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PATIL ON THE PARTY SYSTEM

A STOUT champion of the Congress, Mr. S.K. Patil is also its most fearless, and sometimes embarrassing, critic. It was this able leader who swept Congress to victory in Bombay but later on picked up a quarrel with the State Ministry for not abiding by the instructions of the Pradesh Committee of which he is the President.

Addressing a meeting of merchants in Bombay last week, Mr. Patil said that the system of democracy as it functioned in the country was greatly handicapped for want of an effective Opposition. In other words, the Bombay Congress chief would have it that the present one-party rule was undesirable in that people's real grievances sometimes tended to be ignored. He told his listeners most of whom were business men: "I honestly believe that if the two-party system had existed in this State, there would not have been that taxation of which you complain."

A proper and effective Opposition, went on Mr. Patil, was pre-requisite for the working of democracy. The ideal should be the two-party system obtaining in the United States and Great Britain. A Member of Parliament himself, Mr. Patil, we presume, must be speaking from personal experience and knowledge.

While there can be no two opinions on the ideal that he holds up, we are afraid that he turns a blind eye to the realities about him. It took more than fifty years of struggle, suffering and rigorous discipline to build up the Congress into a party that could function first as an Opposition and later on assume the reins of administration.

Can that be said of any other party today although we have quite a number of parties? There was the Liberal Party which often played the role of Opposition but became defunct with the attainment of freedom. The

Communists are far from democratic in inclinations and it is very doubtful if they can ever work within the four corners of the Constitution. The Socialists must clear the fog from their minds before they can ascertain their bearings and formulate a programme to suit the needs of the people.

Acharya Kripalani, however, once raised high hopes that he would succeed in drawing out many dissenters in the Congress and form the most powerful Opposition to the party in power. His vague utterances and doubtful alliances with the Communists and Socialists for the sake of convenience discredited the Praja Party even as it was being born.

Then, again, there are several States which are describable as the backwaters of our democracy. It is unfortunate that many people there hardly understand the import of democratic procedure or government but only know that they have won freedom. Very recently, the imposition of a direct tax—sales tax, to be precise—started an agitation which took a very violent turn. While we agree that the State Government might have been more tactful when introducing the measure, people forgot that the exercise of freedom involved obligations that needed to be fulfilled.

It looks as if Mr. Patil is far ahead of his times. Parties must be allowed time to grow to their full stature. Since Mahatma Gandhi got for us freedom long before we were disciplined enough to receive it, we must patiently strive for perfection. It may even take decades for us to reach the desired goal.

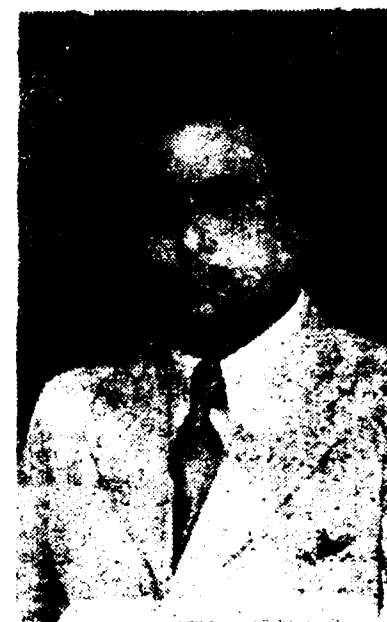
There will be Opposition, nevertheless, although it will be impossible to have the U.K. or the U.S. pattern here. The French model more easily suggests itself. Among the multiplicity of parties we can expect marriages of convenience in our Legislatures and Parliament and easy divorces, too!



IN THE NEWS



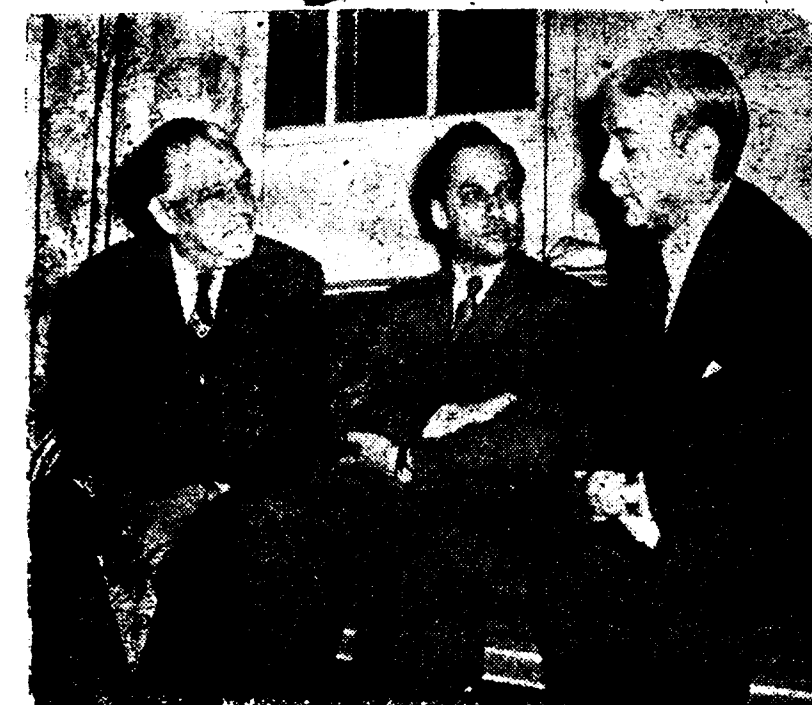
Justice K.N. Wanchoo, Chief Judge of the Rajasthan High Court, who arrived in the City on the 7th instant to inquire into the financial implications of the formation of the Andhra State.



