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What Man Can Endure

THE California endurance flyers have set a record that ought to stand for a long time. And if anybody tries to tell you that their flight was interesting and valuable solely because it showed the marvelous stamina and capability of the modern airplane and its motor, don't you believe it.

Those chaps didn't go up in order to see how long a whirlwind motor would run without stopping, or to see how long an airplane could fly without being damaged.

Indeed, none of the endurance flyers did, with the exception of the army men who went in the Question Mark.

What all of these airmen wanted to find out was how long they themselves would last. The endurance flight presented itself to each of them as a challenge. Like the ocean flights, it was a thing that could only be undertaken by men who could defy both the fear of danger and the deadly, almost unbearable effect of extreme physical fatigue.

And that—no matter what the dignified editorial writers say about "the value of the flights to aviation"—is the main reason why we bother to read about such stunts. It is what makes them interesting.

A rather irritating attitude is being shown by lots of people in connection with these flights. They say, in effect: "Oh, they're very boring and they don't do the least bit of good, except that they show how well our airplanes and motors are made—and the men who make them might better be flying the airmail, or piloting transport planes, or doing something else that is really useful."

That attitude is quite mistaken. It is always valuable to see men go out and prove that they can ignore the demands of their bodies. Any kind of triumph over the physical man—the creature that demands food and sleep and relaxation and comfort—is worth looking at.

Why do we like to read stories about the old-time sailing ships that fought stupendous gales off Cape Horn in mid-winter—ships that were half-buried in foam for days, ships whose sails were stiff as boards and whose rigging was sheathed in ice, ships whose seamen brought them through unimaginable dangers and hardships, going a fortnight without a bite of hot food or drink?

Why? Simply because it is endlessly encouraging to know that men can do things like that. Simply because it raises our confidence in the whole human race to know that it can endure every extreme of danger and discomfort without whimpering.

The endurance flights are things of the same sort. What if they don't greatly advance the "science of aviation"? Who cares? They have another kind of value—a value in which all of us can share, whether we're directly connected with aviation or not.

A Lop-Sided Argument

YOU hear some weird and confusing arguments made in a criminal court. But here's one, heard recently in New York, that pretty nearly takes the palm.

A man was on trial for murder, accused of killing a rather notorious gangster. His attorney admitted that the defendant had done the killing, but argued that he had really done society a service, since he had removed a highly undesirable citizen. Hence, he said, he should escape punishment.

How heavily this weighed with the jury, we don't know; but at any rate the defendant got off with a manslaughter verdict instead of the murder verdict the prosecutor had asked.

The killing of a gangster is no loss to society, to be sure. But if we are to let private citizens take upon themselves the performance of such jobs we might as well discard our courts and police entirely.

EDITORIALS

From Over the Nation

All Dialects Amusing

St. Louis Post-Dispatch: The amusing thing about these arguments as to which section speaks the English language is the way any American will rise abruptly and defend the jargon peculiar to his own mountain gap as the only virgin English. It's funny because before he has uttered ten words the rest of the country is laughing.

We are forced to the conclusion that none of us speaks the perfect English and that regional dialects are the gift of a higher power to help make life bearable. Recently a board of college professors, after listening to natives of various localities, declared that St. Louis speech was least subject to vagaries of idiom. Yet all of us here know that North and South St. Louis are as far apart as the poles in idiom. Some one epitomized the situation aptly by describing the north-enders as the "rouses" and the south-enders as the "ain't it's." Is there any other place in the country where this South St. Louis expression blooms, "I'm first finding it out"? It can't even be found in North St. Louis.

Correspondents to the "Letters From the People" column have been sharpshooters at one

another of late for sectional peculiarities. Each is outraged at the other's maltreatment of the language no less than at the gibes cast at his own dialect. The fact is that none of us can afford to laugh too loudly. We're all funny to somebody.

Rules Without Reason

Bob Holland in the Miami Herald: There is a rule in the British house of commons which requires a member who addresses the speaker after any division to put on a hat. I don't know the origin of the custom nor why the rule exists. I wish I did and perhaps some Englishman will tell me.

