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## The Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Newspaper photographs of feminine beauties, scantily attired, parading the sun-kissed California and Florida beachhes, are now competing with pictures of men, who went swimming in ice-caked Midwest rivers and lakes on New Year's Day. In many instances, the male contempt for pneumonia is further stressed, by hugging a cake of ice, while standing up to their middles. It is the concensus of opinion if the men don't know any better, it serves them right.

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There are 12,000,000 horses and 800,000 mules in the land, according to the Department of Agriculture reports, "awaiting return to farm work, but they are out-aged." An effort will be made to rehabilitate them. This may mean that by the spring of 1936, the vendors of flivver invigorators, will then be on the vacant lots selling spavin cures.

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People should be allowed to make money during a war, but they shouldn't be allowed to keep it.—(Statement by Bernard M. Baruch). This would be fine, if people able to make money, in sizeable lots, did not have supreme confidence in their ability to retain it, and ready to have another war to do so.

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Helen Kane of vaudeville, screen, and boop-a-doop fame, seeks a divorce on the grounds of "incomdoopaboopability." As long as the lady had made up her mind to commit a wise-crack, she might have called it nincomdoopaboopability.

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There has been some cussing of the taxes, to camoflauge the purchase of a new auto.

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"LORD OF CREATION" ITEM
(Red Bluff, Calif., News)

A modern miracle took place this morning. Two hours before our regular rising time the sweet young thing next door was up and went out to get her car. It wouldn't start and my husband leaped out of bed, jumped into his clothes and hastened out and started the car for her. I could hardly believe he was the same man who lies abed so long every morning and can't be persuaded to get up.—(G. G.)

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The average payment for Old Age Pensions is $9.87 per month. A nation able to deluge a radio soprano with $7150 per week, ought to do better than that.

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A Colorado convict paroled 13 times, was released last Tuesday, and was back in his old cell in seven hours, as the result of a poor job of burgling. He has been so badly mistreated by organized society, that he lacked the moral courage to wait for another parole.

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All the collegians who think they are Communists have returned to Eugeneograd.

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A miner towned Saturday, and pulled two gold mines out of his hip-pocket at the mention of a mythical railroad to the coast.

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The forthcoming legislature proposes changes in the gasoline tax, the Knox liquor control act, and the state police. There seems to be nothing wrong with any of the trio, except that they are highly efficient and producing revenue.

Medford Visitors—Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Yokum of Eugene are spending a few days in Medford, having arrived this morning on the Oregonian. They are guests at the home of Mrs. Yokum's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Holbrook.

Team Organized—The Crater Lake national park offices and the offices of Rogue River national forest have [illegible] a combined bowling team [illegible] in the City [illegible] [illegible] Harry [illegible] who will [illegible]

# An Epoch Making Pact

AN example of preventing war, not by preaching the beauties of universal peace, but by using common sense, can be found in the recent agreement between Italy and France. In fact this Laval-Mussolini pact, signed in Rome, promises to be the most important diplomatic achievement in Europe, since Locarno.

Instead of talking about the virtues of peace and the horrors of war the Italian dictator and the foreign minister of France, talked sense, and got to work on the important business of eliminating the causes of war.

The agreement provides for three things. First, maintaining the integrity and independence of Austria; second putting an end to international intrigue and political agitation in the Little Entente (outlawing the practice of one little nation meddling with the internal affairs of another); and third, allowing Italy a free hand for expansion and colonization in northern Africa.

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THE last item is by far the most important. For as long as France and Italy were at loggerheads in the Mediterranean all talk about peace in Central Europe was futile.

Italy is overcrowded, and short of raw materials, particularly iron and coal. In northern Africa she could find room, markets, and increased trade. As long as France disputed her expansion in this direction, as a threat to her own African possessions, Italy was bound to oppose France diplomatically on the continent.

And as long as Italy opposed France on the continent, Mussolini was forced to play the game with Germany and what is left of Austria-Hungary.

Therefore the war-like spirit in Central Europe was constantly stimulated, for with Italy as an ally, Hitler might risk a war of revenge; without the hope of Italian assistance, any such military adventure would be suicidal.

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BY the terms of this new agreement of course, Germany again is isolated. Italy gets what she wants in northern Africa France gets what she wants in Europe.

However if the plebiscite in the Saar is carried out peacefully and the recent Franco-German agreement regarding the Saar mines, is amicably fulfilled we see no reason why for the first time since the Treaty of Versailles, the countries of Europe, can't get down to business, forget their ancient grudges, bury their racial hatreds and enjoy a warless interlude, for at least another decade.

