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And fill the hours with mirth and song,
So be gone, old care, and stay away,
We've no place for you on picnic day."

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EDITORIAL

Progress is a movement forward. It may be emphasized by denominating it as an irresistible moving force for it is just that thing. If any one doubts this and tries to stop progress his mangled remains will be carefully and tenderly gathered up in a sheet and taken to the morgue, while progress will continue to roll merrily along. It is absolutely remorseless. It's safe to say that nearly every progressive movement has met with opposition, and to little avail.

Get Away From Traditions

At the present time the so called machine age is a target at which objectors like to shoot. Yet it is accepted as a permanent part of industry. The railroads in early days had to overcome prejudice to gain popularity. Those who hang to traditions and old methods instead of joining the procession and getting in step to the new music are going to be left behind.

In the last fifty years there have been many instances, where progress destined to carry us into new realms, has met with stubborn opposition, from adherents to older methods, which were believed to be all sufficient.

When the Victrola reached its highest perfection and every home, broadly speaking, had a machine, it was denounced by the great John Phillip Sousa as "canned music". Yet today we can pick up a record of the "Stars and Stripes Forever", and as we listen to the inspiring patriotic strains visualize John Phillip and his masterful organization. The Victrola not only

WAS IT YOU?

Some one started the whole day wrong—was it you?

Some one robbed the day of its song—was it you?

Early this morning some one frowned,
Some one sulked until others scowled
And soon harsh words were passed around—was it you?

Some one started the day off right
—was it you?

Some one made it happy and bright
—was it you?

Early this morning we are told
Some one smiled, and all through the day

This smile encouraged young and old
—was it you?

A little more smile, a little less frown,
A little less kicking a fellow whose down.

A little more 'WE'—a little less 'I';
A little more laugh, a little less cry.
A little more flowers on the pathways of life.

And fewer on graves at the end of the strife.

D. & H. Magazine.

immortalizes Sousa as a peerless bandmaster, but brings him right back to us and rekindles memory and admiration of his great art.

Movies Were Tabooed

So it was with moving pictures. Dramatic critics, and great actors, wedded to
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their profession railed at the innovation as a corruption of their centuries old art. Critics ignored them as unworthy of mention, and shoved them aside as a bad smell in their nostrils. Leading actors would not stoop to a part in a movie cast. All the time that they were standing in the way moving pictures grew and took firmer hold on public minds. And the movies won. Today some of the greatest names in theatrical history are found on every movie program at fabulous remuneration never dreamed of in the spoken drama.

High Brows In Music

For a time it was a repetition in higher and classical musical circles of the same attitude. Musicians of national and international reputation felt it belittling to them and their art to play into the microphone instead of the ears of a visible audience. They finally yielded, however, to the march of progress. In the meantime, men and women previously unknown to the public were achieving national popularity and success as vocalists and instrumentalists. Finally the high and mighty yielded to remorseless progress and thereby saved themselves from elimination.

The Reaping Machine

Cyrus McCormick developed his reaper to the point that is credited by some as the most useful labor-saving machine ever designed. It met about the same reception that all new machines met, but it took from the backs of men most laborious toil. The vast crops of today could not be gathered without it. Enough men could not be found for the task. It would take an army of men with backs bent low to cut the grain in time to save it from the elements and the loss through over-ripening.

Don't stand in the way of progress unless you want to be flattened out, but catch step and go along with the procession. It means that in teaming in with progress you will progress.

FARMS WITH NAMES

It is estimated that about 3,000 farms in the United States have been named. The idea has been in vogue for quite a few years and the Board of Agriculture favors the plan. Farmers who select distinctive names for their farms are generally regarded as being progressive. It also gives more importance to the products coming from the farm that bears an attractive name.

GIGANTIC BUSINESS

Statistics Show Railroads Are Still In Van Guard of Interest and Service

Railroads have always been a source of interest to the public, and still are despite more modern means of transportation. They are and always will be a mighty force in business. A little booklet issued by the Association of American Railroads gives some interesting statistics and information under the title, "Do You Know".

Dining cars serve twenty-five million meals a year, equivalent to a meal a day for every resident of a city of 25,000 population.

The "shopping list" of American Railroads lists 70,000 articles from toothpicks and pins to steel rails and locomotives. Average yearly expense for ten years one billion dollars per year.

First "Stop, Look and Listen" sign was used in 1884.

Apple pie is the most popular dessert on dining cars.

One million persons work directly for railroads. Another million are kept employed making things used.

One Pullman car for its individual use generates enough electricity to supply four homes.

Taxes for federal, state and local governments amount to one million dollars daily.

Railroads pass through 1539 tunnels which placed end to end would extend 320 miles.

The largest steam locomotives in the world are used on American railroads. The empty boiler barrel of one of these would permit the passage of a standard automobile.

Railroads own and maintain 370,000 buildings from crossing "shanties" to huge terminals.

The first Pullman car was built in 1868.

They have 45,000 locomotives, 1,800,000 freight cars and 41,000 passenger cars.

Passenger engines use from 70 to 120 gallons and freight engines from 150 to 350 gallons of water per mile.

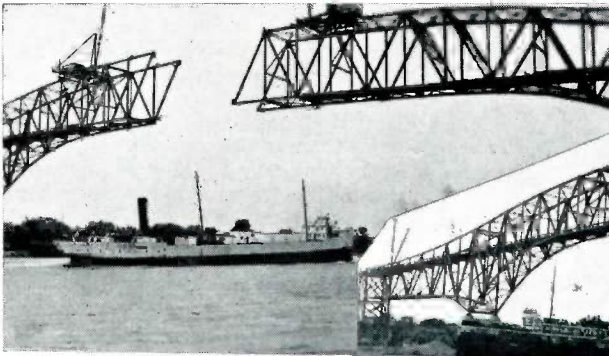
Accident statistics prove that you are safer on a train than in your own home.

There are 7,500 parts in the modern locomotive.

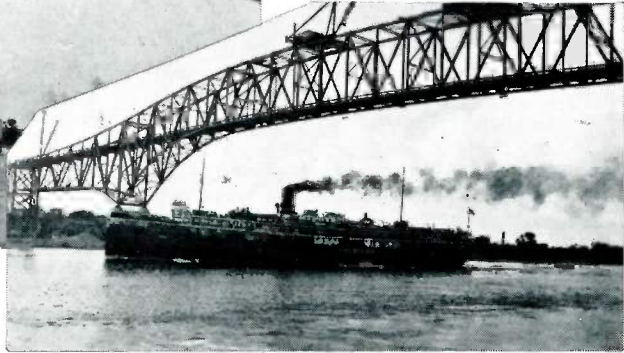
One million, eight hundred thousand freight cars travel twenty three billion miles a year. The location of every car on more than 400,000 miles of track is known and recorded every day.

There are now 10,000 air conditioned passenger cars.

GREAT ARE THE ENGINEERS...



Above: View of Bridge Just Before Completion.



Below: Showing The Bridge After Completion.

Those talented men — engineers — never tire of showing the world what they can do in spanning space with bridges, swinging high in the air without impeding the progress of ships.

Two recent notable achievements are the bridges over the St. Lawrence at Thousand Islands and the one spanning the St. Clair at Sarnia, Ontario. These form two more instances of giving closer connection between two great and friendly countries. There was a time, not so remote, when the bare proposal of such an undertaking would cause the laity to glance askance at an engineer daring such a proposal, tap their foreheads significantly, and look pityingly upon the "dreamer."

Old Timers Scoffed

Back in the days when Eads undertook the task of bridging the Mississippi at St. Louis "old timers" thought the undertaking impossible of successful accomplishment. But today the world ceases to marvel and instead expects anything possible when the engineer concentrates his talents on an undertaking of great magnitude.

The last bridge completed is the Blue Water bridge connecting Canada and the United States at Sarnia and Port Huron, and is now ready for formal dedication.

International Ceremony

It is to be an international ceremony with dignitaries representing both countries. President Roosevelt is expected to participate for the United States and Prime Minister MacKenzie King or Governor General Lord Tweedsmuir representing the Canadian government.

Bridge Facts

Here are the important facts regarding this stupendous undertaking:

Type, one deck, cantilever, for vehicular traffic.

Cost, \$3,614,000.

Total length, including approaches, 6,392 feet; over a mile.

Length of centre span, 1,523 feet.

Length of suspended span over river, 871 feet.

Length of Canadian approach, 2,657 feet.

Length of American approach, 2,301 feet.

Clearance over navigating channel, 152 feet.

A roadway 32 feet wide provides three traffic lanes.

There is a four foot sidewalk on one side of the bridge.

An 18-inch curb is on the opposite side.

Construction of the bridge was begun early in June, 1937.

Amount of steel in entire bridge, 10,000 tons.

The bridge was built with funds provided by federal, state and provincial governments in the United States and Canada and a bond issue by the Michigan Bridge Commission.

Motorists and pedestrians will no longer depend on ferry boats, but will cross on the bridge in ease and comfort.

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Bang! Another Red Head Bit The Dust

Among unrepealed ordinance oddities, Mr. Will C. Pelot, city clerk, Sweet Springs reports this gem:

On the 24th day of April, 1876, the city dads enacted an ordinance whereby "J. M. Yantis is authorized to shute the wood-peckers that is pecking holes in the Meth.-Presbyterian meeting house."

RICH IN HISTORY

September Brought Us Many Dates Upon Which We Look With Reverence

September is filled with historical dates which had vast influence on the lives of we who have followed in the footsteps of our forefathers, whose deeds cannot be belittled. Consider for a moment the effect of the Butterworth Overland Mail on the communication system of the country. With horse and man power mails were put through from St. Louis to San Francisco, a tremendous enterprise, threatened at every mile with death and disaster. Today we marvel at the master minds grasping untold numbers of detail. Contrast this period with its aids of modern machinery and efficient help of trained men to that period of 1859 which faced the inexperienced pioneers. The promoters of the Overland mail faced a vexing problem. The country was sparsely settled, the territory through which the mail passed infested with murderous Indians. There were trails but no roads. No quick communication. In spite of these seemingly unsurmountable problems, the promoters assembled 700 to 800 drivers, 100 coaches, 1500 head of horses and mules, and systematized the organization so that mails went through on schedule time even though slowly. The glamour and the glory of those days live in our memory and admiration along with the patriotic deeds on land and sea of a somewhat more impressive character.

Some of The Highlights

2. Treasury department of United States created by Act of Congress.

5. The first Continental Congress met in Carpenters Hall, Philadelphia. This was the Central body through which the English colonies in America acted in matters of common concern before and during the Revolution. It was composed of delegates chosen by irregularly convened assemblies and conventions from all colonies except Georgia. Although without authority or legal status, this congress issued a declaration of rights and grievances, stating among other things that no more goods should be imported from England and other English colonies, particularly slaves and tea.

A Hero of Lasting Fame

10. This day in September gave to the United States a great naval hero. Oliver Hazard Perry, whose fleet defeated the English fleet in the Battle of Lake Erie. During this battle Perry displayed great seamanship

of a high order and great personal bravery, exchanging flag ships in the midst of the desperate battle. His fleet consisted of nine vessels, while the English fleet numbered six but carried more guns. It was this victory that cleared Lake Erie of British war ships and called from Perry his famous message, "We have met the enemy and they are ours: two ships, two brigs, one schooner and one sloop. It has pleased the Almighty to give to the arms of the United States a signal victory over their enemies on this lake. The British squadron have this moment surrendered to the forces under my command after a sharp conflict." The American losses in killed and wounded were 128; British 133. Perry became a popular hero and the glory of this victory remains undimmed to the present day.

Souvenir Hunters Finish Ship

Since writing the above we came across the following newspaper reference to the Niagara, Perry's flagship.

"The flagship was raised from its resting place at the bottom of Misery Bay in 1913 and towed around the lake in celebration of the centennial of the battle which gave the United States control of the lakes, but after being returned to anchor at Erie was forgotten by all but souvenir hunters, who stripped her of iron, furnishings and much of her timber."

11. Alexander Hamilton became the first secretary of the treasury.

The Overland Mail

15. This was a day of momentous importance marking the beginning of the famous Butterworth Overland Mail Service between St. Louis and San Francisco. The distance was 2,795 miles, schedule time twenty-five days. Coaches left the terminals simultaneously. Both finished well within the schedule.

