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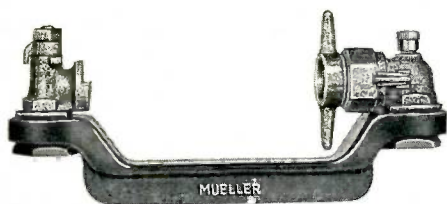
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## CHANGED MANY TIMES

### New Year Has Been Celebrated at Various Dates in Different Countries

The observance of New Year's dates back to the Babylonians, but was much different from the modern way of celebrating. It lasted for eleven or twelve days. Authorities tell us that New Year was known 3,000 years B. C. It seems to have been a pagan custom known as Zakmuk.

The prolonged festival was associated with the sun god Marduk, and it did not occur in January, as now, but in the month of Nisan, afterwards known as March.

The Jewish Puvin Feast, the Greek festival of Cronos, the Roman Saturnalia and the modern carnival seem to have all had affinity with the Babylonian ceremony. However, the observances did not fall on the same date. The vernal equinox marked the New Year for Babylon, the autumn that of the Egyptians, Phoenicians and Persians.

#### Rome Changed It

The year of the Romans ended at the winter solstice until Julius Caesar butted in with his characteristic ego and decided on January 1st as the beginning of the New Year. However, we have no quarrel with Caesar. He did many other things that were less pleasant to us. Custom reconciles us to everything, and we accept it in preference to Carlyle's claim that "custom doth make dotards of us all."

Customs may not be as wise as laws but they are always more popular. While we all seek to obey laws, objectionable

as they may be, we refuse to depart from customs. In fact an old legal maxim advises that, "Custom rules the law" which we accept graciously, in the hope that someone will bring it to the attention of Washington.

#### A Few Preserve Old Date

A few nationalities still follow in the footsteps of their predecessors. The Jewish New Year comes in September, and the Chinese make their's more elastic—any time between January 21 and February 19. "Merry Old England" bounced around through a few centuries before climbing into the January 1st band wagon. They did this as late as 1752. Prior to that they observed the day on December 25, and then on March 25.

The original idea of New Year seems to be based on the revival of the sun's strength. Giving presents on New Year's Day was a Roman custom, and was observed in France and England, in the latter country as late as the 17th century. The practice is still followed in France, Scotland and a number of other countries.

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#### WINTER

I crown the king of intimate delights,  
Fireside enjoyments, home born happiness,  
And all the comforts that the lowly roof  
Of undisturbed retirement, and the hours  
Of long uninterrupted evening know.

Cowper—The Task.

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Government has come to be a trade, and is managed solely on commercial principles. A man plunges into politics to make his fortune, and only cares that the world shall last his days.—Emerson.

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ing, Water and Gas Industries.

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### TEN LITTLE WORDS

Each A Volume In Meaning As Pointed  
Out By Dr. Funk

William Funk is a lexicographer, author and dictionary publisher. He is widely known and generally accepted as an authority. Therefore his opinion on the meaning of a word carries weight and few there are who would venture to engage him in argument on the correctness of definitions. His latest work is a volume entitled, "30 days to a more powerful vocabulary".

Dr. Funk has selected ten words to which he gives their extreme in meaning.

The most bitter word—alone  
The most revered—mother  
The most tragic—death  
The most comforting—faith  
The saddest—forgotten  
The most beautiful—love  
The most cruel—revenge  
The most peaceful—tranquility  
The warmest—friendship  
The coldest—no.

In a previous selection he held that the ten most beautiful words in the English language were: dawn, hush, lullaby, luminous, murmuring, chimes, tranquil, golden, mist, melody.

### POINSETTA

This flaming flower is a native of Mexico and Central America, and is generally grown in green houses in the north, but in the south it blooms profusely out of doors. Its introduction is credited to Joel R. Poinsett, a south Carolinian, a former member of Congress (1821-25, Secretary of War 1837-41) and U. S. Minister to Mexico 1825-29.

### Blood Donors Appeal

The Red Cross has accepted Milton Berle's blood donor appeal, to wit: "If you can't send yourself, send your blood. If you can't be a private, be a corpuscle!" And we add if you can't be a corpuscle try being a corpse.

## MUDDLED PHRASES

Furnish More Laughs Than Jokes Of  
Professional Writers

The professional humorist is a "lame duck" in creating a laugh, compared to the unconscious humor which springs from the spoken or written word of those who are handicapped in expressing their thoughts. If you doubt this try the following on your "laugh-o-meter." They are excerpts from letters of mothers and wives of service men. The writers were applicants for proper allotment. Read the following and laugh—let the buttons fall where they may.

"My husband has worked on shift for about two months, and now he has left me and I aint had no pay since he has gone or before either."

### Will Not Change

"Both of my parents is poor and I can't expect nothing from them as my mother has been in bed for one year with the same doctor and won't change."

"Please send me my wife's form to fill out."

"I have already wrote to the President and if I don't hear from you I will write to Uncle Sam and tell him about you both."

"This is my eighth child. What are you going to do about it?"

"I can't get my sick pay. I got sex children. Can you tell me what this is."

### Shame On the Parson

"I have already had no clothing for this year and have been regularly visited by the clergy."

"Sir: I am forwarding my marriage certificate, and my two children. One is a mistake as you can see."

"Please find out for certain if my husband is dead, as the man I am living with won't eat or do anything till he nose for sure."

"In answer to your letter, I gave birth to a boy weighing 101 pounds. I hope you are satisfied."

"I have no children as my husband is a truck driver and works day and night."

"In accordance with your instructions, I have given birth to twins in the enclosed envelope."

# Take Another Look, Mr. Man »



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*"What do you mean—my form isn't filled out properly?"*

## YOU MIGHT TRY THIS

The following is the basis for a sensible New Years resolution. Its about as old as wishing "A Happy New Year", but if followed you'll dodge lot of useless worry. It's not too late to adopt it now for 1944.

"There are only two reasons for worry. Either your successful or you're not successful.

And if you're successful there's nothing to worry about. If you're not successful, there's only two things to worry about—your health is either good, or you're sick.

And if your health is good, there is nothing to worry about, and if you're sick—there's only two things to worry about. You're either going to get well or you are going to die.

If you're going to get well, there's nothing to worry about; if you're not going to get well, there's only two things to worry about. You're either going to Heaven, or you are not going to Heaven.

And if you are going to Heaven, there's nothing to worry about; and if you are going to the other place, you'll be so doggone busy shaking hands with old friends you won't have time to worry."

## SHIP CAPACITY

Landlubbers have little conception of the carrying capacity of an ocean-going vessel. This varies, of course, with the size of the vessel, but even the smaller ones are of deceiving space. Some time ago a convoy of approximately 40 ships sailed from an East Coast port laden with materials for the battle fronts. To fill those ships, it took nearly 300 miles of freight cars. The materials delivered to the loading port originated from 20 different points in the United States.

It is said, with seeming authority, that a ship is the largest structure capable of motion that man has ever built. Easily believed when one considers the Normandie. This great hulk as a moving steamship was a marvel in speed and beauty, which increases our wonder when we realize that the hull, a dead weight on the bottom of the Hudson river, was raised and floated by man's feeble efforts. Surely "there are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamed of in your philosophy."

# Let Slip The Dogs of War...

Mark Anthony in his famous oration over Caesar made use of the phrase which heads this article. We are left to guess his meaning. He may have referred to mankind or perhaps to our four-footed friends. Dogs in war are nothing new, they were used long before the time of Julius Caesar. In modern times we have only to go back to the first Worlds War. The Germans then had 2500 dogs on battle fields to find wounded men. The National Geographic Society advises that at least 8000 injured soldiers were saved.

France used dogs too, and at the armistice 15 were decorated with gold collars for distinguished service on the battle field. Belgians used dogs to haul machine guns and light artillery. It is estimated that 10,000 dogs were used in the first war, now we are using them.

The fitness of dogs in war is emphasized by the fact that they are credited by zoologists with being the most intelligent of all animals, their acute sense of smell, hearing and sight.

The latest list of eligible canines is given by Major General Edmund Gre-

gory, quartermaster general of the army.

Airdale Terriers, Alaskan Malamutes, Belgian and German Shepherds, Boxers, Bull Mastiffs, Curly Coated, Chesapeake, Flat Coated and Labrador Retrievers, Dalmatians, Doberman Pinchers, Eskimo and Siberian Huskies, Giant Schnauzers, Irish Water Spaniels, Mastiffs and cross-breeds of these various dogs.

It is yet too early to determine the value of dogs in the military service. This will come to us after the close of the war.

However, many civilian industrial concerns have come to recognize the real value of dogs as guardians of property. Among these is the East Bay Municipal District of Oakland, California.

The training of these intelligent "best friends of man", is along the same lines as the dogs of war, and is interesting.

They are on duty 16 hours day and night. "Flashes", house magazine of Utilities says of these dogs, "their service is invaluable. They go on duty at 4 p. m. accompanying the guards, and return to their kennels at 5 a. m." These dogs are sensitive, alert creatures, hearing and seeing everything on the darkest night. Anyone trying to crash the gate or fence is in immediate danger of attack. The animals are trained to get their man. The animals are especially trained to watch a hand that clenches a club or gun, and to seize and hold on until the guard can apply handcuffs. Ordinarily the dog will not wound the victim unless the victim struggles or puts up a fight.

Four of the dogs are Doberman Pinchers and the fifth is a German Shepherd. The Dobermans are tan colored and the Shepherd white. The health and physical condition of these dogs is supervised with as much thought and care as that of a human being. Their kennels are clean, ventilated and heated. These dogs are strong enough to overpower any man and take a 9 foot fence at one jump. They are trained to work with any man with whom they become thoroughly acquainted but cannot be touched or approached by strangers unless their mas-



Guard Ed McAuley with "Tweedie"



ters let them understand that the person is friendly. Any motion of harming the guard is simply a signal of attack and the dog immediately takes up the battle.

Following the war we expect to hear many wonderful tales of their valiant service.

Every dog has his day. This is a trite and true saying. These animals are equally valuable in a home as on the battlefield if treated decently and properly cared for. Our own little cocker spaniel is proof of this. She is a splendid little watch dog, of fine pedigree, and her affection is boundless. She cost a

pretty penny, but she could not be bought for ten times the sum.

Like all citizens we are a target for taxes, but there is one tax we pay willingly and gladly—and that's the privilege of keeping Skippy safe from the dog catcher and his dirty pen.

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## SEA WATER TO DRINK

When Coleridge penned "The Ancient Mariner", he included these lines:

Water, water everywhere,  
Nor any drop to drink

which emphasizes the known fact, that sea water is salty, or brackish and increases rather than slakes the thirst. Man's ingenuity has finally changed this natural condition. The Naval Medical Research Institute, Bettiesday, Md., provided means of conversion of sea water into potable drinking water. If possible for use of ship-wrecked sailors this process will remove one of the horrors of the sea, as well as prolonging life.

The procedure requires 45 minutes although an experienced operator can do it in less than a half hour. The equipment consists of four plastic filters, but a two bag method is practicable, if each is equipped with a filter. Through this process the water can be made safe to drink.

When made over into potable water it is left with a sulphur taste, but this is not objectionable as this taste is much like that of some spring waters.