This may be a somewhat optimistic prediction. But at least this Franco-Italian pact, gives the best promise of a lasting peace in Europe, since Stressemann and Briand shook hands and smoked the pipe of peace in Locarno.

# Why Not Japan?

IT seems to us, that in this Franco-Italian pact, there is a very important lesson for the United States, as far as the Japanese problem is concerned.

This country is being fairly flooded at the present time with books pointing out the menace of Japan to peace in the Far East. War there seems to be regarded as inevitable. And most students of the problem appear agreed, that in case of war the United States would inevitably be drawn in.

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WHAT does Japan want? Well Japan wants what Italy has wanted,—more room, more raw materials, more markets of her own. Japan is more overcrowded than Italy—far more—in a territory about the size of Texas she has to find room for between 65 and 70 million people. She has some raw materials but she needs more. Most of her needs can be found in those districts of China, where she now maintains a semi-military control.

Why not ALLOW Japan to expand in this direction just as France has allowed Italy to expand in northern Africa?

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THERE is ample precedent for this. The United States once "expanded" at the expense of Mexico. Alaska once belonged to Russia. This country purchased this rich territory outright from the Czar.

Why couldn't there be some international agreement, whereby Japan could purchase territory in China, and have it as her own? The cost would be but an infinitesimal part of what a war of conquest would cost her. And this is totally disregarding what such a war might cost the rest of the world.

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PREACHING the beauties of peace to Japan will do no good. Depicting the wickedness of war will profit nothing. If Japan can't get the room she needs to survive as a strong and growing nation, by PEACEFUL means; she will get it by WAR. And who will point at her the finger of scorn and say that any other world power, faced by a similar national situation, would bow meekly to its fate, and be demoted unresistingly to a third-rate power?

In other words, why can't reason and common sense prevail? Japan's demands for more territory, we regard as perfectly legitimate ones. It is foolish and cheap chauvinism to maintain that because Japan wishes to expand she also wishes to conquer the United States and dominate the western world.

Japan wants her place in the East, and her possessions not thousands of miles away, but near home.

Isn't it possible to allow her, without another great war, to HAVE them?

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AT least such a solution of the problem, appears to us, as worthy the most serious consideration. We see no reason why what France and Italy have done on a small scale, CAN'T be done on a larger one!

## GRAND JURY WILL PROBE BEER CASE

W. L. Stewart, storekeeper of the Evans creek district, charged with the sale of intoxicating liquor to a minor, has been ordered bound over to await action of the grand jury, by Justice of the Peace William R. Coleman [illegible] has given a preliminary hearing [illegible] and the case [illegible] been held in abeyance since then to await receipt of a birth certificate of the complaining witness.

Stewart allegedly sold beer to a CCC worker, assigned to a nearby camp. The youth represented himself to be 21 years of age, when making the purchase, and later testified that he was 19 years old.

The defense showed by witnesses that the same brand of beer as allegedly sold by Stewart was for sale in the CCC cantonment, which is under the federal regulation permitting the sale of 3.2 per cent beer. Under Oregon law, this is forbidden to minors, which also holds that a minor misstating his age [illegible] the seller.

Next grand jury session for this county is scheduled in February.

# 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. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady, 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Cal.

COOKS, QUACKS AND MERCHANTS ARE NOT NUTRITION AUTHORITIES.

Spinal curvature, high hip, low shoulder, round back, weak ankles, flat feet, night blindness, dry eyes, obesity, decayed teeth, knock-knee, physical staleness, premature graying of the hair, myocarditis, anemia, chronic arthritis, multiple neuritis, functional impairments of the reproductive organs, rigid brittle nails, finical appetite, voracious appetite—these are frequently manifestations of nutritional deficiency. I could extend the list to a frightful length were it fair to include mention of the many vague disturbances of the health which we know are often due wholly to hypovitaminous diet—that is, food which supplies insufficient vitamins for the requirements of eutrophy, perfect nutrition, top condition, buoyant health. I prefer not to suggest such symptoms.

The entities I have mentioned will illustrate the importance of nutrition. And right here let me remind you, Mr. and Mrs. Wiseacre, that neither the best cooks nor the brightest young saleswomen nor the most expert dietitians nor the most famous "food specialists" are competent to advise what any invalid or near-invalid should or should not eat. Indeed, many cases of the various conditions enumerated have been brought about or aggravated by the popular practice of following the advice of unqualified persons in the matter of diet, particularly in children.