Supreme Court

24. The United States Supreme Court, which has of recent years become a controversial subject, was created on September 24, 1789, in accordance with Article III, Section 1, of the Constitution. The law passed by congress is commonly known as the "Judiciary Act." It provided that the Supreme Court of the United States shall consist of a Chief Justice and five associate justices, any four of whom shall be a quorum, and shall hold annually at the seat of government, two sessions, the one commencing the first Monday of February, and the other the first Monday of August.

White Men In California

28. On this day the Portuguese navigator, Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo became the first white man to set foot on California soil.

He had two small ships, the San Salvador and the Victoria. Cabrillo had sailed from La Navidad, June 27, 1542, and on September 28, entered San Diego bay. On October 18, he landed on San Miguel island. He fell and broke his arm, and from the effects of the injury, died on the following January 3. An officer, Ferrelo, took command and the coast was explored to the Oregon line. San Diego is important historically as well as being the oldest Pacific coast settlement.

THE CHANGING WORLD

After An Absence of Three Years Correspondent Amazed and Amused

Allen J. Steinkopf, a member of the Associated Press Foreign Staff, came back to these United States after three years' absence, and accustomed as he is to strange things, he marvelled at the changing world as he found it in his native land. Here are some of the innovations which intrigued his curiosity and amazed him that such things could be and overcome him like a summer cloud without his special wonder. A few instances:

A mechanical cocktail shaker which deprived the bar tender of all the fancy flourishes incident to hand-shaken concoctions.

Underwear with secret pockets in which to conceal valuables and thus balk the pickpockets.

The philosophy of his father who said, "What the world needs is a grasshopper plague, to give people something real to worry about so they would stop belly-aching about trifles."

Two girl cousins who went on the water wagon to save their money for the slot machines.

An old friend of the street department working on sewers and was in one at the time the foreman was accosted with a request to see this friend. "Wait till he gets to Walnut Street," replied the foreman, "and I'll telephone him you are here."

Then there was the managing editor who told him: "One does not have to be crazy to hold my job but it helps a lot if one is."

Then the aunt who told him, "my daughters never had to go barefooted which is the reason why they waste their money on silly sandals without enough honest leather in them to cover their toes."

When flatterers meet, the devil goes to dinner.

Years know more than books.

MRS. MURRAY ONE HUNDRED

Decatur Woman Celebrates Centenary Had For Guest Woman 101

An extraordinary birthday was celebrated in Decatur on August 10, when Mrs. Jane R. Murray, mentally alert and physically active reached the century mark. To emphasize the occasion, Mrs. Eliza Brown, next door neighbor of Mrs. Murray's, aged 101 years, was the outstanding guest. There was a huge birthday cake decorated with a hundred candles. It is a common saying that aged persons belie their years but this is literally true of Mrs. Murray. She is still interested in 20th century customs, and has some very pronounced opinions. Anything bordering on the risqué is pronounced "abominable"; wearers of short skirts, and the now popular shorts are classed as "exhibitionists" and drinking and smoking by women and girls are tagged "reprehensible". Mrs. Murray is a vigorous opponent of divorce. She thinks that among modern inventions radio has done much to relieve the dread of old age. She enjoys radio concert and the better class of music, thinks Will Rogers was without a rival, but that a popular black face team are "entirely too silly." She has worn glasses only for the last eight years. She walks with a cane, not so much as a result of physical weakness, but as the result of a broken hip eight years ago when she had a bad fall. It amuses her to think that she is fulfilling the prophecy of a fortune teller, who in her prophecy years ago saw her walking with a staff.

As the reader may discern from this brief description, Mrs. Murray is a woman of education and culture.

She is a native of Ogsdenburg, N. Y., and has always been fond of outdoor sports and in girlhood was recognized as an expert skater as well as proficient in handling a sailboat. She was married in Ogsdenburg, N. Y., October 23, 1860, to James W. Hopkins, who two years later was killed in the Civil war. In 1872, she became the wife of L. E. Murray who died in 1880.

Dialect Extra

Writer: "How much board will you charge me for a few weeks while I gather material for my new country novel?"

Hiram: "Five dollars a week unless we have to talk dialect. That's \$3 extra."

—Widow.

Happy the man who loves his work.

And loves his work alone;

For many a man loves another man's job

When he ought to be loving his own.

I'M TELLIN' YOU

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Records in Illinois show that doctors live longer than any other class. They should—the other class takes the medicine.

Some people are always talking about something they don't know anything about, and some people who do know about things are called dumb because they do not talk.

Many a low brow is covered up with a high hat and high brow is covered by a low hat, not only low but slouchy.

You will know tomorrow how you have lived today, too late to make the slightest change in the record.

Don't call them wasted opportunities because they are none such—just neglected is all or else we are too dumb to recognize them.

An Owed to Finance via Wall Street Journal:

Owe \$50 you're a piker.

Owe \$50,000 you're a business man.

Owe \$50,000,000 you're a tycoon.

Owe \$5,000,000,000 you're a government.

The tax tinkers down Washington way are now studying the small fry, otherwise known as the fellow in the lower brackets. Having looked after the fellows in the higher brackets and attended to the fellows in the lower brackets, where do we go from there.

Press headlines tell us Senator Morris prefers Frankfurter, for the supreme court, Hot Dog!

The president likes 'em also.

One of those newspaper "horoscopers" vibrated and gave dates favoring expansion, creative effort and consideration of new plans. Good prospects for all but

our birthday month—July. No chance at all. Of course not! Whoever heard of an editor being favored with anything greater than a "comp" to a "ten, twent and thirt."

What this country needs is less attention to what industrial machines do to the people and more attention to what political machines do them.

Brains are about the most useless thing in the world if not used. They become useful and grow in value when they are used along correct lines.

Three little words—vanity, pride and arrogance—characteristic of ignorance.

A thought for over confident automobile drivers—"What has not happened to me in more than ten years driving, can happen in less than ten seconds."

Centuries ago Tacitus said: "When the state is most corrupt, then the laws are most multiplied."

WORTHWHILE HINTS

For concrete basement floors which have a tendency to be damp from subsoil, spread with a solution of water-glass and water. Use one quart water-glass to 4 quarts of water, spread with an old broom, and let dry. Repeat in a day or two.

For the dusty, hard to clean edges of those books which have been standing too long on open bookshelves use the doughy inside of a fresh, crusted roll. Wad into a small ball and brush the book edges. It will whisk away the dust.

If the size or shape of your bathroom permits there's a lot of comfort to be had from a built-in linen cabinet or a clothes hamper.

BANG! AND THEY WOKE UP

In Miami, Florida, J. S. McMullen and A. W. Dasher very carefully looked up and down the street to insure safety when they backed their cars out of their garages. After a heavy rear end crash, they discovered that neither had looked behind. The two drivers lived opposite each other.

Stranger: "I've come out here to make an honest living."

Native: "Well, there's not much competition."

FORGOTTEN HUMORIST

Artemus Ward Once Had Two Nations Laughing With His Droll Wit

Charles Farrar Browne was a native of Waterford, Me., where he was born in 1834. By that name he will not be recognized by many persons, but there are still many who will remember him by his pen-name of "Artemus Ward." He was in his day popular as a humorist and made America and England laugh till their sides ached. Like many early writers, he got his inspiration from his trade as a newspaper compositor. His method of expression was exceedingly droll, and his humorous writing was accentuated by his improvised spelling. He worked on papers east and west and finally found a position on the Cleveland Plain Dealer. It was there that he pulled one of his comical stunts.

Forgot Assignment

One night he was detailed to report an important social event. Ward was like all men reporters. He detested social assignments but on his way to the event he dropped in on a party of convivial spirits and forgot all about his assignment until too late. His friends prevailed upon him to draw upon his imagination for an account of the affair, which he did. The next day's Plain Dealer had a glowing account of the affair on the front page.

Meets Managing Editor

It was a scoop! Neither of the other papers had a word about it as far as Ward could discover until he found a small item at the bottom of a column which told him the function had been postponed. Grabbing hat and coat, Ward left the office. In fact, he left Cleveland. Some weeks later he drifted back and was walking down the street when he ran into Col. Gray, his boss. Gray began to berate him for running away without saying a word. "Why did you do it?" demanded Gray.

"Well, Colonel, if you must know," said Ward, "I couldn't afford to be associated with such an unreliable sheet."

His trip to London made him an immediate favorite with his audiences. His drolleries were something entirely new to the English people. Ward had been in failing health and died at Southampton while on the trip.

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He: "How about some old-fashioned loving?"

She: "All right, I'll call grandma down for you."

Vices are learned without a teacher.

CANDID CAMERA



While in Pittsburg recently Walter Bowan, Engineering Department, had his candid camera with him. Quite natural. Where Walt goes his camera goes also. Glad that this is true because he brought back this fine snapshot of Mr. F. O. Deuschle, general service foreman of the Pittsburg Water Department and Otto Sharlock, Mueller salesman with headquarters in Pittsburg.

Mr. Deuschle is an experienced water service man. He has back of him thirty-three years of experience. In this particular Otto is not far behind him. He has been in the selling end of Mueller business for some twenty years and has made Pittsburg his headquarters so long that he smells smoky—from stogies—look again and you will see one between his fingers.

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COLLEGE FRATERNITIES

Greek letter societies are now so numerous that they are found in nearly, if not all colleges. There was a day when there was only one, and it did not sport any Greek letters, but it was a college fraternity known as the Flat Hat Club. It appeared at the College of William and Mary as far back as 1750 and continued in existence until 1772. The organization was secret, literary, and social. The oldest Greek letter fraternity in this country now in existence is the Phi Beta Kappa, organized in 1776.

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Great Educator

Eastern Visitor: "Has the advent of the radio helped ranch life?"

Pinto Pete: "I'll say it has. Why, we learn a new cowboy song every night, and, say, we've found out that the dialect us fellers have used fer years is all wrong."

Wisdom of the Ages

Simplicity is an exact medium between too little and too much.

—Sir Joshua Reynolds.

Don't part with your illusions. When they are gone, you may still exist, but you have ceased to live.—Mark Twain.

A determined soul will do more with a rusty monkey wrench than a loafer will accomplish with all the tools in a machine shop.—Rupert Hughes.

Genius is 1 per cent inspiration and 99 per cent perspiration.—Thomas A. Edison.

Every man is his own ancestor, and every man his own heir. He devises his own future, and he inherits his own past.

—H. F. Hedge.

Deliberate with caution, but act with decision, and yield with graciousness, or oppose with firmness.—Colton.

When anger rises think of the consequences.—Confucius.

The seeds of knowledge may be planted in solitude, but must be cultivated in public.—Johnson.

The term intellect includes all those powers by which we acquire, retain and extend our knowledge, as perception, memory, imagination, judgments, etc.

—Flemming.

Ingratitude is treason to mankind.

—Thomson.

Immodest words admit of no defence for want of decency is want of sense.—Pope.

I hardly know so true a mark of a little mind as the servile imitation of another.

—Greville.

It is with narrow-souled people as with narrow-necked bottles—the less they have in them, the more noise they make in pouring it out.—Pop.

The sublime and the ridiculous are often so nearly related that it is difficult to class them separately. One step below the sub-

lime makes the ridiculous and one step above the ridiculous makes the sublime again.—Thomas Paine.

Every unpunished delinquency has a family of delinquencies.—Herbert Spencer.

A lost good name is never retrieved.

—Gay.

Lust of power is the most flagrant of all passions.—Tacitus.

A house is never perfectly furnished for enjoyment, unless there is a child in it rising three years old, and a kitten rising six weeks.—Southey.

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WOULD MAKE MIDAS JEALOUS

"Gold! Gold! Gold! Gold! Bright and yellow, hard and cold." The nation's supply according to the United States is now in excess of thirteen billion dollars and more of it is coming in from European nations as well as from mines. Today the United States has more than half of the World's supply of monetary gold. The weight of this gold is given at thirteen tons. Either in money value or weight these figures do not convey much definite information to the average person who has never seen a ten dollar gold piece. A comparative statement comes nearer to giving an idea of what this tremendous amount of gold means in bulk. These thirteen thousand tons of gold, says the U. S. News, makes a block twenty feet square at the base and fifty feet high. Tipped on its side this block would resemble a good sized house. The price of gold is \$35 per ounce.