*Guard William L. Chamberlain with "Flash"; Howard H. Markham and "Dorgie"; and William L. Lehman with "Prince".*

# I'M TELLIN' YOU



● "What's cookin'?" is now a serious question instead of slang.

● Many an argument is sound, but most of them are just noise.

● To escape criticism is easy—do nothing, say nothing, be nothing.

● In North America there are 1500 varieties of apple trees. One in the Garden of Eden was enough to start all our troubles.

● "Keep the Home Fires Burning" is still easy vocally, but doing it with fuel is something else.

● The "Forgotten Man" will not be forgotten this year, at least not by the candidates on election day in November.

● When you go to the meat market now, don't forget that you pay, but you also have to play—and the steaks are high.

● Buy Bonds until you are busted—but the chickens will come home to roost, bigger and better at no far-distant day.

● We read: "It looks like silk stockings are on their last legs." Better say that legs are in their last silk stockings.

● Non-political observation: Big game this coming November—keep your eye on the umpire to be.

● Correcting a false impression: "The man who writes the bank advertisements is not the man who makes the laws."

● The old fashioned girl blushed at a risqué story but today they memorize them to increase their circulation.

● Suggestion—Let's send the Lone Ranger to take care of the Japs and Gerinans. He never loses!

● There is just one New Year's resolution for the individual and the nation—WIN THE WAR.

● People who don't take cold baths do not have rheumatism, we are advised, but they smell bad, which is worse.

● The sweetest story of the war will be just two final words—"cease firing." And the supplemental story is likewise to be the most joyful—"Begin shouting."

● Resolutions won't rid you of bad habits, even though made on New Year's Day, but don't give up—you may outgrow them—some day.

● On January 8, 1790, George Washington said: "A free people ought not only to be armed, but disciplined." Good advice then and better now.

● After all old Dobbin is a pretty good guess in this day and age of rationing. You don't have to fill his tank with alcohol that you can't get.

● All the smoke is not on the battlefield. The pipe dreams are sending up vast clouds of it smoking the war tobacco tintured with Utopian visions of an ideal new world. Pleasant pastime but it doesn't rhyme.

● The question is asked, "How closely do you read a newspaper?" Close enough to determine that no harm would be done the reader had fifty per cent of the contents been left out.

● Away back the gentleman asked: "Do you object if I smoke." And the answer was, "Oh, no. I dearly love the smell of tobacco." Nowadays: "Well, kid, I'm lighting a nail, whatta you say? Any kick comin'?" The answer is: "Heck no. Shoot the pack and I'll join you."

● The papers and magazines continue to cite examples of the great savings resulting from discontinuing use of this, that and the other thing. All very interesting but the thing that intrigues our curiosity is to know what is done with the savings? There is only one thing to do—Buy Bonds.





**La Rochefoucauld:—**

Although men flatter themselves with their great actions, they are not so often the result of great design as of chance.

**Lavater:—**

Act well at the moment, and you have performed a good action to all eternity.

**Anon:—**

When reduced by adversity, a man forgets the lofty tone and the supercilious language of prosperity.

**Pope:—**

Judge not of actions by their mere effect;  
Dive to the center, and the cause detect;  
Great deeds from meanest springs may  
take their course,  
And smallest virtues from a mighty  
source.

**Thomas:—**

Unselfish and noble acts are the most radiant epochs in the biography of souls. When wrought in earliest youth they lie in the memory of age, like the coral islands, green and sunny, amidst the melancholy waste of ocean.

**Johnson:—**

As adversity leads us to think properly of our state, it is most beneficial to us.

**Colton:—**

We ask advice but we mean approbation.

**Swift:—**

Every man desires to live long; but no man would be old.

**Higsons:—**

What is ambition, but desire of greatness? And what's greatness, but extent of power?

**Woodrow Wilson:—**

America is a body of free men. Our greatness is built upon our freedom—it is moral, not material. We have a great ardor for gain; but we have a deep passion for the rights of man.

**Bacon:—**

There are three parts in truth: first, the inquiry is the wooing of it; secondly, the knowledge of it, which is the presence of it; and thirdly, the belief, which is the enjoyment of it.

**Quarles:—**

Give not thy tongue too great liberty, lest it take thee prisoner. A word unspoken is like the sword in the scabbard, thine; if vented, thy sword is in another's hand. If thou desire to be held wise, be so wise as to hold thy tongue.

**Miss Wetherell**

Time is cried out upon as a great thief. It is people's own fault. Use him well, and you will get from his hand more than he will ever take from yours.

**Browne:—**

Every sin, the oftener it is committed, the more it acquires in the quality of evil; as it succeeds in time, so it proceeds in the degree of badness; for as they proceed they ever multiply, and like the figures in arithmetic, the last stands for more than all that went before it.

**Omar Khayam:—**

O thou, who didst with pitfall and with gin  
Beset the road I was to wander in,  
Thou wilt not with predestin'd evil round  
Enmesh, and then impute my fall to sin.

**Alex Smith:—**

He wears his skepticism as a coquette wears her ribbons—to annoy if he cannot subdue—and when his purpose is served, he puts his skepticism aside—as the coquette puts her ribbons.

**Woodrow Wilson:—**

I have always been among those who believed that the greatest freedom of speech was the greatest safety, because if a man is a fool the best thing to do is to encourage him to advertise the fact by speaking.

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**Please Go Way and Let Me Sleep**

A faithful servant of Sir Walter Scott's said to his master: "Them are fine novels of yours. They are invaluable to me. When I come home very tired, and take up one of them, I'm asleep directly."

## BELIEVE IN DREAMS?

### Generally No, So Do Not Be Too Enthusiastic Over Dream Houses

"Please go 'way and let me sleep." The old song should become popular again. Everybody's dreaming dreams of the vast changes we will face when the cruel war is over. Much of it is mental flip-flops resulting from stress of mind now affecting our reason as a result of the war. If all these dreams come true we are surely in for a wholesale change from old customs and habits to new and strange conditions of life.

Among all of this fantasy is the dream house of tomorrow which the Plumbing and Heating Industries Bureau tags as a delusion.

The post-war house to millions of people will be what the pre-war house has been in the past. It will be a convenient, comfortable, healthful, happy place to live. This will be a realization of the dream of millions who have never known anything but restricted apartment space, or inconvenient houses lacking such necessary conveniences as modern heating accessories and modern plumbing. The fact is overlooked by those who have for years been accustomed to have these home benefits, but denied countless families.

Take a city like Decatur, where hundreds of small dream houses have been built in the last year and a half. They are in fact dream houses in the sense that they are modern to the extent that there is no "little house" at the back of the lot or a coal shed from which coal must be lugged in all kinds of weather to maintain fire in a heating stove.

But they are not the dream house which so many writers portray. They do not have self operating kitchens and

laundries, steam heated door knobs or radio controlled heating or other button pushing control gadgets, by which living becomes a mechanically controlled existence.

We are not going to stand still after the war, nor prolong the dream of the house which eliminates the elements of home life that have made this country what it is today. We are going to pick up the broken threads and go ahead living in much the same way we have lived in the past.

The greatest dream, a practical one, is to help the more unfortunate to the dream house that evolved through two of our greatest blessings, modern sanitary plumbing and heating.

They have already made dream houses for millions of happy and contented families who did not look for miracles but for health, comfort and convenience.

Let's dream and forget it. Let's be practical and "live happily ever afterward."

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#### Isn't It The Truth

She went to the butcher's  
For spareribs and suet,  
But found that some others  
Had beaten her tuet.  
She said she would settle  
For sausage or liver,  
The butcher insisted  
He had none to giver,  
She pleaded for pork chops . . .  
For meatballs . . . for mutton  
The butcher said: "Lady,  
I just ain't got mutton!"

—Montana Legionnaire.

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#### Sounds Reasonable

It was one of Theodore Roosevelt's sons who said: "Father always wants to be the center of attraction. When he went to a wedding, he wanted to be the bridegroom; and when he went to a funeral, he wanted to be the corpse."

Being the center of attraction seems to be a family failing with the Roosevelts.



## The One Way Trip

I expect to pass through this life but once. If, therefore, there be any kindness I can show, or any thing I can do any fellow being, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect, for I shall not pass this way again.

—Stephen Grellet.



"How would you like to see your best girl in these pajamas for \$5.95?"

Sign on a wall in an Arizona restaurant: "We have an agreement with the First National Bank: They will serve no sandwiches, and we will cash no checks."

Bellhop: "Telegram for Mr. Sleidopavrikanowski."

Mr. Sleidopavrikanowski: "What initial, please?"

Reporting the launching of a ship: "Completing an impressive ceremony, the lovely daughter of the founder smashed a bottle of champagne over her stern as she slid gracefully down the ways."

"I can't find any of those Russian generals in 'Who's Who!'"

"Why not try 'Vitch's Vitch'?"

The preacher finished his sermon with "All liquor should be thrown in the river." —And the choir ended by singing, "Shall We Gather at the River?"

The Podunk Star carried the following correction: "Last week an error made us say John Jack is now a defective on the police force. The item should have read 'John Jack is now a detective on the police force.'"

In restaurant window: Cook wanted. No eating experience needed.

Toasting the retiring Mayor: "To the Mayor of our city. He came in with mighty little opposition, and he's going out with none at all."

OPA sends a press release of 2500 words explaining the inflated price of cabbage seeds and adds for the edification of the farmer and Victory gardener that cabbage seed is used in growing cabbage. An appropriate signature to this release was overlooked. It should have been signed, "Cabbage Head."

Headline in the Harrisburg Telegraph:  
**OPA DROPS PLANS  
 TO REGULATE U. S.  
 STENOGRAPHERS' DRAWERS**

In the church bulletin we read: "The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of all kinds. Look them over in the church basement any time this week."

Restaurant in small town:  
 Courteous and Efficient  
 Self-Service

Los Angeles billboard: "Complete burial service near your home. Funeral parlor in your neighborhood."

A small town woman buying a railroad ticket, asked, "Does this give one a hang-over in Chicago," and was told, "That depends on you, Madam, but as far as I know it is only good for a lay over."

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**THE STENO AGAIN**

The "jokesmith" regards nothing as sacred if it affords him an opportunity for a wise crack. In the following the employer takes the spotlight, with the "steno" as leading lady or should we say the jealous wife took it. Read it and decide for yourself.

**Monthly Expense Report**

Date		Amount
Nov. 1	Advertising for Girl Stenographer .....	\$ .50
Nov. 2	Vase and Violets — New Stenographer's Desk .....	1.65
Nov. 8	Week's Salary for Stenographer .....	15.00
Nov. 9	Roses for Stenographer.....	3.00
Nov. 9	Candy for Wife .....	.75
Nov. 13	Lunch with Stenographer....	6.25
Nov. 15	Week's Salary for Stenographer .....	20.00
Nov. 17	Picture Show Tickets—self and wife .....	.80
Nov. 18	Theatre Tickets—self and stenographer .....	7.50
Nov. 19	Candy for Wife .....	.75
Nov. 20	LILLIAN'S Salary .....	25.00
Nov. 21	Theatre and dinner with Lillian .....	21.75
Nov. 22	Fur coat for wife .....	625.00
Nov. 23	Advertising for man stenographer .....	.50

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**The Great Day Coming**

And the night shall be filled with music,  
 And the cares that infest the day  
 Shall fold their tents like the Arabs,  
 And as silently steal away.