The wiseacre mother of a 10-year-old child who had pronated feet (weak ankles, the potential or first stage of flat feet) took the child first to a "foot specialist" clerk and permitted this charlatan to fit some kind of trick shoe. The trouble grew worse. Then the moronic parent had the child's spine adjusted by a fad healer whose promises were rosy, but whose performance proved disappointing. Next she afflicted the unfortunate youngster with arch props—on a line of reasoning similar to that which formerly caused misguided mothers to encase young daughters in freak corsets which the wise saleswoman said were quite necessary to "mould" the figure. At last, only by accident, the child came under the notice of a physician, just a plodding old family practitioner, but one who was well abreast of the progress of his profession. He put a stop to the hocus-pocus and saw that the child received a suitable diet, including an optimal ration of vitamins, and in a few weeks the foot trouble was cured.

Sometimes I think it is unfortunate that victims of this nutritional defect—pronated or potential flat feet—do not suffer more "rheumatic" or "neuralgic" pains and lame back or feel run down, anemic or nervously exhausted, for even the dumb ones with these symptoms are likely to take it into their heads to obtain medical advice.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Hiccough

Husband had hiccoughs incessantly for five days. The doctor was unable to help him. I put two teaspoonfuls of flaxseeds (sometimes called linseed) in a jar and filled it with hot water. When it cooled enough he drank it, and did not have another hiccough. (Mrs. J. J. H.)

Answer—Anyway it is harmless enough. Inhalations of carbon dioxid are the best emergency remedy for hiccoughs I know. Let the sufferer hold a paper bag snugly over nose and mouth and breathe into it and rebreathe the air from it for a minute or two.

Fish and Milk

Impression that fish and milk or even canned salmon and milk at same meal poison. How, then, can cooks prepared creamed fish or how can they fry fish in cream? (Mrs. J. J. A.)

Answer—There is no ground for the quaint notion that fish and milk at the same meal will prove poisonous or in any way injurious. If one likes such a combination it is perfectly wholesome.

The Charcoal Bimbo

What is lacking in the diet of a 1½-year old boy that makes him try to eat such things as charcoal and soft stone? (Mrs. W. G. L.)

Answer—Eating "dirt" or other things than food is not an indication of any deficiency in the diet. Many babies have this habit, called "pica," and they get over it in a year or two, and no harm done, as long as they don't eat polluted things.

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# NEW YORK DAY BY DAY

By O. O. McIntyre.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—In the manner of Arnold Bennett's journal: Dean Cornwell told me today he gained 25 pounds after quitting cigarettes. And I hear young Jack Howard has left Indianapolis for a Washington post. Palaver over breakfast coffee as to what writer turned out most stuff.

Arthur Brisbane and Lowell Thomas were selections. But the late Edgar Wallace was likely most prolific of all. He knew the London underworld better than any person of his time. Jack Lait, who also knows life's seamy side, is high up in the list of those producing prodigious copy.

After several days of slogging, I turned out a magazine piece in one hour, 40 minutes. Argued with myself it was goodish and won. At the bureau de tabac, whither I acquire current reading, the proprietor told me he looked at nothing in the papers save Ripley. Damp, clasping, cold.

A lady down Charleston, S. C. way writes the Mason-Dixon line separates those who say "you all" from those who say "hadn't ought." Ina Claire, so coolly glacial looking, seems constantly headlined in a torrid love affair. Dreiser invites me for an evening soon to "sit, sip and talk about things."

M. and I were engrossed by three smartly dressed white-haired ladies at a Schrafft's, smoking goldtipped cigarettes chain fashion. Not one inhaled but blew precise smoke rings and discussed Mae West and Harry Richman. All left without tipping. The new dog came to battle with the established one today, fur flew and both are in seclusion licking sores. A draw, I should say. Gene Crawley tried to lure me from my devoirs with extravaganzas for a new Mickey Mouse, but by sheer clench of will remained at my typewriter. We were saddened by the tragedy of Mary Harriman Rumsey, whose teas were so delightful in Paris.

A publisher's agent was here with a whip stitch electric, with literary buzz-fuzz. High lights Rex Beach has stirred up a hornets' nest by good natured prodding of expensive medicos. They are most sensitive of all professions to criticism. All publishers are angling for another book from Elsie Robinson. The short, short story is in big demand in the feuilletons and most difficult of all fiction to write. As I remember, the most absorbing I ever read were by Ryley Cooper and Octavus Roy Cohen.

