. 17. Brother of Cain. 19. Glassful of wine. 21. Organ of sight. 22. Myself. 23. Hiss and hiss. 24. Hawaiian name. 25. About. 26. Native metal. 27. Reverted. 28. Message of weight. 29. Swallowed with greediness. 37. Pay attention to. 38. Voted solo. 39. Excitation. 40. Outside. 41. Shifts of a feather. 42. College cheer word. 43. Performer. 44. Water. 45. Groups of tropical shrubs. 46. Small wooden box. 47. Employer. 48. His home. 49. Island in the Pacific. 50. Hoopoe. Down: 1. In a line. 2. Ardent affection. 3. Urge. 4. By. 5. Runkey. 6. Look for. 7. Fastened with. 8. Wing. 9. Set free. 10. Victim. 11. Act of selling. 12. Perceive. 13. Herd of a certain color. 14. Parent. 15. Abraham's birthplace. 16. Garden tool. 17. Yaw. 18. Receipts of legacies. 19. Shortness. 20. Piece out. 21. Front of the foot. 22. Vain. 23. Slang name of a famous half player. 24. Alternative. 25. Escalation. 26. Money at account. 27. Paradise. 28. Small sheltered inlet. 29. Surface. 30. Secondary school. 31. Demolish. 32. Aristotle's sun disk. 33. Assemblage of cattle. 34. Part of the mouth.

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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 in queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady in care of The Mail Tribune.

WHAT TO DO WITHOUT A DRINK—GIVE THE VICTIM A DRINK

In romantic fiction the one who gets beamed or otherwise momentarily subdued is generally restored at the author's convenience by means of a drink of something from a flask. Indeed, it is only in imaginary stories that alcohol serves as a stimulant or restorative.

When anybody faints or collapses from heart failure or shock from an injury or a great fright, or falls unconscious from some unknown cause, or is overcome by smoke or heat or sheer physical exhaustion (as in a mara-thon race), one of the first measures of relief the bystander instinctively thinks of is to give the victim a drink.

This is all very well if it is a drink of water. It is a mistake to offer the victim any alcoholic liquor. In almost any instance of loss of consciousness or great depression it is ill to give such stimulants as coffee, tea, or aromatic spirits of ammonia, except in apoplexy (stroke of paralysis) or sun stroke—in both of which conditions the victim is already obviously flushed, breathing heavily, overstimulated. No special knowledge is necessary to tell the casual observer when a stimulant is advisable—it is advisable only when the victim is pale, prostrated or evidently weak, relaxed, flabby, with surface cold or sour touch. That is the condition in ordinary fainting spells, shock from accident or fright, collapse from heart failure, or the effect of hemorrhage.

Before you attempt to give the victim anything to drink, make sure you can drink. To do this, take that receptacle holding the drink in one hand, and place your other hand under the pillow or under the head and lift the head just enough to bring the party tilted

cup or glass to the lips. Pour a spoonful or two, just a swallow, into the mouth and see whether it is swallowed. If not, then it is unwise to try to give the drink. You may choke the victim if you persist.

Hot tea or coffee, when procurable, makes the very best of real stimulants to give a victim of fainting, collapse or shock. If the victim can swallow, a cupful of strong hot tea or coffee, preferably with some sugar added, is excellent emergency treatment. Be sure it is not hot enough to burn—try a sip yourself to see.

Plain cold water is always a good emergency stimulant in such cases, when the victim can swallow. Aromatic spirits of ammonia, a half teaspoonful in a glass of cold water in cup or glass, is a quick general stimulant to give if the victim of fainting, shock or sudden prostration can swallow. When the victim is quite conscious and unable to swallow, the effect of the ammonia may be obtained through inhalation. If the victim is breathing, pour a few spoonfuls of the aromatic spirits of ammonia, or even a few drops of ordinary household ammonia, on your palm or on a handkerchief and pass this repeatedly to and fro near the nose. Better take a whiff or two yourself to gauge the effect.

In any case of fainting, severe prostration or shock it is essential, except when giving a drink, to keep the victim's head as low or rather lower than the rest of the body, and to keep the body as warm as possible.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS The Mercenary Specialist. I myself formerly condemned diathermy of the tonsils. I confessed it with the old time electrical cautery. Later I grew interested in your able articles and looked into it more carefully. Now I am giving my patients the treatment and finding it entirely sat-

isfactory. Nose and throat men with whom I have discussed it argue that it is a nuisance to give a series of treatments when one short operation will do the job, and some of them even argue that they are able to collect a better fee for the operation. —G. A. E., M. D.

Answer:—Yes, Doctor, you are one of a large class of physicians who have condemned, or accepted the adverse opinion of some medical tyro, without really understanding what diathermy is. The snarling and gnashing of teeth over this method of treatment is nearly over now. Good doctors and throat specialists everywhere now provide diathermy extirpation as an alternative for surgical tonsillectomy for handicapped patients.

A Working Girl in Danger. I won't waste your time telling you I'm a poor working girl, but I do tell you I have very painful periods, and it is only by taking pills that I am able to remain at my desk. —A. L. B.