# Marines Organized In 1775



Invasion scene in 20th Century Fox's "Guadacanal Diary"

We have been asked many times, who and what are the Marines? There is an impression that they are a part of the Navy, which is only partly correct. This group of hard fighting men is not, strictly speaking, any more a part of the Navy than the Army. The Marines are trained as infantry and artillery soldiers, but as a rule they are found on war vessels for landing purposes and for land fighting.

The Marine Corps in the United States is an important branch of the military service under a Major-General commandant generally subject to the authority of the Secretary of the Navy, but may be detached for other service in the Army by order of the President.

## Various Duties

Marine duties include service on board of vessels of the fleet, in which case they are organized as gun divisions constituting a part of the ship's fighting forces; service as technical organizations for advanced base work; as a mobile organization for supporting fixed defense forces of advanced bases; for expeditionary duties; service as guards for Navy yards, radio stations and Naval magazines in the United States

American interests and legations in foreign countries in times of disturbance.

In addition to supplying the land forces necessary to the successful operation of the Navy in war, which is known as the principal mission of the Marine Corps. All capital ships and certain light cruisers of the Navy carry a detachment of Marines.

## Training Much Like Army

The Marines are trained, clothed and equipped much like Army troops, but there is no provision for permanent organization into regiments, companies, battalions or detachments. The President may direct provisional formations into detachments, companies or large units if he considers it necessary.

The term of service is four years, age 17 to 33 years and height 63 to 75 inches. In June 1916 the authorized strength of the Marines was 377 officers and 9,947 men. In 1942 this had increased to 5,000 officers and 75,000 enlisted men which is the present limitation.

## Headquarters

The Corps has headquarters in the Navy building, Washington, D. C. There and elsewhere, and finally as guards of  
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## LEAVE IT TO THE LADIES

### SLEIGHT OF HAND

"Whenever I need money I call him handsome."

"Handsome?"

"Yeah! Hand some over!"

### MORE TROUBLE

Mrs. Brown: "I suspect my husband of having a love affair with his stenographer."

Maid: "Oh, you're just saying that to make me jealous."

### FEATHERY FEELING

"My husband had a funny dream last night and chewed the inside out of the pillow."

"Did he feel sick today?"

"No, just a little down in the mouth."

### GOOD EYE

"Does your husband still find you entertaining?"

"Not if I can help it!"

### WELL CHARGED

Said one: "She has a very magnetic personality."

Said the other: "She ought to have. Every stitch she has on is charged."

### TASTES GOOD

Mrs. Drybones: "Why, this highball as you call it tastes just like the cough medicine my husband has been taking regularly for the last twenty-five years."

### ANSWER THAT!!

Mrs. Boaster: "My husband is the only man who ever kissed me."

Neighbor: "Are you bragging or complaining?"

### GENEROUS

Wife (inspecting new home): "How many closets are there, dear?"

Husband: "I've counted five."

"That isn't enough. You'll want one for your things, won't you?"

### SHE KNEW

She had been introduced to a radio newscaster. In parting, he advised her to be sure to listen to his radio program at breakfast time if she wanted to know what's behind the headlines.

"I already know. It's my husband."

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are sub-headquarters at San Francisco under a commanding general of the Department of the Pacific, who supervises the administration of Marines on the West coast, Hawaii and Alaska. The plan of organization includes a Fleet Marine at Quantico, Va., San Diego, California and New River, North Carolina. The two recruiting depots are at Parris Island, South Carolina, and San Diego, California. Recruits from the eastern part of the United States are trained at the former and those from west of the Rocky Mountains at the latter.

The figures showing the increase in strength since the war began are not available but must have been very large. Insofar as we know the limit of 75,000 has not been exceeded, but the enlistments have been noticeable. They show that this division is very popular with the younger men called to the colors.

### Instituted in 1775

The history of the Marine Corps dates back to 1775 when the Continental Congress authorized the formation of two battalions which served through the Revolution. These battalions were disbanded at the close of the war, but on July 11, 1798, the Marine Corps was permanently established.

The Marines rendered distinguished service in the war with Tripoli, in the war of 1812 and in the Civil War. They again proved their usefulness and fighting value in the War with Spain. In the first World War they won imperishable glory as a part of the expeditionary forces. They halted the German drive on Paris by their gallant action at Chateau-Thierry and Belleau Wood, June-July 1918. In honor of their brilliant exploits the battle was renamed, "Bois de la Brigade de Marines". There were other engagements of desperate fighting but the same spirit of courage and disregard of personal risks and danger prevailed in harmony with the historic record of this fearless corps of America's hard-fighting patriots.

### HATS OFF TO THE MARINES.

What shadows we are, what shadows we pursue.—Burke.

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PRINTER

PHILOSOPHER

DIPLOMAT

STATESMAN



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The names of two great Americans are identified with the month of February—Washington and Lincoln.

There is another great American whose name is constantly in the American mind, whose life and activity left an indelible imprint during his own life, and on the lives of millions in nearly three centuries that have passed.

That name is Benjamin Franklin, printer, patriot, philosopher, statesman and diplomat. His 238th birthday will be celebrated on January 17th.

#### One Among Many

Few lives in our history are more outstanding. Few men have lived in whom the elements were more generously mingled than in that of Franklin, the teacher and leader:—A friend of all mankind. As we read his life, we marvel at his wisdom, his grasp of great problems and his mind which pierced the darkness of years and prophesied the unknown and unbelievable possibilities of man's ingenuity in practical and scientific fields.

Should the reader entertain any doubt of this last statement, glance at page 13 and read the extract from his letter to Joseph Priestly, the English chemist (1780).

Benjamin Franklin was born in Boston, January 17, 1706.

#### Limited Education

His schooling was meager. At ten years of age he was called upon to assist his father who was a tallow chandler and soap-boiler. At 13 he was apprenticed to his brother James, who was a printer with whom he disagreed and then ran away to New York, thence to Philadelphia, where he went to work in a printing office.

Even at his unusual age, his brain development was so remarkable that he attracted the attention of older and prominent men. In 1728 he established

the Pennsylvania Gazette, and from then on grew in influence and importance as a citizen and leader.

#### Still Live News

Volumes have been written and are still being written on the life of Franklin and the ceaseless activities of this famous man. In our early history there seems to have been nothing too small or too large to engage Franklin's mental and physical efforts, which were invariably for the benefit of his countrymen and fellowmen. We find him establishing philosophical societies, laying the foundation of the great Pennsylvania university, organizing fire departments, promoting the pavement of Philadelphia streets, establishing the postal department and then filling the office of Postmaster-General.

#### The Original Postmaster

In regard to postal service his interest began as far back as 1763 when he inspected the postal service throughout the colonies, traveling 1,600 miles in the course of a year. As emissary to England he made his first voyage in 1757 to place before Parliament the home dispute over proprietary claims which had for some time been going on between the people of Pennsylvania and the Penn family, the proprietors of the colony, concerning the taxation of these lands. After more than three years of argument and delay, the controversy ended in a substantial victory for the province. Franklin did not return home until 1762. He made friends of many noted Englishmen, was given honors by scientists and writers and was lionized by society. Upon returning, he found that he had been elected to the Assembly, and his natural son was appointed governor of New Jersey.

#### Foremost In The Colonies

He was undoubtedly the foremost man

of the colonies—a fact attested by Harvard and Yale, both of which colleges conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts.

In 1712 at the colonial Congress at Albany, Franklin, member from Pennsylvania, submitted a plan for colonial union. Congress adopted it, but it was rejected by the colonial assemblies and not considered by the crown.

### Man of Clear Forethought

In correspondence with Governor Shirley of Massachusetts, Franklin pointed out clearly the fundamental grounds upon which resistance to Great Britain was shortly to be based, that was, the right of English subjects to a voice in the imposition of taxes, the lack of colonial representation in Parliament and the considerable tribute already paid to the mother country by means of the trade laws.

He was not among the first representatives of Pennsylvania in the Federal Convention of 1787 which framed the constitution but was shortly chosen to a seat in order that, in case of the absence of Washington, there might be someone upon whom all could agree in calling to the chair. He was not prominent in the debates, nor did he approve all provisions but agreed that the instrument under the circumstances was the best obtainable and signed it. His last public act was the signing of an anti-slave petition to Congress as President of the Pennsylvania Society for promoting the abolition of slavery.

### Letters Reveal His Mind

Many of his admirers find the greatest interest in Franklin's letters, like the following to John Priestley, English chemist (1780). It shows above all the prophetic vision of the man.

"The rapid progress true Science now makes, occasions my regretting sometimes that I was born so soon. It is impossible to imagine the height to which may be carried, in a thousand years, the power of man over matter. We may perhaps learn to deprive large masses of their gravity, and give them absolute levity, for the sake of easy transport. Agriculture may diminish its labor and double its produce; and all disease may by sure means be prevented or cured, not excepting even that of old age, and our lives lengthened at pleasure beyond

even the antediluvian standard. O that moral science were in as fair a way of improvement, that men would cease to be wolves to one another, and that human beings would at length learn what they now improperly call *humanity*."

Franklin's experiment with lightning, his stove, and other inventions attracted world-wide attention and won him the rare honor of membership in the Royal Society of Great Britain, and one of the eight foreign members of the Royal Academy of Science of France.

As Minister Plenipotentiary to France he rendered invaluable service to his country as he did when a member of the committee which drafted the Declaration of Independence. With John Adams and John Jay he concluded with Great Britain the provisional treaty of peace November 30, 1782, which was superseded by the definitive treaty in the same terms September 3, 1783.

He was one of the organizers, in 1730, of the first Masonic society in America, being himself elected grand master in 1734.

### One of His Epigrams

"It is enough for good minds to be affected at other people's misfortunes; but they that are vexed at everybody's good luck can never be happy."

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### CHANT THE GRAND ANTHEM

Oh, the days are many  
And the days are long,  
But when they have passed,  
We will chant Victory's song.

For our just cause is founded  
On the "American Creed"  
And we'll wrest the great Victory  
From those mad hordes of greed.

It is written in history,  
In our truth, faith and might  
That God favors that nation  
Defending a cause that's right.

So let's hold up our heads,  
And to Him wing a plea  
To protect us and guide us  
On land and on sea.

With brave leaders on land  
And staunch ships on the wave,  
We'll soon chant that grand anthem:  
"Land of the free, and home of the  
brave".

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### Tribute To Women

The woman was made of a rib out of the side of Adam; not out of his feet to be trampled upon by him; but out of his side to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected, and near his heart to be loved.

## GEOGRAPHIC GUFFAW

### New Board of Arbitr Elegantiarum To Teach Correct Pronunciation

Among the more recent boards added to the alphabetical collection in Washington is the "Board on Geographical Names." It came to light that there are many towns of the same name, but with different pronunciations and slight variation in spelling. This should have been called arbitr elegantiarum (judges of elegance or supreme authority in matters of taste) as the duties seem to be to add elegance and eclat to our present obnoxious geographic names and their pronunciation.

#### Hick Names

Before proceeding we wish to call the Board's attention to two names in this, Macon County. They are Boody and Whistleville. There is nothing wrong with them except they have been the butt of low comedian jokes from the days of Lew Dockstader, a roistering blackface artist, down to the present time. They have not been so humiliating but have reached the flavor of chestnuts.

