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Young Lady's Defense Not of Great Weight

Dean Roscoe Pound of the Harvard law school said at a dinner in Boston:

"The organization of our courts is practically what it was in the eighteenth century, and the defenders of this antiquated state of things remind me of the young lady."

"A young lady had a young man arrested for kissing her."

"Prisoner," the judge said to him, "you are charged with kissing this young lady unlawfully. What have you got to say in your defense?"

"She didn't mind, your honor," said the young man.

"The judge turned to the young lady."

"Surely," he said, "the prisoner kissed you against your will?"

"Yes, he did, judge," said she. "Time after time. It was something awful."

"She kissed me back, though, your honor," the young man put in.

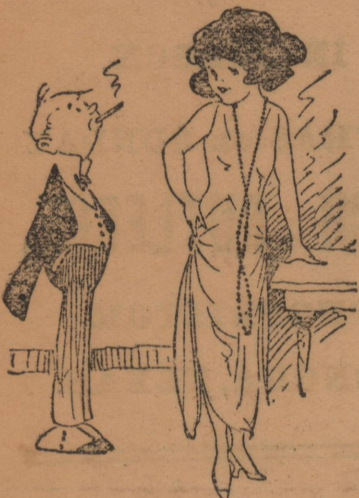
"Young lady," said the judge, "did you kiss him back?"

"She blushed and said evasively: 'It was something awful.'"

"Did you kiss him back or not?" the judge persisted.

"Well," she faltered, "if I did, it was only in self-defense."

NOT ENCOURAGING



He—I hope you've thought over the proposition of marrying me.

She—You'd stand a better chance if I hadn't, I'll say.

Changing Russ Names

Sweeping the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics is a fad for changing names of countries, cities, villages and individuals. After every political leader is named at least one community—those whose former names were Romanov. Now Moscow is changing the names of eighty streets which had the names of former bourgeois citizens. In Leningrad an enthusiast whose name was Ikonikov—compounded from the religious ikon—had it changed to Tovarish (Comrade) Ren, formed from the first letters of the Russian words meaning revolution, electricity and peace—the three steps in the Communist program for Russia.

Learn Art of Waiting

To keep up with the times, English cafe waiters and cooks are going to school again to learn the fine points of their jobs. Several technical schools for cooks and waiters have been started by the London county council, with the backing of all the larger hotels and restaurants. British subjects only are admissible, and one of the ideas of the enterprise is to improve the art of waiting so that foreigners will not be able to flock to the English cities and select all the first class positions because of their cleverness and polite manners.

Like British Live Stock

Breeders of race horses and blood-stock generally are of the opinion this industry has developed into one of Britain's best. Export demand has grown to such an extent of late years that England is said to be supplying the world with blood-stock. At the December sales in Newmarket, England, there were buyers from no less than fifteen countries, including the United States and South America. American buyers are said to be the keenest and buy only the very best thoroughbred animals.

Protected From Cold

When New Haven (Conn.) police searched Clarence Warner, of Ontario, Canada, they found that he wore five suits of underwear, a pair of trousers, heavy overalls and a thick overcoat. Warner said that it was more difficult to keep warm in Ontario than it appeared to be in New Haven.

Discovery May Throw Light on Philistines

American scientists excavating in lower Palestine have found what they believe to be the ruins of the great Philistine sanctuary of Ash-taroth, goddess of love. All we know about this temple is that on one occasion, after the tragic battle of Gilboa, where the first Hebrew king committed suicide and his son was slain, the armor and swords of Saul and Jonathan were hung here as trophies. We also know that David later captured the fortress that guarded the sanctuary, and this was its end as a national center of the Philistines. Extensive ruins have now been uncovered, and innumerable clay tablets have been found. So far the inscriptions on these tablets have not been deciphered, for they are in an unknown language. Strange though it may seem, this is not considered an insuperable difficulty by archeologists and philologists. What will they reveal when finally decoded? Some light no doubt will be thrown on that extraordinary people, the Philistines, so long the bitter enemies of Israel. Perhaps we'll hear some more of that intriguing fellow, whose size and sword were our delight when we heard the Bible stories for the first time. And who knows but we shall meet again with Samson, who played the Philistines many a trick, not the least of which was his last performance of pulling a temple filled with people down on his own head.—Pierre Van Paassen, in the Atlanta Constitution.

