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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. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady, 285 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Cal.

NUTRITION AND IMMUNITY

Just as long as we have in the medical profession two schools of thought—the docs plunging ahead and the orthodox holding back—there will be some who call it a craze and some who solemnly assure you it is due to a change of weather, a draft or wet feet.

I don't mind the orthodox or the docs, but I do mind the fellow who sounds off about the "common cold," for it seems to me there is genuine hump in their attitude. Or maybe my sense of humor is abnormal. At any rate I have to chuckle every time I read a ponderous dissertation on the nature, cause, prevention and cure of "common cold," because it is so obvious that the particular author expresses his personal views and that every other orthodox who discusses the subject at all likewise expresses his own personal views. The discerning reader must inevitably conclude that science is wonderful.

The orthodox, that is, the reactionaries, the oldtimers, who assume that because doctors have always believed a thing must be so, speak learnedly of "lowered resistance" and "keeping up good resistance" and "merely because" they have so long justified this nebulous notion they are irritated and offended when anybody asks "What do you mean resistance?" Of course they don't know what they mean—that's what annoys them.

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Every one implies or infers that everyday exposure to sudden changes, cold, draft, wet feet or dampness keeps the "resistance" constantly "lowered" certainly does not mean immunity. There is neither scientific experimental nor convincing clinical evidence to support the conception that immunity is subject to such hectic variations. The significance of the "resistance" idea is simply this: I am Medical Tradition. This is my story and I must stick to it.

Recent deaths of movie actresses and others from tuberculosis which supervened upon a period of "dieting" in the endeavor to reduce to sub-standard weight, serve as a sad example of the relation between nutrition and immunity. Not that adiposity or superfluous flesh protects against tuberculosis, for indeed we find that recovery from tuberculosis is not favored by accumulation of any excess weight. But persons who follow restricted dietary regimens which do not provide for cer-

tain essentials of nutrition and vitality, achieve weight reduction only at the cost of health. In the instances mentioned, it seems probable that the young women suffered grave lowering of vitality and specific failure to maintain immunity against the latent tuberculosis which nearly all adults harbor.

Scientific evidence is accumulating to warrant the teaching that an adequate vitamin ration is indispensable for the maintenance of immunity against tuberculosis and immunity against infection in general or at least some other infections. Just which vitamin is most essential, or whether several vitamins each contribute an influence, we are not yet prepared to say. But we do know that any reduction regimen which fails to provide an optimal vitamin ration is a dangerous one in any circumstance.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Pimples

Have you any pamphlets on breaking out of pimples on the skin? If so what I could get one. My face is always broken out and it makes me so unhappy. —(R. S.)

Answer—Send a stamped envelope bearing your address and ask for monograph on Pimples and Blackheads. Such breaking out is more or less normal and natural in youth.

Humidity

We have water pan in furnace. Our walls are wet when we cook. When we boil our windows are steamed nearly all winter. Neighbor says it is the water pan. None in their furnace. Husband says without water pan furniture will come apart. (C.R.)

Answer—Certainly the gallon or two of water evaporated daily from the ordinary furnace water pan can have little effect on humidity. The condensation of moisture on kitchen walls and windows indicates humidity there, but how about other rooms? Some "steaming" of windows when outdoor temperature is below 40 indicates normal humidity. If the windows do not steam up some, the air indoors is probably excessively dried out.

Infection

Danger of catching disease in using public bath tub? How disinfected articles used by person with contagious disease? —(E. S.)

Answer—Soap and water cleanliness ample protection. Both questions answered in monograph on "Home Sanitation"—send stamped addressed envelope and ask for it.

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Miss Hoctor, She floats through the air like a puff ball. The smiling Mona Lisa of the dance, she depends on grace alone to weave her Terpsichorean spell. I recall a time at the Palace when she was counted as one of the most repulsive of all creations—a batt yet so vivid were her flutterings in the shadows of a micarbe fumarole that an audience whetted for aerialists, cross-fire comics and jugglers leaped to their feet in a shout of acclaim. She remained many weeks.

What the banquet board needs these days is a stationary speaker. I have yet to see one who does not give away and forth. Bainbridge Colby, my 1936 oratorical choice, is nearest to motionless. There are two schools of post-prandial, those who sway forward and back and right and left. Foremost in the right and left division is Louis Bromfield, the author. Before he finishes he suggests the rhythmic swing of a giant pendulum.

