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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry.

The information the womenfolks are now making dresses out of window curtains should not amaze. For years the menfolks have been wearing pants made of window curtains, and calling them "seersucker suits."

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Accident reports show few farmers are being chased by bulls this spring. As long as farmers stay in the lower pasture, and keep away from political meetings, in the schoolhouses, it won't happen to them.

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"I'm broke, and tired of being soaked and kicked about by the high and mighty and low and fighty."—(Oakland (Calif.) Tribune letter writer)—What say you?

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The meadow-larks, as they are called, can be heard vocalizing, more on residential lawns than in the meadows, and are notorious early risers, light sleepers claim.

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THE TRUTH—UNVARNISHED
(Coos Bay Times)

"I feel further impelled to knock the gentleman's ears down. It would be a terrible and awful world if we all spoke 'the whole truth.' Instead of calling me 'the little woman' my husband would, in all truth, have to refer to me as his monstrous mamma; instead of the conventional response of 'Fine!' when people ask me how I feel, I'd often have to reply 'Poisonous! my left foot hurts, the lettuce never came up, Garner needs to be spanked for not backing up Roosevelt, and I don't like the way you comb your hair!'!"

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Local feminine hearts have the best chance to pitty-pat and palpitate in a long time. After three days of Nels Eddy, they get four days of Bob Taylor, at the G. Hunt magic lantern house. This is fearless journalism, but no offense is meant to Eddy admirers by mentioning him in the same breath with Taylor, and vice versa.

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The need is strong for a perfect golfing day that might be desecrated by mowing the lawns.

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A candidate was noted Wed. smoking a cigar in front of the power company. In the old days he would have been accused of accepting a gratuity from a public utility, and not saving the water in Rogue River for the children's children.

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The visiting rich Britisher to Los Angeles who lost $150,000 in a "stud" poker game, knew nothing about the game, it is now stated. The Astoria Astorian Budget editorially surmises the experience "will teach this man to stay out of such games." At any rate, it ought to teach him to stay out of Los Angeles.

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"After a sumptuous lunch, the ladies again fell back on their needles."—(Siskiyou News, social item) —Ouch!

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Safety experts favor the establishment of "First Aid" stations along the highways to curb the ever-mounting auto death and injury toll. The idea has merit, but the innovation should be a sort of combination "First Aid" station, and cyclone cellar, due to the current ferocity of the speeding.

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MUSIC VERSUS CATS

"A music teacher in need of pupils, heard of two available if she threw a good spiel around their fond parent. She went to the wealthy door. There, upon the door-mat, sat a fine yellow tom. Betty hated cats so vehemently that her musical ear could not detest their vociferation more furiously than her fingers itched to grasp their tails. So she grasped this tom's tail and held him at arm's length, like an electrified cactus that could screech while prevented from scratching. When the door opened, Betty said simply: 'Here's your cat!' And what the prospective patron of her art said was viciously vituperative." — (Exchange.)

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Oh Come - Cheer Up!

PERHAPS Polyanna was right.

She always maintained you got just what you were looking for.

Well the world is in a terrible mess at the present time, and has been for a couple of decades.

And no doubt a group of realists would say it was perfect flap doodle to claim one could find any good tidings in the world today, just because that happened to be the intention.

Yet it's true isn't it?

One can look over the newspaper this bright morning at least, and find many things that are definitely cheering.

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FOR example:

This news about China. Admitting that war news from China sources hasn't been particularly reliable, and these reports of smashing victories should be discounted—there seems to be no doubt, that the Japanese tradition of military invincibility has been knocked into a dish of chow mein.

Against anything like equal equipment and numbers, the Jap is no superman. Moreover when caught unawares or outnumbered, he runs as fast as a biped of any other color.

All of which is very cheering, and if sustained by future events, may do great good to the world,—INCLUDING JAPAN.

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FOR national pride and faith in its military and naval superiority, has been a large factor in Japanese foreign policy ever since the victorious war with Russia. It has produced a truculent imperialism, a cynical disregard for national honor, a passion for armed conquest.

To have that myth exploded on the field of battle, can only result in a radical modification of that policy, and make way for a policy of conciliation, moral reconstruction and peace.