I was merely going to refer to an incident that shows the quick thinking of the speaker, who ruled the other day that the rule does not apply to women members of the house. The rule refers to any member rising in "his" place and the speaker held that a woman could only rise in "her" place and the rule did not mean her.

The rule must be regarded as somewhat silly because Miss Susan Lawrence, M. P., has once or twice put on a paper at when the rule called for the covering of the head. Her idea was to make the rule ridiculous, but

TIMELY QUOTATIONS FROM PEOPLE IN THE PUBLIC EYE

"Sympathy, unselfishness, a tendency to play for the whole team, those things which enable a man to work effectively with others, are now, I think, of greater importance to the success of the big executive, and of the young man who is coming on, than ever before."—Ivy Lee.

"No one denies that high spirits are an asset when controlled by a knowledge of life and an acquaintance with reality. But these are precisely what young girls lack."—It is Clere Phillips. (North American Review).

"If there is any principle of the Constitution that more imperatively calls for attachment than any other it is the principle of free thought—not free

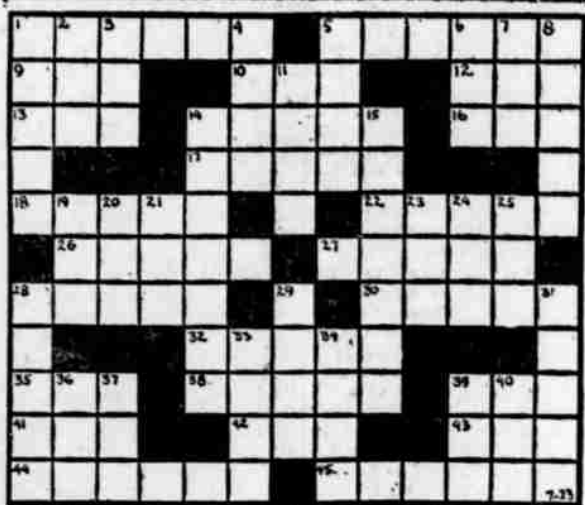
thought for those who agree with us, but freedom for the thought we hate."—Associate Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes.

"I fear that many of the career young women of this age will in later years become the most discontented old women our race has ever known."—It is Clere Phillips. (North American Review).

"The first thing I would advise any man to do if he wants to sell is to train himself to be a good listener."—Saunders Norvell, president Remington Arms company.

"If there's a thing to be said, say it. If there's a job to be done, do it."—Charles G. Dawes.

Answers Are Puzzling



HORIZONTAL

1 What is a towerlike structure in China?
3 Where is Mount McKinley?
9 Before.
10 Vehicle.
12 Snake-like fish.
13 Devoured.
14 Plagues.
16 Insect.
17 Visionary.
18 To sit.
20 Rebuilt.
22 Ridges.
23 To scold.
24 A caper.
25 Co. license officers.
26 Follow a trail.
28 Baking dish.
29 Label.
31 Native metal.
32 Jewel.

VERTICAL

1 For what fruit is Delia?
4 Branch.
43 To complain.
45 On what continent is Moscow?
46 To be a part of.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

TWO FORTS TARTAN
RIP AVERT ABA
USE DECOY CAT
SERF NIT BITE
TRAIL P DATED
REFRAIN
BEG AROMA ARC
OAR VOCAL DOR
AGATE A ELOPE
SEVEN T DARES
TREE KEY PEST

WAS FAMOUS? T RASH OF
8 To change.
11 To affirm.
14 Conduct.
15 Defamation.
16 To possess.
18 Tanning vessel.
21 Prophet.
22 A w r e's charge.
24 Beverage.
25 Ten ends.
26 What is Charles Chaplin by profession?
27 Litter.
28 What Greek letter equals our S?
29 To storm.
30 Profound insensibility.
32 Wrath.
34 Knot in wool fiber.
35 Japanese sub.
40 Portion of a curved line.

LETTER GOLF

A SPARE TIME PUZZLE.

