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## Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

A popular and frequent newspaper picture right now shows beautiful ladies with skirts hoisted above the knees to reveal shapely shanks and the garters they are about to cast into the rubber salvage heap. With the men it is different. They can donate their suspenders without rolling up their sleeves well above the elbows.

The Treasury department reports for every man, woman and child in the land there is now in circulation \$86.94, or a full week's pay on a defense project.

**RURAL VIEWPOINT**  
(Livermore (Calif.) Herald)

"Farmers harassed with labor shortage snorted in disgust at the spectacle of a Hollywood movie actress rushing to San Francisco for a one-day stand to sign up 1,000 women for farm harvesting. The type of city woman attracted to a farm labor sign-up by a movie actress would never reach the farm and be only a nuisance to be sent home if she did. The affair was no credit to anyone who had any part in it."

A Willamette valley editor in Washington, D. C., testifying before a committee, hints if the Columbia Valley Authority is invoked for Bonneville Dam there will be more "political posts" than power line poles.

**AN APPLAGATE DOG**  
Hermie Offenbacher of the Applagate has a dog called "Blackie," and several other things. For downright canine usefulness he takes the cake. His hide is black as coal and his liver as white as snow. He is the scariest thing on any number of legs. He is even in mortal terror of his own fleas. Most dogs are "Man's most loyal friend." This dog is the friend of no man, and his master is the most total stranger of all. A famous editor once remarked, "If a man bit a dog it would be news." No man is going to get close enough to this Fido to bite him and get in the local and personal column.

Here are just a few things that show if he never had a tin can tied to his tail, there should have been:

Mr. Dubb Watson, a dog lover tossed this dog one of Con DeVore's best dog bones in an effort to be friendly. This so frightened the dog he ran half a mile into an alfalfa patch. When he returned an ancient rooster was pecking on the bone. The dog ran another half mile, when the lord of the barnyard let fly with a casual flip of a hind-leg.

One of the safest things a dog can bark at is a full moon. In a surprise burst of courage this dog started baying at Luna, high in the sky. In the middle of his bark, his own bark scared him, and what remained of the original defiance became a whimper. The cats around the place, as far as he is concerned, are mountain lions.

There is no other dog like him. Even the humane society could not find a home for him. He sure leads a dog's life, but it's all his own fault.

"Incidentally, it is noteworthy that the person who was so anxious to see the names of these boys in print, did not have the courage to place his or her own name on the letter addressed to this newspaper." (Klamath Falls News-Herald.) Preposterous! And the very idea! Nonsense, you nincompoop!

## "Like Shooting Fish?"

It is thrilling to read on the front page:

"Big U. S. bombers were credited today with scoring 35 direct bomb hits on two Italian battleships in the great sea battle in the Mediterranean, while the American fliers so battered the fascist naval squadron that it never made contact with a British convoy it set out to intercept."

"It was like shooting fish in a barrel," said U. S. Major Alfred S. Kalberer who led the Americans on their first battle flight against the Axis in the Mediterranean."

It is not so thrilling to read on the SAME front page:

"Australia's Prime Minister, John Curtin, gravely warning that 'Australia can be lost' declared today that the war news was not good, and that the fall of the 'down-under' continent would lay Hawaii and the entire American coast open to Japanese attack, adding:

"No. 1: The news from Libya is not good."

"No. 2: Australia is irrevocably linked with Russia's defense against the current German onslaught."

"No. 3: Submarine warfare against the allies has reached a high intensity, and shipping losses, I tell you bluntly, are beyond our annual replacement capacity."

"No. 4: A complete setback for the allies in the Middle East would gravely affect Australia because it would give the Axis command of the Suez and the gateway to India leaving the Indian ocean open for enemy approach to Australia."

**YES**, one dispatch we like to read, the other we don't and would much prefer to skip.

Which is natural enough.

For it is only human to enjoy good tidings and not enjoy bad.

Yet we don't believe there is an informed and impartial observer of World War No. 2 today, who would for a moment deny, that the Australian Prime Minister's warning more accurately represents the true situation, than the more inspiring and diverting word picture entitled "shooting fish."

For taken as a whole today, the war news from an allied standpoint is NOT good!

Even that buoyant and dashing "shooting fish" item returned to the context, while demonstrating anew the gallantry and effectiveness of the American air forces, wherever they may be employed, adds up to a doubtful victory for the British fleet. Yet its net result is to give the impression that knocking holes in the Axis offense, is as soft a touch as knocking over ten-pins with a baseball bat.

**ALL** work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. All gloom and no sunshine,—all sad news and no good,—would impair any national morale.

To over-emphasize, in other words, the bad news in our war reports, would be even more harmful than to over-emphasize the good.

**BUT** our point is, there is no need,—and no good purpose served,—in OVER-emphasizing EITHER.

The more nearly a TRUE picture—and ONLY a true picture—of the war situation is given from day to day, the easier it will be for the people of this country,—and every allied country,—to arouse and implement those forces, which must be made effective to meet that true situation,—to bring about, in the shortest possible time, a defeat of the Axis powers that will be decisive and complete.