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All the philosophers, economists, politicians, and statesmen combined do not seem able to solve problems. Yet there are more of them than there are problems. It's one case where the majority does not rule but that's because no two of them agree.

No age ever offered people more modern comforts, more pleasure-yielding devices, more good things for their money than the present. One of our troubles is that we bankrupt ourselves in attempting to try them all.

If your hands won't do things that you want them to do, try your head, there may be "first aid concealed within that you have been overlooking."



College Humor



Good Night!

Pa: "It's two o'clock,—'bout time Sally's boy friend went home."

Ma: "Now, now, John,—just remember how we used to court."

Pa: "That settles it! Out he goes!"

Kith and Kith Agin

Archibald Percival Reginald Earl decided one evening to call on his girl.

Together they talked of their "kith and their kin."

He said, "May I kith you," and she said, "You kin."

New Dating Scheme

"Lost: a lead pencil by Jennie Weems, blonde, blue eyes, five feet four inches, good dancer. Finder please call H-1722 between seven and eight P. M."

Birth Mark

"How did you get that bad eye?"

"It's a birth mark."

"What you mean, birth mark?"

"I got in the wrong one last night."

Leave 'Em Alone

"I'm going to love you until the cows come home!"

"Okay, fresh, but meanwhile you don't have to pet the calves!"

Horse and Buggy Day

Dad: "You'll have to stop your lovemaking in the car. I'm tired of paying for repairs."

Son: "But, father, didn't you make love to the girls while out driving?"

Dad: "Of course, but I could wrap the reins around the whip and take both hands to it."

Family Failing

"You're an apt lad. Is your sister apt, too?"

"Yes, sir, if she gets a chance."

Chance For Life

Student: "What will you give me for these jokes?"

Editor: "Ten yards start."—Drexerd.

Amateur Artist

Salesman: "Any picture show in town?"

Native: "Nope; nary a one, stranger."

"Any pool room or bowling alley?"

"Nope."

"What form of amusement have you here?"

"Wall, come on down to the drug store. Thar's a Freshman home from the university."

Cut Out Braille

He: "Baby, I can read you like a book."

She: "O. K., but lay off the Braille method."

At The Tennis Tourney

He: "Whose game?"

She: "I am," she replied.

Precautious

"How about a little kiss, girlie?"

"No, I have scruples."

"Well, that's all right; I've been vaccinated."—Octopus.

Yeah, We've Met Her, Too!

"I hear you met Brown's wife. What kind of a woman is she?"

"The kind that talks to you over the phone for hours about things that leave her speechless!"

NO CERTAINTY

There is no certainty in business; it is based on beliefs or judgments of probabilities. This was the belief of the late Charles W. Elliot. There are, however, other important elements, among them faith and self-reliance. It's a hard, hard road to travel, a strict task master to serve. Those who call successful business men lucky, overlook the real qualities which through stern and studious self sacrifice and unremitting application too frequently brings success too late in the day for those business men who have won it, to reap the reward of their efforts.

The man is well bought who costs you but a compliment.

Talk much, err much.

YEP! ! GOOD OLD DAYS?

Read These Comparisons And Then Lay Off Those Days of Yore

WHEN:

You got up at 5 a. m., dressed and split kindling and brought in wood to make the fire in the kitchen stove.

INSTEAD:

Of going to the kitchen, turning a handle and lighting the gas range.

WHEN:

You went out and carried in a chunk of ice left on the front walk.

INSTEAD:

Of opening the refrigerator and finding everything sweet, cool, and ready for use.

WHEN:

You went to the well to bring in a bucket of drinking water and then to the pump to bring in water for kitchen and laundry purposes.

INSTEAD:

Of turning a faucet over the kitchen sink at any moment you needed water.

WHEN:

You cleaned greasy, ill smelling coal oil lamps and trimmed wicks.

INSTEAD:

Of flipping off the night electric light knowing when evening came you had nothing to do but flip it on again and settle down in an easy chair to read your paper.

WHEN:

You went to bed with the chickens because there was nothing else to do.

INSTEAD:

Of turning on the radio and listening to the voice of King George in England, to "Amos and Andy" in Los Angeles or go to a moving picture to see a famous world drama or laugh at some of Walt Disney's comicalities.

WHEN:

You filled that old laundry tub in the kitchen for the whole family to bathe in to save heating another kettle of hot water on the old kitchen range.

INSTEAD:

Of stepping into a snow white bathroom, turn on a hot and cold faucet, temper the water to your liking and bathe like a king.

WHEN:

You hitched old Dobbin to the surrey, took a "long ride" of three miles and on coming home unhitch in the dark, hang up the harness, bed down the old nag and roll the surrey into the shed.

INSTEAD:

Of seating the family in the car, take a ride of twenty or thirty miles in less than

an hour and run the car into a lighted garage, go into the house, cool and refreshed ready for a good night's sleep.

Yep: Good old days, but they are gone forever—thank the Lord.

All stand now and join in singing "Praise Him from whom all blessings flow" and sing with gusto else you will be thrown out of these grand new days into those good old days—good only, so far as comfort, convenience and contentment are concerned—to talk about.

TWO DROPS TOO MUCH?

Many users of water object to the taste of chlorine, when it becomes necessary to use an extra large dosage. They are people of fine taste. During heavy rain and wind storms the past summer there was increased pollution in the water supply in many places and as a precautionary measure chlorination at pumping station was increased twenty percent. This was the case at Chicago. It meant an increase of from five to six pounds of chlorine to each million gallons of water. "This represented," said Arthur Gorman, chief engineer of the water purification bureau according to Hearst's American, "two drops of chlorine to a fifty gallon barrel." And that's what we say and that's what we mean when we refer to the sensitive and super-fine taste of water takers. They must have an over developed taste to be able to detect the flavor of two drops of chlorine in a barrel of water. Of course, all water wise water-works men will agree that Engineer Gorman was doing the correct thing by taking precautionary measures.

Opposed To Free Water

The suggestion was made by a relief official to Chicago city officials that property owners on relief be given free water. The commissioner of public works in a letter to the city law department said:

"This is a proposal to dip into the water funds for the aid of relief clients," he said. "We doubt whether it could be done legally. It appears also that this is a question of whether an outside agency has the authority to decide for the city what accounts it should collect and what accounts it should not."

Commenting on this, the Chicago Tribune said:

"It was stated the market value of water certificates might be affected if Chicago began the practice of giving away water. Certificates are issued against the revenue from water bills and are sold to finance the department, which is self-supporting."

FLAGS FOR UNCLE SAM

Government Operates A Factory In Philadelphia

The flags used by Uncle Sam are made by Uncle Sam, so Oil-Power of the Socony-Vacuum Oil Company tells us. The flag factory is in Philadelphia, not far from the little house where Betsy Ross made the first Stars and Stripes. It is a part of the quartermaster's depot, United States army, where uniforms for soldiers are also made. About 15,000 flags are made yearly. These are for various units of the army and the Civilian Conservation Corps. The army requires quite a variety of flags for various purposes. Flags for the posts and garrisons are 20 feet wide and 38 feet long.

Flown On Holidays

These are flown on holidays and other important occasions and are made of wool bunting. There are storm flags which are displayed when the weather is unruly. These are five feet wide and nine and a half feet long and are made of cotton bunting. There are silk flags, national and regimental colors, to be carried by marching units. These are 52 inches wide and five and one-half feet long. The major part of the production is storm flags, which naturally get the hardest usage. All the flags are made by sewing the component parts together. Regimental flags are embroidered. The material for the flags is made by contractors under strict specifications. It is subjected to rigid tests in the plant's textile laboratory.

Matching The Stars

The stars are die cut and their location on the blue field is indicated by stencils. The sewing is by machinery. In reality there are two stars, one set for each side of the blue field. It requires some dexterity to make these stars match. To do this an oversized star or a square piece of bunting is placed on the opposite side of die cut star. Sewing on the latter also sews on the square patch or the crude shaped star. The excess material on the second star is then trimmed away and both stars are in the same relative position and are of the same size.

OF COURSE IT RAINED

Harassed by drouth, the people of Trenton, Missouri, advertised in the Republican Times of that town for rain. The paper carried the advertisement on a basis of results or no pay. Rain came the night the advertisement appeared.

SEPTEMBER, 1938

END LONG AUTO TOUR

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Wegmann Stop In Decatur To Visit Friends



On August 5, 6, and 7, Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Mueller had for guests, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Wegmann, who were just completing an extensive automobile trip. Incidentally, they were here on their twelfth wedding anniversary, August 6. Mr. Wegmann, known to the trade and his intimates as "Jim", is treasurer and manager of East Jefferson Water Works, District No. 1, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana.

Reaching Decatur, Mr. and Mrs. Wegmann, completed a 6,900 mile automobile trip, including 850 miles yet to travel from Decatur to the south. Their twenty-five days vacation afforded ample time for a visit to the Grand Canyon in Arizona, Bryce Canyon, Utah, Yellowstone National Park, Carlsbad Caverns, New Mexico, Glacier National Park, Montana, Pikes Peak, Painted Desert, Petrified Forest, Boulder Dam, and many other intervening points of interest.

A trip of these proportions would seem to make Decatur look a trifle unattractive, but not so. While here the visitors were shown local points of interest as well as the warmest and most hospitable reception. While here Mr. Wegmann was shown through the plant and was pleased and interested in Mueller methods.

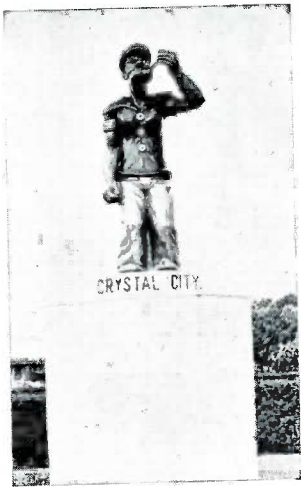
BLAME

A man takes contradiction and advice much more easily than people think, only he will not bear it when violently given, even though it be well founded. Hearts are flowers; they remain open to the soft falling dew, but shut up in the violent downpour of rain.—Richter.

STATUE TO "POP EYE"

The Spinach Eating Mythical Sailor Man Honored By Crystal City

Pop Eye, the spinach eating sailor man, has been perpetuated for the delectation of generations yet to come. This mythical character paraded every day on the funny pages of hundreds of newspapers, and on the screen at night is known to everyone. Now he has been done in stone or iron and stands upon a marble block in Crystal City, Texas, which is otherwise known as the capital of the Winter Garden District of Texas and also the "Spinach Capital".



These few sentences, no doubt, will get prompt recognition from the reader for the unusual honor that has been bestowed on Pop Eye.

Feature of Spinach Festival

The statue was erected at a recent spinach festival. The Winter Garden District of Texas grows a large percentage of the onion and spinach crops of the world as well as citrus fruits, dates, and a large variety of vegetables. Thereupon rests the fame of this enterprising municipality. The city is operated under the commission form of government, with a city manager. It has a population of 6000 and is a wide awake, progressive community.

New Buildings

Among recent improvements is a new municipal building and a new courthouse. The municipal building provides quarters for the fire department. Its cost was approximately \$26,000. This was among the first WPA projects in Texas and also one of the best. The courthouse cost \$84,000. It was built recently when the county seat

was moved from Zavala county to Crystal City. In addition to these two notable improvements, the thriving little city has a new \$80,000 high school building.

New Sewage Plant

Other improvements effected during the past four years include a new and modern sewage plant equipped with a rock building, 20,000 square feet of sidewalks, five or six miles of gravel streets, a boy scout hut, and other minor items. In spite of this enviable record of public works, the city has maintained a sound financial policy and is relatively free of debt.

THE BIG GAS SHOW

It Will Be An Outstanding Feature Of New York Fair

A feature of New York's World Fair in 1939 will be a splendid exhibit of the gas industry. To handle this great undertaking a non-profit corporation, Gas Exhibits Corporation, has been organized to manage and conduct the display.

The board of directors is made up of ten exhibitors and nine manufacturing members.

It is proposed to erect a building of sufficient size to house an educational exhibit, an auditorium with about 20,000 square feet for displays of individual manufacturers and in addition an all gas model home.

This gas show will be in the sheltered area located convenient to the main arteries of transportation to the fair grounds.

