



BLYSTER GOT A LOTTA LOOT WHEN HE WAS HOSPITALIZED, AND WAS VERY CRITICAL ABOUT THE PALS WHO DIDN'T SEND HIM NOTHIN'.

*** OKAY--SO I SHOULD SAID ANYTHING.**

The Medical Roundup Family Council

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The Woman Frightened By A Sore Breast

Dr. Max Cutler was reminding me of those many women we physicians see, much alarmed over what they assume is a sore or painful breast. Examination shows no lump but only a soreness of the ribs and the muscles under the right breast. Dr. Cutler always then asks the woman what she was doing the day before the soreness came, and usually she says she took down the curtains in her home or she papered the shelves in her pantry or she waxed a table top. What happened was that she over-strained the "pectoral" muscles under the right breast, and got them sore.

Eye Exercises

Many persons have written "How-could-you" letters, complaining about my supposed "bitter attack" on Bates and his weird idea that one can get good sight by exercising the ocular muscles. People are so funny. Some wrote to say that for five years they have loved my columns and have sworn by them, but now they know I am untrustworthy, an ignoramus, and a stooge for the American Medical Association! What these people forget was that I said that although I knew enough about eyes to know that Bates' theories sound utterly stupid, I had not criticized them until I had spoken to several of America's leading ophthalmologists who agreed heartily with me. To say that the leading eye specialists in America do not know eyes is like saying that the men who built the Empire State Building knew nothing about architecture.

Became Millionaire

Cures worked by a crackpot do not prove anything. Years ago a doctor in Madrid got the stupid idea that he could cure almost all diseases by cocaine-ing the nose. The treatment seemed to work, and for the next few years, each day there was a queue of people trying to get into his office. The man became a millionaire, but then he ran out of patients, and after that the treatment would no longer cure. Dr. Asuero went to Italy and tried desperately to get his practice going again, but he failed.

Another eccentric physician, Dr. Albert Abrams, also a millionaire, treating all diseases with an electric gadget which, to great experts on electricity like Professor Millikan, seemed to be unbelievably stupid. Any high school boy able to make his own radio set would have laughed the contraption to scorn. And yet, during Abrams' lifetime it seemed to work. Prominent writers swore by him, and sent all their friends to him for treatment. But when he died, his method largely died with him.

Around 1798, a quack named Perkins, was going great guns "curing" thousands of people with two little supposed magnets which he sold for a large sum. All went well until an able physician gave a clinic at which he drew out pains with the little "magnets," and apparently cured a dozen people. Then he took out his penknife and cut up the supposed magnets which he had made of wood! Everyone laugh-

Defects in Argument

Mrs. Aldous Huxley, whose husband published the book advocating the use of eye exercises, has very kindly written me to say that her husband "writes and reads for seven or eight hours a day without the aid of lenses. Moreover, though blind in one eye and carrying scar tissue in the other he can do his work without eyestrain or fatigue—thanks to that Art of Seeing, which he learned from Dr. Bates' gifted and resourceful pupil, Mrs. Margaret D. Corbett."

The two defects in this argument are 1) that it is not conceivable to an expert eye specialist that Bates' type of "training" could stop the progress of the type of disease that caused Mr. Huxley's partial blindness, and 2) oculists could show hundreds of people in whom an eye inflammation stopped by itself and left the person with usable sight in one eye.

Dr. Alvarez hopes his readers will understand that it would be impossible for him to answer requests for information or to attempt to diagnose by mail. (Released by The Register and Tribune Syndicate, 1937)

Night Club Band Plays To Empty House

Washington—The lights are out these nights at the Casino Royal.

The air conditioning is off. The windows are shut. The doors are locked. There isn't even a peanut butter sandwich in the house.

Each night Bob Simpson and his seven-piece dance band show up in white dinner jackets and fill the close, heated air with soothing melodies.

The Casino Royal closed for refurbishing last week. But the band's contract had one week to go.

Y Knot Square Dancers Hold Potluck Dinner

The Y Knot Twirlers Square Dance club will hold a potluck picnic dinner and dance at the Twin Plunges in Ashland Thursday night. Club officers said dinner will be served about 7 p.m.

Doug Fosbury and Kenneth Hood, president of the club, will call squares. Dancing is expected to start about 8:30 p.m.

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Mrs. E. D.—Leon isn't really stupid.

Mr. E. D.—The teacher knows best.

Mrs. E. D.—Our youngest boy, Leon, is an awful problem to me and my husband. He is 17 and very backward in school. His teachers say he has normal intelligence, but is just a slow learner.

During the past year, he has had a teacher who has made things worse by telling him that since he can't keep up with the others he ought to quit school and go to work and earn his diploma at night school. I know that once he goes to work he'll never finish his high school education. Leon used to be determined to finish, but now he says, "Mom, I guess I'm just too dumb."

I know my boy and I know he isn't stupid, only a little discouraged. The trouble is my husband doesn't see things my way and that makes it harder for Leon.

Mr. E. D.—When the boss tells you that you might be better off at another job, then it's time to stir yourself and if doesn't do a bit of good to hang around until he waves bye-bye at you. That's how I look at Leon's situation. The teacher knows best. Leon doesn't belong in that school any more, now that he's struck out.