Liquor affects those not used to it strangely. Dick Berlin was telling of a devoted husband who at midnight [illegible] downed two side-cars before catching his suburban train. All at once he began to sob, "I just remember," he choked, "I've forgotten to take my wifeday a birth present." But my favorite tipsy tale is the old one Wilton Lackeye so often repeated. The weaving husband tip-toeing in at 2 a. m. In the hall he upset the gold-fish bowl with a crash. His wife at head of stairs: "What was that!" He mumbled: "I'll teach those dern gold-fish to snap at me!"

Earl Carroll was a cicerone for a back stage siesta at a Bowery burlesque. Ladies of ensemble giggily self-conscious but not brazen. The strip girl from Denver, a waitress. With an O. Henry sort of twist to her story. Supports two children and a husband in a high-country sanitarium. We sent out for hamburgers all around. The only good hamburgers are those "sent out for." Will Hays set off with his son Bill the other day to hunt cougar with that fellow that lassoes them in the movies. High up in the Rockies somewhere, I believe.

I think it was Meredith Nicholson who counseled me to read Marcel Proust as one who could garland the inconsequential and make it exciting. Proust was a neurasthenic who wound up in a sound-deadened, air fouled room. All neurotics have astonishing flair for minutae. Vide: Wells, Bennett, Walpole. I am drawing away from Wells. His Marxist strain has become too brilliantly ruby, the same carmine streak that runs through a group of high-brow magazines, particularly the American Mercury since Mencken left.

A hideous etching of life under a span of Brooklyn Bridge the other midnight. Around a rubbish fire a pot au feu brewing. Silhouetted in the half glow a legless beggar, an enormously headed hunchback and shriveled crone whose claw-like hands held a cigar stump. Adele R. became swimmy and fainty. Hardboiled K. L. wept. We hurried away. Why should such things be?

## Wins Peace Prize

The Nobel peace prize for 1934 was awarded to Arthur Henderson, British president of the world disarmament conference for his "untiring work to create understanding and good will between nations." (Associated Press Photo)

# Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

PRESIDENT Roosevelt tells congress that if it passes the soldiers' bonus bill it must also levy new taxes to PAY IT.

WHETHER you are for the bonus or against it, you must agree that this is true. If the government is to contract big bills, it must levy taxes with which to pay them.

Otherwise it must start the printing presses, and every nation so far that has started in to pay its bills with printing press money has gone broke.

LEVYING taxes with which to pay government's bills, especially when the bills are vast in size, is PAINFUL. From time to time, governments seek to ease this pain by paying their bills with printing press money.

This process is called inflation.

TAKING inflation to ease the pain of taxation is exactly like taking morphine to ease bodily pain. Increasingly bigger doses are required to get the desired result, until in time the taker is destroyed.

YOU read in the papers these days of the Saar plebiscite. These are big words and perhaps you may be hazy as to their meaning.

"Plebiscite" is a journalist's word for what a plain, working newspaper man would call an election. The Saar plebiscite means that on January 13 the Saar basin, which was taken away from Germany by the Versailles treaty, will hold an election to decide whether it will stay with France or go back to Germany.

The Saar basin is rich in coal and iron, so both sides want it badly.

BEING a plain, more or less straight-thinking American, living in a country where common sense still has a certain value, you may be inclined to ask:

"What difference does it make WHO owns the Saar? If France wants the Saar's iron and coal, why can't she BUY them, just as we buy what we want from Canada? Why can't Germany do likewise?

You miss the whole point. It isn't just the coal and iron of the Saar that France and Germany want. It is CONTROL of these products in time of war that they are after.

It is self-sufficiency in time of war that France and Germany are thinking of, and war and common sense have little in common.

## News Behind The News

(Continued from page one)

You will not find it among the published figures of the natural resources board, but the board has a definite breakdown on its ten-year program expenditures as follows: Federal public works 3.5 billions; state public works 9.7 billions; city public works 7.6 billions; county public works 300 millions and low-cost housing 500 millions. It makes 21.5 billion dollars in all. Of course, the federal government would have to lend most if not all of the money because the states, counties and cities are in extremely bad financial condition generally.

Some people grumbled because the president did not mention the 18 or 19 millions on relief, but grouped them as five million heads of families. The five million figure is correct, and from the New Deal standpoint, it sounds better. The accepted method is to figure one head of a family for every four persons on relief.

The only big point which failed to draw applause as Mr. Roosevelt read his message the other day was the line that care of the one and one-half million permanently unemployed is a local responsibility.

There is no question about the spiritual recovery around Washington. Night clubs are springing up as thickly as in New York, although this never was a night-life town before. Waiters raise their noses at anything less than a quarter tip and personal services are getting slipshod again. All of which are unmistakable signs of returning prosperity.