**What Price Liberty?**

Says John H. Martin, assistant director of policy of the War Production board:

"The American standard of living will be gradually reduced to eating, sleeping and working, without the trimmings,—and waste will be treason."

Nice going, John!

That is as inevitable as sunrise tomorrow, and the sooner "we the people" become reconciled to it, the better for all concerned.

**IT SHOULD** not be difficult. If the United States were not so far away from the battle-fronts it wouldn't be.

But with the fighting, three thousand miles from one coast, and even farther from the other, those of us safely and securely functioning, much as we have been accustomed, for a great many years, may have difficulty in appreciating the necessity of such sacrifices.

And they will be regarded as sacrifices, at least in unimaginative quarters.

**WHEN** the family car collapses like the one-horse shay, and there is nothing better than a bike to take its place; when the table-top blows up and there is no way to repair or replace it; when a thousand and one other electrical and non-electrical gadgets, to which we have become accustomed, go where the woodbine twineth, with no possible resurrection or repair, there will be some squawks,—some complaints, and many who will promptly look around to find some sacrificial goats.

**THIS** should not be. But we fear it will. And (to repeat) the main reason will be our distance from the war zones and the resulting false sense of peace and security, such distance creates.

Those with imaginations, however, will be spared any such shocks of readjustment. They will travel over to Europe, on the east, and Asia on the west, and envision what being able to EAT three square meals a day, sleep eight hours in a safe and comfortable bed, and go to a well-paying job the next day, would mean to,—not HUNDREDS, or thousands, but literally MILLIONS of people,—just as eager for "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness,"—and all in all no doubt just as deserving,—as "we the people" of the more fortunate United States.

**AND** with that picture in their minds eye, and also the picture of their own fathers and brothers and sons, risking their lives on land, at sea and in the air would they be thinking or talking about "SACRIFICES"?

Hardly! They would be thinking only of what a puny price to pay for such a priceless privilege!

## Personal Health Service

By William Brady, M. D.

Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene, not to disease diagnosis, or treatment, will be answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and written in ink. Owing to the large number of letters received only a few can be answered here. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady, 255 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

## CRAMPS IN LEGS AND HANDS

C. S. F. writes that he is 62 years old, school principal, has been bothered for years with cramps in legs and hands. He found out some time ago that it was from lack of calcium.

He sent for my pamphlet "The Calcium Showtag" (copy mailed to any reader who asks for it and incloses stamped envelope bearing his address), began following the instructions for booping (as I call it) the calcium intake, and soon obtained complete relief from the cramps.

A great many individuals, men and women alike, suffer from painful cramps in the legs, especially at night, and generally find little relief for the trouble. Sometimes the cramps occur in the arms or hands as well as in the legs or feet.

From the number of reports I have received, describing such relief as C. S. F. describes, from calcium, I am inclined to believe such cramps are usually a manifestation of tetany.

Usually tetany is seen in infants or young children and the characteristic symptom of tetany in children is spasmodic contraction of the wrists and feet, lasting for hours or days at a time. Another characteristic sign is extreme irritability of the nervous system, tendency of the child to have spasms—spasmodic, as doctors call it. The child may open his hands to grasp things or feed himself, but as soon as active motion ceases the hands resume their characteristic attitude. There is usually more or less pain with tetany spasms in hands and feet, or pain may be induced by an effort to overcome the spasm. But there is no fever and no loss of or other effect on consciousness. Often if not always the child shows signs of rickets.

Cause of tetany in children is calcium deficiency, and I believe this is the cause of cramps in legs and arms or feet which people of mature age so often have, especially at night, disturbing sleep.

Essential for utilization of calcium (from food or medicine) is an adequate daily intake of vitamin D.

Hence children or elderly persons with tetany should receive a suitable daily ration of calcium with vitamin D to supplement the daily diet—which is so likely to be deficient in these two essentials.

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

**Tall Boy**  
Son aged 12 is five feet tall. He eats everything. Husband is fairly tall, his sisters nearly six feet but of course all grown up. I have daughter, 7, who is rather tall. Is this unusual? Does her stature run in families? (Mrs. J. M.)

Answer—Boys of 12 average 55 inches tall, at 14 they average 60 inches. Yes, great stature runs in the family.

**Color Blindness**  
Air corps will not take anybody who is color blind. Can anything be done to correct color blindness? (J. E. D.)

Answer—Not if it is congenital (that is, present at birth). In some instances color blindness is due to tobacco excess and may clear up if the tobacco is stopped.

**Too Rapid Reduction**  
Mother, 61, began to have terrific pains in top of head. Doctor found her blood pressure 220. Medicine and diet brought it down to 160 in two weeks, also reduced weight sixteen pounds. The pain disappeared, but she seems very dispirited and melancholy. (K. P. M.)

Answer—Perhaps the reduction regimen was a bit too rigid, generally better to reduce not more than 5 or 10 pounds a week, not more than three or four pounds a week. Send stamped envelope bearing your address, and inclose twenty-five cents for booklet "Rules for Reducing."

**Hello, Stupid!**  
I'll not put off another day asking you to send me about pills from which I have suffered much for the past two years. Call me stupid if you like—I suppose I am. (A. J. W.)

