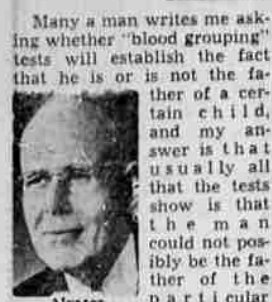


The Medical Roundup

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Many a man writes me asking whether "blood grouping" tests will establish the fact that he is or is not the father of a certain child, and my answer is that usually all that the tests show is that the man cannot possibly be the father of the particular child.

I think today most courts and judges are becoming sensible and scientific enough to accept as evidence the testimony of blood experts. It stands to reason that if a man hasn't in his blood several of the common "types," he just cannot give them to a child of his. Hence, if the child has them, the man cannot be his father.

Recently, I read that a study with blood tests has shown that in many a case the man, who did not bother to contest a woman's claim that he was responsible for her pregnancy, was not the father. Apparently in such a case, out of two or three possibilities the young woman chose the man most able to assume the responsibilities of bringing up and educating her child.

People With Emphysema

Some few persons with severe emphysema — a disease in which a loss of the elasticity of the lungs makes it hard for the patient with each breath to get air out of his chest — in their fifties become so short of breath, on the least exertion, that they have to spend most of their days sitting on a chair.

In the last few years, Dr. A. L. Barnich and his associates in New York City and Dr. J. E. Cotes and J. S. Gilson of England, have devised light-weight cylinders which contain oxygen that enables these emphysematous patients to get up and walk. Some of these cylinders weigh two or three or five pounds each, and they can be carried on a belt which is slung over a shoulder. Still smaller cylinders are the size of cigars, and can be carried in a pocket. A woman can carry several in her handbag.

With the help of the oxygen supplied by these little cylinders, emphysematous invalids can engage in activities from which they were once debarred — they can take a walk, they can go for an auto ride, or in the evening they can go to a theater. The more they walk, the stronger and more comfortable they get.

More details about these cylinders and the companies that supply them can be found in my booklet on emphysema, and a new supplement to it. You may order the booklet by sending 25 cents and a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request to Dr. Walter C. Al-



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Bears, Boys and Birds Clean Out Brier Patch

The big, black bear from up on the ridge knew the exact location of the patch where the "high bush blackberries" were turning from red-and-green to black; knew, too, just when they would be at their juiciest. With his bulk, thick fur, and stubborn determination, he could force his way to the very center of the brier patch where they grew.

The farm boys also knew where and when the big, black, oblong berries would be heavily festooning the bushes. The black bear had no occasion to know, in fact didn't care at all, that the boys called the high bush blackberry a "bramble."

"Bramble," however, was an appropriate name for it was a tangle of several acres. The boys always estimated the crops as "bushels and bushels." It was a race every summer to see who got the lion's share of the berries, the boys or the bears.

Bears Winners

Usually the bears were the winners. They were in on the ground floor — could work the patch day or night, rain or shine and, being scornful of the spines and prickles and the saw-toothed leaves, they waded in and gathered a little more than their fair share of each year's crop.

The wild birds of the area knew, too. They took priority over all the others. They built their nests in the tangle and decorated as the white flowers watched as the bushes. As a matter of personal safety, they took every advantage to hide in the tangle.

Small animals, pursued by a hungry predator, scampered into the base of the blackberry bushes. The fox, the wildest, or any predator lesser than the black bear, avoided the sharp prickles and the stabbing spines.

Neither the black bears, the boys, the birds that nested there, nor the rabbit that hid in the tangle realized or cared that the high bush blackberry belonged to the family that proudly claimed the rose as a relative. Neither did they know that most cultivated blackberries came from this wild stock.

Some visitors, maybe a little more observant than their fellows, might remark it was a little peculiar that a blackberry might be red, when it's green.

Widely Distributed

The black bears from the ridge knew that the high bush blackberry grew profusely along many county roads, in abandoned fields, and along fence rows. What they didn't know was that this "bramble" has a very wide distribution throughout most of our country.