The estimated cost of the gas industry display, including the lease of the property, construction of a building, landscaping, management, attendants, publicity, and other expenses to be met with in an exhibit, is \$500,000. Of this amount it is anticipated that the gas utilities will raise at least one-half by subscriptions, and the balance will be met by the sale of exhibit space to individual manufacturers.

Canal Regulations

Ships are not permitted to enter the Panama Canal after nightfall. Those that enter the canal during daylight are permitted to finish the trip during the night.

A buxom widow must be either married, buried or shut up in a convent.

A clear conscience makes a good pillow.

A fine cage won't feed the bird—or the bride.

CHOP SUEY NOT CHINESE

Barbecue And Club Sandwiches— What They Are And How Originated

Thousands of Americans smack their lips over chop suey and bless the Chinese for having concocted such a tempting dish. As a matter of fact there is no such dish known in China. It's purely American. An authority explains it as follows:

"The truth seems to be that there is no such dish as chop suey known in China, although it is commonly served as Chinese throughout the United States. This has come about in a curious way. It originated at a dinner that Prince Li Hung Chang gave in New York when he made his trip around the world. Prince Li carried his own chef with him and the menu was strictly Chinese. One of the dishes especially delighted the wife of the guest of honor, and she asked Li what it was. Prince Li called in his chef, and the chef replied in Chinese, "It is a creation of my own—a chop suey." The words, "chop suey" mean a mixture or hash. Prince Li said in English, "It is a chop suey".

The American woman spread the news of chop suey, the wonderful dish. The name was taken up by the Chinese restaurateurs in America and today chop suey is the chief concoction that they serve."

Barbecue

On a parity with this is the "barbecued" sandwich which has been made popular by the automobile and cement highways. It's just a name. The word "barbecue" comes from a native name in Guiana. It means a frame on which all kinds of flesh and fish are roasted. Also, a frame used for sleeping, that is if you can sleep after eating a roadside "barbecued" sandwich. A secondary meaning, which is the one generally accepted by Americans is, "a hog or other large animal roasted or broiled whole for a feast at large gatherings. Barbecued meat is roasted over or in front of a bed of glowing coals and basted frequently with certain piquant sauces. The fire is built in a trench or pit. That is the old fashioned way. Of course the principle has been adapted to modern cooking utensils for small portions of meat, but it is not barbecued in the true old style of cooking out-of-doors over an open wood fire.

Club Sandwich

Then there is the club sandwich which is three or four stories high. Its origin is credited to a hungry man prowling around the house one night for something to eat. Our guess is he was a belated club man, because the "missus" was away from home. Anyway he found in the ice box a conglom-

eration of "left overs" including cold chicken, slices of bacon, lettuce, tomatoes and a jar of mayonnaise. From these without plans or specifications, he toasted bread and built his sky scraper. He passed the word along and it spread to the extent that the club sandwich vies in popularity with the hot dog—that is in a restricted financial sense—hot dog, five cents—club sandwiches, fifty.

Taste Difficult To Satisfy

While on this subject of food we recall that an experienced hotel man once told us that the most difficult thing he had to do was to satisfy the public appetite with food—too many tastes. There is only one thing on which there is any agreement—that is apple pie. This was proved in a contest where one single food was voted on. In another contest bringing out 25,000 votes the winning menu was the following:

The Winning Menu

Grapefruit and orange cocktail, cream of tomato soup and crackers, roast chicken with dressing, new peas, mashed potatoes, butter, biscuits, lettuce and asparagus tip salad, pumpkin pie and coffee.

So if you want to be on the winning side you'll know how to order the next time you make faces at the French words on the menu.

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WROTE STORY TO FIT PICTURES

The trials of an author are many. Booth Tarkington is regarded as one of America's successful authors, but it took him a long time to get a foothold. When he started writing, he says he could not sell a story anywhere. He sent them to publishers everywhere, but they always came back. Among his early books was *Monsieur Beaucaire*. Tarkington had a friend who seemed enormously successful and he asked Tarkington to illustrate a story for him. Tarkington did this and the story was sold to a magazine publisher who failed before he could print the story. This left Tarkington with the illustrations on hand and he determined to write a story to fit these illustrations, which he did and sold it, and considers that a rare piece of good luck.

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Retort Sarcastic

"My dear, this book is a remarkable work. Nature is marvelous! Stupendous! When I read a book like this, it makes me think how lowly, how insignificant is man."

"A woman doesn't have to wade through four hundred pages to discover that!"

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A politician without patronage is like a cat without claws.

OH! THOSE TYPE!

They Conspire To Make The Proof Reader's Life Trail of Woe

(Apologies to Thomas Hood)

With eye lids heavy and red,
And mind that is tattered and torn,
The proof reader sat in his hard backed
chair,

Desolate, dazed and forlorn.
It is search, search, search for errors, he
sang in dolorous tone

When will the devil bring "30" so that
I may go home.

And as he corrects the errors, scattered
here and there,

With tired and trembling fingers he tears
at his tousled hair.

And the next morning when the proof
reader picks up the paper and finds rank
errors staring him in the face, he faints,
throws a fit and submerges his sorrow in
a way not possible a few years ago. In
addition he asks himself: "Why, oh why, in
the name of all the fiends mythical and
real, did Gutenberg ever invent movable
types with which to torment feeble minded
serfs like proof readers. And why again,
should I spot a comma minus its tail light
and miss bulls like these below parading on
the proof with bands playing and flags
flying." This is one thing that a proof
reader cannot explain, but peruse the fol-
lowing and try to explain to yourself.

Instances intercepted in the Kablegram.
WHY THE DELAY?

Mr. and Mrs. Anton Heller are the par-
ents of a baby son, their first born since
last week.

WHY JOHN!

Advertisement in a Titusville, Pa., paper:
"Auctioneering is my special line of busi-
ness. Prices very reasonable. If I am
out arrange dates with my wife."

BAD HABIT!

Many of the women spooned and had to
be carried from the wreckage.

ANNUAL EVENT

WANTED—Man married by the year to
work on farm. Address....., Gowanda,
R. F. D. 2.

HOT DOG SECRET OUT:

FOR SALE — Police puppies, best of
breeding. As low as \$5. Broilers, 40c
dressed. Chas. Wehrs, Rte. 6, Elgin.
Phone 6125Y2.

CHIPPENDALE LEGS

A New Jersey paper carries the adver-
tisement "for a genuine antique chair by

a New Hope woman with Chippendale
legs."

The fourth annual banquet of the Boost-
ers' class of the First Reformed Church
was held in the church dining room
Wednesday evening, with 54 attending.

PUTTING HER FOOT IN IT

She had mouth and teeth, but could not
successfully masticate her foot.

ANOTHER JAZZ CRIME?

A horse belonging to Jed Applegate died
last night from a strange melody.

OF COURSE THEY'D WIN

Four calf shows were held in Pettis
county last week, a girl winning first and
second prizes in every instance but one.

ALMOST GOOD AS NEW

RELINED young widow wishes posi-
tion as housekeeper: answer in full. Box
10, R340-Post.

FRUIT NECKLACE:

She was all in shimmering white silk,
and three or four strands of big pears were
looped around her neck.

NOW IN CELL 1313

From a recent newspaper story we learn:
"The eight lanes of New York's Tribor-
ough bride can accommodate 57,000 vehicles
a day."

The Colors of a Man

He's red when he's embarrassed.
He's purple when he's angry.
He's yellow when he's cowardly.
He's blue when he's loyal.
He's white when he's straight.
He's green when he's ignorant.
He's colorless when he's uninteresting.

If three know it all the world will know
it.

Land was never lost for want of an heir.

Natural Curiosity

Clerk: "Best I can do is to give you half
of a private dining room. Lady has the other
half but there is a screen up."

Jack: "O. K. Sounds good to me."
(Half hour later).

Jack: "Hey what do you mean putting me
in that room, the woman's dead."

Clerk: "I know it but how did you find it
out?"

Bath Room Boomerangs » » »



Courtesy Sam'l Bingham & Sons

"What Can The Poor Man Do?"

Small chance has "fatty" to escape from this embarrassing position. He's got to grin and take it. He is between two fires with no chance of escape. How simple the solution of such a bewildering situation. One or two Mueller Adapto showers installed in small space is the solution. If you do not want to be caught between two fires, adopt the solution suggested. You will have not only privacy but a dandy, stimulating shower, which takes but a few seconds whether you be thin as a fish pole or twice as fat as "Fatty" illustrated.

Bath Tub Accidents

A press dispatch from San Francisco announces that bath tubs proved more perilous in 1937 than automobiles. There were 211 deaths from bath tub accidents as against 156 motor car fatalities. There is a certain amount of risk getting in and out of a bath tub, but there is not as much danger in this act as there is carelessness in the persons using the tubs. In the report from San Francisco it is stated that most of the bath tub victims were past 50 years of age.

Is Horrible Example

Heretofore singing in the bath tub has

been regarded an annoyance unaccompanied by any danger to the vocalist. Singers are herewith summoned to beware of great danger if they attempt to warble. Thomas Graves of Muncie, Indiana, an habitual warbler, is presented as the "horrible example." He inhaled fumes from a bathroom heater, became dizzy and called for help. Thinking he was singing as usual, the family at first gave no heed to his cries but rushed to his aid when they heard him fall to the floor.

Hair "Dressing"

Leave it to the ladies from Bali to Berlin when it comes to hair pulling. Eight Japanese women in a bath house engaged in a rousing racket. One "accidentally" sloshed water on the coiffure of another. The victim fired a small tub at the aggressor, stepped on a cake of soap and hit an innocent bystander. The innocent bystander infuriated by the assault grabbed another innocent bystander by the hair and so it went into a battle royal. When the manager rushed in, the entire gang grabbed and dropped him into a tub of

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Picnic Day A Happy Day

Mueller Employees Annual Outing Filled with Rollicking Fun for Old and Young

It was sunshine and shadows on Mueller Picnic day, August 20, but mostly sunshine. It was a perfect day for an outing until mid-afternoon when a little ten-minute shower caused a temporary suspension of some of the features. The big crowd took it all good naturedly. They were out for a good time and were not to be deprived of it by a little dash of rain, not even be miffed by the sprinkle. It was soon over and the crowd resumed the main objective of the day—pursuit of happiness and an enjoyable outing.

Special Attractions

There was much to amuse and entertain the crowd throughout the day. Some of the special attractions included, a gaudy merry-go-round, Sunny Jim, a professional clown, John Fiorello with his trained monkey, "Joe", which had a bag of tricks that made children out of the old folk and had the kiddies whooping with delight. These three features were obtained through a Chicago booking agency and measured up to all expectations.

The herd of 12 small ponies, a regular feature of our annual picnic, were with us again and the small children gave them a lively workout during the day. On the children's playground there was a ring over which the little tots took their rides, while some of the older ones galloped up and down the cinder roads in Tom Mix fashion.

Balloons Aplenty

Some 1200 to 1500 balloons inflated with hydrogen gas with long strings attached, were given out to the children during the day while larger balloons inflated to 20 inches or more were set free at intervals and floated gracefully away for the entertainment of the crowd. All the above mentioned were free to Mueller employees' children.

They could ride ponies and the Merry-Go-Round, watch monkey "Joe" cut up shins and have fun with the clown. And in between times they could feast on cracker jack, hot dogs, hamburgers, drink soda water and pop until the outward pressure threatened an explosion. Great was the picnic, but greater still was the enjoyment which the children got out of it. It was a merry day and a happy day which we hope will live long in their memory.

It Was All Free

Each employe was furnished with a pic-

nic badge, bus transportation to and from the ground, two merry-go-round tickets and twenty-five cents worth of refreshment tickets. This allotment was duplicated for wife and each child. In addition each child got one pony ride ticket and one balloon ticket. This was an elastic rule. There was no restraint on riding the merry-go-round or on balloons as long as they lasted. Children who lost or bursted a balloon were at once provided with another one.

Biggest Family

One employe with a wife and seven children got nine "out and in" bus tickets, forty-five refreshment tickets, eighteen Merry-Go-Round tickets, six pony ride tickets and six balloon tickets.

Between seventeen and eighteen thousand refreshment tickets were spent during the day, eight hundred to ten hundred pony rides and approximately twenty hundred Merry-Go-Round rides.