And there's a specious theory that people who smile all the while are the world's most amiable. Tom Geraghty is a smiler but a terror when ruffled. So is Keelley Allen. Smilers are the ones who can go berserk at slightest irritation. Ever see Clarence Budington Kelland mad? I haven't either, but those who have say: "Oh, boy!"

A veteran actor tells me there are seven rules preventing one from growing old, but won't reveal them. He has proved his thesis. In the middle 60's he looks 40. He says the famous Lulu practiced them. So does Mistinguette. One observation he did reveal: "Old age is merely a bad habit."

Bagatelles: J. P. Morgan's favorite pipe is a 30-center from Scotland. Mrs. Alice Longworth thinks writing a column is the hardest thing she ever tried to do. W. R. Hearst's favorite author is Charles Dickens. Mrs. Oldie's biography reveals.

After several days of columnar boasting, I'm sending out for one of those observation nests of ants, queen included, now on sale in department stores. Headline: "Veteran Sluggard Takes Up Ant Peeping!"

Crushed By The...
PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 24.—(AP)—A wind-torn tree fell on Utah Hamberg, Aurora, state highway employe adding in road clearing work, and killed him during the wind storm over the week-end.

Fishermen Drown
ASTORIA, Ore., Feb. 24.—(AP)—Henry Mathison, 38, and Jim Jackson, 24, Astoria fishermen, drowned in the Columbia river during the 40-mile gale that lashed the Pacific coast the Friday night.

Chinook in Columbia
OREGON CITY, Ore., Feb. 24.—(AP)Sergeant H. E. Meeks of the Oregon state police predicted that the chinook salmon run would start here soon, now that the weather has moderated. He said 18 chinook salmon were caught in Astoria last Thursday.

Use Mail Tribune, want ads.

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

BRUNO RICHARD HAUPTMANN, convicted kidnaper and slayer of the Lindbergh baby, has been sentenced again to die—this time during the week of March 30.

Will the governor of New Jersey relieve Hauptmann again? That question raises another one: "Why did he grant him a reprieve before?"

There was a lot of talk about new evidence to be introduced, but none of it showed up.

THIS Hauptmann case has generated into scandal that smells in the nostrils of all America. In the face of it, how can we expect to discourage crime?

TWO headlines: "New Government Will Rule Spain." "New Paraguayan Chief at Helm." The new government in Spain was achieved by ballot. The new government in Paraguay was accomplished by revolution.

Of the two ways, the Spanish is the better.

A NOTHER headline: "Buying Wave Hits Stock Exchange." It is described as one of the strongest bull movements since 1933, and lifted share prices from \$1 to more than \$3. Brokers tell the reporters that they can put their fingers on no particular news development responsible for it.

What is really responsible for it is the belief on the part of a large number of people, all at the same time, that some money is to be made.

IN this connection, it is just as well to remember that the easy money made on the stock market in 1928 and 1929 did nobody any particular good, and did a lot of people a great deal of harm.

It's hard to make people believe it, but about the only money that ever goes anybody any lasting good is that which is worked for and earned.

News Behind The News

(Continued from Page One.)

are not enough British restaurateurs in this country to float a British dinghy, much less a loan.

For another thing, the government crowd is dead set against any such development. The New Dealers are embarked on another course. In that one particular (and only in that one), Agriculture Secretary Wallace lately has been speaking with massed New Deal authority. It is his contention that a prosperity purchased at U. S. expense through further foreign loans would only double our troubles in the end.

To transfer and increase an indebtedness without any prospect of it being met is worse than cancelling the indebtedness entirely.

There is one way in which the debtors could get by the transfer of goods or services. The domestic impossibility of that rests on the fact that we have too many goods and the services which Europe could render to us have not yet been suggested, if any.

Consequently, you can afford to remain calm regarding an excitement which is in the offing.

The only real expansion noted heretofore lately is that of Speaker Byrns. He confessed in an unguarded moment to a group of friends the other night that, when this session of congress started, he weighed 160 pounds. Today he weighs 182.

Osteopaths estimate that, if the present session of congress continues as it has, Mr. Byrns will weigh 250 pounds, no less, by June. That estimate, however, does not consider the tax bill, shortly to be submitted.

