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Ye Smudge Pot. The State Grange in convention assembled yesterday voted down a proposal to invite the Governor to address them.

Political scribes estimate the President is away from the White House 42 per cent of the time.

The elements have demonstrated fretting last February by horticulturists over the lack of rain in June was immaterial and irrelevant.

Unclehood was conferred upon A. Moore Hamilton. At the same time his boy, Alexander, and girl, Nancy, gained a cousin.

Pin-ball players, who cheat, if they can, "lack moral conscience," it is claimed. It appears, however, to be on a par with the righteous honesty of the swindle boxes.

Home-grown strawberry shortcake is on the market. The strawberries are fine, but the shortcake is sponge-cake.

Only one motor vehicle in three parts still flaunts a red-white-blue Roosevelt slogan on the windshield. The driver advises several recent events have made his Democracy groggy.

While cleaning house, the other day, one of the Older Girls found a package of mail stored in a 10-gal crock, and could not recall what either were once used for.

Messengers Get Raise. PORTLAND, June 10.—(AP)—Fifty Portland Western Union messengers received a general wage increase today amounting to about 25 per cent.

German Envoy Visits. PORTLAND, June 10.—(AP)—Dr. Hans Luther, German envoy to the United States for seven years, came to Portland today to learn about the Pacific coast.

Ask Sale Confirmation. PORTLAND, June 10.—(AP)—The Pacific American Fisheries company asked the federal court today to confirm the sale of the Italian motorship Felice, rammed and sunk in the Columbia river last winter.

Favor Debt Refunding. ASTORIA, June 10.—(AP)—The Astoria port commission approved an ordinance today authorizing refunding of port of Astoria's bonded indebtedness of \$3,163,900. It was forwarded to the bond holders' protective committee for final action.

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J. P. Pulls a Boner

WE are not surprised to read the repudiation of his statement on tax evasion, by J. P. Morgan. That statement, delivered when he landed in New York from a sojourn in Europe, last Monday, was an amazing endorsement of tax dodging, in the higher brackets.

Mr. Morgan said, in effect, that anything should go, when tax paying time comes around. He said he had never incorporated his yacht, because he didn't think it worth while, but he defended the unknown millionaire, who did so.

In other words if the rich man can incorporate his yacht, or himself, a fake holding company, or establish a bogus residence in Canada or Bermuda, and thus escape taxes he would have to pay, in the normal course of events, he is entirely within his rights, and behaving in a perfectly respectable manner.

There is no moral obligation involved, only a legal one; and if the individual complies with the strict letter of the law, he is entirely justified in violating its spirit.

WE don't deny such a course has been frequently followed, in the upper-bracket circles,—but it's one thing to secretly condone it, it is quite another to publicly endorse and commend it.

Mr. Morgan now professes to be greatly surprised that his "off-hand remarks on shipboard," should have been so grossly "misinterpreted."

The truth is they weren't misinterpreted. Rereading that statement, now, discloses no other reasonable interpretation, than the one generally accepted at the time. Any tax evasion that is technically legal, is morally sound,—there are no lengths to which a tax payer can not go, if a smart lawyer can keep him out of jail.

There is little doubt, that a very short time after that statement was published, there was a huddle of master financial minds at the corner of Wall Street and Broad, and J. P. Morgan the 2nd, was quickly made to see the boner he had pulled.

This assumption is supported, by his explanation published 48 hours later which reads as follows: "My interview on shipboard with newspapermen last Monday took place before I had seen President Roosevelt's message on income tax evasion, with Secretary Morgenthau's letter. I am surprised at the interpretation some people seem to have put on my off-hand remarks, for I certainly have no sympathy with tax-dodging or tax-evasion and had no thought of defending such practices. What I feel strongly is that when a taxpayer has complied with all the terms of the law, he should not be held up to obloquy for not having paid more than he owed."