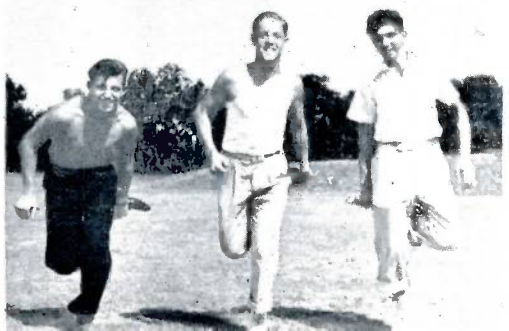
"Good Time Had By All"

If enjoyment is measured by appetites for ice cream, confections, hot dogs, hamburgers and other tempting picnic tid-bits we are assured that "a good time was had by all." The refreshment pavilion is 60 feet long and 20 feet wide giving 160 feet of service space, and for a greater portion of the day the entire space was taken up, with reinforcements coming up every minute for an opportunity to get in action at the counters. Twenty-four attendants were constantly on the jump. In one end of the stand is a permanent outdoor brick oven with steel top and grill for cooking hot dogs, hamburgers, or family dinner's steaks. There are four of these scattered about the grounds.

Liquids And Solids

The quarts of drink and poundage of food dispensed included 75 gallons of ice cream, 1000 ice cream cones, 200 pounds of hamburgers, 150 cases or 3600 bottles of pop, 2400 ice cream bars, 40 pounds of wieners, and 13 gallons of fountain syrup. A modern fountain was installed and manned by expert "jerkers". The above are some of the larger items dispensed, not taking into account, chewing gum, candy bars, cigarettes, and cigars. The refreshment stand concession is in the hands of employes.

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Not A Chance To Lose

In "Greatest Baby Show on Earth" Each
One A Winner---"An Old Settler Writes"



A group of mothers and prize winning babies—Since our 1937 picnic 38 babies were born to Mueller Employees—Those not present also won prizes.

In 1922 the idea of a baby show was conceived and carried out, entrants being restricted to babies born to Mueller employes since the preceding picnic. The idea was popular from the beginning and there was a large showing. On the occasion of that picnic the salesmen were here attending a meeting. At the last moment it was necessary to have a judge. George F. Sullivan of Milwaukee, W. B. Ford and the late Fred B. Mueller, all bachelors were named judges. They threw up their hands and said all the entrants were entitled to a prize. Thereupon the present plan had its beginning. Each baby is presented with a bank book and credited with one dollar. If the parents save two dollars a year for the baby the company adds another dollar. This continues for 10 years, when the total sum reaches \$30. This has been accomplished in many instances.

Apropos of this is a fine letter which Adolph Mueller received after his visit to Los Angeles to attend the picnic of our Pacific Coast Factory. The letter follows:

An "Old Settler" In Baby Show

July 12, 1938.

Mr. Adolph Mueller,
Decatur, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Mueller:

Thank you very much for your thought-

fulness at my graduation time. It is deeply appreciated.

I am entering a business college immediately and plan to use my graduation money for this.

Perhaps you would be interested in knowing I was one of the babies in the first Mueller Baby Show, and met you personally at that time, though I am afraid you don't remember anymore about it than I do. But I am quite proud of the fact, and thank you at this time for starting my bank account for me.

Sincerely,

Orelea Almeda Thomas,
Huntington Park, California.

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THE FRONT COVER

Mueller Record's front cover illustration with its little jingle beneath, may convey to our readers an idea of the spirit of a Mueller Employes' Picnic, as well as an idea of some of the beauty spots of our country place on the shore of beautiful Lake Decatur, only a mile from the business center. We use "our country place" advisedly. It is open to all members of the organization to use and enjoy. In one nook is a children's playground equipped with swings, slides and other mechanical devices for the sport of small folk.

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"Jones Pays The Freight"

After the picnic the free tickets and cash sales are totaled and the concessionaires get a major percent on the total while the company gets—the pleasure of paying the bill represented by the grand total of refreshment tickets spent at the stand.

The business of the day was well up to or better than the average notwithstanding, the loss of time between 8 and 11 p. m. when the big dance was due on the stage of the open air theatre nearby. An abrupt end came to the picnic at 8 o'clock with a lively downpour which sent weary but still eager folks scurrying for the Athletic Club house or their cars on adjacent parking spaces.

Two Excellent Features

There were two excellent features furnished by talent from our own organization—the electric trains and the traveling Marionette Show—the former by Alva Moats and the latter by Willard Foltz.

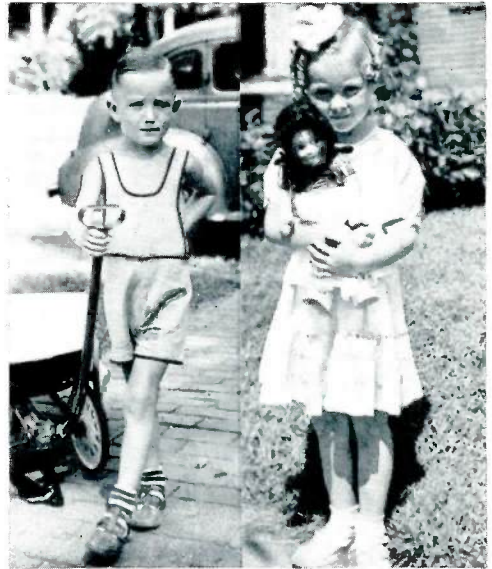
For the former a framework was erected in a shady spot and upon this the "track was laid," about fifty feet of it. There were two trains which, running in opposite directions, took the switch at the proper moment. The engines backed cars out on siding, added new cars to the train and in fact had the technique of railroading perfectly. It was all built by Mr. Moats, an employe of the mechanical department, and represents many weeks of patient planning and work in his home equipped machine shop. Grown-ups seemed to get as much enjoyment out of it as the "kiddies" who never tired of it throughout the day.

Willard Foltz another Mueller employe has an entirely different sort of a hobby—marionettes. He has read and studied everything concerning puppets and in winter he fills engagements in Decatur and Central Illinois towns. Like Mr. Moats he devotes most of his spare time developing and perfecting his hobby. His latest development is his "traveling theatre." He has constructed a miniature house which fits over his shoulders. The puppets are thrust through a curtain on to the stage, and while Willard operates them with his hands he supplies the conversation behind the curtain. Every time he stopped for a show he was immediately surrounded by a crowd.

Protection

The Employes Athletic Club House at Mueller Heights is located on the banks of the private lake which joins Lake Decatur a quarter of a mile away. The private lake was made by damming a deep ravine, and is fed by springs in the hills. While the lake is narrow it is deep, and separates the

HAPPY CHILDREN



An illustration of two happy children at the picnic. For children under six there was a drawing—for a bright red wagon and a beautifully gowned doll. The first name out of the box wins a prize. The winners, Forest Baum and Nina Mae Taylor.

picnic and athletic grounds from Mueller Lodge. The top of the dam is an automobile roadway with foot paths. At our picnics patrolmen are constantly on duty watchful for small and venturesome children who occasionally want to show off by walking to the top of the side guard rails or who might accidentally fall into the water. In addition there are eight watchmen patrolling either bank of the lake and four life guards in boats with life preservers to render immediate assistance in case it is required. Every precaution is provided for any possible emergency that the committeemen can conceive of in advance. Fortunately we have never had a serious accident.

However, our trained nurse of the Factory First Aid was on duty at headquarters throughout the day. Her professional skill was needed in a few minor cases, mostly little folks with skinned legs or hands as the result of falls.

Program

All-day attraction—

10:00 A. M.—John Fiorello, hand organ and trained monkey, "Joe".

All day and evening—

10:00 A. M.—Sunny Jimmy, the clown.

10:00 A. M. to 6:00 P. M.—Pony rides for children.

10:00 A. M. to 6:00 P. M.—Alva Moat's marvelous electrically operated trains.

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All day and evening—

10:00 A. M.—Merry-Go-Round.

Contests

10:00 A. M.—Softball game—Factory teams.

10:00 A. M. to 2:00 P. M.—Croquet.

10:00 A. M. to 2:00 P. M.—Horseshoes.

10:00 A. M. to 2:00 P. M.—Badminton.

12:00 M.—Dinner.

Afternoon

1:30 P. M.—Children's games and contests.

1:15 4:45 & 6:15 P. M.—Willard Foltz's traveling Marionette Theatre.

Platform Exercises

1:45 P. M.—Music, Goodman's band.

2:00 P. M.—Drawing for Sink Combination—Winner, August Bork.

2:10 P. M.—Flag raising—"Star Spangled Banner" under direction of Scoutmaster Herman Roe, with music by Goodman's Band.

2:20 P. M.—Address of Welcome—Robert Mueller.

2:30 P. M.—Annual address—Adolph Mueller.

3:00 P. M.—Music—Goodman's Band.

3:15 P. M.—Midstate Unit No. 1—Instrumental and vocal program.

3:45 P. M.—Music—Goodman's Band.

3:50 P. M.—Clown act, Sunny Jim.

4:00 P. M.—Music—Goodman's Band.

4:30 P. M.—Annual Baby Show.

4:45 P. M.—Beano on open air stage.

5:00 P. M.—Band Concert on Lodge lawn.

5:00 P. M.—Softball—Mueller vs. Y. M. C. A.

5:15 P. M.—Mueller family reunion and dinner.

Evening Program

7:00 P. M.—Midstate Unit No. 1, Instrumental and vocal program.

7:30 P. M.—Mueller Girls' Dancing Class Revue.

7:30 P. M.—Comedy Clown Act, Sunny Jim.

8:00 P. M.—Second drawing for sink combination—Winner, Eric Blankenburg.

And then it rained preventing moving pictures and the dance. But it was a great picnic just the same.

Games And Contests

Morning game of Softball won by Captain Bud Edwards' team, 15, over Captain Sparky Jeschawitz team, 3.

Croquet

Season's championship in doubles was won 2 to 1 by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson over Bert Flaughter and Al Mays.

In singles Leo Wiant defeated Willard Hake, 2 to 0.

Horseshoes

Doubles: Lefty Adams and Earl Gustin.
Singles: Martyne Harrison.

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BOOKS

Bible Remains The Best Seller—Books About Lincoln In Majority

Based on a population of 120,000,000 the people of the United States spend forty cents a year for books.

The bible is still the best seller and by millions accepted as the best book published. The average sales are 30,000,000 copies yearly, of 80,000 each day.

There is no doubt that more books have been written on Abraham Lincoln than on any other, except Christ. Prior to 1870, Napoleon held the record.

The name of the book which caused the evolution trial at Dayton, Tennessee, is "Hunter's Biology" used in the schools.

The first geographical dictionary known is that of Stephen Byzantium, who lived in the 6th century. Only an abridgement remains to sustain this claim. The first modern Gazetteer is the Dictionarium. Historico-Geographicum, 1565 by Charles Stephens.

The first Encyclopedia Britannica was published in parts at Edinburgh, 1768-1771.

It took Noah Webster from 1807 to 1828 to complete and publish his first American Dictionary. It contained about 12,000 words and about 40,000 more definitions than in any preceding American dictionary.

Charles Dickens first attracted attention with his sketch by "Boz" which appeared in two volumes the year before Queen Victoria's accession (1837). Following this came the Pickwick Papers.

The three things that man can never recall, according to James M. Barrie in "Dear Brutus" are "the spoken word, the past life, and the neglected opportunity."

Washington Irving wrote the "Sketch Book" during 1819-1820.

Stevenson's book "Treasure Island" has no historical basis. It was written chapter at a time for the entertainment of the author's step son, Lloyd Osbourne, a twelve year old school boy, to relieve the tedium of a rainy vacation and had for its foundation a map which Stevenson had drawn and labeled "Treasure Island". (1882). It became a great seller and has for years been the juvenile favorite in practically all countries.

OUT OF THE ORDINARY

Hugh Jones, 44, farmer, Belleville, Ontario, was mired in the mud up to his neck for six days. He clung to a log with one arm and saw several rescuing parties pass within a few feet of him, unable to make a sound because of pressure of mud on his chest. He was finally discovered and rescued.

Tony Smith, Pike county, Illinois, filled his longing for horse and buggy days, and has bought himself a new buggy and the last whip the dealer had, but couldn't find a linen duster.