Sri P.V.S. Vencatachallum, the new Sheriff of Madras.



Dwight D. Eisenhower, President-elect of the United States, recently visited the U.N. Headquarters. Here, he is being greeted by the president of the current (7th) General Assembly, Lester B. Pearson of Canada. With the President-elect was U.S. Secretary of State-designate, John Foster Dulles, extreme left. Trygve Lie, Secretary-General of the United Nations, second from left, welcomed the President-elect.



Exchanging ideas on economic problems are, left to right, Ceylon's Ambassador to the United States, Claude Corea; Consul General in New York for India, A. Lall; and India's Ambassador to the United States, G.L. Mehta. The three officials participated in the recent conference in New York sponsored by the Far-East American Council of Commerce and Industry.

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— Competition Editor.

NEWS & NOTES

The Lost Ones

Of late there has been a noticeable increase in the incidence of leprosy in the country. Every year, it is estimated, 15,000 children contract the disease. Of the world's leprosy patients who number 4 to 5 million you find one half in India. Presiding over the fourth All-India Leprosy Workers' Conference, Mr. Devadas Gandhi laid all the stress he could command on the necessity for organized action to stamp out leprosy in the country. Drift and neglect, he warned, would easily add another million victims to the present number.

To the many selfless workers in the cause that gathered at Puri, Mr. Devadas Gandhi uttered a note of caution. An unceasing campaign might help to check the disease and eradicate it completely within a hundred years. Indeed, imagination staggers at the formidable nature of the problem that is facing the nation.

The distinguished President then went on to detail the various aspects of relief work and the resources available. After referring to the various organizations devoted to the cause in India, he spoke in praise of the silent work of the foreign missionaries and indicated that they were welcome to carry on. "Some of the missionaries will still be in our midst and may, on a basis of close understanding with us, in the new, free environment, make even a greater contribution than in the past. They should receive every encouragement from us."

Recalling his contacts with doctors and social workers in the rural areas of the South, the President analysed the reactions of the generality of patients. In some instances, it was very difficult to persuade patients to see what was good for them. They were intractable and would not listen to advice. The workers had an uphill task in most cases. They had to contend

with the ignorant prejudices of the healthy section of the population in a given area, on the one hand. On the other, they had to coax families who had more than one or two leprosy patients amidst them. It was almost impossible to isolate them. Either there were reasons of delicacy hampering the families from coming forward, or the patients themselves were not co-operating. "This is a stone-wall," remarked Mr. Gandhi, "which it takes months of patient coaxing and cajoling to break down. In other cases there is no facility for isolation because the little one-room hut in which the family lives is all the accommodation they have."

Priority, we feel, must be accorded to those patients discarded by their families. Towns and cities and places of pilgrimage like Hardwar (which the President pointedly mentioned) swarm with men and women suffering from leprosy. "Some of them get into the habit of begging," he said, "and even amass wealth thereby." Mr. Gandhi described it as a major avoidable scandal but we would call it a grave menace to public health. But the President himself confessed to inability to tackle this problem. When organizations feel helpless in regard to this aspect, the public are apt to feel even more so. Both the Central and the State Governments must be urged to join hands, and special homes must be built for these unfortunates. Otherwise the whole problem will soon get out of control.



In East Africa

British methods of suppressing trouble in colonies are always ingenious. We were only too familiar with them when H.M.G. was ruling over India. Most atrocious among them was the principle of collective punishment. It has been adopted in Kenya today to

overcome the Mau Mau troubles. Whole villages are being fined or destroyed with the inhabitants imprisoned in concentration camps.

This kind of ruthless persecution has evoked the warm admiration of even the Malan Government which has decided to copy some of Britain's repressive measures. With characteristic bluntness, the London *Daily Mirror* castigates Mr. Oliver Lyttelton for bringing about the present hideous situation in Kenya and condemns his brute force policy which may even cause the loss of British Africa. "Thousands are herded in compounds with the gallows for company," it observes. "Men have been shot, arrested by hundreds, and held without trial."

As many neutral critics have pointed out, the trouble is more economic in origin than political. The Africans' land hunger must be appeased by taking away more fertile farms from the whites and assisting the original inhabitants to settle in them. It is much to be feared that a racial twist may be given to the issue and native fury may cleverly be let loose against Indians. Recent murders of Indians there would seem to confirm such a view.