Quite true of course. But what does the individual owe? What does the millionaire owe, whom Mr. Morgan upheld, when his net income say was \$500,000 a year, and by incorporating his yacht, as a business, and writing off the loss, paid let us say, on only half that amount. Did he pay what he owed or didn't he? Was he justified in writing off the expense of his yacht—entirely a personal luxury—as a BUSINESS LOSS, or wasn't he?

J. P. Morgan says he was, because there was no law against it. The fault lies not with the individual but with the government. It's up to the latter, to pass a tax law that can't be evaded.

BUT, HOW can that be done? It never has been. We don't believe it ever will be. The private yacht loop-hole can be plugged up, of course. But does Mr. Morgan believe, that a smart lawyer CAN'T find some other loophole—some other legal subterfuge,—through which a man of wealth, can evade his taxes and escape punishment?

Mr. Morgan knows better than that. So does everyone else, who is at all familiar with the resources of the legal profession, where only the technical legalities not the moral obligations, are concerned.

As long as the sky is the limit, as long as anything goes if it complies with the letter of the law, regardless of its intent and its spirit, Uncle Sam can pass laws to his heart's content, but those who can save millions, by dodging them,—and have utterly no scruples against doing so,—will keep a sufficient number of jumps ahead to escape,—and the government as usual will pay the piper.

IT all comes down to this—the public attitude, the essential spirit. If the spirit which Mr. Morgan so frankly upholds, is to prevail, then good night!—no law not supported by public opinion can be enforced, and no law not supported by any division of public opinion, can be enforced, as far as the members of that division are concerned. If an individual or group of individuals, is determined to evade a law, regardless of its provisions, don't worry—they will find some way to do it.

IT'S very strange. How many people there are, who wouldn't think of putting over a "fast one", in their private business, who are honorable and above board in every way, but have no hesitancy, in gypping Uncle Sam whenever an opportunity offers. He seems to be fair game, for any flim flam, be it keeping money away from him, or getting it out of him.

The great surprise in this Morgan statement, is that J. P. the 2nd, should subscribe to such a doctrine living in the glass house that he does. For while that was the theory of his father, it is one the present house of Morgan, we supposed, had discarded. Not only in their private business, but their public relations.

CERTAINLY no financial house in the country owes more TO this country, than that of J. P. Morgan. Its great wealth has come from America's great natural resources, and to return in taxes, some material portion, to the government would appear to be an obligation that would be cheerfully and patriotically assumed.

But Mr. Morgan says, if you can escape that obligation by incorporating something that isn't a business,—AS a business,—why it's perfectly OK, as long as they can't put you in jail for it. All moral considerations aside, J. P. the 2nd showed in that statement he didn't inherit either the good horse sense or the shrewdness of his distinguished father.

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By William Brady, M. D.

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A LISSOM BELLY PRESERVES VITE

Man who has retained extraordinary vitality past 90 ascribes his health to the fact that he has always worn suspenders.



The habit of wearing belts, corsets, girdles and other harnesses that confine, repress, support, constrict or splint the belly—stomach, abdomen or diaphragm to you, Aunt Euphemis—lowers vital capacity. Dr. S. Adolphus Knof, famous authority on tuberculosis, recommends belly breathing exercise for chronic arthritis. He quotes one physician's opinion of it: "It helps to relax, it quiets the heart, it lessens fatigue and increases endurance. It improves the portal circulation and thus prevents the distressing symptoms of gas accumulation in the abdomen." The physician did not mean in the abdomen, of course, but rather gas in the stomach or intestine.

Dr. Collis Duff, member, for many years, medical adviser to women in Stanford university, has brought relief to thousands of women and girls who suffered from various effects of pelvic congestion, especially painful, excessive or irregular menstruation, by prescribing a simple belly breathing exercise.

Dr. Theron W. Kilmer, New York physician, introduced in 1907 a belly band, 8 to 12 inches wide, three inches shorter than the girth of patient, having inserted in each side a strip of elastic webbing, and in each end eyelets. The belt is put on over the undershirt and laced with a long shoelace or narrow tape at the back, so that it gives snug support. This Kilmer belt has proved valuable for patients with whooping cough—prevents against hernia, prevents vomiting, lessens severity and frequency of paroxysms.