For say what you will when a nation or an individual becomes a worshipper of force, only a superior force,—a good beating,—can destroy that doctrine.

It begins to look as though China with its inexhaustible man power would do just that. Or if not actually DEFEAT Japan at least demonstrate to all the world, that Japan can not conquer China, and without such a conquest her desired hegemony in the Far East can't be maintained.

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THIS column has no particular dislike of Japan or love for China. We see good and bad in both nations. But in this particular instance we believe China is entirely right and Japan entirely wrong.

So it is cheering to read the war reports at this time, and see increasing evidence that the right is winning over might, on the other side of the world.

A Sane Liberalism Looms

THERE is another cheering feature to be found in a more complete report of that new La Follette party, which has come to this desk.

The wire report, received by this paper at least, gave a very hazy and incomplete picture of the set-up.

For in its detailed summary the Governor of Wisconsin appears to have taken a leaf from the note book of our own General Martin, in two extremely important particulars.

He does not hesitate to condemn organized labor for a number of things,—strong-arm tactics of course, but also attempting to boost wages to uneconomic levels, and paralyze commerce by interunion conflict. And he refuses to truckle to farm organizations when he believes them wrong. He regards their demand for special subsidies as economically wrong, for example.

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NOW for a man as liberal as Governor La Follette, and also as shrewd and experienced politically to come out for a SQUARE DEAL of this description, strikes us as news of exceptional importance, and the most cheering thing that has happened in this country since the armistice.

For it can only mean one thing as we see it,—that the tide at last has turned. Not against Roosevelt and his essential purposes as much as against his technique,—his strategy and tactics.

And this we regard as highly desirable.

We have never understood,—and don't understand today,—why President Roosevelt has refused to call a halt on the offensive against one class and consolidate his position in that direction while he prepared to correct abuses that are all too apparent, in OTHER classes.

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NEEDLESS to say this column has been for the President and his New Deal—still is,—but we have been disappointed and at times dismayed at its one-sidedness. And we have longed for him to take the sort of stand the La Follette boys have now taken,—which in the last analysis is nothing more than T. R.'s "square deal"—applied to present day conditions.

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WE have wished he would say, what he of course BELIEVES —that he has no hostility toward any ONE class, no special interest in any one class,—that this isn't a country of classes and never can be, that he is for EVERY CLASS WHEN IT'S RIGHT AND AGAINST EVERY CLASS WHEN IT'S WRONG,—and then cite specific examples of classes when they are wrong as Governor La Follette has done.

But the President never has done this,—or if he has,—we have missed it. The fact that the La Follette brothers HAVE, convinces this column, that the Liberal cause in this country is not going to be destroyed by becoming solely a CLASS cause, but is going to be a party generous and tolerant to all classes, but demanding a social conscience and responsibility, from each and every one.

And this is certainly something to be very cheerful about in spite of the general mess this old ball of dirt is in at the present time.

Communications

Who Killed Cock Robin

To the Editor:

"It is organized labor that is putting the country on the bum," so say our local philosophers. This idea seems to be shared, at least to a great extent, in other places, too—places where making a living requires more sharpened wits. It also is believed by a large section of the well-to-do.

Knowing a few of such fortunately circumstanced and who also happen to be in an excellent business position to observe the psychological effect of the "depression" on that class, the question was put: Do your customers find it necessary to cut down on their purchases of your goods? Sadly they admitted that they did. "It is amazing," they inform, "and disheartening to hear many of our supposedly wealthy customers come in and tell us that they cannot buy anything this season due to the revenue being cut off. This can be traced to labor's hostile attitude toward capital. Los Angeles was practically free of union domination but finally it closed in and people are leaving in great numbers to go north.

All of which "listens" like many of the L. A. Times' editorials. It is so much stage setting for the coming of fascism. That dividends are being cut is true. That the cause is labor's hostile attitude toward capital is not. They are cut because of the economic laws of our competitive system compel capitalists to cut their (and the rest of us) economic throats: i. e. invest less capital in labor power (variable capital) and more in fixed capital: e. g. machines, etc. Profits are made out of variable capital and not a penny out of fixed capital. Hence the profit system is becoming unprofitable—and how!

