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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry

The blood pressure of any number of Americans jumped a point or two, at the statement of Roger Babson, noted economist...

"Lost—Tuxedo trousers, getting on or off bus." (Chicago Tribune.)

A new mold derivative called "patulin" is advanced by medical science as a quick way to put a kibosh on colds.

The establishment of "Teen-Age Night Clubs" are widely favored as a cure for juvenile delinquency, rampant throughout the nation.

MANLY PRIDE-OLD STYLE! (Pendleton East Oregonian)
"Pat Kline is so proud of a pair of pants made to order for his wear that he has caused them to be displayed in the show window of the Peoples' Warehouse."

The Senate plans an investigation of the whiskey shortage in the land to see if it is genuine, or just another one of those things.

Practically every lawn in town has been accorded an Oak Leaf Cluster with a Rake Handle background.

"Don't smoke near the pump. Your life may not be worth anything, but the gasoline is." (Sign noted by Lakeview Examiner.)

Upstate democrats are reported mapping strategy for 1944 and looking for innovations. A candidate will have to show something besides the ability to grab the presidential coat-tails and look sad.

A Portland motorist and Good Samaritan picked up two hitchhikers and was robbed by them of \$80. This seems to be an outstanding waste of both courtesy and manpower.

As Expected
The drive on the Gilbert Islands came as no surprise to those who closely followed the present U. S. naval strategy in the South Pacific. Truk, the big Japanese air and naval base west of the Gilberts is the objective. From Rabaul on the south,—when that is taken,—and from the Gilberts, Uncle Sam can pursue the well-known pincer tactics on Truk.

TRUK, according to all accounts, will be no set-up. Even there it is doubtful however the Japanese will risk a decisive all-out naval battle. The Truk harbor is large enough to shelter the entire Japanese fleet, protected as it is by a ring of coral islands, with only a few narrow and dangerous passages between them.

However with the tremendous superiority of the United States on the water and a qualitative if not quantitative superiority in the air, the eventual fall of Truk would seem to be inevitable, and this being true the Japanese will undoubtedly not choose to risk their precious fleet so far away from home.

Major Elliot Improves

As the fortunes of war favor the United Nations more and more, Major George Fielding Elliot, the New York Herald-Tribune military oracle, looks better and better.

There was a time when his batting average in the prediction line was about 23-minus. But for nearly a year now he has not only called his shots but made them stick, and therefore his stock if not his salary is going up.

About a week ago the pontifical major declared that if the Germans planned to make a stand at the Bug river, they would soon have to start a real counter offensive in the vicinity of Kiev.

Only about 48 hours later that was done, the Germans in the first successful counter-attack since the Russian summer drive started, recaptured the important railroad junction of Zhitomir, and at last accounts still hold it, against severe Red army counter thrusts.

SO there is good reason to believe the Major being right in one section of his prediction will prove to be right in the other,—and Hitler will dig in on the Bug river and try to stick.

Whether Hitler will stick on the "Bug" however, or the "Bug" will stick on Hitler remains to be seen, but judging the future by the past the latter rather than the former will be the case.

And the All Highest Reichsfuehrer will again be forced in his successful campaign of "disengagement" to seek the services of the nearest de-lousing station!

Out Goes the Neck

We have never been able to understand just why troops in training are shifted about so much,—and officers ditto.

There must be some good reason, of course. But to a man up a tree,—and a layman at that,—it looks like complete disregard of team play and morale.

For the longer the men and officers are together the better acquainted and adjusted they will be, and the better off they are in that direction the better as a unit they will fight.

At least that would be this department's judgment,—but we are quite willing to admit there must be some serious flaw in it.

ON the other hand keeping combat troops permanently in one area, particularly the tougher ones, strikes this typewriter strategist, as equally difficult to explain.

Take the boys fighting in the stewing jungles of the Solomons for example, or standing guard in the bleak freezing wastes of Iceland. The wear and tear and loss of morale after a time must be terrific.

If we had anything to do about it we would keep soldiers and officers training together as a unit, as long as possible, and fighting on a shifting quick relief basis, in one difficult area, as short a time as possible.

It is no doubt fortunate we HAVEN'T.

COMMUNICATIONS
Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer; although the use of a pen name is initials for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarity and conciseness.

Your Health and Its Care
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GROWING CHILDREN NEED CALCIUM

Both breast milk and cow's milk contain enough calcium to satisfy the baby's daily requirement of this element, provided the baby takes enough milk daily. Breast milk contains one-third as much calcium as cow's milk; but according to nutrition authorities an infant normally assimilates nearly two-thirds of the calcium in breast milk, less than half the calcium in cow's milk.

Can you suggest why our 15-year-old daughter and 17-year-old son are both always too tired to stand or sit up straight? They slump and slouch about and seem to have no ambition. (H. L. T.)

Answer—No. But nutritional deficiency, particularly calcium deficiency, accounts for the fatigues and lack of "ambition" in a great many growing boys and girls.

You say your "Iodine Baiton" was originally calculated for the standard 7% tincture. Please explain what 7% tincture means and what it means when the 7% iodine my druggist says is standard contains 88% alcohol. (L. D. M.)