Answer—Well, in a way, yes. You wrote on a postcard. Next time send a stamped envelope bearing your address, and ask for pamphlet "It Is Stupid to Suffer from Piles."

**Poison Ivy**  
We are going to spend vacation at a lake-side place where poison ivy grows. Several people have had ivy poisoning in the place in recent years. (Mrs. W. J. M.)

Answer—No harm to try the immunizing treatment as instructed in pamphlet on "Ivy Poisoning" available on request if you provide stamped envelope bearing your address. It gives instructions also for treatment of ivy poisoning.

**Ed. Note:** Persons wishing to communicate with Dr. Brady should send letter direct to Dr. William Brady, M. D., 255 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

## Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.

Second A.E.F.  
Due This Summer

Bases in Siberia  
Believed Coming

Service Academy  
Proposals Flop

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., June 18.—While interceptors, bombers, blimps and surface craft are patrolling the northwest and Alaska against Japanese, within 120 days, it is estimated, the second American expeditionary force will be making a landing in Europe. The European adventure is to start this year and November and December are bad weather months, so it is assumed that Johnny Doughboy will shove off for a beachhead in France before the end of summer, with the possibility of a landing in Italy.

In a matter of weeks the American air force will be attacking France and Germany, bombing plentifully and paving the way for the landing of troops. In this air force are scores of young men from the northwest (the percentage of northwest boys in the Jimmy Doolittle raid on Japan was considerable). Boeing bombers are being rushed across the north Atlantic by the ferry command as fast as they can be completed. Ground troops and motorized equipment are piling up at bases in north Ireland and England by thousands. Strength of the second AEF is estimated eventually at 3,000,000 to 4,000,000 and among these will be a liberal sprinkling from Washington and Oregon.

Plans for the second front in Europe to relieve the pressure on Russia will be in no manner weakened by the northwest defenses; in fact, the defenses on the Pacific coast will be increased on land and sea and in the air.

While there is no hint that the Commission of Foreign Affairs Molotov agreed to permit American planes and troops to be based in Siberia, there is a suspicion in the national capital that such permission eventually will be granted. Ostensibly, Japan and Russia are still on terms of peace. Molotov, however, knows as well as does Chief of Staff George Marshall the importance of American bases on Kamchatka for reprisals on Japan.

Instead of flying over the north pole, pausing at Nome and then swinging down to Puget sound and the Columbia river, as other Russians have done, Molotov arrived in a Red bomber at Baltimore, making such time that there was no one to receive him. The bomber was an eye-opener to military men. Throughout his six-day visit Molotov was apparently unaccompanied as he visited movies, wandered in crowds, but he was constantly under the eye of secret service, whose duty it is to safeguard visiting notables. The job was performed so well that many times the commissar was unaware that he was being shadowed.

**ANOTHER** attempt to establish a military academy and a naval academy in the northwest has flopped. Senator McNary offered a bill authorizing the location of these facilities in Washington, Oregon or California to relieve the pressure on West Point and Annapolis, whose officials wish to expand. It was supposed there might be a chance for the military school on Puget sound, but the brass had decided otherwise.

War department says it would cost \$75,000,000 to establish a military academy and navy department says \$22,000,000 would be required for its school and that \$3,000,000 would be needed annually for maintenance. War department gave no estimate of maintenance cost. One of the

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problems now is to train youths for officers as current facilities are inadequate. Cost of land, and other reasons, were given in the adverse report on the McNary measure.

**WITH** cherries coming in, growers are battling with the office of prime administration, as it did the gooseberry and straw-berry growers. OPA has to work out a price for the growers, considering wages and increased cost of production. One cherry grower writes to OPA and to the department of agriculture that he has 200 tons of cherries and he wants to know what price he can expect. Off hand, he should receive approximately \$34,500.

**THE** narcotic bureau is determined to suppress the growing of poppies in the Pacific northwest. Poppy seeds have been used by bakers for sprinkling on certain buns and bread, but they are now unable to purchase any. A few northwest farmers have a few acres planted to poppy, contending that they grow the "blue" poppy, and that it is the "white" poppy from which a tincture of morphine is obtained from the pods and stems. The narcotic bureau answers that it has examined the so-called blue poppy and finds that its pods and stems are in the same category as the white variety. No great amount of the poppy has ever been grown in the United States.

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the Crimea at Sevastopol and to straighten out his long circular line at Kharkov, as necessary preparations for his big effort. Both actions are designed to shorten his front and relieve troops for the main bout.

There seems to be no secret as to where his power is massed or where it will strike. It is centered between Kharkov and Rostov and its objective is Rostov, Stalingrad and the Caucasus oil fields.

The third part of his deliberate plan, as so far developed, is to capture Kronstadt and, if possible, Leningrad in the north. With Kronstadt gone, the Russian Baltic fleet would have no place to land. If Leningrad can be captured, Hitler might work up to the Murmansk railroad and eliminate the main line of allied supplies into Russia.

This northern side-show could be continued after the big southern drive starts, but the outcome at Kharkov and Sevastopol should be evident before the Germans open their big southern push east.

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