What the unions are striving to do is to convince purchasing power of labor. Highest authorities from Roosevelt (and Dr. Townsend) down, say that it is essential to make the system work. That it will not, is beside the point. The belief that it will (the Rodbertus theory) was exploded long ago. The point is: Nobody is responsible for the curtailment of dividends—certainly not the unions.

R. HEGNER.

Gold Hill, Ore.

Hess Ad Interpreted

To the Editor:

In Tuesday evening's Medford Mail Tribune there appeared a paid political ad stating that Henry L. Hess was "recommended and supported" by state Granges. The intended meaning evidently was that he was being supported by GRANGERS of the state, as the state Grange or subordinates neither indorse or recommend candidates.

Respectfully,
R. E. NEALON,
County Grange Deputy.
Central Point, Ore.

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, Calif.

GIVE THE BABY A BREAK

Here is a typical query which many young fathers should take to heart:

What do you think about having an eight months old baby sit listening to radio program evenings after his daddy comes home? It amuses daddy, so he thinks it is all right. School children seem to be very nervous these days, hands always moving and legs shuffling and shaking. Don't you think babies should be in bed early and kept as quiet as possible? (Mrs. S. L.)

Anyway it is encouraging to know that a young father likes to come home to be with his baby in the evening. Too many young fathers nowadays prefer to get out as many nights as possible, to enjoy their booze, gambling and other indulgences too painful to mention, while the unhappy young wife and mother sticks right on the endless job as the dutiful slave of her master. What is needed in this too free country is a whipping post for husbands and fathers who are mentally and morally too childish to comprehend a man's responsibility. And a kind of medical court or judicial commission to order steel spurs on the lashes for husbands who have infected their wives with gonorrhea—the usual cause of mutilating operations a year or so after the birth of the only child; the usual cause of one-child sterility. Husbands who have married without a premarital medical examination and a certificate of freedom from communicable disease, deserve fitting punishment for this crime.

Yes, Mrs. S. L. is right, a baby under a year of age should be abed every day without fail by 5 p.m. and should not be disturbed by unnecessary noise or excitement after that time of night. It is not necessary or even advisable to attempt to hush-hush ordinary household noises or activities—a normal baby should not be disturbed by ordinary noises. But even if daddy must forego the joy of an hour with the baby at that time, he surely will not mind it when he knows it is harmful to the baby to be up and awake at such a late hour. Daddy should contrive to get his hour with the baby in the morning when the baby should normally be awake and mildly interested in Daddy's antics.

After the age of one year a baby may be allowed to be up until as late as 6 p. m., but never later than that. Up to the age of three years, 6 p.m. is zero hour for every well-loved, well-cared-for baby.

Babies should sleep 16 to 18 hours out of the twenty-four in the first six months; 14 to 15 hours at the age of one year (11 to 12 hours at night, 2 or 3 hours in two naps in the daytime.) At 2 years of age, 13 to 14 hours sleep may be enough.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Microphobia

Do you consider it dangerous to use telephones in large offices where a great many persons use the phones? If so, would it be advisable to have the mouth-piece and receiver washed with a disinfectant solution every day? (C. W.)

Answer—No. When telephone instruments are to be cleaned plain soap and water is as effective as any disinfectant or germicide can be.

Prevention of Scar

Four months ago daughter suffered lacerations about cheek in an automobile accident. Eight stitches were taken immediately. The wounds are well healed now but have left bad marks. What can I put on to make the scars fade or to prevent permanent scarring? (Mrs. B. C. E.)

Answer—I advise you to keep hands off and leave the treatment to the physician. In the repair of such wounds the outcome depends largely on the skill of the surgeon. For instance, it may be better to avoid stitches thru the skin, or to remove stitches in a day or two after the first aid treatment. No remedy is known which will prevent scar or dissolve it.

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Man About Manhattan

By GEORGE TUCKER

NEW YORK.—Sometime next winter all the ink-stained wretches in this office will be transferred to new offices in Rockefeller Center . . . ordinarily, men who write the news do not give a hang where their typewriters sit, or what offices they work in. But in my case this move is probably a very good thing—if it doesn't come too late—for as it is I am in grave danger of becoming a Peeping Tom.

GEORGE TUCKER

You see, this office is at Madison and 46th street . . . and your correspondent's typewriter faces an open window that looks directly across 46th street into the windows of the Roosevelt hotel . . . and people in hotels so seldom pull down their shades . . . I don't know why it is, but they don't . . . the next time you are in a hotel, see if you pull the blinds.