All in all, it would be presumptuous to assume that Mr. Byrns will approximate anything like the tonnage of a light cruiser, even though his house continues specific.

If you have heard any rumors of devaluation lately, disregard them. There will be no discussion of war debt stabilization in an unqualified finance until the time arrives for an international monetary conference. That is not near.

An apology is obviously due James L. Fly, general solicitor of the TVA. He has privately asserted that he developed the strategy under which the encouraging TVA decision was removed by the supreme court, and he is correct. That is not originally shared the problem of the belief that the government has any power to build power projects as new projects, which was the important point in the case from a legal standpoint. He won.

Republican John Lord O'Brien, who championed this reasoning in court, has conceded that he originated his line of argument, although O'Brien argued the case, not Fly.

Therefore, the original statement in this column to the effect that O'Brien should have conducted another new deal case, should be amended.

to the effect that Fly should have conducted them.

It is now being said that the credit policy of the federal reserve board is being conducted to restore a 1926 price level, or some price level of other.

If any of you purchasers of commodities are interested, the purpose of the new board seems to be to consider price levels as a secondary manifestation of a deplorable but unremedial situation.

Incidentally, new board members confess of the record that there will be prices, but they have no control of them.

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Phoenix

PHOENIX, Feb. 24.—(Spl.)—The good attendance at the morning service of the Presbyterian church Sunday was gratifying to both the pastor, Rev. E. H. Malloy and the officers of the church. Several important announcements were made which will be of interest to many in the community. On Tuesday night of this week a moving picture will be shown under auspices of the Missionary society. The picture, depicting missionary work in the larger cities, will be shown 7:30 p. m., and the public is cordially invited. On Wednesday night, mid-week prayer services will be held. It has been some time since this mid-week service has been observed, and it is hoped that as it is being revived, a good attendance will be present.

Next Sunday, March 1, the regular service will be held in the morning, and an additional service will be conducted in the evening. On Thursday of this week, the Ladies' Missionary society of the church are observing the "World Day of Prayer." The ladies of the Christian church of Phoenix, and of the Methodist church of Phoenix, have been invited to join them in the observance of this day. The meeting will commence at 2 p. m., with an appropriate program. Refreshments will be served following the program. All ladies of these churches who are interested in this event are cordially invited to attend.

The ladies of the local missionary society are reminded that the regular business meeting of their society will be held at 1 p. m. Thursday, and are asked to make special efforts to be on hand at that time.

A Sunday school teachers training class is being conducted at the Methodist church in Medford each evening of this week. All lecturers of the Presbyterian Sunday school are invited to attend the class if they so desire, the same being interdenominational.

The Home Economics committee of the Phoenix Grange is planning a chicken dinner to be given at the Grange hall March 3. Arrangements are in charge of Ada Bell, chairman.

The next regular meeting of the Thursday club is scheduled for Feb. 27 at the home of Mrs. Maude Daugherty. A covered dish luncheon will be served at 1 o'clock, with Mrs. Daugherty and Mrs. M. F. Davis, as hostess. All members are cordially invited.

The ways and means committee of the Phoenix Grange is sponsoring a card party to be held Thursday evening at the local Grange hall. Those in charge of arrangements include: Mrs. L. O. Caster, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Silbert, Jesse Reynolds, and Mrs. V. L. Guisenbush.

The local unit of Home extension will meet Wednesday at the home of Mrs. L. O. Caster. Meat cookery will be demonstrated under the able direction of Mrs. Olive Floyd and Mrs. Lois Stillwell, who have received special training in this phase of home extension work from Miss Lucy Case of the state college. A complete and detailed report of the Home Makers' session at Corvallis will be given by the delegates, Olive Floyd, at 10:30 a. m. and everyone interested in new ways of preparing meats is urged to come, and bring a salad, vegetable, or dessert.

Last Monday the Girl Scouts enjoyed a Valentine party with refreshments and a Valentine box. The local scouts are now busy preparing for the Court of Awards, being held in Medford, February 29.

On Circle No. 242 met in regular session Feb. 20. Dallas Reeder was elected to membership. The meeting was followed by a towel shower for Mrs. Woodford Turpin.