Getting back to the new Geographical Board it is interesting to contemplate its vast need and consequent expense. The "head man" gets a "moderate" salary of \$8,000 per annum. Upon assuming his duties he found an acute condition of pronunciation of names. They lacked euphony and grated on cultured ears. In addition some places had as many as five or six names, or more properly speaking, humorous corruptions or nicknames. It was just a mess which called for an assistant at \$3,000 per annum and 110 clerks for routine. We agree that it was a shocking state of affairs, although not a wholly unbearable situation but to show our loyalty and our inborn trait of sticking our nasal appurtenance into the other fellow's problems we are willing to dip in or lip in and help solve the problem.

#### We Suggest

We suggest, therefore, as a means of economy and a speedy solution of a frightful state of affairs that we call in Joe Kelly's quiz kids at no expense

to the taxpayers. They have proved their fitness on many tougher problems. Otherwise it may be years before we learn whether New York should be pronounced to rhyme with pork or New "Yoick" to rhyme with "stoic", which is an Eastern mispronunciation of the name of the bird that brings us babies.

These few examples seem sufficient to lighten, if not entirely remove, the heavy responsibility placed on the shoulders of the high-priced members of the Board of Geographical Names—and incidentally lessen expenses.

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### WORSE THAN WAR

When you get enough gasoline with which to drive your car daily, remember this. Since Pearl Harbor 26,000 essential workers have been killed in traffic accidents. The total number of home front traffic fatalities in the time mentioned is given at 46,000, exceeding our war dead by 52 per cent. During that same period 1,600,000 persons were injured, compared with 65,170 soldiers wounded and missing in the war. Fatalities on the battle front strike horror to our souls, but the annual fatalities and injuries scored on city streets and highways do not cause any particular interest or consternation.

Our soldiers in strange lands, treading unknown paths, subject to surprise attacks or ambush, have no protection, no warning and no previous knowledge of the paths they must follow. On the home front we have accurate maps, "stop and go" signals, patrolled highways and signs of all kinds, but we go along blundering, killing, and crippling our fellow friends, families and neighbors. According to the figures we'd be safer on the battle front than on the home front. Make a resolution to drive more sanely and more carefully in the New Year.

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#### Millions for Recreation

The Army and Navy have spent approximately \$200,000,000 for recreational facilities, including equipment for athletics, indoor games, shows and music. Most of us will believe that this is money well spent. The tedium of service is almost as deadly as the bullets of the enemy.



## NECESSITY THE MOTHER

### Has Called For Many Innovations As Result of the War

Jonathan Swift coined the phrase, "Necessity is the mother of invention." It was first used in Gulliver's Travels, a keen satire on the times, but later became through certain omissions and revisions a popular children's book. The quotation above has been babbled around by thousands, perhaps, with no knowledge of origin, its author, or of its age, something over two centuries.

If it required anything from this pen to prove its truth we need only cite the fact of seagoing war vessels which are being almost built on Illinois' inland prairies, or to be more exact as to facts on the Great Lakes, hundreds of miles from the vast ocean's unfathomable depths. War necessities became the mother of all this plan.

#### Many Problems

Inland ship construction involved many correlated problems, one of them, getting the seagoing vessels from the center of an agricultural state to deep water. However, in the emergency the fertile minds of men of genius took care of all the details. They differed from the landlubber who devoted his long winter hours to building in his basement a small steamer with which to enjoy himself on our lake in idle summer hours. It was a good job, except for one thing. He overlooked the necessity of getting the boat out of the basement. That little trick was finally accomplished by tearing out a good sized chunk of the house foundation.

In the case of the war vessels referred to a somewhat similar situation prevailed. It was that of getting the war vessels down the Illinois and Mississippi rivers to the ocean. The ships could not be floated down or go down under their own power because of their draft. The solution was easy enough, after the problem was worked out, and that's why necessity again popped up and a large floating dry dock was built by the Chicago Bridge and Iron Company at their plant near Seneca, Illinois.

More details of this method of building war vessels is given by "The Water

Tower", house magazine of the above company as follows:

"The steel dry dock is used to deliver submarines from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico via the Mississippi river and connecting waterways. It was built by our company at a yard on the Illinois river near Seneca, Ill.

"The submarines are full-sized ocean-going underwater craft and are complete, except for periscopes and radios, when they go down the river. They are too long to go through the smaller locks between Lake Michigan and the St. Lawrence river and draw too much water to go down the Illinois and Mississippi rivers under their own power, hence this ferry-type dry dock to float them to the sea.

"The dock is of special design and has been equipped with the necessary generators, pumps and other machinery to make it a complete operating unit except that it is not self-propelled. A regular barge line tow boat is used to push it up and down the river.

"The first submarine taken down the river waterways was the USS PETO, which reached New Orleans on January 8th, 1943. The U. S. Coast Guard cutter FERN, equipped with an Amsterdam plow, is used to break the ice on the Illinois river during the winter."

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#### A TWO WAY MIRROR

A newly designed two-way automobile mirror makes it possible for a driver to see not only traffic to the rear, but also oncoming traffic when the car is behind large vehicles bound in the same direction, according to the Automobile Club of Southern California. This double purpose device consists of two mirrors attached by an arm which permits adjustments. One of the mirrors is divided horizontally. The upper part shows traffic to the rear, while the lower section shows approaching traffic by reflection in the second mirror.

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While it is the summit of human wisdom to learn the limit of our faculties, it may be wise to recollect that we have no more right to make denials than to put forth affirmations about what lies beyond the limit.

—Huxley.

# U. S. Mosquito Fleet Dreaded by Enemy



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*These Patrol Torpedo boats have different names—Patrol Torpedo (PT) “Spit-Kit” and “Mosquito”. In the picture above you see a torpedo leaving the boat with the prayers of the crew that the aim has been accurate and the enemy ship will feel the destructive impact.*

“U. S. motor torpedo patrol boats attacked eight Japanese destroyers in isolated engagements in the vicinity of the northwestern end of Guadalcanal Island.

“The attacks resulted in one torpedo hit on one of the destroyers and three possible hits on two others.

“Enemy aircraft bombed our PT boats and inflicted slight damage.”

“There”, says Firepower, a fine publication of the U. S. Ordnance Department, is the typical language of a typical Navy communique, is a typical story of the

heroic daring of the U. S. “mosquito fleet.” Continuing Firepower adds:

## **Like David and His Slingshot**

Like David felling Goliath with a slingshot, these little sea-stingers dash in among enemy warships that dwarf them in size. They can let fly a Sunday punch powerful enough to sink a battleship. Then they step on the gas and get away while enemy searchlight crews and gunners are still trying to find out whether the attack came from sea or air.

One of the Navy’s sturdy little “spit kits”, which carry firepower and punch out of all proportion to their tiny size, the PT won fame early in the war. Then and now, these “expendables” are worth many times their weight in attacking power.

## **Began At Pearl Harbor**

The exploits of the PT’s began at Pearl Harbor. Later they snatched General MacArthur from under the eyes of the Japs and dashed into enemy harbors to sink Tojo’s big ships.

The 80 feet of streamlined length of a PT is all firepower. Vulnerable as eggshells, PT’s have no armor; they are made of plywood, not steel.

Speedy and agile, however, these little boats pack away more devastation per cubic foot than any other ship of the fleet. Pound for pound, they carry the greatest concentration of striking power afloat.



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*Sitting on a powder keg—fortunately, there is no lighted fuse to the depth charge. His ship mate behind the machine gun is also at ease. An enemy ship or a submarine sighted would change the situation to one of feverish activity. In an engagement all hands on a PT boat have something to do, and to do it quickly.*

### Fit To Fight Anything

Their four torpedo tubes, their two nests of twin machine guns, their 20-mm. automatics and their depth charges equip them to fight anything—from the biggest battle wagons down to foes their own size.

Manned by crews who will tackle any odds, the PT's have cost the enemy plenty—and will cost him more.

### Spit-Kits In Action

PT boats of the U. S. Navy have let water into enemy supply ships and warships, they have sunk submarines and shot down airplanes, they have strafed enemy troops on shore, streaking along an occupied beach.

PT's take old-fashioned American Indian warfare to sea. They lie in wait to ambush the enemy in the dark of the moon, they pounce and vanish. Their razzle-dazzle attacks leave Tojo gasping.

For a while the Japs believed the Americans had a new secret weapon.

### Japanese Opinion

"It has wings and shoots torpedoes in all directions at once," was the Nipponese description of the cockle-shells which prowled and punched in sensa-



OFFICIAL U. S. NAVY PHOTOGRAPH

*Looking for a fight—observers aboard one of the Navy's little packages of dynamite—a PT boat, keep their eyes glued to glasses, as they scan the horizon for silhouettes of enemy ships.*

tional assaults against overwhelming forces during the defense of the Philippines.

It's no secret weapon, but the PT is a new kind of fighting ship. The U. S. Navy had a few of them when the war began. The British had used them to chase the Nazi E-boats from the English Channel and the North Sea. In 1937 General MacArthur had asked for PT's to defend the Philippines, so the U. S.

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OFFICIAL U. S. NAVY PHOTOGRAPH

*PT boat, hunting submarines along the Atlantic Coast, get their supplies from Navy auxiliaries. In this instance it is a towing hawser from its supply ship.*

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had started to build these little fire-power packets a couple of years before the Japs struck.

#### **Busy As A Mad Bumble Bee**

Commander John Buckley's squadron of PT's struck one of the first offensive blows for the U. S. by torpedoing a Jap cruiser. That same squadron shot down three enemy dive bombers December 10, when the Japs attacked Manila. Another PT squadron threw its weight around to good effect in 18 engagements at Guadacanal in 6 months, sinking a cruiser, a submarine, and 6 destroyers with 21 torpedo hits.

"It's the hardest, toughest assignment

there is," says many an experienced Navy man. The PT squadrons are a young man's Navy.

#### **Spit Defiance at the Enemy**

Mothered by tenders, which often serve patrol planes and PT's at the same base, these "spit kits" are always ready to spit defiance at the enemy.

Whether fighting alone, to punch and run, or whether sharing in a fleet action, to skim from a smoke screen and fire a torpedo in defense of a carrier, the PT "spit kits" give more than they take. They suffer losses, too, they have their tragedies of lost boats and heroes sacrificed—but these stingers of the Navy collect over 10 to 1 from the enemy.

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## **FOR THE LOVE LORN**

### **St. Valentine's Day Opens The Gates For Mushy Missives**

If asked the outstanding days of the month of February you would be up to the average on three of them—12th, Lincoln's birthday; 14th, St. Valentine's day; and 22nd, Washington's birthday. There are quite a few other days of historical importance in the shortest month of the year, but St. Valentine's day can scarcely be included, although in popularity it ranks high.

This is especially true of the lovesick, moon-eyed softies, who hopefully find solace to their souls in sending gaudy tinselled papers in various patterns, bright colors and mushy verses to the one they adore.

#### **St. Valentine Martyred**

From February 14th, A. D. 271, is a long reach. That was the day upon which Saint Valentine was martyred. Just why is not clear in the record, neither is the fact that this martyrdom made him the patron saint of lovers. There were several saints in the early church by the same name. The best known of them was a Roman priest, possibly identified with Valentine, Bishop of Spouts.