After extinguishing flames threatening a truck, one of the Evansville, Indiana, firemen asked the driver, O. C. Forsman, Flora, Illinois, "What's in those boxes?" and was told "about 400 pounds of dynamite." The fireman "blew".

While Henry Dunning and a few friends were playing bridge in a sound proof, air conditioned room, a burglar found "conditions" were fair for a raid. He got \$10,000 worth of jewelry from a second story room.

Recovering from a broken leg, Louis Cononica, left a San Francisco hospital, stepped in front of an automobile and was carried back to the ward just vacated with both legs broken.

Learning to drive an automobile, a Little Rock woman plowed through R. H. Webber's front yard and partially wrecked his porch. Webber promptly chained the machine to what was left of the porch and said it would stay there until he was paid for the damage.

For the first time in the history of New York a Negro woman recently sat on a jury in the General Sessions court. She seemed to be qualified—graduate of a university and former professor of Barber Scotia College, Concord, N. C.

On the same day Babe Ruth gave a blood transfusion for his daughter in New York, Max Baer in Oakland, California, was doing likewise for his mother.

In fact this one is out of the Extraordinary. George M. Rentschler, Hartsburg, Illinois, asked state officials for an accounting of money paid him at the rate of \$75 a

month from February, 1926, to May, 1928, so that he might reimburse the state. The amount was fixed at \$1,500. He said he was hired as a collateral investigator for the state treasurer's office but never was called upon to perform any duties although receiving salary checks regularly. That is against his belief of "honest, clean government," so he repaid the \$1,500.

Excavating for a large addition to Decatur high school, one of the diggers turned up a silver half dime bearing the date 1853. It was four feet underground. A coin catalogue gives its value at \$27.00.

Mrs. Jean Peterson, Chicago, aged 20, complained to a judge that she eloped with Carl Peterson, May 21, "and do you know," she told the judge, "on June 7 he turned me across his knee and gave me an old-fashioned spanking just because I wouldn't agree on the choice of an apartment." The judge agreed this was cruelty.

At Valdosta, Georgia, Mrs. Jeffie Smith died from the bites of two poisonous snakes—a mocassin and a rattler. She was a member of a religious sect which permits handling snakes as a test of faith. It is said she was bitten several times before and was unharmed. In a law suit following the judge ruled the sect could test out their faith handling snakes if they wanted to do so.

Louis Butler, Mountain City, Nebraska, was panning for gold and found it—a California half dollar, dated 1860.

Seymour Rodgers, near Waddell, Calif., rested from his wood chopping and sat down on the head of a rattlesnake. The alarm clock on the other end of the snake sounded violently and Rodgers got up before the business end of the snake could get into action.

Mike Hutta, miner, White Oake, N. M., put his damp blasting caps and dynamite on a window sill in the sun to dry out while he took another nap. He awoke in the back yard with fragments of his house falling all around him.

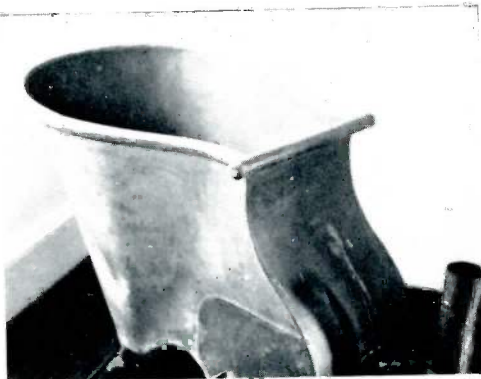
Fifteen hundred spectators assembled at McCamey, Texas, for the second annual rattlesnake race, says Shell News.

"When the trap was sprung and electricity sent through the wires which line the starting box, 70 angry Texas rattlers went slithering across the football field

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THIS IS A BATH TUB

Great As A Curiosity — But You
Wouldn't Give It House Room



Being a candid camera addict, Frank H. Mueller is generally coupled up and ready to focus anything of interest. Here's one subject located in the Cabildo, New Orleans. The tub is at least 150 years old, and was once the proud possession of Louisiana's early governors.

"It's design," says Frank, "follows the classic lines of an easy chair with foot rest. The high sides were undoubtedly more effective in preserving bathroom floors and the occupant's modesty than its modern counterparts, but it would seem that the early governor and his family must have been endowed with unusual agility. Perhaps a step-ladder was once a piece of necessary auxiliary equipment.

Don't Weep

Before weeping too unrestrainedly over the hardships of the early settlers, contemplate the remarkable convenience of the charcoal heater built in the foot of the tub. This was separated by a perforated baffle plate from the tub proper to prevent scorching the occupant's "tootsies." Perhaps we progress, but it seems more convenient to lean over and open a draft than to run down two flights of stairs and light the gas."

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in a mad break to cross the barrier of wire wickets circling the field. Judges standing outside the circle caught the winners as they came through the wickets. Although the snakes are defanged before the race, one of the judges was bitten on the hand, causing it to swell badly. The race, sponsored by McCamey business men, is to become an annual affair."

Donald Belo, aged 12, Chicago, found a

horse saddled and bridled, munching grass along the sidewalk. He was doing a brisk business giving the kids a ride for three cents, but made the mistake of trying to sell the nag to a man for fifty cents. The animal had wandered away from a nearby stable.

BATHROOM BOOMERANG

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water. Under direction of a policeman the insurrection came to an end.

Protests Lack of Hot Water

Earl Vernon of Augusta, Georgia, aged 35, went to the bathroom in his sister's home, got angry because there was no hot water for his bath and hanged himself then and there.

Don't Forget—Soap's Slippery

Mrs. Joseph Pretasek, Green Bay, Wisconsin, sued a community club for \$10,000 for injuries received while taking a shower bath, alleging that shower baths were unsafe. She slipped on a cake of soap. The jury decided against her. It was held that the defendant was not guilty of negligence and that the plaintiff should not have left the cake of soap on the floor. This brings the thought that bath tubs are one of the leading causes of home accidents. Poor old bath tub inanimate, immovable, homeless, and also blameless.

It's not the fault of the bathtub that accidents occur. It's just the other way around. It is the fault of the careless, heedless, thoughtless, unthinking persons whose punishment is a broken leg, arm, or a cracked cranium.

New Uses For Bath Tubs

Singing, reading and sleeping in the bath tub are not so bad, but when it comes to making butter therein, one is apt to revolt, even at the thought. Yet an attempt to convert the tub to dairying purpose was not only inaugurated but the enterprise was maintained for some time. Sanitary Age, a Canadian plumbing paper gives the somewhat nauseating details, as follows:

Well, it has come at last. The bath tub, long held as the symbol of sanitation and lauded for its contributions to general health, is in disgrace.

Eugene Builbault of Montreal, put it there last week.

Eugene had ambitions to become a dairyman. "What this country needs," he said, "is better butter. A fine homemade butter containing such excellent ingredients as cocoanut oil, artificial coloring and other substances."

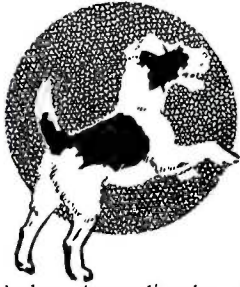
So he bought a few supplies and gave thought to his manufacturing facilities.

The dishpan was too small for his ambi-

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Animals In The News

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



Nine Chicago persons claimed ownership of "Jiggers" an Irish terrier. Result, law suit. In a crowded court room, Mrs. Harry Glickman called, "Jiggers", and the little animal bounded happily forward to his rightful owner. The judge immediately decided the dog belonged to Mrs. Glickman, awarding her custody of her pet.

A nanny goat drank part of a pan of gasoline which Farmer Miller was using for cleaning a farming implement. Miller threw a lighted match which struck Nanny's whiskers. Blooey—Nanny is nix.

Snowball, Spitz dog of Walter Clack, Houston, Texas, is home after a 600 mile hike, foot sore and weary. Clack says the dog strayed away in Odessa, Texas, March 13.

A pet canary bird owned by Mrs. C. J. Bastob of Decatur died at the age of 28½ years. The Bastobs conduct a pet shop. They say 12 to 14 years is a long life for a canary.

"Spot" is a small fox terrier at Hammond, Louisiana, and something of a rounder with a predilection for railroad life. He makes his headquarters at the railway station, welcomes incoming train crews and flips trains for short excursions. City authorities ordered all dogs vaccinated or destroyed. When it seemed certain that "Spot" would be killed, his friends circulated a paper to raise money to pay for his vaccination. The result was astounding. President L. A. Downs of the Illinois Central in Chicago wired a quarter contribution. Vice-President and General Manager C. L. Chase of St. Louis and Superintendent Fred Howell and Route Agent T. J. Seale, strawberry expert, both of Memphis, were among the thirty-two other contributors. "Spot" lives and is looking after his station and train crews regularly.

In the last Mueller Record, we told our readers about a Decatur owned cat which adopted and was nursing a fox squirrel. The M. K. & T. magazine comes along with

the story of a cat which is nursing two bulldog pups.

Trixie, 10-year-old fox terrier owned by William Steed, Denison, Texas, fell in a well and was rescued alive eight days later. A neighbor woman heard the little animal's whimpers and a boy was lowered into the well to bring Trixie to the top.

A six weeks' old calf was nibbling at the grass in the yard, and was viewed by the city girl.

"Tell me," she said, turning impulsively to her hostess, "does it really pay to keep as small a cow as that?"

In answer to a question, "Are all white Persian cats deaf?" an authority says, "All white cats are deaf providing they have been bred from white stock. This is also true of many other white animals and albinos."

A jungle bred lion or tiger, if caught young, is easier to train than one born in captivity, animal trainers say.

A Boston bull puppy born at Mattoon had seven legs and eight paws, one of the extra legs having two paws. It died in a few minutes.

It is said that rabies is unknown in the British Isles because no dog can enter there short of six months quarantine. Hazel Hurst, an American blind girl took her "seeing eye" dog to England with her to find that the animal would have to do six months time. She appealed to American Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy and an influential Englishman, without avail and came back home. Miss Hurst had planned a lecture tour on blind people getting around with the aid of a dog.

The Biological Survey says that dogs react to music and that sometimes it makes them howl loudly. Biologists cannot account for this in any other way except by assuming that it is a dog's instinct inherited from his undomesticated ancestors. In other words, the call of the wild.

Added to all the other weeks and days of the year we now have a National Dog week, September 18-24. Objects:

1. A good home for every dog.
2. To eliminate strays from the streets.
3. To disseminate the actual truth about rabies.
4. To educate dog owners in their obligations both to their dogs and the public generally.

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Muellers On West Coast

Employees Hold Annual Outing at Alhambra Park Under Ideal Conditions

It was a happy crowd of employees of Mueller Pacific Coast Factory that participated in the annual picnic on Saturday, July 16, at Alhambra park. Everything was congenial to make it an auspicious outing—the mood of the holiday crowd, the weather, the location, the spirit of good fellowship, the games, and feasting, each and all contributed to make the event one to be remembered. While the picnic followed in some instances the plans which have made Decatur outings successful, Los Angeles has some advantages, such as the swimming pool which provides aquatic sports and contests of an interesting character.

Afternoon

The afternoon platform exercises were opened by Mgr. W. N. Dill, who delivered a brief address of welcome and was followed by Adolph Mueller.

The program under the direction of George Leach included the following:

Vocal Solo—"No, No, A Thousand Times, No".....Norman Ve Lotta
Encore—"The Man On The Flying Trapeze"

Quartette—"Pale In The Amber

West".....Kenneth Potts, George Nursall, Bob Hanna and Hebard Churchwell
Encore—"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"

Vocal Duet—"Harbor Lights"

Maurie Hatfield & Virginia Strach
Baritone Solo—Negro Spiritual and
"On The Road To Mandalay"

George Leach
Piano Solo—"I Am Getting Sentimental
Over You" and "Rhapsody In Blue"

Sam Rauworth

This program afforded an hour of fine entertainment and gave added zest to the picnic spirit.

The effect of Norman Ve Lotta's singing was augmented by his costumes and dynamic gestures. On his encore, "The Man On The Flying Trapeze," the audience joined in the chorus with great vigor and enthusiasm.

All the other features were good but the solos by George Leach were greeted enthusiastically. His rich baritone voice found ample opportunity for displaying its rare musical tones. Quite a few Decatur people had the pleasure of hearing him sing during his stay here last winter.