Answer—Amount of alcohol in tincture is insignificant. The Pharmacopoeia, standard official, legal Tincture of Iodine contains approximately 7% of iodine. It is a bit too strong for popular use, should be left to the exclusive use of physicians and surgeons. For popular use as a first aid disinfectant for minor wounds, etc., a milder preparation is expressly provided by the Pharmacopoeia. It is equally standard, official and legal—Mild Tincture of Iodine. And it contains approximately 1% of iodine. The amount of alcohol in it is equally insignificant.

The 85-year-old lady back again. Your "Dew of Sahara" proved just the thing—I no longer suffer from itching after a bath. (C. A. G.)

Answer—Thank you. For both pruritus and other kinds (itching without apparent cause) the recipe for making "Dew of Sahara" is given in booklet "Save Your Skin"—for copy send twenty-five cents and stamped envelope bearing your address. (Copyright, 1943, John F. Dille Co.)

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News Behind The News
By Paul Mallon
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capable of meeting and beating what we have there. He cannot muster such a force, so he cannot successfully invade, with or without gas.

He has a new long range rocket gun which is supposed to be able to shoot a gas shell as well as an explosive. This is probably the real basis of his threat. With it he can do a little damage, especially to civilians, but accomplish no military objective whatever. The gun is not even accurate at close range.

From the continent he will have to shoot it 30 or 40 miles or more, so its effect will be about as small as blind night bombing

JUST remember this in any talk about gas: The way it can be most effectively used is by spray or bomb from air planes. We have both the planes and the gas to make such use extremely practicable if anyone opens up the subject. The chance that it will be used is therefore more remote than ever before.

Truth of the European situation is that we are facing a difficult military problem in penetrating Hitler's continental fortress, as we are on the wrong side of the Alps in Italy. If Hitler invades he will make the battle for us on our own ground.

We can save both planes and pilots in this way. To invade, therefore, Hitler would have to reach a point of desperation that would first relieve him of his reason. He was probably just trying to scare the British into holding the largest possible force there, and thus keep it away from southern Europe.

HITLER continues to move some reinforcements up to the battle line in Italy and had 11 divisions (185,000 men) there a few days back, although the bulk of his Italian army is still north of Florence where it cannot be cut off by amphibious encirclement. The current battle line is the best defensive position he has yet occupied with two rivers at either end of the line and mountains in between.

Do not expect General MacArthur's men to clean out Bougainville in a few days as has been suggested. There are 25,000 Japs there and on one adjoining island which may mean long hard and indecisive fighting. The secret of Rabaul's strength is that it has two Jap airfields,

JAPS' HOPES OF ECONOMIC GAINS SEEN DWINDLING

Conquests in Pacific Seen as Bringing Headaches and Danger to Tokyo.
By Walter G. Rundle
United Press Correspondent

London (U.P.)—Evidence is mounting in the latest Japanese propaganda line that Japan, having failed to consolidate the vast and varied economic gains that fell to her in her conquest of the Pacific, is beginning a gradual economic withdrawal.

This is reflected, London observers believe, in Japan's recent emphasis on claims of new-found self-sufficiency possible within the inner ring of her defenses—the Japanese Islands, Korea and Manchukuo. The Japanese radio boasts of the discovery of new sources of iron, copper, nickel and other strategic metals, vital to the Japanese war effort, in home areas.

Simultaneously, the Japanese home front, which not long ago was promised all the necessities and many of the luxuries of life in great plenty as a result of Japan's military successes, is hearing a new tune. The Japanese people are being told, and forcefully, that it is their duty to make the Japanese homeland self-sufficient in the production of food.

The obvious implication is that Japanese leaders believe the time is approaching when they cannot count upon any sizable imports either of food or raw materials from outlying Pacific areas occupied since December 7, 1941.

Two factors undoubtedly influence Japanese thinking in this regard: Heavy shipping losses which have reduced available cargo space to only that required for movement of essential troops and war material.

The certainty that the time is not far distant when the opening of Japan's newly-won possessions will come under increasing, direct Allied threat.

It is pointed out here that Japan's apparent intent to write off many of her Pacific gains economically does not by any means imply the possibility of a simultaneous or even a later military withdrawal. In fact, there is reason to believe that Japan is putting aside the economically dispensable to prepare for the military necessity of holding the areas that shield her from direct attack on the Japanese mainland.

Japan's economic conquest in the Pacific is regarded by many as having provided many headaches and as being loaded with dangers that may kick back violently when the Allied advance really begins rolling.

In spite of Japan's efforts to enlist the sympathies and win the support of other Eastern peoples with the catch-phrase "Asia for the Asiatics" and by tossing territorial concessions and so-called "independent governments" to tractable groups, the fact remains that most of the occupied lands are known to be suffering economically. Japan's glowing promises show no prospect of paying off.

Burma is a case in point. Her greatest export, crop was rice. Rangoon was the center of the industry and commerce of the rich Irrawaddy delta. And Burma's biggest customer was India. Now, with the door to India's markets closed to her, Burma's rice crop is rotting on the wharves. Japan cannot absorb Burma's rice production, has more accessible and adequate sources of supply in occupied China, Indo-China and Thailand.