Great Poet's Cottage Now Free From Smoke

When Will Shakespeare was eighteen years old, in 1582, he ran away and married Anne Hathaway, in whose cottage at Stratford-on-Avon the young couple set up house-keeping. Anne cooked for her poet-husband upon a crude kitchen hearth, and on rainy days the chimney smoked. He would complain, and she would scold.

If the Shakespearean hearth had not smoked, the course of literature might have been changed. The modest Hathaway cottage became a shrine for pilgrims from all over the world. Recently a new caretaker was installed who refused to cook her tea upon the ancient smoky hearth. In a tiny alcove off the kitchen a gas stove has been installed. The kitchen remains as it was when the great poet's bride used it, but for the first time the blackened ceiling beams are free from the haze of smoke that has clung around them for more than 300 years.—Utility Bulletin.

Girls for English Colonies

To add to the inducements that the English colonies are holding out to prospective colonists it is now proposed to establish a school for girl farmers. While the boys are being trained on one farm in the art of plowing and handling stock the girls are to be trained in a school nearby in the art of becoming farmers' wives. The first party will consist of 12 girls. They will sail for New Zealand and will receive their training on a fine estate near Palmerston. The expenses of the experiment are being paid from a fund established by the sheep farmers of New Zealand, a good many of whom, it is said, are minus wives.

New Uses for Aluminum

Aluminum will, quite possibly, soon displace copper in electric transmission and distribution wiring. A new process for extracting aluminum from clay has been developed to reduce the cost of the production of this metal to such a figure that it can be used for transmitting and distributing electricity from generating stations.

Ship Stabilizer

Seasickness is expected to vanish before a mammoth gyro stabilizer, to be installed in a 20,000-ton American liner. The gyroscope is a large heavy metal disk, which, when revolving at a high rate of speed, offers great resistance to lateral motion. Thus the steamer can steady itself by holding onto the gyroscope, which refuses to swing.

Better Than Vaccination

A scientist in Great Britain claims to have found a way to immunize persons from smallpox and other diseases without vaccination. His system is to fill a room with immunizing vapor, and persons sniffing it through their nostrils will become immune to certain diseases.

Large Floating City in British Columbia

One of the oldest cities on this continent is Simoon Sound, on the coast of British Columbia, says the Pathfinder Magazine. The entire place is made up of floating dwellings. The chief industry in that section, is logging, and most of the work is done on the sides of steep cliffs, where it is almost impossible to build a house.

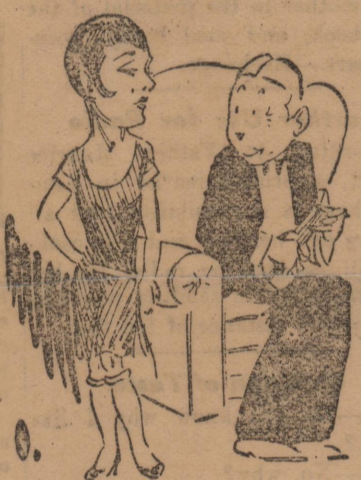
Then, too, the loggers are continually moving to new sites. So they solve their housing problems by building comfortable dwellings of cedar stakes, similar to shingles, only about twice the size and rougher, on log rafts. The loggers live in these raft houses for many years, towing their homes to new sites for logging.

A number of years ago one enterprising logger tied his raft-house up at the place called Simoon Sound. As the anchorage was good and the location was shelter from wind gales, he started a store.

Gradually other floating dwellings were added until now steamships make regular calls to the port and the government has established a post office there.

The main street of this floating city has all been connected and considerable city beautifying has been done. Flowers have been planted along the way in old canoes and the storekeeper has a garden in an earth-filled boat. In the winter many new floating houses are added to the city, but they float away again when the loggers go back to logging with the return of good weather.

NATURAL ENOUGH



"Joe's going in for aviation now."

"That's not strange. He always did act flighty to me."

Elevators at Niagara

To replace the Beddell stairway leading to the "Rock of Ages" and the "Cave of the Winds" at Niagara Falls, a 200-foot tunnel connecting with a shaft 167 feet deep has been constructed, says Popular Mechanics Magazine.

The shaft was dug straight down from the surface of Goat Island and contains two electric elevators, surrounded by a spiral stairway.

The mouth of the tunnel opens directly upon the whirlpool, and a peninsula built of rock removed from the excavations affords a close inspection of the falls. It has been named "Clearwater View." A structure on top of the shaft provides quarters for sightseers as well as space for the elevator apparatus. The new passages did not cost the state a penny, as all funds were taken from fees paid by tourists.