## HOLLAND HOTEL CAFE WILL BE MODERNIZED

The Holland cafe, in the Hotel Holland building here is closed for repairs, but will open again in a week or ten days, as a modern coffee shop with new dishes, silverware and decorations, giving Medford one more up-to-date cafe.

The new shop will be under the personal management of Mrs. Ella C. Westerlund, manager and operator of the Hotel Holland.

Use Mail Tribune want ads

## Leads Farm Women

Mrs. Abbie C. Sargent of Bedford, N. H., was elected president of the first national organization of rural women, formed at the Farm Bureau convention in Nashville, Tenn. The organization will be known as the Associated Women of the American Farm Bureau federation. (Associated Press Photo)

## World's Best Liar Tells About Mule

Verne Osborn, 25, of Centralia, Wash., was awarded the world's lying championship of the Burlington, Wis., Liars' club with his story of how his saddle mule was so well trained when they tumbled from a cliff, Osborn had only to yell "whoa" and the animal stopped in the air. (Associated Press Photo)

## Calling The Roll In Lindbergh Case

John Perrone (above), New York taxi driver, identified Bruno Hauptmann as the man who sent him with a message to J. F. C. (Jafsie) Condon shortly before the ransom money was paid, and is expected to be a witness in the Lindbergh kidnaping trial. (Associated Press Photo)

## CALL MUSIC TEACHERS TO TALK LEGISLATION

Members of the Oregon Music Teachers association have been notified that a special meeting has been called by the association at the Central Public library in Portland, January 19, for the purpose of considering proposed legislation for the betterment of music teachers in Oregon.

The proof is in the wear. Buy your HOSE at Ethelwyn D. Hoffmann's.

When it comes to radios, remember "Pruitt's can do it." Phone 22

## WOMEN OF ALL AGES

YOUNG women who suffer from monthly pains, headache or side ache, and women of middle age who suffer from heat flashes need the tonic effect of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. Read what Mrs. [illegible]

[illegible]

New size, tablets 50 cts. Liquid $1.00.

# Flight 'o Time

(Medford and Jackson County History from the files of the Mail Tribune of 20 and 10 Years Ago).

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
January 7, 1925.
(It was Wednesday.)

No revision of state gas and auto license tax likely by next session of the legislature.

Traffic officers start roundup of autoists who have no 1925 license tags.

Cross-word puzzle craze continues over country. South Dakota resident quits paper he took for 24 years, because they are too hard.

Fire department is called to home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Perry, 921 Reddy avenue, to extinguish a small fire caused by a defective fireplace. The fire laddies were presented with a box of fine cigars for their quick work, by Mr. Perry.

Medford postal receipts show nine per cent gain over last year.

President Coolidge will oppose plan to finance wheat growers with federal funds, if the wheat growers are able to do it themselves.

National citizens' committee calls upon "all officials to talk like they drink."

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
January 7, 1915.
(It was Thursday.)

Medford W. C. T. U. comes out in favor of new city charter.

Negotiations between landowners' committee and Rogue River Canal company for establishment of irrigation in valley starts.

W. S. U'Ren, "father of the Oregon primary system," to oppose any effort to change it. Growing sentiment that law permits too much leeway as to qualifications of candidates.

French report capture of another town in Alsace. Allied fleet hammers at the Dardanelles, and Turks plan moving of capital from Constantinople.

A strong wind swept over the city and valley, blowing down signs and woodpiles, and "causing embarrassment to women pedestrians."

Wheat goes to $1.39¾ on Chicago Board of Trade—the highest in 30 years.

Transient is given 30 days in county jail, for theft of a garden hose belonging to Judge W. E. Crews.

Elks lodge holds its first regular meeting in their new home on North Central avenue.

## Guess What This Is!

Geneva Mitchell, film actress, is wearing a newly created style which matches the surroundings of her favorite sport, horse racing. This jockey hat is black and white with an elongated bill worn smartly over one eye. The trim is in black patent leather with a tuft of the same material decorating the top (Associated Press Photo)

## ASHLAND RAILROAD VETERAN RETIRES

ASHLAND, Jan. 7.—(Spl.)—James E. Thomas, resident of this city for the past 20 years, was retired on January 1, 1935, from service for the Southern Pacific railroad.

Mr. Thomas has been employed with the Southern Pacific for the past 44 years, first as a brakeman, but for the largest part of the time as a passenger conductor, working out of Dunsmuir during the entire time.

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