Cards formed the evening's entertainment with prizes to Mabel Stabile, high score in bridge, Woodford Turpin, pinocle, Dallas Reeder, "300." During the meeting, Manager Bertha Cobleigh, and Correspondent Bertha Hallcraft, who were unable to be installed at the regular installation session, were installed by Maude Daugherty, installing officer.

The George Washington birthday supper held at the Presbyterian church Friday night was well attended considering the stormy weather. A beautiful supper was served with arrangements in charge of the following: Mrs. L. O. Caster, supper committee; Elva Caster, dining room; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Newby, and Mrs. Percy Wood, host and hostess. Miss Lulu Roberts and Mrs. Phoebe Coffin conducted a country store, and the Junior endeavor group had a candy booth.

WALLACE LUDWIG WINS HONOR IN NAVY STUDY

Wallace R. Ludwig, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl R. Ludwig of 511 Austin street, Medford, who received preliminary training at the U. S. naval training station at San Diego, Cal. He was selected as honor man for his respective company for the past week because of excellent ability, attitude and influence on his shipmates. Ludwig is a graduate of Medford high school and well known here.

To Eugene—Mrs. H. L. Demmer of Jacksonville left this morning for Eugene where she will join her husband for a short time.

BATTLE OVER SUGAR FORTUNE



John D. Spreckels III (left), heir to sugar millions, and Mrs. Gloria Rosanna Spreckels (right) are pictured as they faced each other in court at Los Angeles in a hearing of her divorce suit. Mrs. Spreckels daughter of a San Diego minister, asked for \$1,000 a month for support of herself and her infant daughter as well as a share in a \$5,000,000 trust fund. She testified the met her husband on a "blind date." Spreckels filed a counter suit. (Associated Press Photos)

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EVANGELIST LONG STARTS SERVICES AT FIRST BAPTIST

Rev. J. B. Long, native son of Kentucky, opened a three weeks' series of evangelistic services at the First Baptist church Sunday with an ap-

peal to Christians to serve, quoting from Matthew 9:37 "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few."

In the evening Mr. Long was spoken to by a group of young people. He told of having received a letter, copies of which were sent to ministers all over the United States, from President Roosevelt asking for counsel and helpful suggestions.

Mr. Long said he answered the letter suggesting to the president that he add to his code the only three unused letters "B. T. G." meaning Bible to God. He further stated that when fifty per cent of the people of America get back to God, the depression will be over.

Mr. Long used rag pictures for illustration and made a picture of Christ in the garden which was illuminated while Mrs. Don Platt sang "In the Garden" hymn, the nine-year-old son of Rev. and Mrs. Long, sang, Mr. and Mrs. Long sang, and Mrs. Long played a piano solo.

Mr. Long urged all to read the Bible daily and will keep a record of the number of chapters read each day during the campaign, asking the Medford church to challenge the rest of Oregon churches in Bible reading.

There will be no meeting this evening. Tuesday evening will be Ashland and Grants Pass night. Wednesday night will be women's night and Thursday evening will be young people's and men's night. There will be a prayer service in the church Tuesday morning from ten to eleven, to be led by Mr. Long. All members and Christian friends are urged to attend the prayer services as announced from time to time.

Chemawa Graduates Gather for Re-union

CHEMAWA, Ore., Feb. 24.—(AP)—Hundreds of former students of Chemawa Indian school were gathering here today for the two-day program commemorating the 56th birthday of the institution.

It was 56 years ago tomorrow that first classes in the school were opened.

Nickel-In-Slot Yields Whistle

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—(UP)—Policeman Maurice Zetna today put four nickels in a slot machine in Carlisle Onofre's candy store. He finally won a whistle. He arrested Onofre. The whistle wouldn't whistle.

Knights of Columbus said private and donor, Tuesday, Feb. 23. At mission 20c, 8 p. m., Parish Hall.

Flight 'o Time

Medford and Jackson County history from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 and 20 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
 February 24, 1926
 (It was Wednesday)
 Audrey Eggers exchanges shots with burglar he caught attempting to open Klamath Transfer company safe.

Ten autolists, all from Portland or Los Angeles, fined \$10 for speeding in city.

Ashland fans blame "stalling of Medford team" for loss of two games in district title series. Medford swamps Klamath Falls 24 to 4, in conference battle.