Clearly, the European minority is in a panicky mood and still clings to the desperate hope that Africans can still be coerced into the position of continuing as hewers of wood and drawers of water. But those in power often forget the lessons of history. Repression seldom pays in the long run.



Appalling Toll

In the course of a single week, last month, more than 400 deaths from cholera were reported from Tanjore District alone. Among the chief endemic centres in India are the delta regions of the Cauvery, according to a statistical study published by the World

Health Organization. Unenviable distinction, in this connection, goes to the delta regions of the Bay of Bengal, the Brahmani and Mahanadi rivers of Orissa, the Cauvery, the Godavari and Kistna rivers in Madras and, last but not least, to the numerous locations along the Ganges and Brahmaputra rivers.

Though it is a valuable survey in itself, the public would require light on the causes for this disease. Obviously, this is only the first phase of the study undertaken by W.H.O., and the day when India will be completely free of this scourge is far off.

Inoculations with saline injections—a method recommended by Sir Leonard Rogers—do help to bring any outbreak under control. But whatever the measures and precautions taken by the health authorities—and they are woefully inadequate—the disease claims a toll of 300,000 lives in India every year. How does it happen to thrive on the soil of the delta regions?

In an interesting editorial, the *Manchester Guardian* recalls how inoculation was resorted to for protection. "A quarter of a century ago," it says, "Sir Leonard Rogers pointed out that millions of pilgrims who periodically swarm across India were gatherers and carriers of cholera and he recommended compulsory inoculation of all pilgrims travelling through infected areas. After long and discouraging delays his suggestion was followed during the Pandarpur fair in 1936. The result was that the spread of the disease was averted."

When the disease assumes epidemic form, the energies of the Public Health Department are bent towards the task of control and for the rest of the year it seems incapable of paying sufficient attention to other urgent problems. The disease, therefore, must be attacked at the root itself. W.H.O. must go to the very breeding grounds which, in the words of the *Guardian*, "are the leaky, uncovered wells and the excrement of the villagers."



A Solemn Occasion

The recent celebrations at San Thome in connection with the

19th centenary of the arrival of St. Thomas and the fourth centenary of the death of St. Francis Xavier were as grand as they were solemn and many non-Christians considered it a privilege to pay homage on the occasion. To the Christians who assembled in their thousands at the San Thome Cathedral, Jesuit Fathers and Bishops explained the significance of the function and spoke eloquently about the work and activities of the Apostles.

Unlike Pakistan which is intolerant of minorities, India is a secular democracy, the land of the free. Addressing the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches at Lucknow, the other day, Raja Maharaj Singh said that not only freedom of religion had been guaranteed, but freedom to propagate one's religion had been written into the Constitution. He revealed that a measure recently proposed to restrict the number of missionaries entering India had been dropped at the instance of the Prime Minister.

Speaking at Mysore, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, India's Vice-President, stated the Hindu point of view that all religions were equal and that they led to the same goal. "Religion may wear many faces and speak in many dialects. But its authentic voice is of human compassion." The two Apostles to whom such glowing tributes were paid at San Thome, were known to be the embodiments of that human compassion, referred to by Dr. Radhakrishnan.

Wanted Passengers!

According to a *Times of India* report, railway authorities are much perturbed at the big drop in passenger earnings. This, it is feared, may affect the general revenue position. The shrewd and the discerning may see in this a sign of slump that may hit the nation when we are least prepared for it. Says the Delhi representative of the Bombay daily in his despatch, "The general belief is that the drop in the passenger earnings may be partly due to the general depression in trade and partly due to the famine conditions in a large part of South India."

The railway authorities have yet to realise, apparently, that the fares that they have enhanced twice within four years have put railway travel under the category of expensive luxuries for most. And the purchasing power of the people is dwindling day by day.

Another factor that is not to be ignored is the fierce competition on the road. More buses are plying now and more quickly, perhaps, than the trains in the case of shorter distances. The Railways must cut the present fares at least by one-third and make travel more attractive. Cheaper return tickets, "Go-As-You-Please" passes during national holidays may go far towards augmenting passenger earnings. But such changes would seem to call for boldness of initiative and imagination.

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Gandhian Way

At the first international Gandhian Seminar in New Delhi, last week, the Prime Minister gave an admirable exposition of Gandhian philosophy and warned that the world was going step by step towards some tragic disaster. Delegates from ten countries of the East and the West took part in the discussions that followed.

Pandit Nehru asked whether the leaders and statesmen in various countries were making strenuous and sincere efforts to avoid war. "I do think, and I do say with all respect, that there is so much talk of peace everywhere but very little of it is honest talk. I do not say it of the multitudes of people. People in every country want peace." Rightly did the Prime Minister point out that fear deterred most of these leaders from working earnestly for peace.