The surprise numbers on the program were the piano solos by Sam Rauworth.

Many of his auditors never suspected that Sam was only a few notes behind Paderewski.

The entire program was right up to the minute and was greatly enjoyed by everyone present.

Prizes For Children

In addition to the drawing for the sink combination there were ten or a dozen gifts to employees whose clock numbers were drawn. Another popular feature was a drawing for the children, whereby five of the little folks were awarded one dollar each. This created a lot of enthusiasm and ended a most enjoyable program.

There were many family dinners in the pavilions. Big baskets bulging with tempting food were unpacked. During this proceeding Emmett Reedy was seen making a layout of meals being piled on the tables. Through this foresight he was able to maintain his picnic reputation. Finishing his own dinner, he promptly signed up at three other tables and his "pitching" average was perfect. Every mouthful was right over the plate.

The Closing Feature

The closing event of the day was the dance. This was held in the Story Park Club House instead of the open air as heretofore, and the change was greatly appreciated by the dancers. Music was furnished by Tom Menolis' eight-piece dance band. The music was excellent and thoroughly enjoyed, especially the snappy late numbers with vocal accompaniment rendered by members of the band.

There were so many good dancers that the judges had difficulty in determining winners, finally deciding on a tie between Kenneth Potts, dancing with Mrs. Jack Warren and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Porter.

The ball game, supervised by Roy Thomas and Pop Baker, got off to a good start with the East side of the factory opposing the West side—George Swarberg pitching for the East side and Bob Hanna for the West side stayed the whole game and each did a fine job. The score was nine to five with the East side winning for the first time. Bill Young proved to be the outstanding heavy hitter for the East side, getting two home runs and two hits. Jack Masoni also got a home run and Joe Higbee on the opposing team lined out one home run.



Joe Morgan and Donna Daugherty had charge of the children's games and provided many thrills for the youngsters. It was a famous day for the little folks.

Butsy Plays Beano

The Beano game came in for a large share of attention. It was managed by Cecil Foltz, Jerry Alt, George Tolladay, Gene Warren, and Mr. Ve Lotta. Butsy Dill sat in for an hour but couldn't win. His conversation indicated that he was laboring under a delusion as to the character of the game. He began by asking for a "10 dollar stack," then he kept "raising," calling for "two cards", and "histing the ante", and finally wound up by saying, "I'm cashing in. The game is too slow and my feet are getting cold."

The golfers had a great morning on the links. There were seventeen players and Sam Rauworth led with the low score, 87. Bill Jett and Charlie Du Bois tied for second with 94. The players and totals follow:

Picnic Golf — July 16, 1938

Name	Total
1. Adolph Mueller	97
2. Wm. Jett	94
3. Chas. DuBois	94
4. M. E. Henderson	110
5. Emmett Reedy	103
6. R. L. Jolly	99
7. George Leach	103
8. Sam Rauworth	87
9. Vernon Foote	126
10. Mike Liebherr	109
11. Bill Young	110
12. Glenn Blize	123
13. Kenneth Potts	112
14. Joe Baxendale	111
15. A. Hatfield	117
16. C. Musmecci	115
17. Pete Briock	109

Prizes

1st Low Total—	
Sam Rauworth	2 Balls
2nd Low Total—	
Bill Jett	1 Ball
High Total—	
Vernon Foote	1 Ball
Low Blind Hole—No. 4—	
Adolph Mueller	1 Ball
High Blind Hole—No. 8—	
Vernon Foote	1 Ball
Low Blind Hole—No. 3—	
Russell Jolly	1 Ball
High Blind Hole—No. 1—	
Joe Baxendale	1 Ball

The Games

The adult games created a riot of fun. They were conducted by Warren Wunderlich and Mike Liebherr. In the rolling pin throwing contest, an activity in which mar-

ried women are supposed to possess great skill and accurate marksmanship, they failed utterly, a young girl winning the contest, thereby lessening her marital prospects. Men are inclined to look askance at young women expert in heaving rolling pins.

The prizes for the various adult games and the winners are as follows:

1. Men's Throwing Contest — (Prize—Rubber Bath Mat)—Charles Musmecci.
2. Bean Race for Women — (Prize—Wooden Salad Bowl) — Mrs. Pete Briock.
3. Wheelbarrow Race for Men—(Prize—4 pair of socks)—Jay Snook, and Glenn Blize (Both of Assembly Dept.)
4. Rolling Pin Throwing Contest for Women—(Prize—Tablecloth) — Lennie Faucette.
(Booby Prize—Rolling pin)—Elsie Taylor of Packing Dept.
5. Shoe Race For Men — (Prize—Sweat Shirt) — Geo. Swarberg of Machine Shop.
6. Cracker Whistling Contest for Women —(Prize—Linen Guest Towel), won by Pearl Hatfield.
7. Men and Women's Relay Race—(Prize —6 Handkerchiefs)—Miss Hanna and George Swarberg of Machine Shop.
8. Women's Relay Race—(Prize—2 Novelty Aprons)—Miss Hanna and Miss Cox.
9. Double Sack Race for Men—(Prize—2 Polo shirts)—Elson Foster of Machine Shop and Joe Higbee of Plating Department.
10. Nail Driving Contest for Men—(Prize—Dress shirt)—Charley Portec of Polishing Department.
11. Nail Driving Contest for Women—(Prize—Table scarf)—Bertha West.
12. 3-Legged Race for Men—(Prize — 2 neckties) — Louis Wyant of Machine Shop and Warren Wunderlich of Buffing Dept.
13. Throwing Contest for Women — (Prize —Powder Puffs)—Bernice Lang.
14. Sprint Race for Men—(Prize—Belt)—Geo. Swarberg of Machine Shop.
15. Spring Race for Women—(Prize—Rubber bath mat)—Miss Cox.
16. Egg Tossing Contest (For Men) — (Prize—2 leather cases and cigarettes) —Bob Jett and Russ Jolly of Shipping Department.

The Swimming Contests this year, conducted by Joseph Higbee and Wilma Wilgus, were held at 11:00 a. m. This seemed to be an advantage because the members of the ball teams went direct from the game to the plunge and the swimming contests were well attended. We are proud to say that the girls took to the plunge this year in a very attractive fashion and showed

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Always Something New

(From Nation's Business)

A new cap for a medicine bottle shows when the next dose is to be taken. A tiny steel ball in a ribboned groove is moved to the hour or half-hour mark as a reminder.

A reel on the handle of a vacuum cleaner winds up the surplus cord automatically and feeds it out as required. Claimed that it eliminates dangling wires, tripping over cords and tangling.

There is a new household cleaner for painted and enameled surfaces, claimed to be particularly efficient and speedy. Removes, evaporates quickly without leaving streaks or film. Does not harm anything not affected by soap and water.

A new pick-proof lock has a cross shaped key and keyhole. There are four sets of tumblers working in different directions at the same time. Available with two interlocking keys so that both keys must be used to open the lock.

A new needle allows tags with string loops to be sewed to garments or fabrics. It has an opening in the eye through which the tag string slides easily. Needle and string are passed through the material, the string looped, and the needle eye is disengaged from the string.

A new line of lead-tin solders has improved tensile strength, up to 9500 pounds per square inch, and slightly lower melting points.

Growth of algae in swimming pools is prevented by a grayish white powder dissolved in the water. Does not color the water, does not stain white suits and is not objectionable to bathers.

For economically wrapping packages with burlap there is a new tubing which fits objects of several sizes without waste of material. The expense of sewing is saved.

In an elastic webbing the rubber strands are adhered to their yarn covering in such a way that they do not slip after laundering. It does not pucker and maintains its elasticity longer.

A new machine to keep shop air clean economically draws the air, as a vacuum cleaner, from the vicinity of grindstone, welding, or other shop operations and filters it before it is released.

A table lamp providing indirect light casts a rectangular pattern to conform to desk or table area.

A liquid measuring device replacing the cork in a bottle rapidly measures and delivers an exact ounce of liquid. It fits any bottle and, it is said, will pour 16 accurately measured ounces in one minute. Oh! ho! Sixteen ounces is just a pint.

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Drawings

Afternoon: Mueller Sink Combination—August Bork.

Evening: Eric Blankenburg.

Children

Express Wagon: Forrest Baum.

Doll: Nina Mae Taylor.

Badminton

Introduced here for the first time this summer became very popular from the start. Picnic day was made the occasion for the championship. This was won by Bud and Gene Simpson. They defeated Pete Duncan and Ralph Uhler, best three out of five. The Simpson brothers won in three straight games.

Children's Games

Siamese Twins Race — Elmer Harshbarger and Jackie March.

Rooster Hop—First, Everett Henderson; second, J. D. Harper; third, Robert Reynolds.

Fifty Yard Dash—First, Elmer Harshbarger; second, Jackie March; third, J. D. Harper.

Horse and Rider—First, Henderson and Reynolds; second, March and Harshbarger; third, Harper and Garver.

Jumping the Brook—Walter Lewis, third; Johnny Benstead, second; Danny Oakleaf, first.

JAY WALKERS

At Phoenix, Arizona, jay walkers are not penalized, but are politely pleaded with. A policeman hands them a card reading: "Please, Mister! Be careful."

WILL BE STILL FUNNIER IN 1975

In 1905 Statesboro, Georgia, had petitions to the council demanding that operation of automobiles in that town be restricted. Today it would require "ordnance" and a regiment of soldiers, instead of an ordnance.

Kid Jokes



Willie's Bad Luck

"William," said mother severely, "there were two pieces of cake in the pantry when I went out, and now there is only one. How did that happen?"

"I don't know," said William. "But it was dark, and I suppose I didn't see the other piece."

Missed A Chance

"George, did you fall down in your good pants?"

"Yessum, I didn't have time to take them off!"

He Will Not

Mother (to son wandering around room): "What are you looking for?"

Son: "Nothing."

Mother: "You'll find it in the box where the candy was."

Hoggish Father

Comrade John Dervin, of Philadelphia, sends the story of a small boy who was late for Sunday school. His teacher asked the cause.

"I was going fishing, but my daddy wouldn't let me," said the boy.

"You're lucky to have a fine father like that." "And I suppose he explained to you why you shouldn't go on Sunday."

"Yes, mam." "He said there wasn't enough bait for both of us."—American Legion.

Makes Father Wonder

Small Boy: "Say, Dad, my teacher seems to take a great deal of interest in you."

Dad: "How's that, son?"

Small Boy: "Well, almost every day she tells me to sit down and behave myself, and then says she wonders what kind of a father I have."

Answer Him Truthfully Papa!

Brown, Sr.: "Supposing I should be taken away suddenly; what would become of you?"

Brown, Jr.: "Oh, I would just be here. The question is, what would become of YOU?"

Knew What Was Wrong

Daughter: "Father, did you go to Sunday school when you were a boy?"

Father: "Yes, regularly. I never missed a Sunday."

Daughter: "Well, I'll bet it won't do me any good, either."

Truth Will Come Out

Mother (on bus): "If you are not a good boy, I shall smack you."

Junior: "You slap me, and I'll tell the conductor my real age."

Up To The Minute

Little Wilbur was walking his girl home after school. Both were eight years old.

"Margie," said Wilbur fervently, "you are the first girl I've ever loved."

The girl sighed.

"Just my luck," she snapped. "Again I've drawn an amateur!"

Dumb Papa

Father: "Son, now you tell me why I just punished you."

Son: "Cripes, Pa, first you wallop hell outa me and now you want to know why you did it?"

Why?

"Mama, how much do people pay for a pound of babies?"

"Babies are not sold by the pound, dear."

"Then why do they always weigh them as soon as they are born?"

Sure Enough

Small Boy (who has been scolded by his mother): "I say, dad, we'd have had a fine time doing as we liked if you hadn't married mother."

Where It Was

"Gracious, dear, why were you trying to feed the cat with bird seed. I told you to feed the canary."

"Well, that's where the canary is, mother."

Discouraged

Uncle George: "So, this is the baby, eh? I used to look just like him at that age. What's he crying about now?"

Little Niece: "Oh, Uncle George, he heard what you said."

