

On the Side—By E. V. Durling

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A peppercorn is very small but seasons every dinner. More than all other condiments, although 'tis sprinkled thinner: Just so a little woman is. If love will let you win her, There's not a joy in all the world You will not find within her.

—Juan Ruiz de Rana.

(Senor De Rita was really an ardent admirer of the cute little trick type of female. Above is an excerpt from his celebrated poem "In Praise of Little Women." There are about ten other verses, all boosting the petite girls to the sky.)

Several years ago an interviewer had me on the air and one of the questions he tossed at me was: "What is America's most interesting city?" I said, "Chicago." That is still my story. Therefore, I was much interested in the lively, highly informative book of inside stuff titled "Chicago Confidential," by Jack Lait and Lee Mortimer. This is some brilliant reporting by a couple of newspapermen who really know their stuff. Don't miss it. Especially if you live in Chicago or are figuring on visiting there soon.

Class-A Husband

What are the qualifications of a Class-A husband? That brilliant newspaperwoman, Baird Leonard, once stated the qualifications she deemed necessary in a Grade-A spouse. Some of these qualifications were: 1. He sleeps with his mouth closed. 2. After he takes his tub the bath-room doesn't look as if the water main had burst. 3. He likes to wear evening clothes. 4. He likes all his wife's friends. 5. His private secretary is a man. 6. When he goes some place by himself he remembers what all the women present wore. 7. He never tells his wife's age.

Asking. Queries from clients. Q. Although the dog is frequently mentioned in the Bible, and the cat is not mentioned at all, you seem to have overlooked the fact there is nothing said in praise of the dog. A. The greyhound is praised in the Bible. See Proverbs, 30:31. Q. In "Comin' Thru the Rye," does the poet refer to a walk through a cornfield or crossing a river? A. Refers to crossing River Rye, northwest Ayrshire, Scotland. Q. Are you familiar with a song titled "Ida, the Wayward Sturgeon"? A. Dwight Fiske wrote that song some years ago. Gypsy Rose Lee used to sing it in burlesque. Q. What is the percentage of blondes among women in this country? A. I assume, of course, you mean natural blondes. The answer is about 11 per cent.

Please Note. See it stated Samson and Delilah is "the best short story in the Bible." That I question. I would say the six best short stories in the Bible in order named are 1. The Prodigal Son. 2. Joseph and his Brethren. 3. Samson and Delilah. 4. Jonah and the Whale. 5. The Good Samaritan. 6. David and Goliath.

Favorite Actors. Three of my favorite actors are now in the same stage play. I am referring to Henry Fonda, William Harrigan and Henry Hull, all featured in "Mr. Roberts." I could go on and show a couple of times a week and never get tired of it. As you will recall, Henry Hull created the role of Jeter Lester in "Tobacco Road." Of Henry's portrayal of Jeter Lester, that great drama critic, Percy Hammond, said: "It is the greatest performance I have seen in forty years of playacting."

Sidelights. A 98 year old New Englander attributes his long life to adherence to the "four browns" diet, e.g. whole wheat bread, baked beans, brown eggs and brown

sugar. . . . When Edsel Ford was born, his father, Henry Ford, was a \$15 a week mechanic working for the Detroit Edison Company. . . . Maine is the only State in the Union where poisonous snakes are not found. Most deadly snake in the country is the Texas rattlesnake.

Presents. The Chinese are the world's greatest givers of presents. In 1906 when Alice Roosevelt married Nicholas Longworth the dowager Empress of China gave her as wedding presents: eight rolls of brocade, two rings, a pair of earrings, some white jade, a white fox coat and an ermine coat. At the same time all the King of England gave Alice for a wedding present was a snuff box. Kaiser Wilhelm gave her a bracelet set with a miniature of himself.

Doernbecher Plant Employees Quit Jobs

Portland, Ore., Feb. 17—(UPI)—Seven hundred employees of the Doernbecher Manufacturing company's Portland furniture plant and the company-managed Coaleo mill south of Oregon City observed their first day of no work today.

The mills were shut down at 8 a. m. today and no reason was given by company spokesmen or officials. However, a Doernbecher superintendent told employees yesterday that he thought the mills would be closed "until further notice."

Charles Shelly, business agent for the United Furniture Workers of America, said the company had increased the number of Portland mill employees by 75 since last October and that no market development to his knowledge, caused the shutdown. The company-operated Coaleo mill supplies the production plant here with most of its lumber needs.

FILM BAN ASKED. Washington, Feb. 17—(UPI)—Rep. Ed Gossett (D., Tex.) says Ingrid Bergman's new picture, "Stormbol," is an "outrageous film" and should be banned from American theaters.

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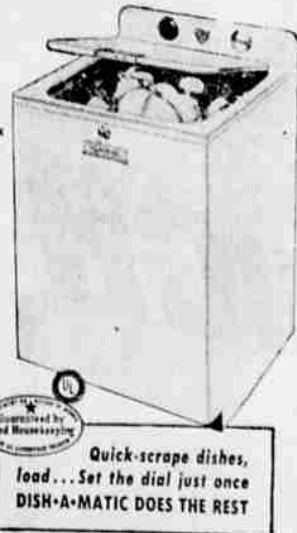
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