In the MEAN TIME, here's a puzzle that shouldn't tax your letter golf game. Par is six and one solution is on page eight.

MEAN

TIME

THE RULES.

1—The idea of Letter Golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW to HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW, HEN.

2—You change only one letter at a time.

3—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on page eight.

frightened at the prospect of swift-passing years, thinks hurry is necessary. Then we come to old age, and largely because we did not learn to wait when waiting would have gained something for us, we are forced to wait—in vain. There is nothing to wait for but the end of life.

So the wise young person learns early to wait. That is the way to make labor worth while.

His Impression

The Pathfinder: Little Billie was attending his first grand opera. The dramatic soprano and the motions of the orchestra conductor held the attention of the audience. "Papa, what's that man shaking his stick at her for?" Billie asked.

"Sh-sh! He's not shaking his stick at her."

"Then," said Billie, still unconvinced, "what's she hollerin' for?"

The Very Best

London Tit-Bits: Woman (buying dog)—I take it for granted he has a good pedigree?

Dealer—Madame, his ancestor came over on the end of a chain held by William the Conqueror.

HERALD CLASSIFIED ADS BRING RESULTS

DAILY LETTER ON AFFAIRS AT U. S. CAPITAL

The Corner Grocer's "Psychic Income." If You Know What We Mean, Is What Keeps Him on the Job, Government Experts Find—Britain's Foreign Minister and An Odd Yarn.

(By RODNEY DUTCHER)

NEA Service Writer
WASHINGTON, July 20.—Why did your corner grocer enter the grocery business?

Why, for that matter, does any grocer enter the grocery business?

The Department of Commerce investigated that question in its survey of the grocery business in Louisville, Ky., and Dr. Wilbur C. Plummer, who supervised the survey, reports as follows:

"The incentives for entering this particular business seem to be strong.

"First, we were told by individuals that it means much more to them to be grocers than to be engaged in some other occupations which seem to them to carry less social standing. The economist might describe the situation by saying that, because the money income of the storekeeper is no greater than that of these other occupations—it may be even less—his psychic income is much greater.

"A second reason for entering the grocery business is to secure the family groceries at wholesale prices. This applies mainly to the 'hole-in-the-wall' places, but it constitutes a definite urge to some persons to start a store.

"A third reason given for opening up a grocery store is that it is thought to be an easy job.

"A fourth is that it enables the wife to be engaged in profitable employment in connection with her household duties."

There's a good story about Arthur Henderson, the new British foreign minister, which probably stands unduplicated in our own politics and diplomacy.

Back about 1917, Lloyd George sent Henderson to what was then Russia's Petrograd to take over the British embassy from Sir George Buchanan. This was during the brief Kerensky period.

When Henderson got to Petrograd and looked the situation over he decided that Buchanan was doing an excellent job. He decided, in fact, that it would be a mistake to replace him with a new ambassador.

So Henderson left Buchanan on the job and went back to London. Of course, the Kerensky government didn't last long and Sir George was soon out of a job, anyway, but Henderson hadn't forgotten that.

If and when Premier Ramsay MacDonald comes to Washington it is not supposed here that Henderson will accompany him. Presumably he will stay in London to handle the foreign office.

Postmaster General Walter F. Brown, the eminent expert in cookery and gastronomy, was recently reported to have a standing reward of \$5000 to anyone who could find a string in one of his extraordinary Welsh rarebits.

Comes a letter from Mr. Otis Perry of Columbus, as follows: "Dear Sir: If it is not a joke I think I have won your \$5000. You will find the string in stirring."

That is, Mr. Perry proposes to remove the third and fourth letters of the word "stirring." Mr. Perry does not win the \$5000. He just gets honorable mention.

The latest argument of the Americans waging the lobby against increase in the duty on Cuban sugar is that Cuba has been losing a great deal of money by co-operating with us in enforcing the prohibition laws.