Drs. J. Meakins and R. V. Christie of Montreal, suggested a belly binder of the same kind as a relief for the distress that accompanies the ineffectual coughing of emphysema

and chronic bronchitis. Emphysema means weakening, atrophy and overstretching or ballooning of the air cells in the lungs—loss of elasticity. One with emphysema wheezes more or less constantly and especially on exertion; one with asthma wheezes only when an asthmatic seizure is on. 'Ol Doc Brady, who n. n. i. puts himself to weep every night with 1/2 doz. belly inflations, in spite of a terrible conscience, and advises regular belly breathing exercise for the following complaints: Hypertension, high blood pressure, arteriosclerosis, chronic myocardial degeneration or slow heart muscle failure, poor circulation, cold feet, nervousness, emphysema, asthma, chronic bronchitis, but NOT pulmonary tuberculosis unless under your physician's constant care.

QUESTION NAID ANSWERS Home-Made Ultra Violet Ray Window.

Anyone who finds window glass that will transmit ultraviolet rays too costly can procure a satisfactory substitute by painting or varnishing ordinary wire screen heavily with cellulose acetate. This costs about four cents a quart—I believe it is sometimes sold as an egg preserver, as liquid glass, etc.—(J. R.)

Answer—Thank you. It is a sound, practical suggestion for use where for any reason it is impossible to enjoy exposure to the sunlight out of doors.

A Baby's Smile. Maybe I'm sentimental, though only one-fourth Irish, but when everything seems wrong and I'm away down in the dumps, I find all the reassurance and inspiration I need in one little thing—the smile of our eight-month-old baby. He is being raised according to 'Ol Doc Brady, and we believe you'd love him, too.—(A. W.)

Answer—Right. There's just one greater inspiration in the world than the smile of a healthy, well-nourished baby, and that is the smile of the baby's mother when it is all over but the squalling.

Dr. Note: Persons wishing to communicate with Dr. Brady should send letter direct to Dr. William Brady, M. D., 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

NEW YORK Day by Day by O. O. McIntyre

NEW YORK, June 10.—New York used to have several clubs where actors, authors and sundry creative folk could meet their kind once a week and let themselves go.

Such organizations as the Kit Kat, The Sixty and The Mayfair. Late Saturday night affairs that edged into sunup with bink and go.

They were generating ground for many romances. Billie Burke and Flo Ziegfeld, Billy Seaman and Phyllis Haver. And others. The requirements for admittance were finely drawn. Only those who had achieved in the arts were allowed past the entrance ropes.

The clubs made tidy sums for several sponsors who could work 20 weeks a year and lead the life of Riley the rest of the time with the profits. Today there is no such club in the city to be any more. Letting down the bars was their undoing.

People, in the vernacular, who didn't matter, but had plenty of money, got over the barriers. And their number increased astonishingly. Soon all the regulars, resting life change, absented themselves and when they did the gate crashers, of course, were no longer interested.

One of New York's most picturesque millionaires is the porcine subway builder, Sam Rosoff, whose headline escapades have run the gamut from flash spending to suspicion in a murder mystery. He is the rollicking, brawny and booming personification of American opportunity. An immigrant boy from Russia who has continued to be the proverbial diamond in the rough he lives at a smart avenue inn, rides in sartorial grandeur in the park, gives Lucullan dinners and is the most extravagant tipper the night clubs have ever had.

Monotype: There is a species of young lady who comes bobbing into the bars at cocktail time, bright, brave and bewildered. She has the appearance of not having been awake long and there is a slight hunk to her voice often associated with gin and tonics. There is always a group willing gladly to have her join them and exchange brilliant banter for a flock of drinks. She leaves at the dinner hour a bit unsteadily and that it all that is seen of her. Never in cafes at dinner, at the theater or night clubs. She is the Manhattan Cocktail Girl, and I was told the other evening that many hold responsible positions as secretaries or in sales departments. They like to have their sundown fling flights, then go to some quiet tea room for dinner and to bed early.