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SLATES

In these modern days of fountain pens, tablets, and pencils, we had almost forgotten slates and slate pencils of school days. There were two kinds of slates — those enclosed in a wooden frame and the "book slate" which had four spaces to write upon and folded up like a thin book. It was non-breakable but expensive as slates go, and only a few pupils used them, much to the envy of their less fortunate fellow pupils. No difference what kind or style slates may have been, they were unsanitary and most undesirable for that reason. They led to filthy habits. Pupils who did not have slate rags had mouths and coat sleeves.

We enjoyed our belief that modern methods of teaching had long since put slates and slate pencils in the garbage can. A news note advises that, "many school children still write on slates and that the leading slate pencil country, Thuringia, turned out 189,000,000 slate pencils in six months of 1937.

Be Calm, Doctor

The patient sat up for the first time after the operation in a happy frame of mind. "Gosh," he said, "the operation was a success, but I wouldn't let them cut into me again for a million dollars."

Just then the surgeon approached. "Sorry," he said, "but I've got to open you up again. You see a terrible mistake was made. I left one of my rubber gloves inside of you." "Don't be goofy, doc. Here's a quarter go buy yourself another glove."

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good form as well as ability in the different events. The results of those contests are as follows, first, second and third winners in order named:

Girls' Races

Relay: Almeda Thomas, Dorothy Heflin, Velma Foote.

Low Diving: Dorothy Heflin, Almeda Thomas, Elsie Taylor.

High Diving: Dorothy Heflin, Eloise Cox, Wilma Wilgus.

25 Yard Backstroke: Almeda Thomas, Dorothy Heflin.

Men's Races

Low Diving: Bob Hanna, Glenn Blize, Kenneth Potts.

High Diving: Bob Hanna, Kenneth Potts, Earl Jacklin.

50 Yard Relay—3-man teams: Bill Kulikov, Bob Hanna and Glenn Blize; Kenny Potts, Charles Musmecci and Jay Snook; Howard Walker, Bill Walker and Bob Gailey.

50-Yard Free Style: Bill Kulikov, Charles Musmecci, Jay Snook.

50-Yard Back Stroke: Bill Kulikov, Glenn Blize, Kenneth Potts.

Under-water Race: Joe Higbee, Glenn Blize, Charles Musmecci.

ARTHUR'S BIG SURPRISE

Mary Pickford Drops Into Small Illinois Town Unannounced



Mary Pickford and her husband in the little town of Arthur, Illinois.

Well, we expect you've already guessed this picture—who was and is remembered as one of the famous artists on the screen—Mary Pickford and her husband, Buddy Rogers. But you have never seen her in these environs during a county fair in the little town of Arthur, Illinois, twenty miles southeast of Decatur. And did the management swell up with pride to meet the artist, because of her lovely, gracious, friendliness—smiling and natural to all who approached her, posing for photographs and enjoying every moment of her visit.

Traveling from St. Louis to Chicago on a crack train she cajoled railroad officials to make a short stop to permit her to disembark for a brief visit with her husband. When that was finished she entered her automobile which was there waiting for her and finished her journey to Chicago.

Arthur is a small town but does things in big town fashion which accounts for Buddy Rogers and his band having an engagement there.

However, the visit of America's Sweetheart was the biggest thing on the program, made so because it was wholly voluntary.

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tious plans. The old wash tub leaked. So he remembered the bathtub and gloated over having finally discovered a use for it.

Eugene was not only the dairy plant superintendent, but the sales manager as well. From door to door he went peddling his amazing product.

But the police interferred, and Judge F. E. Enright said:

"It'll cost you \$500 for infraction of dairy regulations."

Eugene couldn't pay, so he went to the cooler, where his bathtub idea may be somewhat chilled.

INHUMAN TORTURE

Frightful Punishment Practiced By Civilized Countries

My object all sublime
I shall achieve in time—
To let the punishment fit the crime.

Reading a book on crime and the methods of punishment in different ages brought those lines from "The Mikado" back to memory with the thought that men and nations began the hideous task centuries before Gilbert and Sullivan turned their talents to tuneful light operas. And in doing so they followed paths of frightful torture, in many instances inflicted on helpless victims charged with minor offenses.

Basis for Punishment

Punishment is based on four major principles:—retribution or vengeance, repression, reformation, and prevention. In earlier days evil minded men devised some devilish instruments for punishment of criminals or even those suspected of crimes. Some of these devices were for torture only, while on the other hand, some were merely the prelude to death. Doubtless many of the unfortunate victims who suffered torture prayed for death as a merciful escape from their sufferings.

The Rack

Take that cunning little device known as "The Rack," a frame work to which the victim was strapped while his limbs were stretched out by a windlass until the joints cracked and were dislocated.

This had its beginning among the Egyptians, Athenians, and Romans. Then it found its way into Germany, and France. Early Christians got generous tastes of it as did the victims of the Inquisition. The English did not grab the idea until 1447. A fine, philanthropic old gentleman, the Duke of Exeter, introduced it, and it was much in vogue during the time of King Henry VIII and Elizabeth. The punishment was indicated by the sign manual without spoken word, or by civil warrant. In other European countries it was used by civil authorities in cases of traitors or conspirators and also for extorting confessions of heresy.

Bed of Roses

Compared to this we should regard the electric chair or the lethal chamber a bed of roses where one might wrap the draping of his couch about him and lie down to pleasant dreams.

Flogging or whipping was another disgraceful and inhuman system of punish-

ment. In early days both sexes were subject to it but women were absolved from it in 1820. Males are still liable, but whipping sentences are no longer imposed by the courts. In our American history this was a mode of punishment in quite a few states but long since abolished on a very fine principle which included no constitution, legal or states right,—far more delicate and refined than any of these. It was thought a degrading method for the poor devil who had to take it on the back, as well as to the soft hearted "gent" who applied the lash.

A Russian Idea

The scourge or knout was the refinement of cruelty in the line of floggings. It was practiced in Russia. The knout was made up of many thongs interwoven with wire. One hundred or 125 lashes were equivalent to a death sentence. Victims rarely survived that many clouts.

Another mode of punishment which was practiced in England and the American colonies, but long since discontinued was the ducking stool. This consisted of a chair fastened to the end of a long pole. The victims were strapped to the chair and given a ducking in the pond.

Double Header

This seems to have been a case where the "punishment fit the crime." The alleged miscreants were shrewish, gossiping, ill-natured women, but garrulous, meddling men were also included. Frequently man and wife were both culpable. In such case they were strapped back to back on the chair for a "double-header" at no extra charge and no rain checks. The old pillory was in this category.

Two methods of repulsive punishment which still prevail are the French guillotine and the garrote in Cuba. The latter has various methods of execution. If the condemned is a soldier, he is shot by a firing squad. If a civilian, the garrote is the way out. This consists of a chair to which is attached a collar of iron and hide which fits around the victim's neck. Attached to this is a screw which the executioner tightens until the victim is strangled or his neck is broken. It requires ten or twelve minutes.

The Question

What is said to have been the severest and most dreaded of all tortures was "The Question," which does not seem to signify much, but what it lacked in significance was made up for in cruelty. A hard leather funnel was forced down the victim's throat by a callous assistant and bucket after bucket of water poured in. The "simple question," considerably referring

to women, was limited to six quarts of water. The object was not only punishment but to enforce confessions or admissions from the tortured souls.

The Boot

Scotland gave us "The Boot" in 1600. Made of iron and wood or iron. It was fastened to the leg and wedges driven between the leg and the boot with a mallet to make an unwilling witness talk or a suspected person confess. After each blow a question was put to the victim and continued until he talked or fainted. There were also iron boots which were heated on the victims' feet and another method to wet a boot, draw it up on the leg, and then dry it.

Legal Methods

Most of these inhuman practices came down through the ages, but it has taken centuries of civilization to rid us of the cruel practices. Aside from tortures, legal methods of execution ran the gamut of cruelty. These have included beheading, burning, breaking on the wheel, boiling, strangulation, suffocation, burying alive, drowning, stoning, crushing, piercing, precipitation from a height, and combat in an arena. These cruelties were pretty well effaced before the close of the 17th century and the United States has no such records as the older countries.

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Ready To Tell

Father: "Sonny," "I want to talk to you after dinner. I want to discuss with you the facts of life."

Son: "Well, Dad, what is it you would like to know?"

Getting Rid of Nuisance

Bobbie: "Did the angels send the baby from heaven?"

His Pa: "Yes, Bobbie. Wasn't that nice?"

Bobbie: "Nice for the angels. I s'pose he got to be such a nuisance they couldn't stand for him any longer."

Redhead

First Kat: "See that redhead? I understand she's celebrating her eighteenth birthday."

Second Kat: "Why not?" "Better late than never."

Praise does a wise man good, but a fool harm.

Pin not your faith on another's sleeve.

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5. To teach kindness and consideration by children and adults toward dogs and animals in general.

6. To emphasize the use of the dog as a home protector, faithful companion and useful servant.

7. To secure fair and just laws for dogs and their masters, but also to respect the rights of those who do not own dogs.

OUR IMPORTS

The principal imports of the United States are: sugar cane, raw silk, coffee, crude rubber, newsprint paper, copper, cotton goods, mineral oil, furs, and manufactures of furs, other hides and skins, wool, including mohair, jute and manufactures of jute, gems, wood pulp, tin, fertilizers, unmanufactured tobacco, vegetable oils, oil seeds, woolen goods, flax, and hemp, and manufactures of both, raw cotton, fruits, and silk goods.

ARABS ORIGINAL MERCHANTS

The beginning of commerce goes back to the Arabs. They were the first foreign merchants of whom there is any record, but their trade was all by land. The Phoenicians were the first maritime carriers. They were the founders of Tyre and Sidon. Owing to the heavy costs of transportation, the goods were of lighter weight and of the richer sort, such as spices, silk, embroideries, fine linens, and manufactures of gold, silver, and precious stones.

Women Spenders

The women of the United States spend 85 cents of every retail dollar. They influence the purchase of 62 per cent of all hardware; 85 per cent of all drugs; 90 per cent of automobiles; 98 per cent of the household supplies; 97 per cent of the groceries; 77 per cent of the sporting goods; and even the purchase of 61 per cent of men's haberdashery is influenced by women.

Two Glads

Father—Aren't you glad now that you prayed for a baby sister?

Son (after viewing his twin baby sisters)

—Yes; and aren't you glad I quit when I did?

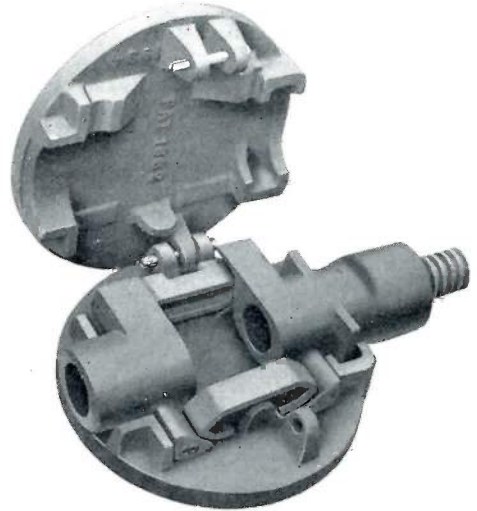
“Sir, the enemy are before us as thick as peas!”

“All right, shell them!”—Pelican.

Little Boy: “What are wienies?”

Collitch Man: “Hamburger with tights on.”

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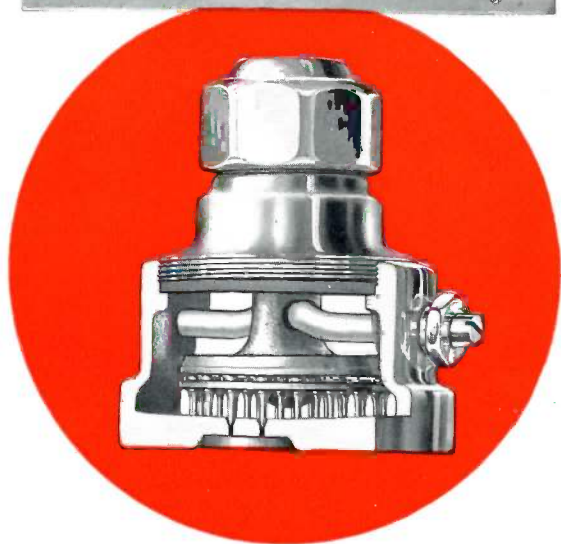
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