#### **The Bird Mating Myth**

In the brief data before us this is no intimation that this Bishop took time off to become a patron saint of the

lovelorn. Be this as it may the lovers made him "St." Those who celebrate the day will doubtless be pleased to learn that authorities get from under possibility of being held definitely responsible. We make the suggestion that "the practice is probably a pagan survival." There are some who connect the practice with the old idea that birds select mates on the day.

#### **Just a Suggestion**

With our usual desire to keep history and romance on equal balance we "move to motion" an amendment to the lovers hey-day and call it "Valentine's and Orson's day." They were twin brothers in a French romance of 1489. Valentine was taken by his uncle who brought him up a courtier while Orson was carried away by a bear to grow up amid savage surroundings. The result was that Valentine became a courteous, cultured gentleman while Orson was a typical boorish, uncouth specimen of manhood.

#### **Method in Madness**

There is method in our madness, fitting to St. Valentine's day, which has now acquired a double purpose, but lacks a clear dividing line. Valentine would remain the idol of the lovelorn young while Orson would typify the boorish uncouth group that sends you hideous comic daubs with coarse rhymes accompanying to brazenly let you know what they think of you, protecting identity behind the robes of anonymity.

# It's Home For You, Genevieve ❖



"They told us yesterday they were going to study blue prints today, so I wore my new one!"

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## THE END OF THE WAR?

Every day some one pops up and pops c.f. He tells you the war is about over or when the end will come. Men best equipped to pass out this information wisely hold their tongues or give an indefinite suggestion. Any man who knows the date of the ending has an advantage not to be fully estimated. He is in a position to make plans in advance, to get the jump on the rest of us, to be out in front and on the way to succeed in any venture he may have conceived and planned.

The end of this war is like the first World War—very much in the hands of Germany. Whenever the people of that country elect to choose surrender rather than battling with no chance of winning, the war will end, except for a little cleaning up on the sidelines. This being the case, the thing for us to do is to go along doing all things that are facing us now and prepare to do bigger and better things when peace returns. This applies not only to the forces fight-

ing the battles but to civilians in all walks of life. Let's meet the problems that really face us in our daily life and tasks, as good and patriotic citizens should do. This will help hasten the end of war and more quickly bring the peace for which we all hope.

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## PITY 'TIS, 'TIS MORE THAN SO

A news note from Washington says:

"According to Donald Nelson, a ten per cent saving in coal used for heating would add up to 20,000,000 tons a year; a ten per cent saving in electricity would save 4,000,000 tons of coal and more than 75,000,000 light bulbs; a ten per cent saving in manufactured household gas would save 1,500,000 barrels of fuel oil."

And we add pity those who pay the taxes and want to keep warm and the manufacturer who wants to make and to sell goods to pay his taxes.

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He is a man of sense who does not grieve for what he has not, but rejoices in what he has.—Epictitus.

# **NOW** Is the Time For All Good Americans to Come to the Aid of Their Country

Don't let down now. Tighten your belt and loosen your purse strings. Your country is calling! It is depending on you to pave the way to eventual victory, now in sight. It is up to the home front to back up the boys on the firing line. They are doing their job with bullets. They expect you on the home front to do yours with dollars. The boys are doing their part bravely, heroically in the face of death. You confront a duty on the home front that is unattended by risk,

with no danger or loss. On the contrary, you are making nothing more than a profitable investment when you buy War Bonds. There is no sacrifice on your part. The sacrifice is made by our boys in the fox holes, in tangled jungle grass, fighting a vicious, murderous, heathen horde.

Think of all these sacrifices and buy **BONDS** to the limit—the safest investment if you choose to look at it in a cold business way, instead of as an obligation to the boys who stand as an American human bulwark between you and Hirohito and Hitler, who seek destruction of your liberty and your freedom.

Wake up, Americans—it's no time to hesitate—no time to quibble—it's a time to show your patriotism by buying War Bonds. Forget frivolous pleasures, forget extravagances, useless and unnecessary travel, forget everything that you do not actually need and put the money in Bonds.

In the name of God, America and the thousands of our boys beckoning to you to do your part and do it now as a Patriotic American Citizen should do, voluntarily and without any urging except the urge that comes to him through his own conscience.

We may wonder at the urgency of each one buying bonds in such large quantities. Don't overlook the fact that war is a tremendous expense. Take time to read the following authentic statement of the cost of one bombing of Berlin.



Suppose, in the dusk of an English evening, 1,000 huge bombers soar over the Channel and head for Berlin.

By the time those planes return to England, their motors will have consumed 2,400,000 gallons of gasoline!

The cost . . . of the gasoline **ALONE** . . . will be more than \$380,000.

To pay for the gasoline used on **ONE** such raid, 96,000 Americans would have to invest at least 10 percent of their next pay.

You get a big kick out of reading about those 1,000-plane raids. You know that such raids, if repeated often enough, will soften up the Axis. But . . .

What are **YOU** doing to help pay the cost of those raids? (In addition to the gasoline they use, it costs Uncle Sam **TWO HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS** to build 1,000 4-motored bombers . . . plus the cost of training the 10,000 men who make up their crews!)

Modern war is expensive business . . . its cost runs into fantastic figures. 30,000,000 American wage earners are now putting an average of 10 percent of each pay check into War Bonds.

Our raids on the Axis are increasing in frequency and intensity. When land operations really get going, the cost will be staggering.

More and more Americans must join the Pay-Roll Savings Plan . . . more than those already in the Pay-Roll Savings Plan must begin to jack up their War Bond purchases . . . must start to invest more than 10 percent!

Remember . . . War Bonds are the finest investment in the world today. You get back \$4 for every \$3 you invest. And . . . the more War Bonds you buy now, the quicker the Axis will be licked . . . and the less the war will cost in the long run.

Think it over. And every time you're tempted to put a nickel in something you don't absolutely need—put it in War Bonds instead!

## LIVE FISH KILLS MAN

Unusual Fatality Overtakes A Bather  
In Australia

Fish stories are supposed to go with spring and summer, but here is one so unusual, but so authenticated that the season or location become minor details. The following appeared in the Medical Journal of Australia:

Sir: I would like to describe a most unusual death. The man went into a river for a swim and was found on the bank dead. The ambulance bearer who was summoned started artificial respiration. On examination of the mouth something was seen which on further examination proved to be a fish. The fish was firmly lodged and attempts at removing it only removed the tail.

A tracheotomy was performed and artificial respiration was continued without any response.

At post-mortem examination I found a bream about five inches long in the pharynx with its head firmly fixed in the larynx and completely occluding it.

Unfortunately there were no witnesses to observe this extraordinary accident.

Yours, etc.

Ian G. McPhee

Babinda, North Queensland,  
June 18, 1943

The bream is a fish unknown in this country. There are five varieties, some known in England. They belong to the carp family, and like the carp they are slow and sluggish in their movements.

## TACT AN ASSET

Those Who Possess It Have A Distinct  
Advantage At All Times

Tactful persons are always admired. The little word "tact" is brimful of meaning. It is a cultivated graciousness which enables one possessing it to exercise fine discernment and discrimination under peculiar circumstances without giving offense. Persons lacking this fine gift, placed in a peculiar position, can by the wrong word or act, make a mess of the situation, which a tactful person would smooth out with a smile or a soft word.

Cervantes gives a good illustration of lack of tact in one sentence: "'Tis ill to talk of halters in the house of a man that was hanged.'" The French have a proverb "that everything is pardoned save want of tact."

The Scottish Rite News Bulletin credits Grenville Kleiser with this fine interpretation of what tact really means and does:

"Tact will keep you mindful of the rights of others; it will develop your patience and sympathy; it will make people feel at home with you; it will attract to you many friends; it will give moral tone to your every-day actions; it will make you a superior man among men; and it will make you uniformly considerate toward others, whether they be above or below you in the human scale."

## Rip Wakes Up and Returns

Having nothing to do at home, and being arrived at that happy age when a man can be idle with impunity, he took his place once more on the bench at the inn door, and was revered as one of the patriarchs of the village, and a chronicle of the old times "before the war." It was some time before he could get into the regular track of gossip, or could be made to comprehend the strange events that had taken place since his torpor. How there had been a revolutionary war—that the country had thrown off the yoke of old England—and that, instead of being a subject of His Majesty George the Third, he was now a free citizen of the United States. The changes of states and empires made but little impression on him; but there was one species of despotism under which he had long groaned, and that was petticoat government. Happily that was at an end; he had got his neck out of the yoke of matrimony, and could go in and out whenever he pleased, without dreading the tyranny of Dame Van Winkle.

# CHINA Great Country of 457,835,475 People Had Respectable Civilization 2200 B. C.

We laugh at the Chinese. Perhaps they laugh at us. Just where the Chinese came from, and when they came, is a speculative problem, to the generally accepted authorities. In so far as research is concerned we might as well accept Topsy's explanation of her origin—"I 'spect I jest growed. Don't think nobody ever made me".

The first reliable historical account of the Chinese was compiled by Sg-Ma Tsien in the first century B.C. It is given as a reasonable possibility that the Chinese came from the west of Asia, and that they had already attained a respectable civilization prior to 2200 B.C. According to Chinese traditions, which cannot be wholly separated from history, the earliest dynasty was that of the "Five Monarchs" ruling from the 29th to the 20th century before Christ. These few bare guesses of students, show but plainly that Chinese not only have an important connection between the hazy period of unrecorded facts to the present day of modern civilization.

## An Old Race

Chinese have long been accepted as one of the oldest of races, but by many looked upon as an uneducated and non-progressive class. This may be true of a large per cent of Chinese, but not inclusive of the nation as a whole.

China was centuries old before she began to learn something of Europeans which was about 1577. So long and intricate is the history of the country that Encyclopedias, notoriously jealous of space, require some 25 pages to merely sketch the subject of Chinese and China. Even now the majority of us have only a vague knowledge of the people and country.

## Japan Thorn In The Side

China was not left to live in peace, but the great thorn in her side is and has been for years the Japanese, a much younger nation, which according to Japs dates from the Mikado Jimnu, 660 B.C. More reliable authorities tell us that it was a thousand years later before anything existed in Japan deserving a place in history.

## Leaves Government To People

China's last emperor abdicated February 12, 1912 handing over sovereignty to the people. The prime minister announced the abdication and asked the powers to recognize the new republic. The United States was the first to do this.

Chiang Kai Shek became president October 9, 1928 but resigned in 1931 although he continues an influential power in China's affairs as president of the Executive Yuan, a post practically equivalent to that of premier. His powers are virtually those of a dictator. He is still referred to as the president, Premier or Generalissimo.

Chiang accepted Christianity while president. His wife is a member of a wealthy Chinese family, a graduate of Wellesley, and now an influential person in world affairs.

## Brief Notes

John Hay, scholar, author, diplomat and Secretary of State under Hayes, was always a staunch friend of China. He said: "Whoever understands that mighty empire—socially, politically, economically, religiously—will have the key to world politics for the next five centuries"

In Confucianism the nation has a philosophy based on the teachings of "The Master", Confucius, which upholds the conduct of the patriarchs as a model, and defines the duties of men toward one another and of man toward himself, but does not enter into speculation of the unknown. Its teachings find essential expression in insistence upon the five constant virtues of benevolence, righteousness, propriety, wisdom, and sincerity, and in its definition of the duties of the five relationships of prince and minister, husband and wife, father and son, brother and brother, and friend and friend.