Explaining how Gandhiji wielded his unique weapon of non-violence, he said: "To be very firm and inflexible and to fight evil with all your might but always to be prepared for reconciliation is a very difficult thing. But that was his technique." The Mahatma almost cracked the very foundations of the British Empire; his war against British Imperialism was relentless. But he kept the door of negotiation always open. Under his matchless lead people fought the system that was grinding them down. But they had no bitterness against any individual Britisher. The Gandhian technique enabled the Indians, when the time came to end the struggle, to do it "courageously, gracefully and with a minimum of bitterness."

Wars were bad enough, he went on, but the worst aspect of them was that they left behind a trail of hatred and bitterness. The vicious circle must be broken before another war came to annihilate mankind. "I hope," he said in conclusion, "that the labours of this Seminar will be able to help people understand and get out of the rut which makes them think that there is no other way to solve a problem than to hit a man with a club or no other way

to convince another but to break his head."

To the discussion that followed, Lord Boyd-Orr made valuable contribution. He mentioned four significant factors in the modern world which must not be lost sight of while considering the possibility of applying Gandhian techniques to the solution of national and international problems. The first was that the advance of science had created conditions which could eliminate hunger and disease. But misuse of such advantages would altogether destroy mankind.

According to the British leader, the second factor was that power tended to concentrate in the hands of a small minority. The third was that small states were of little account and that only two nations (the U.S.A. and Russia) were in a position to dominate the world. These two were strong enough to deploy overwhelming military power and force major decisions. The only hopeful factor was the fourth. It was the great development of the ethical consciousness of the masses.



Attlee's Praise

At a press conference in New Delhi, the other day, Mr. C. R. Attlee, leader of the British Labour Party, referred to the splendid progress made by India during the last few years. He said that the democratic experiment was succeeding so very well that India could aptly be described as the spearpoint of free democracy.

Very few are likely to remember that Mr. Attlee had come to India previously as a member of the much-discredited Simon Commission whom Indians in one voice asked to go back. Many changes have occurred since then. The Labour Party has grown in size and strength and, when in power, with Mr. Attlee as Premier, it gave freedom to India—a fact which Mr. Churchill bemoaned in season and out. Mr. Attlee assured his listeners that at no time did the Labour Party regret the transfer of power.

Britain's ex-Premier was full of praise for the way the general elections were held in this country. He was very greatly impressed, he said. "Realising as I did the enormous difficulties of conducting an election with a huge population, it is a wonderful achievement to carry out that election on a scale never previously attempted."

Expressing his belief that the world's salvation lay in democratic socialism, Mr. Attlee stated that the days of free and unregulated economy were over. But the Socialists did not pin their faith on a uniform pattern for all countries as the Communists did. Each country could adopt socialism but develop its philosophy according to its own needs. That way it could serve as a bulwark against Communism. "Our task now is to get the maximum of co-operation and planning with the greatest amount of individual freedom. The counter therefore to my mind to Communist totalitarianism is free democratic socialism."

It would be hardly necessary to emphasise here that the Five Year Plan embodies the very principles enunciated by Mr. Attlee.



End of Austerity

Pongal comes but once a year but it does bring all-round cheer in Tamil Nad. The recent rains marked the end of five years of unbroken drought and semi-famine conditions in several parts of the State. The farmer's prayers have at last been answered and it is to be hoped that his new pot of food offered to the sun-god will forever banish want from the land.

Only good food and that in plenty will make for peace, contentment and health. It needs to be remembered that this is the first Pongal after the War when rice is off the rations and one can have any quantity of staple food provided, of course, he digs deep into his pocket. But the celebrations this year are marked by a justifiable feeling of optimism. The sudden fall in the price of rice is also of happy augury.



WE took over the "Hotel Tonyd", Abergaldy, which had seemingly been empty for a number of years, in the course of duty, as our chief, in his most jocular manner, expressed it. To the local people, however, it was just another phase of the "Civil Service Invasion." Time and labour were short, so we had no option but to clean up the place ourselves. Instinct, curiosity, call it what you will, caused me to gravitate towards the letter rack. Sure enough there were four exceedingly faded and dusty epistles bearing the postmarks August 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd, 1920, respectively. All were addressed to Haldon Bordman Esq., c/o Hotel Tonyd.

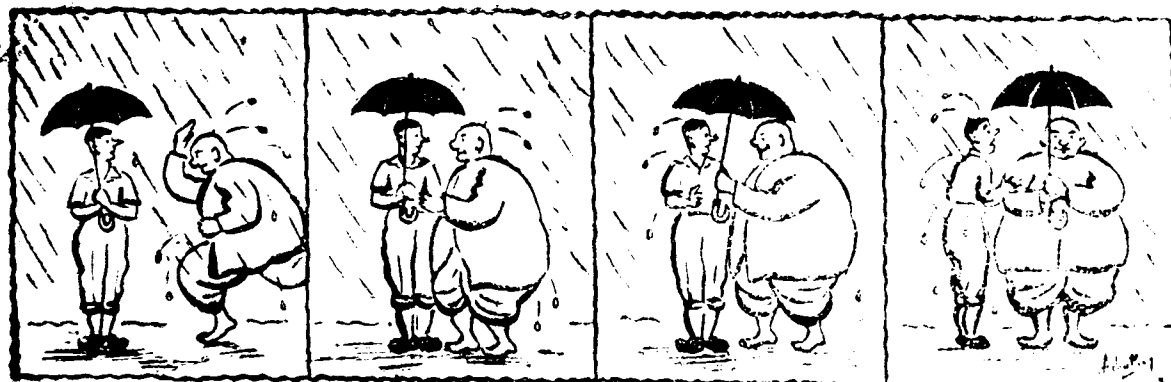
After this cursory inspection, I must plead guilty to an unpardonable breach of etiquette, for I opened them all in turn and read them.