Answer:—The pills you mention depend for their pain-killing action on a certain derivative, similar to acetanilide, which is the ingredient in so many pain killers and alleged "cold" remedies and headache dopes and the like. There is only one reasonably safe way to kill pain or fatigue or other sensations with such dopes—the dope is working. Perhaps Dr. Mosher's breathing exercise would help to correct the trouble. It has corrected it in thousands of cases where the woman's physical education has been sadly neglected.

Old Methods and New. The specialists I have talked with say that the diathermy method of tonsil removal is unsatisfactory as it leaves considerable tonsil and infective material in the throat. They urge me to have my tonsils removed by operation. —Rev. J. F. P.

Answer:—If the specialists are fair and honest they will tell you that surgical tonsillectomy too often proves unsatisfactory for precisely the same reason. They're your tonsils, and your health or life is at stake. I can only tell you that if I were the patient I'd travel to the ends of the country to have my tonsils removed by diathermy, rather than submit to the old Spanish custom.

Talks To Parents CHILDREN'S GIFTS

Money for children's Christmas gifts too often is spent lavishly but thoughtlessly. Parents as well as children are apt to be dazzled by the magnificent display of toys in the modern department store.

They lose their heads and buy impulsively elaborate and expensive playthings which make a momentary appeal, but which do not necessarily satisfy the real play impulses of childhood.

Often, too, they buy toys which later prove unsatisfactory because they are not suited to the play needs of the age level of the recipient.

Christmas gives parents an excellent opportunity to profit by the findings of those who have studied children's play interests. It also gives them a chance to spend their money for playthings which will give their children pleasure not only on Christmas and the day after, but for weeks and months.

Good playthings are those which stimulate children to physical, imaginative, constructive and social activities. They are simple but strongly made.

Mothers may find help in a pamphlet called "Play and the Playthings" which may be obtained by writing to the Child Study Association of America, 221 West Fifty-seventh street, New York City.

The mother of a child with a hobby can make no mistake in buying equipments and materials with which he may further pursue it.

Money spent in the development of any one real interest which the child has consistently shown over a period of time may be regarded as a genuine investment in his education.

SPURNED SUITOR SHOOTS DETROIT SCHOOL MA'AM

DETROIT, Dec. 23.—(AP) Mrs. Fannie Brown, 44, a teacher in the Hutchins intermediate school was shot and seriously wounded today by a man who fled before other teachers could reach the classroom. At receiving hospital the teacher accused Charles Christopher, 58, automobile company employe. She said she had refused to accept Christopher's attentions.

ST. LOUIS RESIDENTS FRIGHTENED BY QUAKE

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23.—(AP) The south portion of St. Louis experienced an earthquake shock today which lasted one minute, shaking houses and frightening residents. The seismograph at St. Louis university showed the quake very near St. Louis and recorded it at 3:44 a. m.

Do You Remember?

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY (From files of the Mail Tribune.) December 23, 1920. Series of stock lectures started in the valley. Telephone girls to have a Christmas tree.

Police find unknown sleep-walker, wearing nothing but his undershirt and a pair of socks, wandering on North Central. They take him to the Rex Cafe and give him hot soup, and send him home in a taxi.

Christmas shopping at its height. Local folks hope for a white Christmas, as storm rages along Pacific Coast. Venice, Calif., swept by flames. Frank P. Farrell, a lawyer, is elected Commander of the American Legion.

Local interest reaches fever point in the annual Ashpole and Nichols hog-leaf guessing contest. TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY (From files of the Mail Tribune.) December 23, 1910. Woodrow Wilson, governor of New Jersey, charges the "Republicans with bad faith."

Christmas business at postoffice exceeds all records. State tax levy will be two mills. Dr. Frederick K. Cook arrives from Europe and announces: "I will convince the world I discovered the North Pole."



The common people are good art critics. Russian peasants, you remember, destroyed the paintings in public buildings.

What career shall you follow, son?—Well, you'll notice there are no jobless reformers.

Of course the sex appeal in Bobby Jones' golf picture will be furnished by Calamity Jane.

Imagination is what you need when a French king in a talkie speaks Kansas British.

America has blundered in many a crisis, but let it be said to her credit that in this instance her great minds didn't ask the jobless to sell spinach.

Then, too, think how much revenue the government loses by forcing liquor sellers to deal with mere agents when they want license to do business.

Nobly know why the Caldwell banking interests had failed until the receiver began to sell off the old man's horses and farm implements.

Correct this sentence: "I find," said the dean of women, "that sweetness and gentleness are sufficient to keep the girls under control."

SISTER DROPS DEAD WHEN BROTHER SUES

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Mrs. James M. Hackett, 41, wife of a Washkuk valley rancher, drowned dead in superior court today shortly after opening of trial in an action brought against her by her brother, William A. Gawley of Eugene, Ore. The action was in connection with the settlement of the estate of their mother, Mrs. Mary Hackett, who died last year. Mrs. Hackett was dead when a physician arrived.

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By BUD FISHER

MUTT AND JEFF—Beware of Greeks Dodging Gifts

