

We're Still Getting Mad On as the Savages Do

When Tom Sawyer and the new boy first met and took one another's measure they worked themselves up to the point of combat by passing insults and dares. In the Arabian desert, when the tribes feel the urge for battle, they prepare for it by dispatching impudent verse back and forth. When one side feels that the impertinence can only be atoned for in blood the shouts give way to blows.

All very childish, of course. But is it so much different from the civilized methods? Young Italians threaten the British embassy in Ish places of business. The Brit-Rome and break the windows of British hurry troops to Egypt. The inspired press of Italy is as contemptuous of all things British as are the Bedouin versifiers of their tribal enemies. And Britain moves up warships from Gibraltar to Malta, in the very shadow of the Italian toe, as though to pinch it. The principle is the same all the way through, and even the practice does not increase greatly in dignity.

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STAR DUST

By VIRGINIA VALE

SOME of the movie fans and autograph seekers possess almost uncanny talent when it comes to reaching movie players. If you go to call on a motion picture star at a hotel you're questioned by one person after another; even if the star is an old friend, you'll have a hard time finding out which suite you're to go to, and in gaining admittance. But when ZaSu Pitts was in New York, one autograph seeker, who looked like a thug just out of jail, got to her rooms without any trouble. I think one of the things she liked best about her New York stay was the fact that the policemen near the hotel signed their names on a list and sent it to her, requesting autographed photographs.



ZaSu Pitts

Jean Parker certainly started something when she announced that the one love of her life was Francis Lucas, a bank clerk living in Los Angeles, who wouldn't marry her because he earns only \$65 a month. He came out with an announcement that there'd been a boy and girl romance between them long ago, but that it had been over for some time. Then she declared that she'd never made the statement attributed to her, and that anyway, he wasn't poor. So it must have been two other people.

Estelle Taylor—remember her?—is singing at one of the New York hotels. And Dorothy Mackaill—surely you remember her?—declares that the movies won't have her any more, so she's just having a good time. She goes everywhere—opening nights at theaters, night clubs, cocktail parties—and wears the most gorgeous jewels. And, believe it or not, that girl has 46 tailored suits, made by the best tailor in London. You see, she likes to wear tailored suits.

The boys and girls around the Paramount studio who work in Marlene Dietrich's pictures are going to miss her when she leaves those parts. For Marlene serves tea when she's working on a picture, and tea usually includes a cake that she's baked herself. That's not just a publicity story, either—she really loves to cook. And here's another little culinary note, just in case your sweet tooth has begun to respond: A pastry chef has done a three-foot statue of Grace Moore—in sugar, of course.

The fat boy of "Our Gang" had to grow up, naturally, and Hal Roach was a bit worried about replacing him. He found what he wanted in Paul Dominick, the mascot of the Chicago Cubs.

James Melton, who not so long ago was just one of the four Revelers of radio fame, is now officially launched on his screen career. He's one of the stars of the new "Stars Over Broadway," so one of those huge movie parties was given for him the other night.

Alois Havrilla received the diction medal for radio announcers this year, as you know—and on the morning of the day when the awards were to be broadcast he was so nervous that he couldn't even say "Alois Havrilla" clearly. But once he got before the "mike" the nervousness was gone; the mike acts like magic on radio announcers.

Morton Downey's on the high seas, bound for England, where he'll do some singing. Barbara Bennett Downey will join him in January, when the new baby is old enough to be left at home with the nurses.

It's practically impossible to get a ticket to one of Major Bowes' broadcasts, they're so popular. Recently an owner of a radio chain in the Middle West telegraphed a request for two tickets for a broadcast three weeks ahead—and learned that he might get them, perhaps, in about a year!

Ann Harding, who has never been lovelier than in "Peter Ibbetson," is all set to do "The Witness Chair" for her next picture. By the way, both she and Gary Cooper are excellent in RKO'S revival of the old love story.

ODDS AND ENDS . . . Betty Furness, of the radio, was chosen Miss National Fur Week . . . Anita Louise will play Fredric March's mother in "Anthony Adverse"—in the sequences in which he's a child, when his role will be played by somebody else, of course . . . Paramount has listened to Spain's official objections and will withdraw the Dietrich "The Devil Is a Woman"—which wasn't one of Marlene's best, anyway . . . They just can't fix up "Spinster's Dinner" to suit Carole Lombard, though some of Hollywood's best writers have done their best with it . . . It's reported that Mary Brian, in London, has admitted that she's engaged to Buddy Rogers . . . After all these years!

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Child Will Read Story
That He Thinks Is Good

"Who shall define interest for another person, compounded as it is of the raw material of which personality is made?" queries a writer in the Parents' Magazine, declaring that there is apt to be one of two reasons why a child does not like to read. Either he has not mastered the technique of reading to an extent where no voluntary effort must be exerted or else he has not had access in sufficient numbers to books which correspond to his idea of a good story.

"Your child will read if he but discovers the books particularly right for his interests and tastes," declares the writer whose experiences with children and books has convinced her that there does not live the youngster who will not listen to a good story, and since reading is only a method of listening to a good story, will not read if the book is about something in which he is either actually or potentially interested; is written in words and style suitable to his reading ability; has the degree of advancement suitable to both his emotional and intellectual age levels. Those two developments, by the way, are at entirely different rates of speed. As the writer adroitly puts it: "Children do the strangest juggling and somersaulting as regards these ages, going into a hand-spring a poised adolescent, coming up at the end, an emotional eight-year-old."

Earliest Printed Book
The earliest known printed book is the "Diamond Sutra." It was a Buddhist scripture printed in China in 868 by Wang Chieh, the first known printer of a book. One copy is known to exist.

MOVEMENT ON TO GET FINGERPRINTS OF ALL AMERICANS

The movement to fingerprint every American is gathering force, Vera Connolly reports in December Good Housekeeping.

This author interviewed bankers, insurance men and lawyers as well as state and federal authorities, and found fingerprinting generally used today in banks and commercial business firms to protect signatures. The Bowery Savings bank, in New York City, for instance, records the impression of the fingertips of every depositor.

"Some savings banks are going even further," she writes. "They have under contemplation requiring fingerprints on all withdrawal slips. They require a fingerprint on a slip before admitting a person to the safe deposit vaults. This eliminates not only the man bent on robbery, but the racketeer or crook who wishes to use his box as a hideaway for cash bribes or stolen jewelry."

"Some day, undoubtedly, every one of us, in drawing a check of large denomination, on a commercial bank, will as automatically fingerprint it as now we sign it. This is a prophecy made by many thoughtful business men. Fingerprinting would be too much trouble? If used on small checks, yes. But would you regard the simple gesture of pressing your finger against an inkless pad and then on top of your signature as too exhausting an ordeal for the absolute protection it would afford a large check?"

That fingerprinting is going to be required in the future on all accident and life insurance policies is plain, she says. It may be used also to safeguard the forging of wills and making of false claims to estates, insurance or relationship. A will authenticated by a fingerprint of the person making the will and also the fingerprints of his beneficiaries cannot be forged if these fingerprints have been placed on file in Washington.

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