



RAN FROM SELF—Kenneth Blackmore, who walked out of his job at a San Francisco hotel 20 months ago with \$14,000 of the hotel's money, gave himself up because his conscience bothered him. He absconded to escape from everyday worries and gave himself up for the same reason. Blackmore decided he actually ran away from himself.

Unique Whistle, Novelty Shop Found By Rogue River Man On Coastal Trip

Rogue River, March 4—Van H. Avery returned recently from Eureka, Cal., with an interesting story about a "whistle factory," he found there.

While looking at houses in the vicinity of the city, Avery visited a suburb and he was startled to hear a sudden, short blast of a whistle—sounding like a willow whistle such as delight small boys in the spring.

Blasts Puzzle

The short blast was repeated with regularity following long intervals of silence which puzzled him until two little boys playing in a nearby yard offered an explanation.

"Our daddy is running a whistle factory today," Mike explained. "Last week he made salt and peppers, and before that he made pepper mills. He has to toot each whistle when he makes it, and when he toots 8,000 times he'll be finished. Then he will make little logging trucks that haul just one

log each, just like the big trucks—come and see."

Enters Shop

They led him into the work shop, past boxes of little brown jugs, the "salt and peppers" referred to by the boys. Each shaker was banded with its own redwood bark, its top gracefully shaped and initialed S or P, and the whole highly polished. Seated amid boxes of whistles of all sizes were the parents, George and Flora Murray, who repeated their son's invitation.

The electric pencil in Flora Murray's hand continued carefully writing "Yellowstone Park" on each wooden whistle, while George rose to show the visitor through the little home factory.

"We patent our designs," said Murray, "and we claim our shop is unique because we make our toys and souvenirs out of redwood limbs. Even the whistles are made of small redwood limbs, but I made some of alder too." While Murray talked, his wife with a quiet smile handed the visitor two whistles on which she had inscribed the words, "Rogue River, Ore." They are kept there, attention-demanding souvenirs of the little factory where the limbs of the giant redwoods are utilized in making souvenirs and toys for the many tourists that throng the highways of the west.

Hart's Hatchery Here Produce Hybrid Fowl

bright star Regulus. This star is at the end of the handle of The Sickle, a group of rather faint stars arranged in the shape of the common garden tool used for cutting grass. The curved blade extends northward from the handle and has the open side upward.

West of Star

The most distant planet, Pluto, which requires 248 years to encircle the sun once, is very near the blade of The Sickle. Although it can be seen only through large telescopes, there may be some satisfaction in pointing to a spot very slightly west of the star at the tip of the blade and remarking, "There is Pluto."

At 8 p. m., another distant planet, Uranus, is a little south of directly overhead. Neptune, between Uranus and Pluto in distance, now appears near Mars. Both Uranus and Neptune can be seen through telescopes of moderate power—even through good field glasses.

On March 27, Mars will be nearer the earth than at any time since January 1946. This column will be given entirely to this planet on March 19.

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Let us look around the sky and locate the "other worlds," both seen and unseen. Excluding the earth and the hundreds of tiny asteroids, there are eight known planets. Of these, five are easily seen without optical aid when not too near the direction of the sun.

Gorgeous Venus now rises in the east southeast about two hours before sunrise and swings somewhat southward as it climbs the heavens. It is at its greatest apparent brilliance and can be seen as a tiny pearly-white spot in a clear, blue daytime sky, if one knows just where to look. Between 9 and 9:30 a. m. for the next two weeks, search a little lower than the sun's noon position. If you are on the shady side of a house, your chances of spotting the planet are the best.

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