The hybridizer, the plant experimenter, and the nurseryman have done some wonderful things with the domestic blackberry. The seeds have become fewer, the fruit juicier, the berry plumper, and the prickles a little less sharp.

But the farmboy still prefers those that grow in the tangle and the thicket. So does the black bear and he has been enjoying high bush blackberries a much longer time.

Ex-Medford Woman Author of Story

A story in the February issue of "True West" magazine includes a story on the Appaloosa horse entitled, "Spotted Horse of the West." It was written by Mrs. Robert Arlandson, under the pen name of Lee Ryland. Mrs. Arlandson, formerly of Medford, now makes her home in San Diego.

Mrs. Arlandson's book, "Mr. Puffer-Bill's Invention," originally scheduled for publication this month, has been delayed until next summer. Previous commitments of the artist was noted as the cause of the delay.

Number Working On Farms Drops From 1961 Total

Washington — (AP) — An average of 6,910,000 persons worked on farms during each of the first 11 months of 1962, according to the Agriculture Department's statistical reporting service.

This is almost 4 per cent less than the average number of workers on farms during the comparable period of 1961. The number of family workers decreased about 4 per cent and hired workers decreased 3 per cent.

Compared with averages for the five preceding years — 1956-60 — the total number of workers in 1962 was down 10 per cent. Family workers were down 12 per cent and hired hands down 5 per cent.

The rapid decrease in the number of smaller farms during recent years has reduced the number of farm family workers more than hired workers. This has occurred despite the continued advance toward perfection of machines for replacing hired labor in a long array of tasks.

Same Relative Decrease

In the farm labor survey week of Nov. 13-24 there were 6,033,000 persons working on farms. This was 4 per cent lower than in the corresponding week of 1961 which was the former low mark in total farm workers for November. Both family and hired workers showed the same relative decrease in numbers of about 4 per cent from last year.

Family workers in November totaled 4,648,000 and hired hands totaled 1,385,000. In terms of numbers, family workers made up about 77 per cent of the entire working force, which is about usual for the month. Hired workers this year, as usual made up the largest part of the total in summer months, reaching more than one-third in July.

Publisher Asks Kennedy Assistance

New York — (AP) — An appeal has been made by one of the publishers of the nine major daily newspapers closed down by the seven-day-old printers' strike for intervention by President Kennedy to effect a back-to-work truce.

Joseph Kingsbury Smith, publisher of the New York Journal-American, proposed Thursday night that Kennedy, Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller or Mayor Robert F. Wagner, "or all three," issue "a public appeal to the striking workers to agree to a 60-day truce in the strike."

"During that time, they would return to work with the understanding that talks would continue day and night during the 60 days to effect a settlement of the dispute," Smith said. "I am frankly appalled at the apparent attitude of the federal mediators that nothing can be done to bring about a quick settlement of this strike."

Influenza Increases Throughout County

Influenza increased in Jackson county during the week to account for 37 of the 66 cases of communicable diseases reported to the county. Of the cases, 22 were reported in Medford, 8 in Shady Cove, 5 in Ashland, and 2 in Jacksonville. Second on the list was measles with 15 cases. Of these Shady Cove reported 10, Medford 4, and Ashland 1.

Six cases of mumps were reported, with Ashland reporting 3, Central Point 2, and Medford 1. Medford also reported 3 cases of German measles, 2 of chicken pox, and one each of whooping cough and infectious hepatitis. Talent reported two cases of pneumonia and Eagle Point and Ashland reported one case each of pneumonia.

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The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a physician, three clergymen, three editors and a women's editor. Each article is a summary of a family disagreement presented to the Council. The Council deals with problems, major and minor, encountered by guidance counselors and social workers. Edited by Mrs. Alma Denny. (Copyright by Kinestyl Features Corp.)

Mrs. L. I. — They'd stop quarreling if they moved to a brighter home.

Saul I. — If Peg is a baby, she'd be a baby no matter where we live.