Three Idaho transients sent to county jail for stealing chickens.

State autolists to meet new gas tax with plea for lower license fees.

Odd Fellows stage big justification in honor of paying off mortgage debt on lodge home.

Bills to provide for a state owned power plant proposed upstate.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
 February 24, 1916
 (It was Thursday)
 Germans capture 10,000 French in drive on Verdun; heavy snows fall on the western front.

Spring building activity starts in city.

Only a seventh of voters in Jackson county registered.

State to assist county in patrolling Pacific highway for bootleggers, and citizens coming back from Hill with more than the legal allowance.

The Mail Tribune appears in abbreviated form due to a shortage of paper.

Greater Medford club and Drama League plant a tree on public library lawn in memory of William Shakespeare.

Communications

Accept McGroarty Bill

To the Editor:

In a foot note to my article in your paper last Friday "Liberty League vs. Townsend," you say: "If the McGroarty bill does not provide for \$200 per month, . . . then it ceases to be the Townsend plan." I wish to submit herewith quotation from a speech of Dr. Townsend, delivered through a national broadcast following the introduction of the amended bill April 4, 1935, in which Dr. Townsend says:

"The new McGroarty bill embodies all the salient features of the Townsend plan—optional retirement at 60 years; the transaction tax; compulsory spending; \$200 per month when the tax reaches that amount per rate; the tax on gifts and inheritances, etc.; and a 1-10 increase on the tax rate on all incomes. The tax collected is to be paid out per month, each. This is not a concession on our part, because manifestly the two per cent transaction tax will be adequate to pay the \$200 per month, when the business volume has been sufficiently built up and the plan is in full operation."

F. W. CHAUSS

February 24, 1936.

Highway Walker Killed by Auto

ALBANY, Ore., Feb. 24.—(AP)—J. A. McPherson, 64, was killed last night when struck by an automobile near the city limits. He and his wife were walking along the highway. The car was driven by Mrs. Earle Horning of Albany. She said she dimmed her lights for an approaching automobile and did not see the couple. Falling snow further obscured her vision.

Weather.

Northern California: Unsettled, occasional rain tonight and Tuesday; continued cool; moderate southwest wind off the coast; snow over mountains.

Washington and Oregon: Occasional snow in east and rain or snow in west Washington tonight and Tuesday; little change in temperature; moderate to fresh changeable wind off coast.

Are you a member of ETHELBERG HOFFMANN'S ROSEBURY CLUB? Join Now.

In the Matter of the Estate of Robert C. Rueschaw, Deceased.
 O. C. Boggs of Medford, Oregon, hereby gives notice:

That he has filed in the County Court final account of his administration, as ancillary administrator with will annexed of the estate of Robert C. Rueschaw, deceased.

That Monday, March 30th, 1936, at the hour of 10:00 a. m., in the court room of said Court, has been fixed as the time and place for hearing objections to said account, and for settling and allowing the same.

HOW ARE YOUR KIDNEYS?

THE kidneys are the scavengers and they work day and night taking out the poisons from the system. Here is what Dr. Pierce's Astringent, a diuretic stimulant did for Mrs. Elmira Comerford of 172 E. 6th Ave., Portland, Ore. She said: "At the age of 40 my kidneys were not functioning right, they ached, I was nervous and I lost my appetite. I would get dizzy when I stood up. I had a headache. Dr. Pierce's Astringent relieved the kidney irregularities. I was also relieved of the pain which I had in my back."

For relief of these kidney irregularities, obtain Dr. Pierce's Astringent. Price \$4.00 at your neighborhood drug store.

Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry.

Spring fashions for male dudes decree he shall pluck his eyebrows, instead of shaving off the one on his upper lip, which is also alleged to be fashionable.

The latest idiotic notion on the part of a state-owned and operated telephone line, extending from Astoria to Portland to Astoria to Ontario, and way points. The idea contains sufficient nuttiness to hold a dramatic appeal for the intelligent voters. Its necessity is nil, or less. The present telephone service is maintained by a corporation, which abhorrently pays about 17 per cent of the total taxes, and maintains a large payroll. This is justifiable grounds for repugnance and putting out of business at the polls. The state-owned telephone system would facilitate state business, it is averred. If an official at Salem telephoned to Ontario, two deputies in separate state-owned autos, would be forced to drive to Ontario the following week, to determine if the phone message had been received. If the weather was fair, and the campaign hot, the official himself might also find it necessary to yank himself away from his desk. A state-owned telephone system is needed as much as state-controlled postoffices, across the street from the governments.