And Japan has no commerce with the rest of the world. The situation in Malaya, source of nearly 70 per cent of the world's rubber supply before the war, is much the same. Japan, with no world markets and cut off from her Nazi ally, cannot begin to utilize the rubber production of Malaya. The effect of such stagnation of one of the country's greatest sources of income eventually must carry

Aids Veterans



Provisions for future college training for ex-servicemen and women who desire additional education, was the program advocated by President Roosevelt in his recent message to Congress.

Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson Co. History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 and 20 years ago

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
November 23, 1933
(Lit was Thursday)
Lee Tracy, movie star is fired for impromptu balcony scene in Mexico City.

James E. Van Zandt, national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars visits.

Fair, but with fog. High 52, low 29 degrees. Good progress made in all-out relief work in city and county.

Grants Pass backs local Diamond Jubilee next June. Brush fire perils many homes in Los Angeles suburbs.

Decorations hung on Main street for Yule observance. Al Smith, Democratic leader, urges nation return to gold standard.

Knox liquor committee plans to remove private profit from sales. TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
November 23, 1923
(Lit was Thursday)

Three DeAutremont brothers of Eugene indicted by grand jury for Siskiyou tunnel holdup try and quadruple murder. World hunt for suspects opens.

German government falls, and army rule looms. Long dry spell in state is broken by heavy rains upstate.

Special prosecutor asks district attorney to resign instead of criticizing him in local dry fight. Rain predicted. High 51, low 41. precipitation .02 of an inch.

Miss Bernice Cameron leaves on trip to San Francisco. CAN VITAMINS CHANGE GRAY HAIR?

According to Good Housekeeping tests with Calcium Pantothenate on gray hair: Age—did not seem to affect results. The earliest response occurred in a 50 year old, the latest in a 23 year old.

Color—began to appear near the roots of the head at the same time. Symmetrical areas, perhaps on the temples or the back of the head. Time—varied from 1 month to 6 months.

Results—85% of those tested had positive evidence of a return of some hair color. Now thousands use GRAYVITA, which contains 10 mgm. of Calcium Pantothenate (the tested amount) PLUS 450 U.S.P. units of B-Try GUYAVITA. 30 day supply, \$1.50, 100 days, \$4.00. Please write Wainwright's East Side Pharmacy, Main and Riverside.



Olive Barber's Observations

Some catching-up needs to be done on letters received from men in service. Writes a lad in a non-com school: "The war has at least had a broadening effect on millions of our boys in that they have been forced into an association with others from all parts of the nation, and in letting them see other sections of the country. As a whole, the boys from the west are sent east; those from the east are sent west. I think this is an attempt to keep them away from home and so avoids distractions."

"One boy who sleeps next to me worked in a coal mine in Pennsylvania. The boy on the other side is from Boston. A Jewish fellow three beds down paid \$17,000 income tax last quarter. One I know paid \$100,000 income tax last year and his buddy, at present, was a grocery clerk until Uncle drafted him. What a hodge-podge! But I believe the effect is good on the majority."

"The men over thirty find the training tough but the kids of eighteen and twenty have little trouble. "School is a tough grind of 6:00 a. m. to 8:30 p. m. The study period (enforced) I consider the toughest; an effort to concentrate and prepare the next day's work. Then there are duties such as charge of quarters, of barracks, K. P. and guard duty. These make it difficult to keep pace with the academic schedule. Piled on top of all this is military training, marches, exercises, etc."

Funny, but most of the letters are from corporals. The above was, though I do get letters from privates, and last week there was one from a colonel! In answering, I tried to be most respectful; I mean like he was the preacher, or somebody like that. But it was awfully hard to do, for he sounded like such a nice guy.

Then a letter from a corporal in Alaska; an enthusiastic, boyish letter, devoted to one topic—his mother! In telling me how rich he is to have such a mother, I saw how rich she is to have such a son. I loved that letter and pinned it to the curtain of the window by my desk in Scribble Shack.

He was under the impression that I lived in his home town and so told me where I could meet his mother. Then he added: "I would bet my last cent and throw in my shirt that you thank me for writing you how to meet my mother and I would like to be there when you do."

And I'd give my last cent and throw in my shirt to know my boy would write of me as this lad did of his mother.

Do Mail Tribune Want Ads.

STRANGERS, PILGRIMS

Evangelist C. R. Worshman will speak tonight at the Church of Christ on the topic, "Strangers and Pilgrims." The evangelist is conducting services each evening at 7:30 p. m. throughout this week. The public is invited to attend.

A large audience heard Evangelist Worshman speak yesterday at the church on "The Spiritual Thermometer."

LAST RITES HELD FOR LINDA SMITH, INFANT

Linda Louise Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira V. Smith, passed away at a local hospital in early infancy Friday.

Funeral services for the little girl were held in the Log Town cemetery near Rich today with the Rev. Louis C. Kirby officiating, and Conger Funeral Parlors taking care of arrangements.

Do Mail Tribune Want Ads.

Time-Tested Advice About Chest Colds!
Grandma Was Right Time Has Proved It
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