

Mea Culpa

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If eating one's own words could make a person fat I would be, without doubt, the "Mrs. Five-by-five" in this county. If I have judged a person to be less worthy than he really is and am foolish enough to say so, I eat my words with delight, requiring no effort to swallow them down with gusto, but when I have praised someone and find I have been mistaken, then I have to be backed into a corner, my mouth pried open with a stout thumb under my jaw and the words I have broadcasted must be forced down my throat, just as one sometimes has to do with a dog who refuses to take his pills like a nice little man. Now, since I really "blew my top" in last week's article concerning a woman and a little black dog, only to find that she was not nearly so dreadful as I had been led to believe, I hasten to swallow at least some portion of my own words.

Yes, I did drive down to her place with rage in my heart and a whip-lash sting all ready on my tongue, but, fortunately, with

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sufficient self-control to resolve to investigate for myself before I made my final judgment, for I have found that often things are exaggerated. I am inclined to believe that they had been so in this case to a great extent, hence my haste to apologize. I did not tell her the things I had promised myself to say, first, because I did not feel them to be entirely deserved, and second, because I would have had to deliver my oration at the top of my voice, since the woman was quite deaf, and I never let my mad loose at the top of my voice, if you understand what I mean. She doesn't love dogs; she really doesn't understand nice little black dogs that are hungry for affection, and I think quite likely that she treats it like an unwanted dog. But I do not question if she is really cruel to the affectionate little thing. I base this assertion on the fact that the dog didn't seem to fear her, and I know cockers too well to believe that one would be as friendly with a person who had been really cruel. However, I didn't get the dog in spite of her eagerness to get rid of it, for she was expecting a man the next day who had said he wanted to have it—if it suited him.

So I merely sat on my heels, petted the eager love-hungry little black lady and talked for awhile with her mistress, probing with all the tact and ability I possess to discover the true state of af-

Adequate Wiring in Home: Key to Electrical Efficiency

HOMEMAKERS interested in getting the most for every dollar spent on electricity, whether for current, lamps, small appliances or larger pieces of electrical equipment, are urged to investigate a too-frequently neglected but vital matter—wiring. Vital, according to electrical engineers, whether you plan to build a new home or simply renovate the present one, because a wiring system designed for future as well as present needs keeps the home modern electrically, pays dividends in actual cash savings, in convenience, comfort and pleasure.

The wiring in most homes today, these specialists emphasize, is so hopelessly inadequate that a voltage drop in excess of 10 per cent is common, and they cite typical examples of what this means in efficiency and economy.

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Prime reason for the sad state of wiring, the engineers explain, is that 65 per cent of America's homes were built before 1926 when few appliances were in service. Homes were wired for lights only and the possible use of an occasional low-wattage appliance. Today many more appliances not only are in use, but here's an additional

they are probably entirely correct in their assumptions. We all learn something from every experience, or we should, and perhaps when I am a hundred and ten, or thereabouts, I may learn to withhold my judgment and words. (But I still hope that little black dog will find a place where she is loved, either with me or with another person whom I can trust. I keep feeling her eager head against my knee and the touch of her warm little tongue on my caressing hand.)

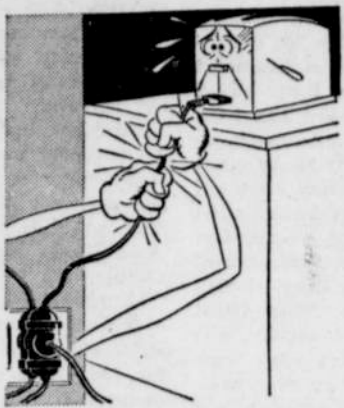
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Dogs must be loved; they are like folks in that, as in many ways. If they do not have love, their life is devoid of so much that the full fineness of their natures never has a chance to develop, and I truly believe that we, the human race, are responsible for their training, for on the long path of evolution we are their "elder brothers."

I thought, as I drove away from seeing the little dog, how we, too often, judge people by what we hear. I had been sure that woman was bad, or at least, thoughtless bad, and had been filled with anger toward her, anger based solely on what I had heard, not what I knew. I judged her without knowing. I wonder how often we do that, and never have the desire nor the tolerance to investigate for ourselves before we speak hot words of condemnation. We can always condemn the sin, but we should not call a man a sinner unless we are very sure of our facts—and maybe not even then for how can we be absolutely sure of even our own observations?

We judge everything, naturally, from our own viewpoint. I am a screaming fanatic about cruelty toward animals and other helpless things, and I am liable to judge human beings along that line, regarding the other so-called "sins" as relatively unimportant. So I am quite willing to concede that other folks with their own particular viewpoint of judgment may deem me a sinner of deep-purple blackness—and

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Inadequate wiring chokes off a lot of electricity before it reaches appliances.

