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LINCOLN'S BLUE BLOOD
Far from being the offspring of humble and down-trodden ancestors, Abraham Lincoln was a direct descendant of one of the first families of Virginia—the famous Lees, no less—according to Dr. William E. Barton, famous authority on Lincoln, in an article in the January issue of Good Housekeeping.
Nancy Hanks, Lincoln's mother, was a great-great granddaughter of Col. Richard Lee, who came to Virginia from England in 1642, says Dr. Barton. This Col. Lee, incidentally, was an ancestor of Gen. Robert E. Lee of the Southern Confederacy so that—if Dr. Barton's researches are correct—Lincoln and Lee, opponents in the greatest struggle the New World ever saw, were blood relations.
All of this is highly interesting. It will be particularly comforting to the great race of snobs. Those folks who believe, in spite of modern psychology, that "blood will tell," will be vastly relieved. Every spark of greatness that Lincoln ever exhibited will hereafter be accredited, by them, to the fact that the blood of the Lees flowed in his veins. The story of Lincoln, which is by all odds the most moving story America has yet produced, thus gets a regular musical comedy happy ending.
Not that Dr. Barton isn't to be commended for his researches. Every scrap of knowledge that we can get about Lincoln is valuable, and if he really was descended from the famous Lee family, it is well to know it. But it is distressing to think of the reinforcement this will be to those people who cling to the ancient belief that birth and ancestry are important.
The present age, for all its current pessimism, probably will be recognized eventually as the beginning of a great new age of hope. Scientists are learning more about the human race, and are beginning to see that men are, after all, born equal; that one's ancestry, either immediate or remote, makes little or no difference. The son of a burglar does not carry in his blood the seeds of crime, any more than the son of a minister is endowed at birth with an inborn propensity to holiness. In the cradle we are all equal. The very great obstacles to equality that remain—differences in environment, wealth and early

TODAY
By ARTHUR BRISBANE
**Cutting Shoestrings
Hydra-Headed Speakeasies
Advertising, Opportunity
Remember the Sacred Bull**
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MR. GILBERT, interesting himself, for the United States, in German payments to the allies, says Germany can pay everything and go on paying \$100,000,000 a year in gold indefinitely. France is delighted, England amazed.
MR. GILBERT'S rosy report reminds you of the old Jewish saying, "It is easy to cut shoestrings out of another man's leather."
It will stimulate the sale of German bonds that international finance intends to unload—at a good profit—on American investors. Perhaps that is part of the program.
MR. WHALEN, New York's new police commissioner, with vim and vigor, joins raids on 55 New York speakeasies. According to New York police authorities, that leaves about 24,945 speakeasies still to be raided.
RAID 55 speakeasies, and sixty-five new ones open, in basements, over delicatessen stores, back of drug stores.
The serpent that grew a new head every time one was chopped off had the speakeasy idea.
IT PAYS to advertise and this is the land of opportunity for those that recognize opportunity when they see it.
Joseph P. Day sold a block of land for New York city yesterday.
To advertise the sale Mr. Day sent to many millionaires this speech: "All try to help the poor, but nobody thinks of the poor millionaire," and invited them to come to the courthouse steps and bid.
THE PROPERTY sold for \$3,375,000, all cash, and it was bought by Max Verschleiser, who training—can be removed if we set ourselves to it.
No more hopeful discovery than this was ever made.
Yet, in the face of all this there are people who will be somehow relieved to learn that Abraham Lincoln did not spring from nameless ancestors. He came from the Lees—ah, that explains him.
Well, they don't matter greatly, after all. The fact is interesting, to be sure; but it is not very important. The main thing is what Lincoln was and did, and not the identity of his maternal grandfather three times removed.
A VICTORY IN CHICAGO
It is extremely comforting to read that Chicago has succeeded in convicting Angelo Petitti and Andrew Cappellano of kidnaping 10-year-old Billy Ranieri.
Few of the strange things that have happened in Chicago were more disquieting than this case. To begin with, the father of the boy was afraid, for days, to notify the police that his son was missing. Then, when the boy was restored to him and indictments were voted, a period of terrorization began. One state's witness was murdered. Two or three more were beaten. The trial judge was threatened with death, as were the prosecutors and other witnesses.
Under such circumstances, it would have been quite understandable if the jury had not dared to vote convictions.
But the jury did dare. The verdict can be accepted as notification that Chicago is fighting her way out of the grip of the underworld. It is cause for rejoicing on the part of all who love orderly government.