Michael Hervey

The first one commenced with the customary "Dear Sir," and went on: "I trust you will forgive my approaching you in the following matter, especially since you are on your vacation, but I am in desperate need of your services as a psychiatrist, services for which I cannot pay, for the simple reason that the mental blight afflicting me has lost me my position as chief clerk some months ago. You will now understand why I have resorted to writing this letter, instead of attempting to call on you personally. You will appreciate that I am quite unable to pay the train fare of £2-5-0 to Abergaldy, my financial resources having dwindled down to a few shillings.

"Rumour has it that you are a wealthy man as a result of your tremendous practice, and you are therefore willing to treat an occasional case free of charge, providing it has unusual features. Well, I can assure you mine is just such a case. Even so, I would not have approached you, were it not that you are my last hope. I am going mad, not slowly, but with the frightening speed and inevitability of a machine completely out of control.

"THE symptoms? They are very straightforward and simple. Briefly I have become more and more afraid to wake up in the mornings. Why? Because I know that I cannot get out of bed without brushing against an invisible, ghastly something, horribly clinging and clammy, which seems to hang from the ceiling. Sometimes, when lying under the bed-clothes with eyes tightly shut and nerves taut, I take to imagining what this



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loathsome thing would look like but I could not see it. I feel it to be a foul creature from the worst hell of man's imagining, a monstrous bloated bat, perhaps, whose wings, still wet with slime derived from ghoulis contact with putrid car- rion, seek to envelope my face every time I essay to leave my bed.

"I have been reduced to crawl- ing across the floor, dragging the clothes with me, in an attempt to evade the horrible, trailing pinions, but it is all of no avail; they find me, no matter how close I get to the floor.

"I cannot go on like this much longer. Please write, in the name of humanity, telling me what I should do to escape this horror. I beg of you to take pity on me."

The appeal was signed "Clement Naughton Wade," and the writing throughout was won- derfully neat, though showing evidence of a shaking hand, which, considering the subject matter, was hardly surprising.

THE next letter, dated the 8th, opened rationally enough. "Dear Mr. Bordman," it read. "Seven long days have passed — seven days filled with the torture of waiting for your decision. Am I to understand from your silence that mine is a hopeless case? Am I to go on suffering these horrors of the pit until my mind splits asunder, and I rush into the street scream- ing and tearing at my flesh? Am I beyond redemption? What have I done that I should be called upon to endure this ghastly tor- ment? Is not my case unusual enough for you? Does my sanity mean nothing to you? Does the fact that I have a wife and child dependent on me touch some chord of pity in your heart? When I tell you that I am reduced to gibbering idiocy every time I waken from sleep, will you not be convinced that I have suffered enough?

"The Thing is no longer content to wait until I rise before seeking to envelope me with its trailing, slimy pinions. It grows impatient during the night and touches my pillow, light as a breath from the grave, and every bit as contaminated and decayed. In this fashion it endeavours to

wake me, to remind me, that it is waiting ... waiting ...

"You must help me! The Thing will sooner or later pre- vent me altogether from sleeping. Then it will be with me all the time ... all the time ... Can't you see what that will mean? I find it practically impossible to bear the strain as it is. Either I shall go raving, screaming, mad or the Thing will finally claim me for its own. The clammy draperies which are its hellish pinions are becoming increasingly difficult to throw off. They cling to my head and face, threatening to choke me! The odour of decay never leaves me now ... Save me! In God's name, I beg you to help me before it is too late!"

THE writing in the third letter was almost indecipherable. The hand guiding, the pen seemed to have become powerless and afflicted with palsy, so that the words wandered over the page like lost entities in search of a haven of refuge. There was no conven- tional opening this time, but merely a date, August 15th, and then: "There is no hope for me now. Even if you wished you could not help me. I am doomed. I was a fool to write to you in the first place, I see it now. You were right to ignore my letters, for there is nothing anybody can do for me. How could I suppose for a moment that I could escape from this evil Thing? For it is stronger than I, and must there- fore be the inevitable instrument of my destruction; I can no more resist it, than I can prevent the sun from rising ...