Londoners Puzzled

A committee of 18 men, representing the medical association, the metropolitan police and magistrates, has been formed in London, to try to find an answer, through scientific tests, to the question which has been puzzling police courts for years: When is a man drunk? A wonderful variety of opinions have been given.

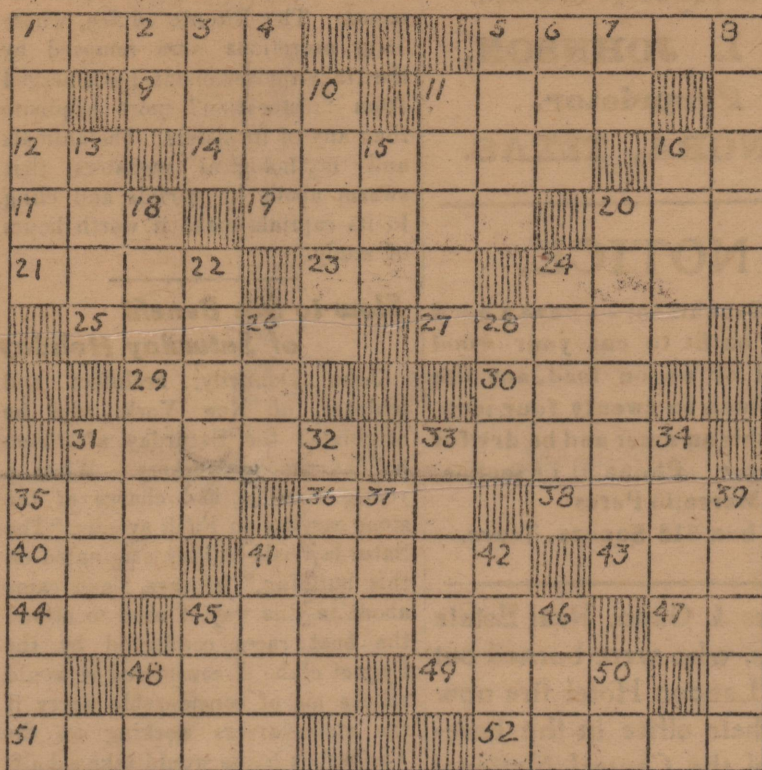
Woman's Lucky Day

When Mrs. Raymond Adams found a hard object in a chicken's gizzard at Gloucester City, N. J., she said it was a diamond, and her family laughed at her. Their opinion was that it was only glass. Mr. Adams took the stone to a jeweler, who said it was a perfect diamond, worth about \$80. He was ordered to set the gem in a ring.

Old Treasure Trove

The blade of a plow directed by George Goller of Washington, N. J., lifted an earthenware pot from its century-old sanctuary and hurled it on the furrow ridge. Goller picked it up to throw it on a pile of stones. The cover came off and a stream of Colonial coins spilled out. The dates ran from between 1732 to 1770.

CROSS WORD PUZZLE



- Horizontal.
- 1—A nobleman
 - 4—A jewel (pl.)
 - 7—Kind of wine
 - 11—To encourage
 - 12—Bones
 - 13—Italian river
 - 14—Part of "to be"
 - 15—Devoutness
 - 16—Also
 - 17—Mound of earth
 - 24—Metal
 - 27—Riotous festivity
 - 29—Anger
 - 30—Was victorious
 - 31—Stumber
 - 32—Sleeping-car bed
 - 35—Ale
 - 36—Snake-like fish
 - 38—Belonging to you
 - 41—Boy
 - 42—Ungulate animal of Palestine
 - 43—Born
 - 44—Preposition
 - 45—Rower
 - 46—Southeast (abbr.)
 - 47—Decease
 - 48—Give off
 - 49—To wander aimlessly
 - 51—Doors to the street
- Vertical.
- 1—A buffoon
 - 2—At this time
 - 3—To share
 - 5—Prefix meaning through
 - 6—Preposition
 - 8—To faint
 - 10—Hackneyed
 - 11—To change
 - 13—To embark
 - 14—Insect
 - 16—Small body of water
 - 18—Ruined
 - 20—City in New Jersey
 - 22—More certain
 - 24—Yellowish white
 - 26—To observe
 - 28—Female sheep
 - 31—Bench
 - 33—To hold responsible
 - 34—Colors
 - 35—Mild manner
 - 37—Printing measures
 - 39—Bamboo-like grasses
 - 41—Arrow
 - 42—Cognomen
 - 43—Idiot
 - 46—No (slang)
 - 48—Note of scale
 - 50—Another note of scale
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- Solution will appear in next issue.