of undertakers and grave diggers.
ON THE first business day of the year 1929 Wall street bought 5,413,610 shares of stock. Yesterday, second business day, the sales amounted to 5,095,550 shares.
The Scotch girl remarked to her friend that it would be a "ra-ra night," because she had been around the room but twice, and had been invited to supper six times.
It looks as though Wall street were to have a "ra-ra night" or two during 1929.
NEARLY 100 dead 100 dead many hurt in a storm in Japan. 23 villages flooded, hundreds of houses wrecked by high winds, falling islands, and some other smaller earthquakes.
The Japanese, courteous and resourceful, have been cruelly visited by nature's fury.
They will meet this latest disaster as they have so many others and overcome it.
An Aesthetic Necessity
The operetta, "Cinderella and the Fairy Prince," which was to have been given this month by pupils of the graded schools, has been postponed until the end of the long underwear season.

OFFICE CAT
By JUNIUS

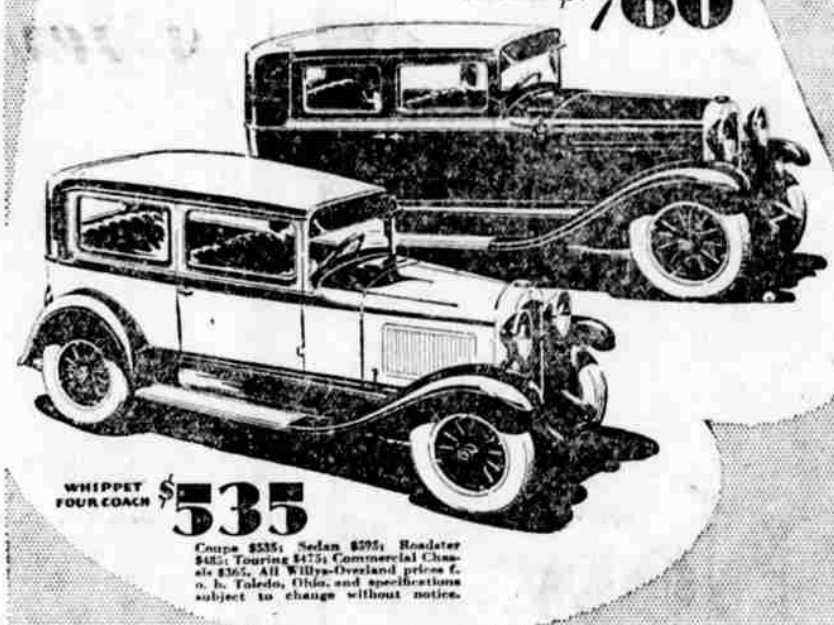
Progress always involves some losses and, while the new kind of sleeping car with regular little rooms with four solid walls and doors and everything undisturbedly is a great improvement over the old style, we have always enjoyed seeing certain people get into their upper.
Web: Web!
Little William, tired of play, pushed later in the well one day. Said mother as she dried the water.
"What's that?" said a daughter.
Love's old sweet song—When do we cat?
One night as I lay thinking Of the pleasant days of yore, I heard a swishing, swishing Just outside my bedroom door. Up the hall a funny clicking And some shuffling on the floor.
Twas my sister in galoshes— Only that and nothing more.
"That's enough out of you," said the Klamath Falls doctor, as

he sewed up the patient who had just undergone an appendicitis operation.
Men may have their fallings, but they don't kiss when they meet on the street.
Sure Thing!
"Do you know anything about the corn borer?"
"Do I? I have an uncle who is a chiropodist."
The woman who can remain on good terms with all her divorced husbands is clever.
Woman, Lover Get Week More Life
FRANKLIN La. Jan 5. (UP) — Another week of life was granted today to Mrs. Ada Bonner Lebon and Dr. Thomas E. Broder, convicted and sentenced to death for the murder of Mrs. Lebon's husband.
The reprieve came with all the drama and last moment suspense of a third act thriller and after a confusion of legal differences that made it doubtful, almost until the scheduled hour of death, whether the couple would be hanged or spared for further argument.

SUIDE, HOLMAN BOUND OVER
Another chapter in the attempt of federal prohibition agents to "clean up" notorious liquor dispensaries was written yesterday when James Suide, negro, was bound over to the federal grand jury of Portland on the charge of possession and sale of liquor and sale of whiskey to an Indian in Klamath Falls. United States Commissioner Bert C. Thomas set the bail at \$2500 which Suide was unable to raise.
Miss Daisy Holman, who was arrested with Suide, had waited preliminary hearing and was bound over to the grand jury. The two colored people will be taken to Portland by C. C. White, deputy United States marshal.
NOTICE TO PUBLIC
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