"It grows more importunate with the passing of the days. I sought at first to evade its filthy, clinging embrace by sleeping in my wife's room, and then in the nursery; but it was no use. The Thing followed me wherever I went. I next tried doing without sleep altogether, walking the streets at night. But my invi- sible, devilish companion accom- panied me, smothering me with folds of the sticky, foul-smelling, clammy substance which forms what I suppose to be its wings — gigantic wings that can wrap them- selves all around me, so that my eyes, nose and mouth seem to be

full of the stuff. I had to return home, for I no longer knew where I was going and stumbled, and collided with people.

"I even tried to make some sort of cage-like arrangement with which to shield my face and head—that should give you some idea to what lengths I was driven! It was an absolute waste of time, of course. Nothing can keep the Thing away from me. It oozed through the wires of my cage like some putrescent dis- charge, and congealed against my skin in its usual revolting consistency.

"I no longer fight against it. The worst, however, is yet to come. And yet the will to live is still strong—mainly, I suppose, because I lack the courage to make an end to the horror; but also because I cannot leave my wife, Carol, and my boy like this ... Even so, I do not think I can endure this misery much longer.

"If only I were sure that the Thing were but a product of my diseased mind! But it seems so real to me; it has substance that I can feel and smell. Surely a figment of the imagination would be less tangible? And if it does exist in its own right—then, for me, I fear, the worst is yet to come."

THERE was no letter contained in the last envelope, only a news- paper cutting which gave little or no prominence to the suicide of an unemployed clerk by the name of Clement Naughton Wade, un- doubtedly as the result of a fit of depression was the Coroner's comment.

I can understand why Bordman did not reply to the letters. He was killed, if my memory serves me aright, whilst travelling down to Abergaldy in August, 1920. I knew him fairly well, and felt the loss in more ways than one. But what I cannot fathom is who sent him the newspaper cutting— unless it were Wade's wife? ●●

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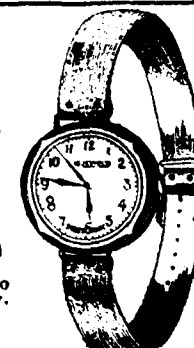
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THE jeweller behind the counter smiled happily as the man and girl entered his shop.

"Good afternoon, Mr. Weston," he said.

Weston gave him a curt nod. He was tall, well-built, and had that distinguished appearance of a man in his forties who had enjoyed a well fed, orderly life.

The girl smiled with that charming confidence displayed by girls who know they are beautiful and have learnt to attract attention.

"We would like to see some bracelets," said Weston. "Diamond bracelets."

The jeweller produced a velvet-lined tray of bracelets studded with small diamonds.

"They range from eighty five guineas," he said, "to one hundred and fifty guineas."

"Can we see something a little... h'mm, better?" Weston asked quietly.

The jeweller beamed.

"Of course!"

He produced another batch of bracelets on a more sumptuous tray.

"I am sure you will find one of these to your liking," he said.

The girl was unmistakably impressed. For a while her eyes shone and her lips parted slightly. But she immediately recomposed herself and smiled.

"They're really beautiful," she said.

The jeweller held up one for inspection.

"A really fine specimen," he said.

The girl's eyes were on the bracelet, so she missed the almost imperceptible nods and glances that were exchanged between Weston and the jeweller.

"Try it on," Weston told the girl.

The jeweller assisted the girl to adjust the bracelet.

"There," he said, in the manner of an artist exhibiting a rare masterpiece.

"Oh, it's lovely!" said the girl. "Don't you think so, dear?"

For the first time Weston smiled. He looked at the bracelet and then at the girl.

"Yes. Especially on you!"



By William Evots

Then turning to the jeweller he asked suddenly: "How much is it?"

The jeweller hesitated for only a second before he replied:

"Six hundred guineas—a really fine piece of jewellery, Mr. Weston."

Weston turned to the girl.

"Do you like it, dear?"

The girl did not reply, but only looked admiringly at the bracelet, then smiled at Weston.

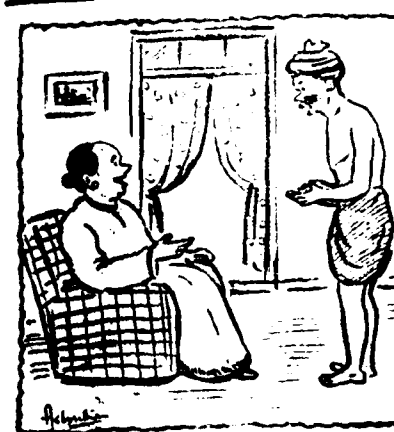
"I think we will take this one," Weston told the jeweller, who produced a small, luxurious box into which he placed the bracelet with much ceremony and loving care. Weston took out his cheque book while the jeweller wrote a receipt. The sale was now completed.

The jeweller ignored the other people waiting in the shop and accompanied the couple to the door, wished them goodbye, then lingered until they were lost in the afternoon crowd.

WESTON hailed a cab for the girl, and, after asking her to wear the bracelet for him when he was to see her in the evening, he gave the driver her address and paid him.

But the girl re-directed the driver before he had gone very far.

The cab stopped at a small city hotel. Several people turned to



Servant: "Sir, at least my son got a chance in the All India Radio."

