

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN
Your Daily Activity Guide
To develop message for Tuesday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

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The Medical Roundup

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Dummy Pills That "Cure" Beautifully

In a recent number of the Reader's Digest, J. D. Ratcliff tells about the way in which sugar pills or placebos—as we doctors call them—can give relief to about half of the people who are suffering pains or aches or indigestion. I suggest to all persons the medicine works a cure because the patient expects it to do this.


Every week someone writes to chide me for not telling how wonderful one or another medicine is for some usually incurable disease. Sadly I have to tell the man that success in one case, such as he describes—or even in five cases—doesn't impress an old physician. Nowadays, when a research worker thinks he has found a useful drug he puts no faith in it until the facts of observation have been analyzed and put through an I.B.M. punched-card machine, neither the doctor nor the patient knows who got the medicine and who got an empty pill that looked exactly like the full one.

Pills Looked Alike

To show what I mean, years ago my good friend Dr. Harold Diehl, Dean of the Medical School of the University of Minnesota, took thousands of students with colds, and gave most of them medicines, such as aspirin, belladonna, sodium bicarbonate, antihistaminics and antibiotics—everything that had ever been advocated for the treatment of colds. To a thousand or more he gave dummy pills that contained nothing. But all the pills looked alike and were in bottles marked with only a code number so that the students could not know what they had received. Later, each student had to turn in a report telling how well the medicine had worked in his or her case. These reports were classified as "good" or "poor" by physicians who did not know what the individual student had received.

Finally, when the results had all been rated, the code numbers were made known, and checked against the results. Then it was found that most of the medicines had worked well in half the cases—but the empty pills or "placebos" had worked just as well. The only medicine that had worked well in some 85 per cent of the cases was codeine or a mixture of codeine and papaverine (obtainable only with a prescription). Today, then, no sensible doctor gets excited about a drug unless it can "cure" more patients of a certain type than

MOO-O-O-S AND MUSINGS



This is probably the only time you'll ever hear about the funeral director who had monogrammed cars for his wife and himself.

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Little Daisy

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TV TIMES

Seven Killed in California Crash

San Onofre, Calif. — (UP) — Seven persons, including five Marines from Camp Pendleton, were killed Saturday in a head-on crash of two cars on Highway 101 at the San Onofre overpass, 15 miles north of Oceanside.

The California Highway Patrol identified the dead as Marines Marion J. Hughs, 24, one of the drivers; Billy D. Gray, 20; Donald LeBlanc, 21; Joe S. Delao, 23; and Jack G. Bowlin, 19.

Two civilians killed in the second car were identified as Bernie Harry Davis, 24, of Los Angeles, the driver, and Arthur Shankman, 24, of Lakewood, Calif.

The highway patrol said the car driven by Davis was southbound. The car driven by Hughs was traveling north at a high rate of speed and suddenly crossed into the southbound lane of traffic at the overpass.

Both cars were thrown off the highway.

'Flying Saucer' Seen Over Bismarck Friday

Bismarck, N. D. — (UP) — Three persons reported seeing a fiery object streak through the sky over Bismarck Friday night, stirring up memories of "flying saucers."

A radio announcer, Eldon Ray, described the object as a "reddish-white ball of flame trailing blue flame." He was only able to glimpse it for a few seconds before it disappeared, but said it appeared to be erupting as it sped west. He estimated that it was traveling 1,500 to 2,500 feet in the air.

Science Shrinks Piles New Way Without Surgery

Finds Healing Substance That Does Both—Relieves Pain—Shrinks Hemorrhoids

New York, N. Y. (Special) — For the first time science has found a new healing substance with the astonishing ability to shrink hemorrhoids and to relieve pain—without surgery.

In case after case, while gently relieving pain, actual reduction (shrinkage) took place.

Most amazing of all—results were so thorough that sufferers made astonishing statements like, "Piles have ceased to be a problem!"

The secret is a new healing substance, "Bio-Dyne"—discoverer of a world-famous research institute. This substance is now available in proprietary or patented form under the name *Procton H. A.* At your druggist. Money back guarantee.

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Strange As It Seems

by Elsie Hix



JOHN WESLEY—THE FOUNDER OF METHODISM, AROSE EVERY MORNING AT 4 O'CLOCK FOR 60 YEARS—SUMMER AND WINTER.