Similarly, homes built today, these specialists warn, will be electrically obsolete within a few years unless buyers and builders act now. Technological advances are taking place constantly in the applications of electricity.

Ten years from now you may use or want appliances that do not exist today. The engineers are advocating, accordingly, that you wire for today and tomorrow — that

you make certain that the wiring system is designed so it can be made to provide for future additions at little or no cost.

To help you determine wiring needs with a minimum of effort, the engineers recommend a simple, non-technical booklet, "The Handbook of Residential Wiring Design", containing diagrams for every room, with suggestions for outlet locations and types of circuits. It is suggested, too, as a guide when you explain to the builder or electrical contractor what you want in electrical service. A copy may be obtained at cost by sending 25 cents to Industry Committee on Interior Wiring Design, Room 2650, 420 Lexington Ave., N. Y. 17, N. Y.

Parents Told of GI's Travels

Pfc. Harold Fowler writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Fowler, that he has been on the move for the past month and that he is now stationed at Erding, Germany, waiting for his mail to catch up with him. Harold is in good health and enjoying his travels.

Thomas Ernest, an ex-seabee who was stationed on Guam for many months, was discharged at Bremerton last week and is now with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ernest here. He plans to take advantage of the U.S. bill of rights educational ruling, during the coming months.

Miss Martha Wells who has been employed in the dining room of the Coffee Memorial hospital in Portland during the summer was home for the week end and will

return here Saturday to prepare for attendance at V.H.S. the coming school year.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mills were pleased to have their children, Mr. and Mrs. Cleone Woodruff, and son and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Mills with them during the week end. The visitors were accompanied by an accomplished violinist who is an instructor at the West Lynn high school and music was the entertainment for the afternoon. The Woodruffs went on to Seaside Monday morning for an outing and vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Callister and son and Mrs. Callister's mother, Mrs. Hill, did some family visiting this week. At Albany they saw W. D. Hill and family and went on to Siletz to visit Lloyd's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Callister while at Cutler City they visited Mrs. Callister's sisters, Mrs. C. C. Libby and Mrs. H. E. Hopkins and her brothers, T. R. Hill and Lester Hill.

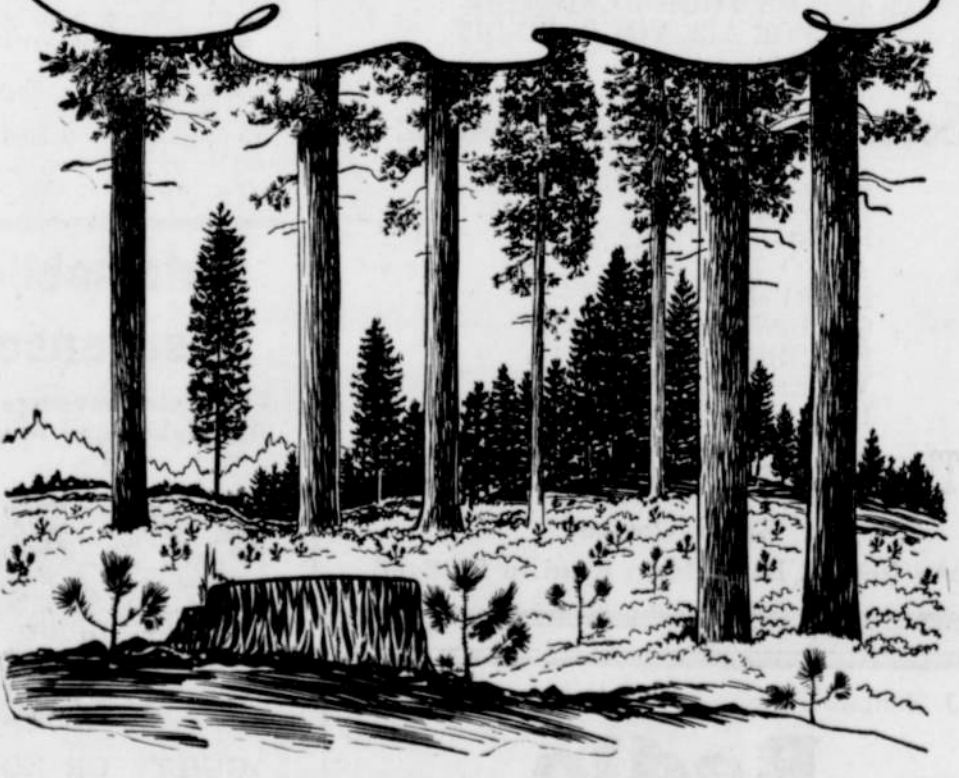
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