The Permanent Committee on U. S. Relations of the American Chamber of Commerce estimates that if Cuba had not signed "rum treaties" with us and observed them Cuban liquor dealers would be benefiting by an export business of five or six million dollars a year in liquor which would reach the United States. Hence, why damage friendly Cuba by boosting the sugar tariff?

In 1894 New Jersey legislature abolished slavery.

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THOUGHTS ON STATE AFFAIRS

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timistic certainty of man's continuity and expanding ingenuity.

ONE newspaper editor bemoans the present conditions by saying, "Every time I print a story of any importance somebody complains and wants to know why I did not get the facts. I get the story of a wedding from the groom, and that seems authentic enough; but no, the bride's mother calls up and tells me everything was wrong and I should have asked for the details. If a child is sick and I get the story from its mother, the doctor kicks; while if I get the story from the doctor, the mother is equally displeased. The only safe plan, apparently, is to interview all remotely concerned over the story and divide by their number. The only way to please everybody is to die, and then one undertaker gets mad because the other plants you."

THE constant office-seeker in the state of Oregon is now taking a much needed rest, the reason being that it is between elections. Isn't it strange that there is no cure for the man with a bug of office holding or office-seeking? One might think that defeat would cure the victim but it only makes him worse. Election soothes him for a time but it effects no permanent cure. Some indeed are so afflicted that while holding an office, they demand the stimulation that comes from seeking another. It is reckless, never-ending adventure that men embark upon when they seek office.

All this is but comment on life and it is not a criticism of men who are candidates. It is fortunate there are good men, a few, who are willing to give up time and money and sacrifice their time and business for the sake of the public service. Of course, not many are animated by such motives. Most of them just crave a good old broad job. When we do detect a modest and good man seeking public office it is the duty of everyone to support him.

YOUTH'S PRANK CAUSES WAR IN MELLON SALES

LA GRANDE, July 20, (AP)—When a small boy at Enterprise, mischievously erased from a store window part of the price on watermelons, he precipitated a price war that sent quotations from 3 1/2 cents to an even cent.

The boy erased the "half cent" mark from the window. A nearby groceryman saw the change and slashed his price to 1 1/2 cents. A third grocer accepted the challenge, lopping the price to one cent.

Watermelons sold at a furious price and by evening the Enterprise stock had been practically exhausted.

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SUVA, Fiji Islands.—Back in 1905, when an American introduced the first automobile in the islands, natives regarded it with superstition, claiming that devils formed the means of locomotion. But the native superstition has been overcome now, and registration here numbers more than 1,070 cars. In 1918 there were only 100 cars on the islands.

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QUIPS AND QUIRKS OF AMERICANS

Robert Quillen's Pointed Satire and Broad Humor Gives Refreshing View of Human Traits.

By ROBERT QUILEN

Lighter cars will encourage neatness, too. Locomotives can knock them entirely off the right of way.

Rich men pick the pretty women, but Nature keeps the balance. Pretty men don't get rich.

The tariff wall serves a double purpose. By keeping out foreign goods, it also keeps out foreign debt payments.

An alien is a foreigner. A damned alien is a foreigner who isn't humbled by the fact.

It's still a hick town if it re-bends in a new highway if you who wasn't born there.

One good way to get your man to work on time is to start the darned whine of a vacuum cleaner.

Well, if space ends somewhere, that means there's a limit to everything except the American consumer's ability to absorb punishment.

Statesmen are men who plan carefully to avert a war the people never would dream of if there were no statesmen.

We aren't sending a better class to jail. It just seems that way because a worse class has been admitted into the better class.

Americanism: Thinking the Smiths don't amount to much because they seem eager to be friendly with you—as though nobody low enough to want your friendship could be worth while.

How easy to solve all problems if we could compromise without giving up to those hard-heads on the other side.

Perhaps "two car garage" is the only way to say it, but usually it is more polite than exact to call the older one a car.

Science has found a way to mix oil and water, but we still have white pants and flat tires.

It's easier to understand the ponds in a new highway if you know where the friends of the boss engineer own property.

You resent the Kaiser complex in others, of course, but how often have you wished you were driving a five-ton truck?

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