My wife has been sticking to her own opinion about Leon for years, no matter what anyone tells her. I say she is just blinded by mother love and doesn't want to face the facts. After all, the teachers are experts. When you go to a doctor, you don't argue when he tells you something. He knows and you don't, so you accept it.

I would like to see Leon finish school, but facts are facts.

The Council: It is true that parents and others are sometimes blinded by love, but it is also true that love can serve as the magic spectacles that enable someone to see below the surface of things. It is also possible for a person to be blinded by lack of love and faith.

Mr. E. D. seems too ready to give up his love spectacles for the word of an authority. He is also too ready to accept as a verdict on his son's capabilities, a comment that may have been intended simply as a practical suggestion.

A teacher's opinion is usually well worth considering, but Mr. E. D. should bear in mind that experts often disagree. No mentally sound, conscientious parent

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On The Side

By E. V. Durling
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She who never answers till a husband cools. Or, if she rules him, never shows the rules. Charms by accepting, by submitting. Yet has her humor most when she obeys. —Pope (A Clever Wife)

How many things have you in pockets? Following a criticism I made of the number of items the average woman carries in her handbag my girl friend bet me I had more things in my pockets than she had in her handbag. I lost. However, I don't think it was fair for her to insist that a cigar case with six cigars in it should be counted as seven items.

Do you claim to be a Young

should be willing to let an "expert" determine his child's future.

Mrs. E. D. is right in her feeling that her husband's lack of faith "makes it all the harder for Leon." If the boy is going through a trying time in school, he needs plenty of encouragement from both of his parents. He is likely to mirror their confidence or lack of it.

Outside of these considerations, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. should discuss with Leon the possibility of taking up the teacher's suggestion, with the idea it could be the thing that will bring out the best in him. He should not feel he has "struck out" in school, but simply that his discouragement over schoolwork could be offset by some success in the job world. That alone would give him new incentive to get that diploma.

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Old Timer with a good memory? It so, state quick as a half a flash in what year the stage play titled "You Can't Take It With You" was a hit. It was the same year in which Talulah Bankhead appeared in "Reflected Glory" and Jimmy Durante, Bob Hope and Ethel Merman were featured in a Cole Porter musical titled "Red, Hot and Blue." Have you guessed the year yet? Well, Bold Venture won the Kentucky Derby that year and Bing Crosby introduced the song "Pennies from Heaven." It was the year Margaret Mitchell wrote "Gone With the Wind." What, you haven't guessed the year yet? I'll make it easy for you. It was the year King Edward VIII abdicated and declared he was so doing for the woman he loved.

Asking Queries from clients. Q. I measured 30 inches when one year old. I am a girl. How tall

Bow and Arrow Now Popular for Fishing

Worcester, Mass.—Massachusetts' new bow-and-arrow fishing season on carp, suckers and eels is proving popular. Earle Mallett bagged five carp in Lake Quinsigamond, the largest a 34-pounder.

Several carp have been shot by archers standing at the rail of the Lincoln Street bridge at the north end of Quinsigamond.

Arrows are made of metal and fitted with barbs rather than broadhead point, but they are not feathered. Taped to the bow are plastic spools designed to hold 50 to 100 yards of line.

will I be as an adult? A. You will probably be about five feet, four as an adult. That's a nice height for a woman if she wears two-inch heels, hold her head up and carries herself well. Q. If our expected child is a girl my wife wants to name her Madge. Have many successful women had that name? A. Three successful actresses have had it, Madge Titheradge, Madge Kennedy and Madge Evans. Also a very successful legal light, Judge Madge Taggart.

Sidelights Recently reported was a two-car accident on the Lincoln Highway in which seven persons met sudden death. Isn't that a record for number of deaths in a collision between two passenger automobiles? . . . Now there is a non-stop plane from New York City to Copenhagen. Me for that on my next trip to Europe. Copenhagen is one city I want to see before I pass from this vale of tears and taxes.

Tattooed Ed Gorey, Chicago newspaperman, says that in all his 35 years of journalistic experience he never met a man holding a position of trust who had any tattoo marks on him. "Is there any significance to this situation?" asks Ed. I can't answer that query. All I can say is that I also do not recall any successful man who had been tattooed.

This item causes me to recall a very amusing song titled "The Tattooed Lady" written by Billy Jerome and Walter Donaldson. It could stand a revival. A good comic song is a rarity nowadays.

Jiggers A San Franciscan protests as

to that liquor measurement gadget called a "jigger." He says there is too much variation in the capacity of the jigger. That it should be standardized at one ounce. The man's right. The "jigger" in some bars holds holds about five-eighths of an ounce. The same is true of the jiggers used by the excessively economical hostesses at some cocktail parties. Incidentally, I regret to say I have been reliably informed that quite a few cocktail party hostesses have been watering their liquor. A sad situation. Why can a man really trust these days?

Japanese Floods Worst in History

Tokyo—More than two million persons have joined the rescue operations in the flooded Shantung and East Honan provinces of Communist China, Radio Peiping said today. The floods, worst in the history of the Yi, Shu, Wen and Szi rivers, covered 11,400 square miles of territory, and drowned at least 557 persons. The radio said observers believe the casualty figures may well rise into the thousands.

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