Another prophetic voice, was that of William H. Seward in the U. S. Senate July 29, 1852. "Who does not see then, that every year hereafter, European commerce, European politics, European



thought and European activity, although actually growing greater force, and European connections, although actually becoming more intimate, will, nevertheless, relatively sink in importance while the Pacific Ocean, its shores, its islands, and the vast region beyond, become the chief theatre of the worlds greatest authority."

China is larger than Europe or the United States.

Population nearly as great as Europe, 3½ times that of U. S. and five times that of South America. Putting it in another way, every 5th person on earth is a Chinese.

Eighty per cent of China's population is rural.

Rich in agricultural products, soybeans, wheat, sweet potatoes and cabbage are more generally used than rice.

China is rich in coal, antimony, tungsten, bismuth, tin, manganese, mercury, iron ore, lead, zinc and petroleum.

China has produced more scholars than any other nation, had libraries before the Christian Era. In handicraft arts, invented silk, porcelain, paper, ink, printing, lacquer, marine compass, kites, gun powder, and a cotton gin.

China's backwardness in a modern world was due its perpetuation of a stereotyped system of education. English now ranks next after Chinese in language studies. During the past two decades this has added 20 million to the ranks of literates.

China still needs 60,000 miles of new railroads to complete ample transportation facilities.

In America there is a motor car for every five persons but in China there is only one for every five thousand.

The history of immigration of Chinese and Japanese is too long for this publication. The first exclusion act effecting Chinese immigration was passed in 1882, suspending Chinese laborers for 10 years, and this was extended in 1902, which law remained in force until the Immigration law of 1924.

## THE NEW AUTOMOBILES

When the war is over and we get back to routine living there will be many readjustments in economic and industrial lines. These will be left to both big and little bugs in industry and statecraft.

The question mostly concerning the *hoi polloi* is more closely tied in with the automobile and how long it will be before new models may be obtained.

In "This Week" magazine, J. O. Wilbur advises that new cars will be on the market about a year after peace is declared. Therefore it's a good plan to hang on to the old bus as long as it will hang together.

Among the possibilities now in the new car will be no running boards or fenders. The absence of running boards permits greater width of the body. There are so many innovations that the car will be all but foolproof, which is too much to be hoped for, and it will not be operated by push-button control. The cost, it is said, will be about one-half of the average of today's. This last bit of information seems to put the kibosh on a major portion of the speculation of the various bits of gossip now exciting great expectations.

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## BE LIKE A RABBIT

Beware the deadly sitting habit,  
Or if you set, be like the rabbit.  
Who keepeth ever on the jump,  
By springs concealed beneath his rump.  
A little ginger 'neath the tail,  
Will oft for lack of brains avail;  
Eschew the dull and slothful seat,  
And move about with willing feet.  
Man was not made to sit atrace,  
And press, and press, and press his  
pants;  
But rather with an open mind,  
To circulate among his kind.  
And so, my son, avoid the snare,  
Which lurks within a cushioned chair;  
To run like Hell it has been found,  
Both feet must be upon the ground.

—Unknown.

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## That Boy Again

Employer: "What type of illness caused you to leave your last job?"

Errand boy: "My boss got sick of me."



## In The Army Now

### THIRD TIME A CHARM

Pvt.—How's the water on this god-for-saken island, soldier?

Cpl.—Well, buddy, first we boil it, then we filter it, then we drink beer.

### THE SILLY SERGEANT:

Sergeant drilling raw recruits.

"Right turn!" Then followed quickly, "Left turn!" Again, "Right turn!"

One rookie left the ranks and started towards the barracks.

"Hey, you! Where are you going?"

"I've had enough, you don't know your own mind for two minutes."

### AND BE QUICK ABOUT IT:

Flirt: "Are your kisses dynamite?"

Handsome Lad: "They sure are, sister."

Flirt: "Praise the Lord and pass the ammunition."

### TIME TO DISEMBARK:

Two soldiers had just managed to stagger aboard a street car. One of them turned to the nearest uniformed person and offered his fare.

"Sorry I can't take it, I'm a naval officer."

"My." Joe shouted to his buddy, "let's get offa here. We've boarded a bloomin' battleship."

### SARGE NEAR FAINTING

The supply sergeant handed the recruit a pair of trousers and the recruit put them on. They fit perfectly. So did the blouse and the cap. "Gad, man," exclaimed the Sarge, "You must be deformed."

### END HIS MISERY

Sentry: "Who goes there?"

Major: "Major Jones."

Sentry: "I can't let you proceed without the password, sir."

Major: "Drat it, man, I've forgotten it. You know me well enough."

Sentry: "Must have the password."

Voice from guardhouse: "Don't stand there arguing all night; shoot 'im."

### EVERYTHING HIGH-UP

A sailor who had been stopping at a fashionable hotel was paying his bill. He looked up at the girl cashier and asked what it was she had around her neck.

"That's a ribbon, of course, why do you ask?"

"Well, everything else is so high around here I just thought it was your garter."

### POOR GUESSING

Donald Fuehler was turned down by the draft board. His feet were not fit. Fuehler disproved this by walking 31 miles to his home.

### HE LOOKED IT

The colored soldier had been peeling potatoes until his hands ached. Turning to a fellow K. P. he said: "What d'you suppose dat sergeant mean when he call us K. P.?"

"Ah dunno," replied his co-worker.

"But from de look on his face, Ah thinks he meant 'Keep Peelin.'"

### REASONABLE

Sailor: "Ginger ale, please."

Fountain Clerk: "Pale?"

Sailor: "No, just a glass."

### Hugo Missed His Guess

During the 19th century Victor Hugo, accredited the place of "greatest of all French poets", made this prophesy:

"In the twentieth century war will be dead, the scaffold will be dead, frontier boundaries will be dead, dogmas will be dead; man will live."

He missed every guess except the last. Even men of the most brilliant mental gifts should keep out of the realms of prophesy.

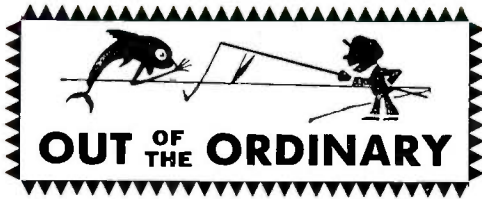
### New Paste

A new adhesive has been developed by a midwestern paste company. The paste is designed to adhere to all surfaces, including wooden barrels and tubs, to say nothing of clothing and fingers.

### PEACE

*Lovely, Lasting peace, below,  
Comforter of every woe,  
Heav'nly born, and bred on high,  
To crown the favorites of the sky;  
Lovely, lasting peace, appear;  
This world itself, if thou art here,  
Is once again with Eden blest,  
And man contains it in his breast.*

GOLDSMITH.



**Coral Snakes:** A small boy in Red Bank, N. J., had two pet coral snakes. He took one to school and was bitten by it. School was a strange place for a strange pet. Nearly all the zoo's anti-venom was used on the boy to counteract the snake's poison. The coral snake is a member of the cobra family and its bite is nearly as deadly. There is a small species in Florida. Its bite is painful but not fatal.

**Prisoners of War:** According to a recent release of the War Department the number of war prisoners in this country is 170,000, divided as follows: 120,000 Germans and 50,000 Italians. Japanese prisoners are negligible, amounting to about 62. Explanation is that Japs kill themselves rather than to be captured. This is an old belief and may be true. We hope it is. Who wants to pay taxes to feed Japs?

**Robert Was Right:** Attorney Robert B. Caldwell, Kansas City, found a woman occupying his seat in a parlor car. She wouldn't give it up. Then a man appeared and another argument followed. Caldwell fled to the dining car where the conductor found and gave him the final verdict: "You win—the woman was in the wrong car and the man was on the wrong train."

**George Was Jarred:** George Terry of Tustin, California, is a garage man and was called upon one evening to dig a car out of the mud for Major Fuller. Terry toiled through the long, dreary hours of the night. He dug, and dug, and dug and finally towed the old boat in to his shop. It was then that he discovered that the car did not belong to the major but to a man in Los Angeles. Then he swore, and swore, and swore.

**Safety Suggestion:**— Virgil Clark, near Eaton, Colo., while plowing with a tractor, lost his bill fold containing \$1000 in currency. He searched in vain. Next day he back plowed the tract. Neighbors with hoes and rakes followed carefully combing the surface. The bill fold with the currency was recovered. We suggest to Virgil that

in the future he wear B.V.D.s when plowing—they don't have pockets in which to carry a thousand dollars in currency.

**Gave Her the Boots:** An Oklahoma man gave his wife "the boots" for feeding the baby a breakfast food that he did not like. No he did not kick her. He swung on her with the boot in his hand.

**Thirteen Lucky:**—The belief that 13 is an unlucky number has been exploded once more, much to the joy of Miss Herman Timm of Lexington, Ky. On October 13, two years ago a thief entered her home and left with her diamond ring. On last October 13 the ring was returned through the mail with an anonymous letter.

**Frisky:**—Peter Thorson, Superior, Wis., aged 73, tiring of his eight years of retirement emerged from seclusion and got himself a job as Western Union Messenger boy. He proves to be one of the most "active boys" employed. He had been living in the home of the aged.

**Gall Wood:** An ex-steno in the WACs, now a lieutenant, has in her platoon the wife of her ex-boss. The wife once had the steno fired, thinking she was too friendly with the husband. Maybe so, but the ex-steno is none too friendly with the wife, who is forced by military rules to salute the WAC lieutenant.

**Wild Goose Journey:** Lt. C. H. Van Buren in the Fort Macpherson hospital, enjoyed a 1942 Christmas present of a carton of cigarettes, sent him to Cairo, Egypt, by his uncle, Frank H. Walthall, of Macon Georgia. A year later, the "cigs" followed the "Lute" to Eritrea, to Palestine, to Sicily and caught up with him in Texas. "Lucky" Lieutenant.



**Darrow's Untidiness**

Clarence Darrow, the great criminal lawyer of Chicago was not particular about the appearance of his clothes. One day when they were unusually disheveled a group of reporters called on him. One of them chided him, and Darrow shot back: "I go to a better tailor than any of you and pay more money than any of you pay for your clothes. The only difference is you probably do not sleep in yours."

Time or tide wait for no man.

# Caught Night Prowler In Hen House



A wise old owl lived in an oak,  
The more he saw the less he spoke;  
The less he spoke, the more he heard;  
Why can't we all be like that bird?

Had this particular owl pictured above been what he is reputed to be, "a wise old owl" and stuck to his oak, instead of planting himself on a roost in Russell Short's hen house he would have been alive today. Russell lives at 1245 N. Taylor Street. Arising early he went to the hen house and flipped on the lights. The first thing he saw was a large horned owl on one of the roosts. Russell picked up a piece of planking and swatted the visitor on the head. When he came to work he brought the carcass with him and it attracted plenty of attention, and, also set in motion a long string of owl stories.