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watch her as she went quickly but gracefully inside.

She knocked at a room on the second floor, and a young man opened the door. He was tall and solid, but he had a flabby face with bloodshot eyes.

"You're late," he said.

"But wait till you see what I've got."

The girl walked into the room and the man closed the door.

"He's the most influential sucker I've ever met," the girl said. "He writes cheques for six hundred quid and people accept them without a murmur."

"Have you got the bracelet?"

"Yes."

The girl handed him the box, then lit herself a cigarette.

"If he really wasn't such a bore I could go for him in a big way."

The young man swung her around and twisted her arm.

"Stop it," she said. "I was only joking."

"But I'm not. Where's the bracelet?"

"You've got it. I gave it to you."

THE man snapped the bracelet with his hands, threw the pieces on to the floor and crushed them with his feet.

"I'm not that dumb."

"What do you mean?"

The girl's face, which only a few minutes before had attracted the attention of those who saw it, was now pale, and deep lines furrowed her forehead.

"This rubbish isn't worth six quid — and certainly not six hundred."

He pulled the girl towards him with one hand, and slapped her twice across the face with the other.

"Where is it?"

"Please, darling. I don't know what you're talking about. That's the only ..."

The man again slapped the terrified girl, then pushed her roughly on to the bed.

"You know where to find me ... but bring the bracelet next time."

He left the room, slamming the door as he went.

The girl did not follow him. She got off the bed and picked up the broken pieces of jewellery. She held them in her hands for some time, then dropped back on to the bed and wept quietly.

AND at that time Weston entered the jeweller's shop. "You were wonderful," he told the jeweller.

"Only too happy to be of some assistance, Mr. Weston. And here's your cheque back."

Weston took the cheque, tore it up, and handed the jeweller back his receipt.

"She seemed such a charming girl, too, Mr. Weston."

"Well, I think you'll agree that many men have been tricked by stones they thought were diamonds."

The jeweller nodded.

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He tried to sleep and push all the difficulties into oblivion. But his mind was obsessed with the fears of the disgrace that awaited him on the morrow and sleep remained miles away. He began to wonder whether he possessed the courage to put an end to his wretched existence. He did not find that out. Someone knocked on the door.

He thought that it must be the old money-lender. A desperate plan sprang up in his mind. He would invite the old bloke in, promising him to pay and then force him to return the promissory note. If necessary he should be rough with him, gag him and beat him into pulp! An unscrupulous money-lender deserved no better treatment!

With this idea, he went and opened the door. At first he did not see anyone. Only a sweet fragrance was in the air. Then a young and beautiful lady glided in.

"You may close the door, Naresh," she said, calmly.

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Naresh looked at his midnight visitor in dismay. He was reminded of the stories he had heard of how certain elves, disguised as beautiful women, tempted and dragged unsuspecting lads to their death. He was frightened.

She observed his discomfiture. "Naresh, I was afraid that you may do something desperate to-night. That's why I did not wait till the morning. All the publishers turned down your offer, eh?" she asked.

Then he remembered her. He had seen her standing in the counter of the publishing house, selecting some books, while he was talking to the Manager. Afterwards he had seen her that day in several other places. He had even wondered whether she was shadowing him. But then it appeared quite ridiculous to him and he had dismissed the notion. But now he knew.

It was then that it occurred to him that he was standing dressed only in his underwear, in the presence of a lady. He ran to the bedroom, collected a dhoti and tied it round his waist. He was about to put on a shirt, when she herself walked in.

"Never mind those formalities, Naresh. I have come only to help you," she said. She then opened her hand-bag, took out a wad of hundred-rupee notes and tossed it on his bed. "A couple of thousands for you, Naresh," she announced dramatically.

"A couple of thousands! But I don't even know who you are!" Naresh exclaimed.

"Does that matter? Then I shall tell you. But there is no use in telling you about me and my troubles unless you are also prepared to help me," she said in persuasive tones.

She looked at Naresh and smiled. Any toothpaste manufacturer would have offered a lakh of rupees to advertise that smile. It worked wonders on Naresh.

"I will do anything for you," he promised.

"Then I will tell you. But give me your word of honour that you will not reveal it to anyone in the world."

SHE extracted that promise from him and then began: "Naresh, I am an unhappy creature. I was married three years ago. But it was an unhappy life. I need not go into all those details. It's enough if I tell you that though we lived under the same roof, we were poles apart. Without any reason my husband hated me. He revealed that in every gesture of his. He had an annual income of a lakh of rupees. But in his will, he left everything to a cousin of his. My husband died a few days ago."

"Has he not provided anything for your maintenance?" Naresh asked.

"No! Not a single pie! But, fortunately, he died while we were away on a holiday visit to a distant village where we were quite unknown. So no one is still aware of his death."

"But how can that help you? The truth is bound to come out, isn't it?"

"No, Naresh, if you are willing to help me, it will never come out!"

"Me? What can I do?" he was puzzled.