In the months that I have subconsciously gazed into those well-lighted Roosevelt rooms I have seen some amazing things . . . for instance, one morning a young fellow came to the window and tossed a shoe brush on the head of a passerby. That brought an indignant protest to the management of the hotel. But the guest had barred his door . . . And he went a little haywire. The first thing he did was grab all the bedclothes and shove them out the window.

Then he tossed out a suitcase. After that he edged a chair through the window and let it clatter seven stories down to the sidewalk. Pillows, glasses, books, shoes, tubes of toothpaste followed . . . but by this time detectives had battered down the door and that was the last of that.

One afternoon, wrestling with an essay, I chanced to lift my eyes and beheld Eddie Cantor, sitting in the window. On another occasion I recognized Billy Rose. I yelled at him, and five minutes later a messenger boy handed me this telegram: "You should be ashamed writing in a window in your shirt sleeves. Pull down your shades."

On another occasion a girl lived there three days. She had a canary in a cage and a white cat. In the mornings she would hang the cage in the window, and while the bird sang songs in the sunlight the cat would look hungrily at the bird. I think the kitty lived in hope, day by day.

I became so interested in the canary that I spent more and more time at the typewriter. And then one morning it was gone, and with it the white cat, and the girl. In her place was a salesman who smoked big cigars. Then he was gone and someone else came. It is like that every day.

And so maybe it is a good thing that we are moving to a new office soon. In any event, canaries won't keep getting in my hair. And besides it may be better for my eyes. Some of the boys tell me I am developing a squint.

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Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

ATTORNEYS for Jackie Coogan's mother and stepfather assert that: "The law is clear in this case. Under California law, the earnings of the child are the property of the parents."

The same thought used to be expressed by the disappointed farm boy who complained that "my colt becomes his horse, my calf becomes his cow, my pig becomes his hog."

(That was back in the days when the farm boy headed for the great city to make his fortune in the busy marts of trade. Now he stays at home and hires out to the government NOT to raise corn, wheat, cotton and tobacco).

IT APPEARS, if we can believe what we read in the papers, that Jackie's estimated earnings of $4,000,000 before he was 21 have shrunk, under the stewardship of his mother and his stepfather, to around $250,000.

Moral: If you're capable of earning millions as a child wonder, be VERY CAREFUL in your choice of parents.

DER FUEHRER (which is German for "the leader") pays a visit to Il Duce (which is Italian for "the boss.")

He is greeted by cheering thousands packed into the streets of Rome, and the noisy demonstration conveys the public impression that The Leader and the Boss are the world's most beloved men.

But, if you look beneath the surface, you will have noted this paragraph in the dispatch describing the historic meeting:

"There were guards EVERYWHERE, alert for anyone who might have DESIGNS ON THE LIVES of the two men who have changed the course of world history in the last decade."

WOULDN'T it be nice to be so popular with everybody that everywhere you went you'd have to have guards posted on all sides to keep somebody from shooting you?

THIS inconspicuous dispatch comes from Washington:

"Speaker Bankhead went to the White House in a wheel chair today. He stubbed and broke his toe Sunday night."

If it is true that misery loves company, the speaker of the house can reflect that a lot of toes have been stubbed in Washington lately.

Fishing Supplies and Licenses at Huson's Confectionery. Open evenings and Sundays.

Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
May 5, 1928
(It was Saturday)

1,700 Jackson county children march in health parade.

Al Smith holds lead for Democratic presidential nomination.

Two Gold Hill stores robbed. Sheriff Jennings takes trail.

Babe Ruth hits sixth homer against Chicago White Sox.

The 75th anniversary of the discovery of Crater Lake to be celebrated.

Postal receipts show steady gain, month by month.

No frost last night and none predicted for tonight.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
May 5, 1918
(It was Sunday)

Thrift stamp sales campaign starts in county.

Farmers complain of lack of moisture.

Mrs. F. E. Wahl visits friends at Rogue River.

Dryest year in long time increases forest fire dangers.

Germany delays offensive on western front as allies coordinate recent gains.

President orders probe of aircraft building alleged graft.

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