Russell posed with his prey and the accompanying illustration gives one an idea of the size of the bird. The wingspread was 4 feet and 8", height 18 inches. Russell is a member of the Tool Room force and a son of Cecil Short of Department 30. Strangely enough a local paper, a few days later illustrated another man holding a great horned owl which he caught alive on his front porch after a lively tussle. This bird was practically the same size as that of Shorts.

Ornithologists say there are a number of varieties of owls, plentiful in both this country and Europe. They differ in size. They are of great value in agricultural communities, destroying mice

and insects, and therefore should not be killed. The theory that all owls are blind in daytime is erroneous. There are some varieties that see by day as well as by dark.

Many superstitions are attached to the owl family, largely due to their nocturnal habits, and the weird cries uttered. This is partly due to writers, who have in many instances used the owl as a mysterious evil omen. This superstition is not confined to any particular section or country. It is world wide.

The alleged wisdom of the owl is nothing more than a tradition handed down through the centuries. It was associated with Pallas Athene and the owl was not the big round eyed bird such as illustrated herewith, but the smallest of all owls known as the Scopsin of Southern Europe.

The note of the owl is interpreted by Shakespeare thus:

"Then nightly sings, the staring owl,  
Tu-Whit, To-Who, a merry note."

Again the great bard says:

"The owl . . . the fatal bellman,  
Which gives the stern'st good-night."

Gray in his imperishable Elegy says:

"From yonder ivy tower  
The moping owl does to the moon  
complain."

Tennyson wrote:

"Alone and warming his five wits  
The white owl in the belfry sits."

Keats wrote:

"St. Agnes Eve—Ah, bitter chill it was  
The owl for all his feathers was a-cold."

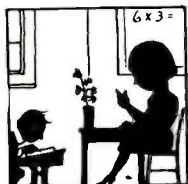
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## BUY TO SAVE THEM

" . . . If you could see just one man die on the battlefield, you would know why it is right to 'let the taxpayers take' every hill possible. Believe it from us over here, we call to you and we know how true it is— Bonds and sweat at home mean less blood and tears for us all. You must buy to save those you love, and buy and buy again."

—Ernie Pyle.

# TEACHING THE TEACHER



## LUCKY NEWTON

Teacher: "Sir Isaac Newton was sitting on the ground looking at a tree. An apple fell on his head and from that he discovered gravitation."

Just think, children, isn't that wonderful?"

Small Boy: "Yes'm, an' if he had been settin' in school lookin' at his books, he wouldn't have discovered nothin'."

## HARD COAL

Teacher: "Sammy, give me a sentence containing the word 'anthracite.'"

Sammy (with a lisp): "We had a big family party latht week and you ought to have heard my aunth rethite."

## GOOD GUESSING

Teacher: "Can you tell me the difference between a stoic and a cynic?"

Abie: "A stoic is a hoid that brings the babies and a cynic is the place where you wash the dishes."

## WISE LITTLE MARY

Sunday School Teacher: "Who was the mother of Moses?"

Little Mary: "Pharaoh's daughter."

Sunday School Teacher: "But she only found him in the bullrushes."

Little Mary: "That was her story."

## AS EXPECTED

"Do you have much trouble in school, Sammy?"

"Quite a lot."

"What seems to give you the most trouble?"

"The teacher."

## DISHWASHER

Teacher: "Can you tell me something about Good Friday, James?"

James: "Yes'm; he was the fellow that did the housework for Robinson Crusoe."

## LOOK BOSSY

Teacher: "What is a metaphor?"

Billy: "A place to pasture cows."

## SICK 'EM

It was in the grammar class the teacher asked: "What are the three verb forms?"

A pupil rose and answered, "Indicative, interrogative, and imperative."

Teacher: "Give an example of each form."

Pupil: "Tom is sick." Pause. "Is Tom sick?" Long pause. "Sic 'em Tom!"

## BACK UP, TEACHER

Teacher: "This is the worst composition in the class, so I'm going to write a note telling your father about it."

Bobbie: "It will make him mad, teacher! He wrote it."

## HONEST MAMMA

Teacher (helping Jane unfasten her coat): "Did your mother hook this coat for you?"

Jane: "No, Ma'am, she bought it."

## FLAT FACE

Visiting Mamma: "I wish to find my son, the Honorable Fitzalan Fitzwalter Fitzclarence Vere de Vere."

Schoolboy: "I'll have him sent to you in a minute Madam. Here, Jones, go and tell young Flat Face he's wanted at once."

## PEACE FOR A DAY

Father: "Willie, were you quiet at school today?"

Willie: "I'll say so! I went to sleep soon as I got there, and the teacher said she'd punish anyone who woke me up!"

## GRANT NOT PARTICULAR

A school-boy, writing an essay on the surrender of Lee at Appomattox, stated that General Lee came to the scene clad in all the regalia of the Southern Army, but that General Grant was dressed in his simple Union suit.

## TWO SHOTS

Teacher: "Tommy, translate 'Rex Fugit'."

Tommy: "The King flees."

Teacher: "You should use 'has' in translating the perfect tense."

Tommy: "The King has flees."

## Animals In The News

The cat will mew, and dog will have his day.—Shakespeare.—Hamlet, Act V.



● It is now 62 years since P. T. Barnum paid the London Royal Zoological Garden ten thousand dollars for the largest elephant ever known. The beast was named Jumbo.

The animal's importance was sufficient to get a small item in Webster's dictionary. The name Jumbo has been accepted as meaning great bulk. Britons were indignant at the sale of one of the world's greatest drawing cards to an American showman. The astute Barnum capitalized on this and many other instances concerning the purchase. When the spring of 1882 opened Jumbo made his first trip with the show and was an outstanding attraction. Jumbo stood 12 feet high, was 14 feet long, had a waist line of 18 feet and was not ashamed of it. His weight was seven tons. Barnum's claim of the biggest of all elephants was never disputed or disproved. The purchase price and transportation charges to America gave Jumbo a money value of \$30,000. Before the circus season was half over in 1882 Barnum had his money back as he had predicted.

On September 17, 1885, Jumbo was killed by a freight train at St. Thomas, Ontario. The big beast was doing "his bit" at the time—pushing heavily loaded circus cars into place. As elephant's life expectancy goes he was little more than a baby, 24 years old. Barnum, a trustee of Tufts College, had the hide stuffed and set up in the museum on the college grounds. The bones were turned over to the New York City museum. At Tufts College Jumbo is the official mascot of the students. Jumbo lives in national memory as a synonym of everything in size or bulk.

● "Who can tell me," asked the teacher, "why the top of the fire hydrant is painted yellow?", and a pupil answered, "So the dogs can see them in the dark." He was somewhere near being right. The St. Louis Globe-Democrat asked Water Commissioner Thomas J. Spinker the question and he answered: "In addition to the dumb animals, it is also an aid to the fire department in locating the hydrant in a black-out and these yellow domes are placed on hydrants

which are connected to mains eight inches or larger."

● Man's attachment to dogs was recently illustrated by the 1,300 mile trip of Special Technician Franklin E. Higgins from Camp Crowder, Mo., to Albany, N. Y. Special permission was given for his leave. The story, under a two-column head, made the front page of a metropolitan daily. Higgins' 17-year-old airdale "Pal" had mourned his master's absence and finally had a stroke, from which veterinarians said recovery was impossible. When Higgins greeted his pet, "Pal" temporarily came out of the coma of several days duration, gave his master a long, affectionate look, wagged his tail faintly, licked Higgins' tear-stained face and fell back unconscious for a long, last sleep.

● Does the chicken come from the egg, or the egg from the chicken? That's an old unanswered question. Now it has been replaced by a new one. Do you give the dog fleas or do you get them from the dog? Horror of horrors—you give them to the dog, according to the Baltimore Sun, which says it is entirely possible that this is the case. We are very fond of dogs, but rather hesitate to admit that we supply the fleas. Pursuing this subject a little further, it is interesting to know on authority of a reputable veterinarian, that what is usually classed as distemper is in reality the common cold which the dog contracts from humans. The veterinarian calls this "house dog disease." In addition he thinks those who keep dogs housed up do not prove their love for dogs but may prove that they are unfeeling brutes. Time to "flea."

● Army war dogs are trained as specialists for sentry duty, attack operations, messenger service, silent scouts, casualty relief, or as pack and sledge dogs.

### Overdone

Colonel Cody (Buffalo Bill) told the story of an Englishman's visit to the west. Riding through a Rocky Mountain pass, a tremendous wind swooped down and actually carried the Britisher from the wagon seat. Picking himself up, he brushed the sand and gravel out of his whiskers and piped, "I say, old chap! I think you rather overdo ventilation in this country."

The Order of the Eastern Star, in Iowa, has given to the Armed Forces fifteen fully equipped ambulances.

# The National Capital

**The Center  
of  
Feverish Activity**



**News Notes  
of the  
Past and Present**

William M. Springer was a prominent Illinois congressman serving from 1875 to 1895. He was a staunch advocate in those days in the effort to revise the tariff laws. He did another thing which his biographers did not overlook. They say: "He was the author of the resolution that declared it inadvisable for any man to serve more than two presidential terms."

Far be it from us to impugn the motives of men or statesmen. We make no comparison to the present attitude on the presidential length of service. Comparisons are odious, odiferous, offensive and perhaps out of order.

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The vice president of the United States is a somewhat perfunctory individual. The constitution says "that he shall be vice president of the senate but shall have no vote except on a tie. A tie vote in the senate comes only in a blue moon and so the vice president is seldom in the limelight.

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Thomas R. Marshall of Indiana, was vice president under Woodrow Wilson. Marshall did not attract anymore attention than the average, as a statesman, but he had the saving grace of humor as a politician and frequently stepped out of the bonds of dignity and statecraft. On one occasion he got a laugh from the country and a headline in the newspapers by his wise crack, "that what the country needed was a good five cent cigar". He got plenty of attention and succeeded in reminding the country that he was still presiding over the senate. On another occasion he poked fun at himself and the office he held by remarking:

The vice president of the United States is like a man in a cataleptic

state; he cannot speak; he cannot move; he suffers no pain; and yet he is perfectly conscious of everything going on about him."

When the president is disabled or resigns (they never do that) or dies, the vice president steps into the high position and later may be fortunate enough to be elected to the office. Until he does this he is only called president through courtesy.

That point is covered by the constitution, Article II, Section I, which reads:

"In case of the removal of the President from office, or his death, resignation or inability to discharge the Powers and Duties of the said office, the same shall devolve on the Vice President, and the congress may by law provide for the case of Removal, Death, Resignation or Inability, both of the President and Vice President, what officer should then act as President, and such Officer shall then act as President and such Officer shall act accordingly until the disability be removed, or a president shall be elected."

It will be noted that "the powers and duties devolve upon the vice president" but there is no mention of the title. Furthermore there is added the phrase, that "such officer shall act accordingly."

This question came up years ago when John Tyler stepped into the White House upon the death of William Henry Harrison. John Tyler insisted on calling himself president. He was criticised for this by a former president who said: "I paid a visit to Mr. Tyler who styled himself president of the United States and not vice president, acting as president which would be the correct style. It is a construction in direct violation both of the grammar and the context of the constitution which confers upon the vice

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president on the death of the president not the office but the powers and duties of the said office."