THE AMAZON RIVER POURS MORE WATER INTO THE ATLANTIC THAN WOULD 20 MISSISSIPPI!

A MYSTERIOUS LETHAL FOG THAT SETTLED OVER THE MOUSE VALLEY BELGIUM FOR 5 1/2 HOURS KILLED 60 PERSONS AND THOUSANDS OF SWINE AND CATTLE—IT WAS NEVER EXPLAINED! Dec. 1-5, 1950

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ANSWER to Saturday's Puzzle

ACROSS
1—Vase
2—Capuchin
3—Tulip
4—Period of time
5—Sea urchin
6—Lively dance
7—Recade
8—Sarcas
9—Leap
10—Fertile spots in desert
11—Manager
12—Urges on
13—Conducted
14—Lamprey
15—Latin money of account
16—Pretended
17—Contrive
18—Hostelry

DOWN
1—Six looks
2—Stake
3—Influence
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STEVE CANYON

COUSIN STEVE B. CAN YOU COME TO THE CHURCH DINNER ON THANKSGIVING DAY?

...WHY I COULD FORGET BUT WE MUST FINISH THE JET RUNWAYS BEFORE THE FIRST SNOW!

WHAT IF Y'ALL DON'T MAKE IT?

OH WORLD WAR II... WOULDN'T START AS A RESULT BUT I WOULD'N'T GET GOLD STARS ON OUR REPORT CARDS!

LATER THAT DAY... HONEY, WHAT'S BEEN TORN OUT OF THIS NEWSPAPER?

I DON'T KNOW, TERRY... ALTHOUGH THAT'S THE PLACE WHERE THE LONG RANGE WEATHER REPORT USUALLY APPEARS!

LU ABNER

THEY WON'T CALL ME "UNLUCKY" MCGOON AFTER THIS YEAR!

??—HMM!—DON'T RECALL MAH CHILDHOOD PLAY-TUNNEL GITTIN' THIS NARROW!

ONE MORE COME THROUGH TH' TUNNEL-FUNNEL! AH!LL TAKE POT-LUCK, AN' MARRY IT!

NEXT ONE'S MINE, DEARIE!

BUZ SAWYER

TO THE BEAUTY OF ALL THIS, CHRISTY, ADD THE BREATHTAKING SPEED OF A JET. IMAGINE THIS IS THE SKYWATCH. IT'LL BE FLYING.

IT'S LIKE DRIVING A TEAM OF 80,000 WILD HORSES... LIKE HAVING A SHOOTING STAR BY THE TAIL... CAN'T YOU UNDERSTAND THE THRILL BUZ GETS FROM FLYING?

YOU'VE SOLD ME, JEFF! I'M GOING TO TAKE FLYING LESSONS, WISE!

BARNEY GOOGLE and SNUFFY SMITH

TH' NEW PREACHER IS VISITIN' 'ROUND TH' HOLLER, AUNT LOWEEZY

I SHORE THANKY FER TELLIN' ME, CRICKET

HE WALKED UP YESTIDAY AN' CAUGHT ME WASHIN' CLOTHES—BAREFOOT—AS A YARD DOG

LAND O' GOSHEN!!

WHAR YE GOIN'—ALL DOLLED UP LIKE A EASTER AIG, MAW?

OUT TO CHOP SUEY KINDLY WOOD—

BLONDIE

NOW, DEAR IF YOU DON'T FEEL WELL YOU STAY IN BED TODAY. I'LL MAKE MY OWN BREAKFAST

YOU'RE SO SWEET

OH, DEAD—RIGHT NOW I SHOULD BE WASHING THE DISHES AND PUTTING IN THE LAUNDRY IN THE MACHINE

THE FRONT ROOM NEEDS VACUUMING—AND I PROMISED COOKIE TO FIX HER DRESS—I'LL GET UP

THINKING ABOUT WORK IS WORSE THAN DOING IT

MUTT and JEFF

I HOPE THIS CAKE TURNS OUT GOOD!

TAKE THREE EGGS.

COMBINE ALL INGREDIENTS IN A BOWL

NOW BEAT IT FOR TEN MINUTES

IT SOUNDS SILLY BUT I'M ON MY WAY!

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