Mrs. L. I. — My son has been married a year and it's been the longest year of my life. One week he's happy, the next week he talks of ending the marriage.

It seems to me that their differences are the usual ones — over money, late meals and a messy home. But I think they're each extra edgy because of the gloomy, dark apartment they have. It's on the ground floor rear. Its windows face a dirty brick wall and there's never a ray of sunlight. They must burn lights during the day.

How can anyone avoid the blues in such a place? I learned that they can get the same layout on the ninth floor of the same building for only \$5 more a month. I'm sure that would save the marriage. But Saul won't even try it out.

Saul I. — Nothing can make this woman grow up. Just moving up a few flights won't change things because it won't change Peg. That job was up to her parents and herself. They've left her still a headstrong baby. Only they were clever enough to hide the fact until they'd hooked a sucker to marry her. Now I must figure how to bow out and hand the job back to them.

For instance, every single day she must put in a call to her father. She still calls him Daddykins. She's home all day with nothing to do, but unless her mother stops in to tidy up, she waits for me to help her with the dishes and dusting. As for marketing, she still blows the whole week's food budget on nonsense like shad roe and cheese cake. What's all that got to do with a ground floor apartment?

The Council — The only time a change in housing can solve a problem is when the problem is completely one of bad housing. When a basically compatible couple is unhappy because they must double up in someone else's home, naturally moving to a home of their own ends the distress. But we agree with Saul here. Lifting the scene of operations by eight stories won't make the bughouse vanish. After the novelty of the new vista wears off, the quarters will look like the same old battlefield.

However, Mrs. I's suggestion is a good one for another reason. Surroundings do affect mood. No matter how grim these young folks feel, a bright sunshiney apartment might perk them up sufficiently to try to resolve their incompatibilities. It might do what tranquilizers are supposed to do — make them calmer, more relaxed, more amenable to marriage counseling. At present they face each other in sombre shadows 'round the clock, with no rays of cheer to penetrate the deep blue funk enveloping them.

Miraculously one small change leads to another. Merely planning to move will get Peg and Saul back to talking on a responsible level. Part of the talk may be about a few sessions with a counselor, first for Peg who must learn what being a married woman involves, then for Saul who must develop pa-

NEW DISPOSABLE

Chicago — (AP) — A "throw-away" oxygen mask just introduced to U. S. hospitals is a far cry from the heavy rubber masks commonly used for this type of treatment. The new disposable mask, introduced by Chemetron corporation's NCG division, weighs but half an ounce.

Tax Foundation Observes 25th Year of Founding

New York — (AP) — Twenty-five years ago this month, a few business leaders headed by Alfred P. Sloan and Lewis H. Brown met in the University Club here and announced plans for an organization which they knew faced an uphill battle from the start.

The organization was the Tax Foundation Inc., which got its papers of incorporation as a not-for-profit group on Jan. 19, 1938, in the month following the meeting. It was dedicated to the task of keeping the electorate informed on government fiscal activities at all levels — federal, state and local.

In an article included in a booklet marking the passage of 25 years, chairman Roswell Magill, attorney, teacher and author in the tax field, said that "well-informed citizens can be relied on to insist on better government at less cost."

Cost Nearly Doubled

Comparing the fiscal situation today with that of 1937, Magill said "the cost of government, as a percentage of the nation's total product of goods and services, has nearly doubled. The bare figures do not portray the vast extension of governmental regulation and control into areas of the economy once regarded as entirely private."

Magill noted that those who started the foundation felt that government tax matters should be examined and analyzed constantly by an "objective, non-governmental group." Frederic G. Donner, chairman of General Motors Corp., wrote in the same publication that research such as that done by the foundation, "effectively presented a nd

FIRE LOSS UP
New York — (AP) — The nation's annual fire loss has gone up about \$130 million a year in 12 years, the Insurance Information Institute estimates. How much of the loss is represented by shrinkage of the dollar was not estimated.

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