ANSWER to last week's puzzle.

RUTASHESGEE
IRONPENGRAY
MAXIMUMERASE
LITERHAUNT
WNETDAREDS
IFREMITLENT
LIPRAGESBAH
EROSRISESCO
SSTARTVATP
STONYFEVER
LEMONDENOTES
ORALLEARENO
TENHENRYSTY

KEEPING WELL GUARDING OUR GATES

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OUR great seaports are the gates into this country from the outside world. No matter how carefully diseases were controlled within, our efforts would be but of little use if diseases were allowed to come in from all the world. For many centuries, probably beginning in the days of wide-spread pestilences in Europe in the Middle Ages, each nation has endeavored to protect its people by stopping at its borders all diseased persons from without. This is called quarantine, from the Italian word *quarantena*, meaning forty days, because the old Italian cities of Venice, Genoa and Naples used to hold vessels from infected ports for forty days, until all danger of new infections developing had passed.

In the early days of this country there was no national quarantine service. Each state or city had its own regulations. As a result, the regulations at New York were entirely different from those at Boston, Philadelphia, Charleston or New Orleans. This caused so much confusion that about fifty years ago the United States government took control, and today the quarantine work is in the hands of the United States public health service and the rules regarding quarantine are the same in every port of entry in the country.

This quarantine service is so well organized that, although it goes on ceaselessly day and night, in every harbor in which vessels from abroad may land, it is done so quietly, so effectively that few people know of its existence.

In his annual report to the secretary of the treasury, Surgeon General Cummings reviews among many other things the work of the quarantine division. In spite of the fact that the seaports in this country are in constant communication with infected ports, there has not been a single instance during the past year of disease entering this country from without. Not only that, but, for the first time in our history, no ship has been even held up on account of yellow fever. This disease exists in Central America, South America and West Africa, yet it has not been allowed even to board any vessel bound to this country. Cholera exists in Asia and Russia, bubonic plague in ports in forty-five different countries, but no cases of these diseases have landed on United States soil.

So, like dwellers in a well-guarded house, we live in security against these dreadful plagues, because the watchers at the gates are always on guard.

French Inventor Plans for Airship on Rails

Paris bids fair to be the first of the world's largest cities to solve its rapid transit problems high in the air. Recent reports from the French capital indicate that actual construction work soon may begin on a remarkable high-speed air railway along which propeller driven cars suspended from an overhead monorail will travel 60 miles an hour, carrying thousands of commuters between Paris and the suburb of St. Denis.

Designs for the airway have been completed, examined by expert engineers and found to be practicable, writes Arthur A. Stuart in Popular Science Monthly. The proposed car for the Parisian line would be virtually a propeller-driven airship suspended from and running along a rail. Its body, tapering off at both ends like a dirigible, would be built of duralumin, extremely light, while it would be capable of carrying from sixty to one hundred passengers. The entire car, including equipment, would weigh only five tons. Present plans call for a car 40 feet long, 7 feet wide, 7 feet high, driven by a 9-foot propeller. The car would be driven by either a gasoline or electric motor. A reversible propeller would permit it to be run in either direction. Extra cars could be hooked on to a propeller-driven car in rush hours.

American Medical Men Praise Chinese Drug

An ancient Chinese remedy, esteemed in the East for 5,000 years, promises to become a powerful new tool in the hands of modern doctors. When introduced into laboratories of the University of Wisconsin by Dr. K. K. Chen, the drug stood stiff tests as a treatment for asthma and colds in the head, and also as a local anesthetic.

The drug which is being studied by Doctor Chen is known as ephedrine and is the active principle of a lowly herb.

"The plant has long been used by the Chinese as a treatment for asthma," said Doctor Chen in an interview. "It is characterized by the sweating which follows its use."

Used in asthma, ephedrine forces the muscles to relax around the air passages in the lungs. The effective area of the lungs is thereby increased and breathing becomes easier. Its use in a head cold is to close the ducts of the secreting glands, thus relieving the condition known as a running nose.

Because tests indicate that it is more powerful and more perfect, ephedrine is expected to supplant adrenalin, which is obtained from the adrenal glands of animals and put to a variety of clinical purposes.—Science Service Bulletin.

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