It is often noted that when a famous matre d'hotel leaves a favored post he has occupied a long time and goes to some more tempting offer he is almost invariably on the way to oblivion. No one knows why, but a head waiter's following will not follow him when he decides to move. Once they lose caste they rarely come back. Today there are a dozen head waiters of ten years ago whose welcoming smiles were highly prized, but who changed their jobs, and today you may run across them in obscure side street restaurants or, in instances, merely serving as waiters.

Tommy Lyman continues to be the crowning marvel of the night clubs. A sad-eyed, shy and band-box neat lone wolf, he has been whispering his torchy laments for 15 years. Long before the Vallee and Crosses were ever heard of, in London, Paris, New York and Palm Beach. Away from the night haunts, where he wanders from table to table, he pokes about botanical gardens and is always sending flowers to his friends. Lyman frequently sang for the Duke of Windsor, when, as the Prince of Wales, he was making the incognito rounds of Paris with Jed Kiley.

Thingumbobs: The Duke of Kent is a collector of ornate cuff links. John McCormack now retired, has salvaged the biggest fortune out of his voice of any singer. Summer Blossom is such a slider around in the editorial chair that he buys four pairs of slippers each suit. Lowell Thomas likes to arrive for his broadcasting engagements just in the nick of time.

It makes him forget all thoughts of nervousness. Victor Moore is one of America's richest actors, most of his money coming from his sayings as a standard vaudeville act. Noel Coward reveals Alexander Woolcott in his autobiography as his closest American friend.

Not many graphic writers have been able in several paragraphs to sum up the endless milling and jostling in New York crowds as did a Texan in three words after his first walk up Fifth avenue in the busy home-going hour. As he weaved through the ceaseless flow, he finally stopped for a moment on the curb, glanced up and down, and murmured: "Many a human!"

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Communications

Communism a Fascist Smoke Screen. To the Editor: "What the people will believe is unbelievable," says Mussolini. If the people are as credulous as your contributor, namely Arvel Burton Fenmore, I Duce is right. Hitler seems to have acted on his generalization in all his racketeering activities and with amazing success. Especially is this true of his anti-Semitic and anti-democratic trends. The more lunatic an idea, the better chance it has of being put over, so he thinks.

But how anyone believing in Christianity or in any ethical code could say anything good about Hitler—much less praise him, except for his

devilish energy, is indeed amazing. Consider his role in Spain. He has planned this rape two years ago, and what he is doing is all "under cover of a struggle of ideas (communism) and political systems." Democracy must be wiped out because it leads, he thinks, to communism—the end of all racketeering. Hitler has picked out the Jews for their destruction, because they are a minority and because it is so easy to fan the coals of race hatred—against this age-old proscribed race. Jew-baiting is hoary with age. Now the Catholics are about to "get theirs," not because they are affiliated with the Jews (what bunk) but because they oppose him and accordingly they too must be destroyed as an institution. Others will follow—if he lasts. They must, else his racket will collapse.

All this talk about the dangers of communism, especially here in America, is merely a smoke screen for the spread of fascism, which is the last stage of capitalism. Labor does not want its abolition—is certainly not striking or even voting for it, but is striving to make it work better. Its demand for the unpacking of the supreme court is to serve that end. This must be done and "packed" on the side of orderly progress, else the achievements of a century will be buried in an avalanche of fascist reaction. R. HEGNER. Gold Hill, June 7.

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The demand for engagement rings has gone up faster than the number of engagements and weddings, they say, because a lot of the boys who walked to the altar back in the depression years couldn't finance both a wedding ring and an engagement ring, so they let the diamond go. Now they are making good on past promises and buying delayed engagement rings.

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