#### Adams First Occupant

George Washington was the first president and he laid the cornerstone of the White House, but he didn't get to live in it. John Hoban was the architect and the cornerstone was laid on October 13, 1702. John Adams was the first president to occupy the building. He moved into the palatial building in 1800. It must have been a homey sort of a place. Mrs. Adams is said by one chronicler to have used the East room for drying the family laundry. This may be true but it smells phoney. This room afterward became known as the state parlor. The White House is 170 feet long and 86 feet deep, with basement, two stories and attic. It remained much the same as when built until 1902-3 when extensive alterations and additions were made. These included a public entrance through a colonade on the east and executive offices on the west, connected also with the main building by a colonade.

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#### Keeping A Secret

Secretary of the Navy Knox, was asked by a friend some casual questions about the movement of war vessels in the Pacific. Of course it was a thoughtless question as well as being out of order but Knox leaned over in a confidential way and asked:

"Look here, can you keep a secret?"

"Of course I can" replied the friend with an eager look on his face.

"Good", said the secretary, "so can I".

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#### Just Like Calvin

Typical of Calvin Coolidge's humor is this story of a press conference, when reporters fired questions at the president, but got nothing back—until the close.

"Have you anything to say about prohibition?"

"No."

"Have you anything to say about the World Court?"

"No."

"About the farm situation?"

"No."

"About the forthcoming senatorial campaign?"

"No."

That ended the conference, except when the reporters began filing out.

"And," called the president. "Don't quote me."

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These three are not to be trusted even when asleep: a crow, a dog and a shop-keeper.—Hindu Proverb.

## A WORD OF WARNING

### Plumbing Systems Intended For A Long Use and Not for Abuse

Water in a plumbing system is delivered to you under pressure of the big pumps at the water works. The pipes that carry this water give little or no trouble if not used improperly. The water, after being used in the bath, toilet, lavatory or sink must flow out. There is no other pressure behind it; that is why the drainage part of the plumbing system gives the most trouble. It is not the fault of the system, the plumber who installed it, or the goods of the manufacturer which compose the system. It is, in a majority of cases, clearly the fault of those who use it, or more properly speaking, abuse it. The Plumbing and Heating Industries Bureaus says: "Plumbers receive more calls for stopped-up drains than for any other cause." Most of these stoppages could be prevented by the regular usage of a drainage pipe solvent and by care in keeping out of the receptacles matter such as grease, lint, hair, coffee grounds, bits of garbage or any foreign substance that might find lodgement in the pipes and thereby stop the necessary flow of water. This should never be overlooked. Some of the pipes necessary to the drainage system are of small diameter and it does not require a great deal of foreign matter to start the trouble, once it finds lodgement.

#### Protect Your Faucets

Faucets are second in service calls. They leak at times, not from mechanical defects, but from misuse mostly. The most vulnerable part of the faucet is the seat washer, rubber or composition. Either of these will eventually wear out. Prolong the life of this washer by habitually turning the faucet handle firmly but not forcefully. Let the sense of touch be your guide. If you use too much force you are shortening the life of the washer. If you do not close it tight enough to prevent dripping the water will continue to seep through and will finally ruin the faucet seat.

#### Care of Vitreous Ware

If you wish to keep your vitreous



ware clean and white do not use any kind of abrasive on it. Once you scratch the shiny smoothness and high polish of the lavatory, sink, toilet or bath tub it is on the way out. There is no reason why a piece of vitreous ware should not last a lifetime if given proper care. The right thing to do if you spill medicine, fruit juices or other liquids or semi-liquids is to wipe it off immediately, using a wet cloth.

#### Preventing Sink Trouble

Do not make a catch-all of your kitchen sink and don't expect it to carry away scraps of garbage, potato peelings or any semi-solids or solids. It simply cannot do it. There is a strainer in the sink put there for the sole purpose of preventing anything but water passing into the drain. Do not try to rub any semi-solid stuff through the strainer. If you do you will have to call the plumber sooner or later. If you persist in chipping ice in the sink with an ice pick you are certain at some time to miss the ice and strike the surface of the sink with the point of the pick which is almost always sure to leave a mark on the surface and that means the beginning of the end. If you persist in the ice pick habit place a board or tea towels in the sink. They will afford some protection.

#### Common Sense

Above all things remember that to get good, lasting, satisfactory service from the drainage part of your plumbing system you must use common sense and keep all foreign substances from going into it.

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#### HERE—THERE—EVERYWHERE

Cocoanut trees may bend to touch the ground in a storm, without breaking.

The Vittoria, in which Magellan first sailed round the world, was a ship of only 85 tons displacement.

Forty-one railroads have agreed to carry two persons for one fare—that is, a blind person who has to be escorted by a guide.

A Sioux Indian in South Dakota was sentenced to serve two years in the state penitentiary for biting off his wife's nose so she would be less attractive to other men.

There are in our United States nearly five million people who can neither read nor write.

The most popular publication in the world today from the point of use and number of copies is the Telephone Book.

Health Hint—To avoid hitting the thumb with a hammer when driving a nail, hold the hammer with both hands.

The well-educated American knows from 60,000 to 70,000 words.

In 3000 B. C., a Persian monarch tried to fly by means of trained eagles.

Eight of the olive trees in the historic Mount of Olives in Jerusalem are known to be over 1,000 years old.

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#### Great Libraries

There are many large libraries in this country. The American Library Association recently made a nation-wide survey and found that the University of California had the third largest in the country.

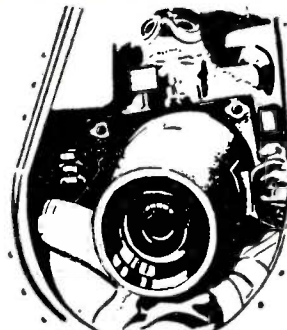
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## WAR BONDS

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*U. S. Treasury Department*

## DEATH AT DENVER



The recent death of Captain James Sinclair Smith, vice-president of Hendrie & Bolthoff, Denver, was deeply regretted by all those friends and acquaintances who knew and recognized his many manly qualities.

He was a native of Southsea, England, where he was born September 8, 1862. At the age of 18 he came to the U. S., living first in Northern Iowa. He went to Colorado in 1885, and was engaged as a civil engineer on the Denver & Rio Grande railroad. In 1892 he joined the Hendrie & Bolthoff organization as a collector, and since then had been identified with that company.

During his term of 51 years with this company he rose to the vice-presidency and was also a director before his health failed.

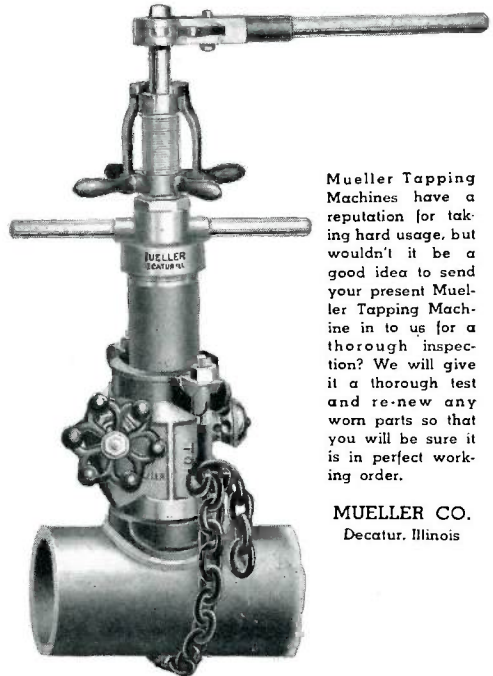
He was a soldier, the father and grandfather of soldiers. Three sons, one daughter and three grandsons are in active war service. He himself was a captain in the quartermaster corps in World War I, stationed at Camp Funston. Although inactive because of his age, he retained his reserve officer commission. He was active for years in the Reserve Officers and the Quartermaster associations. He was a member of the Colorado Society of Engineers and the Denver athletic club.

Mr. Smith is survived by his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth J. Smith, of Denver, Colorado, and three sons, Staff Sergt. Ralph S. Smith, Philip T. Smith, a chief storekeeper in the Navy, and Dr. E. Geoffrey Smith, and a daughter, First Lieut. Margaret C. Smith of the WAC, stationed at Randolph Field, Texas.

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Can't say where I am but there are plenty of snakes and japs here - and there's both alike!

Had some pretty close shaves lately and not with a razor, either. There has been losses, of course, because we were not properly equipped. Have heard there is to be another War Bond drive in January. If there is you tell everybody (for me) to get behind it - to buy all the bonds they can. If we had had a few more of the night weapons in that last

push a lot of my buddies would be in the ground today instead of being buried in it. It will take a lot more stuff to lick these

©\*!! Japs! That takes a lot of money, or tell 'em that those who can't fight ought to be willing to pay for what is used by those who can.

Found this picture packed around some equipment. ↓ What I wouldn't give for a good shower bath right now! Believe me, I'll want one of these in our bath room as soon as this war is over. Tell Dad to remember the name of it -  
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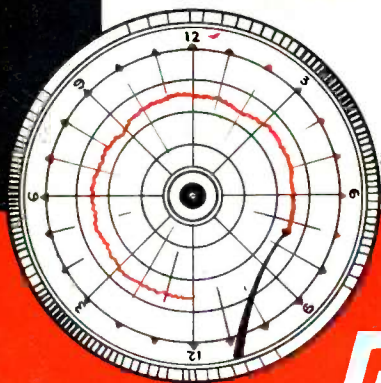
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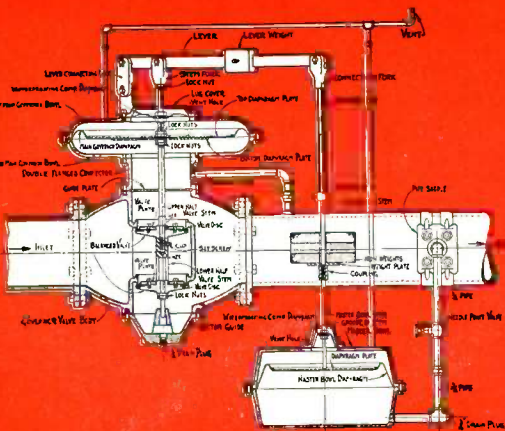
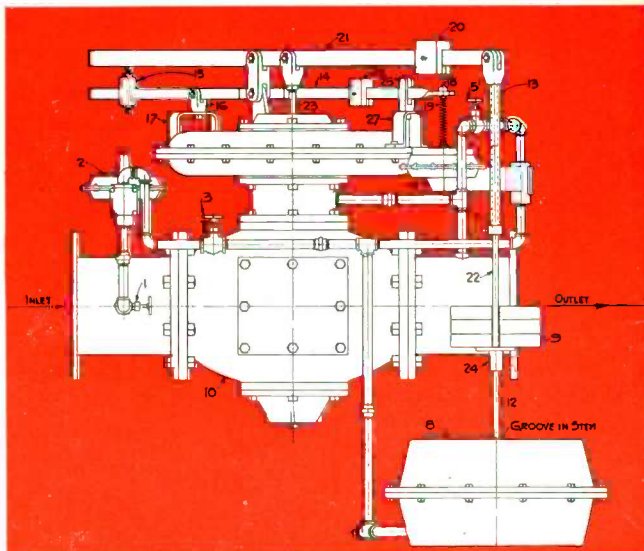
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