

On The Side

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Insofar as Horses and Women are concerned I am doing all right with the horses. I did have two losing tickets one day last week but it was a very muddy track. As for women I am having a little difficulty with them in addition to trying to understand them. Various groups of feminine subscribers indignantly say this department is unfair to them. Not long ago many brunettes were complaining that we are prejudiced in favor of redheads. Then many Capricorn women complained they were being neglected in the stargazer reports. Now, I have a number of bitter complaints from feminine subscribers whose wedding days were in May. They say that in my recent report as to the brides calendar the May brides were omitted. "Why so?" asks one Milwaukee May bride. "Are we so bad that a report on our characters is unprintable?" It was just an oversight. What more can I say, when I say I am sorry? The report on May brides will appear in an early issue.

Passing By

Stan Musial. The highest salaried major league ballplayer, with an annual salary of \$85,000 a year. That's somewhat stupendous. But don't forget that over 25 years ago Ty Cobb was paid \$75,000 a season by Connie Mack of the Athletics. And the dollar then had three times its current buying power. The income tax was also much lower. Anyway, Stan is progressing very nicely financially. Owns an interest in three profitable restaurants in St. Louis and also a share in some valuable income property.

Please Note

How about your dentist? Do his feet hurt? Is he wearing comfortable shoes? Does he feature footgear that keeps him well balanced? If not he may let the drill slip while working on your, or have a similar mishap. A barber should also be comfortably shod. Or he is liable to let the shears or razor slip. Or, so says an expert on the problems of the pedal extremities.

So to Bed

Do you find your bed is expertly made? Is your wife clever that way? How about your teen-aged daughter? I have just heard from a feminine subscriber who says she learned how to make a bed properly when reading "Uncle Tom's Cabin." In that classic there is a passage which tells in detail how Topsy was taught to make a bed properly.

Songs

The writer of several popular songs has an opportunity to achieve a lifetime income from them. The British composer Tolchard Evans keeps reviving songs he wrote 20 or more years ago and is collecting much money in current royalties. Some of the songs he has revived are: "Lady of Madrid," written 20 years ago; the three songs titled, respectively, "If," "Faith" and "Unless," all written in 1934; and "Lady of Spain" and "Let's All Sing Like the Birdies Sing," written in 1931.

Asides

One of my favorite combinations is breaded veal cutlet and spaghetti. The spaghetti is better this year than last. Makers are using a better grade of material. . . . In Los Angeles the carpenters are now being paid \$2.90 an hour. That makes \$116 for a five day week and there is quite a little opportunity for overtime.

Horses and Women

Looking over the statistics of the 43 finalists in a beauty contest I noted 39 had waist measurements of 24 inches or less. Of the other four, two had 26 inch waists and two had 25 inch. Keep this in mind if you are thinking of streamlining your wife to compete for the Mrs. America title.

Sidelights

The Caswell Massey drug store on Lexington ave., Manhattan, established in 1752, claims to be "the oldest drug store in America." Any challengers? . . . Says a Brooklynite of Irish birth: "John O'Daly, of Lisadell, Sligo, wrote the song 'Ellen Aroon' and the Scots stole it and called it 'Robin Adair'."



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Evangeline's People May Face Another Deportation

Washington—After 200 years the possibility of another deportation confronts Acadians—the people of Longfellow's "Evangeline," story of a wandering girl who suffered much for love.

This time many Acadian families will be uprooted if a proposed Navy air station is built in the Evangeline country around New Iberia, La. Generations of Acadians have prospered there while holding to traditions rooted in distant France and Nova Scotia.

The Louisiana Acadians descend from several thousand men and women of French extraction expelled by the British from Nova Scotia during a mid-18th century embroilment with France for possession of North America. Groups were randomly settled from Massachusetts to Georgia. Some wandered to southern Louisiana and found again the atmosphere they were

torn from—French people and French ways of life.

Wanted to be Let Alone

As migrants finally settled in a hospitable and fertile land, the gravitated to what they knew best; farming. In the Wolfville and Grand Pre countryside of Nova Scotia they had tended orchards, grown wheat and peas, raised black-horned cattle and sheep. In Louisiana they turned to small farming and cattle raising. They built meeting houses and strove to re-create their former life in as much seclusion as possible in the water-streaked back country.

They flourished especially around quiet St. Martinville in the New Iberia area. There stands the Evangeline Oak, reputedly marking the landing place of the Acadians and the meeting place of Emmeline Labiche and Louis Arceneaux, the Evangeline and Gabriel of Longfellow's "Evangeline."

In their loved land of deep shadows and live oak, the Acadians cling to their speech with the tenacity of the Pennsylvania Dutch. Many fifth-generation Americans have little if any grasp of English. Drill sergeants in World War II were unbelieving when Louisiana Acadians said "Je ne comprends pas."

Dialects stemming from France, Canada and Louisiana are heard in homes and business places, all softened in Southern accent. Some terms are traceable to French villages of the late 1500's, with borrowings from Spanish, English and Indian. Voice intonations and hand gestures enliven the speech.

English Somehow Spoken

Attempts at English sometimes bring strange results along the bayous. How is a friend feeling? "Jolliment all right." Was an ancient amusing? "I laugh till I bus' me." Emphasis often comes with finality as "I don't want

any, no," or "I like that, yes."

Thrifty farmers, merchants, stock raisers and traders, the Acadians find the New Iberia area bountiful with temperate and subtropical plants. Economic depressions have largely bypassed the region of which Longfellow said:

"Beautiful is the land, with its prairies and forests of fruit trees, "Under the feet a garden of flowers, and the bluest of heavens . . . "They who dwell there have named it the Eden of Louisiana."

GOOD SECURITY

Sidney, Neb.—(U.P.)—Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Likins, Portland, Ore., were unable to pay a \$50 speeding fine here, so they gave the judge a diamond wedding ring and a wristwatch as security. The ring alone was worth about \$400.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—THREE

BACKFIRE

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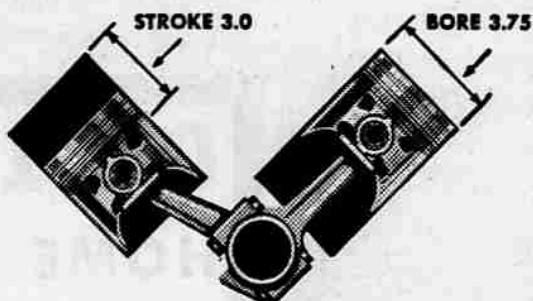
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