The railroad has retired a 60-year old locomotive engineer. Age is the reason given, but he was always getting knocked off the crossing, by an auto driven by a 14-year old girl.

The sea-lion cavorting in the Willamette river at Oregon City, and known as "Mr. Finnegun," as yet has inspired no candidate for Congress to promise all lady voters a seal skin aqua like Mrs. Vandenberg's.

Sieve Nye, Jr., and two of the Older Girls celebrated last Sat. along with G. Washington.

Upstate candidates who prematurely endorsed the Townsend Old Age Pension plan, are reported as wishing they had not. Now is the time to waken out for straight-up men—the shrewd, right-minded, claiming the "damnable, power-controlled and subsidized press has been lying again."

Sing an Old Song

[Ben Hur Lampman in the Gold Hill News 21 Years Ago].

"Come into the parlor, honey—play us a little tune, with sadness lifting it to like a haze across the moon. An airy, gossamer longing, soft as the film of lace, to summon the vagrant memories and herd them back to place. And if you value my blessing, don't spring the tango thing; dump all that trash on the carpet, find just one song—and sing! Sing them as I used to hear it, all tremble with tears, till I find again at evening my one and twenty years."

"I never was stinky, honey—you've wheeled your darned old daddy with pretty boots and curls. Once in a while some music—it isn't much to request—never a kid in the township is better kept or dressed. Once in a while your daddy, be tires of the tango stuff—the tinkling monkey dances and music that's mostly bluff. Once in a while at evening, when there ain't no dates to fill, he bankers a bit for music that somehow fills the bill. "Tender the gaudy rattle—a lavender sheet or two—Maxwellton's brass are bluish—dear Lord, her eyes were blue; her eyes were blue as brother—Where early falls the dew—dew on the green home valley—Gave me her promise true—never to be forgotten—Which never forgot will be—Till the old man, Annie—'Till you die and die—'—Her brow is like the snow-drift—O, but her lip was the swiss-drift—Don't play no tango, honey—kiss your old dad goodnight."

Another rousing detective story turned out by Carolyn Wells came from the publisher the other day. Indication of an unquenchable spirit, too. For Max Wells, doomed to die in a year, three years ago not only sold her swan song article for \$1,000 but has since turned out five novels, a collaboration on cats and invented two puzzle games. She also plays several rubbers of bridge daily.

Personal nomination for the city, favorite of the ballroom—Harriet Hoctor.

To say nothing on modern devices has acquired the ethereal fitness of

NEW YORK DAY BY DAY

By O. O. McIntyre

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Diary: Breakfast from a pliggin of Florida salmon steak Major Bowes sent and to my book-seller, finding a coveted volume of Thackeray's essays on London. And fell in step with Arthur Samuel, who pointed out Simon Brunsby, a writer's long admired but never seen.

So tapping out my daily dot until a Chinese missa, Saya Toy, come to read her poem on New York and I thought it charming. And there came a Pagniac telegram from Ted Healy that gave me a little choke, and an autographed copy of Max Miller's volume about fog and men in the Beltway sea.

The Charina B. Driscolls to dinner and much absorbing talk, he having just finished another pirate book. Later, all prinked up, with my lady to Coonra Wright's Chinese party for James and Doris Duke Cromwell. Home reading Santayana's "The Last Puritan" but the interest scattered to me.

Mark Twain was not the only writer who liked to don the night shirt, pillow himself in a big bed and turn out penciled manuscripts. Hendrik Van Loon, I am told, indulges such luxury now and then as a relief from his desk. Arnold Bennett was also a bed writer, as was Joseph Conrad. An avenue department store recently exhibited a capacious deep-cushioned lounge—made to order for some one unremembered. It had a swing-out typewriter ledge and desk pad. Along a side were niched cigar jar, lighter, groove for pen and pencils and—happy thought—a reachable shelf for dictionary. The recliner could be lowered or lifted mechanically and the lights brightened and dimmed in the same fashion. Further than that the owner authored several best sellers, the clerk was uncommunicative.

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