"Well, Naresh, you look exactly like my husband. I have seen

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you, even in your scanty dress, from head to foot. In every minute detail, you resemble him. No one can tell the difference. You have only to change your name. You must be Ramesh from to-morrow."

HE just stared at her. The non-chalance with which she proposed so big a hoax appalled him. He did not know what to say or do. He walked to and fro, arms folded on his chest.

"I know you think of me as a greedy, selfish woman, Naresh," she explained, observing the hardening of his face. "But, honestly, I am nothing of the sort. God knows how much I have suffered before arriving at this decision. If by any thought or act I had deserved this treatment from my husband, I would not have proposed this. On the other hand, I have the conviction that I will be foolish to let some one else take what should rightfully belong to me."

"Naresh! I have endured too much for too long. Now I want to live. I feel that youth is for living and not for mourning. Will you help me?"

"Do you want me to be your husband from to-morrow?" he asked, brutally.

"Not if you dislike it!" She was unruffled. "I only propose that you accept the position of my husband."

"Without its advantages, eh?" he snorted.

"No! With all its advantages, but without its handicaps." She did not wince as she made the astounding statement.

Naresh thought for a while but gave up the process in despair. All his thinking instruments were in disorder.

"All right!" he finalised. "I shall do it even though I know that I should not do it." He let his emotions get the better of his judgment.

SIX months glided by. Naresh, now Ramesh, was going through the morning paper when a notice in it attracted his attention. "Will the author who lost the manuscript copy of the novel

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He reached the mansion of the actress within twenty minutes. The front door was opened by Miss S—herself.

"Hullo, Ramesh!" she greeted warmly. "Where were you hiding so long? Oh! you have come to claim the bet. I never thought that my knowledge of palmistry was so crude."

She caught hold of his arm and led him in. She opened his right palm and examined the lines. "Hullo!" she exclaimed. "Who are you? You are not Ramesh!"

Naresh heard her words with a sense of impending disaster. He perspired profusely. He knew he could not bluff Miss S—. She knew Ramesh rather intimately. She had a bet with Ramesh over something she foretold after reading his palm. He might resemble Ramesh in every detail but not in the lines of the palm. He should reveal his real identity.

"I am Naresh. I have come in response to your notice in the daily papers. I am the author," he said.

"Oh! You are the author of *Women Are Explosives!* eh? How strange! You look exactly like a friend of mine, one Mr. Ramesh. Only the palm told me you are not him. Please sit down. I will be back in a minute."

He sat down on the sofa, deeply thinking. She returned carrying a beautiful tea-tray which she placed on the table and sat opposite to him. Mixing the brew in two cups with milk and stirring the sugar, she explained the reasons for inserting the notice.

"Well, Mr. Naresh. I got the manuscript copy of the novel from a friend. I have read it many, many times. The character of the heroine is indeed a masterpiece.

My ambition is to act that part. I have shown the script to the producer and director. They are willing to offer you one lakh of rupees for its film rights. What do you say? Shall I take you to them to discuss the formalities?"

Naresh was stunned. One lakh of rupees for a book which he had offered to the publishers for a mere five hundred! Then the problem of Mr. Ramesh arose. He was baffled. He decided that the best course would be to ponder over all the details before any decision was arrived at.

"I will think over your offer, Miss, and let you know my answer by 5 p.m. to-day." He played for time.

WHILE Naresh was with Miss S., Mrs. Ramesh was having a visitor at her mansion. She shivered from head to foot when she saw that her visitor was her late husband's lawyer.

"Well! Mrs. Ramesh, it is surprising that you did not let me know of your husband's demise for so long, even though you were the sole beneficiary by his will," the lawyer remonstrated.

Mrs. Ramesh just stood there staring at the lawyer. What he said sounded almost incredible to her.

"I never understood my husband," she said finally.

"I don't wonder at that," the lawyer was quite gentle and considerate. "Perhaps you did not know that your late husband was a victim of a sort of sadism. He delighted in inflicting pain on those he loved most and in giving false hopes to those whom he detested. That was why he never told you about the will and treated you so cruelly. That was why he wrote to his cousin brother that he had made him his sole heir. It was he who informed me that Mr. Ramesh had died while holidaying in the village. He brought all the necessary evidence to prove it. He also claimed that he was the sole heir and that you were fraudulently enjoying the properties by keeping back the information of your husband's death. The poor fellow almost swooned when I told him the real truth and

revealed the exact provisions of the will."

AT that moment Mr. Naresh appeared on the scene. The distinguished lawyer lost all sense of dignity and jumped with a startled cry of "Who is this?"

"Oh! He is Mr. Naresh, a friend. He resembles my late husband."

The lawyer sighed with relief on hearing her explanation. "Oh, God!" he said. "Mr. Naresh, you gave me the fright of my life. I must claim damages!"

Mrs. Ramesh and the lawyer laughed loudly. Naresh was too bewildered to join in.

"I will be back in a minute," she told the lawyer and beckoned Naresh to an inner room and he followed. Gently, calmly, she announced what the lawyer had told her. Naresh was immensely relieved.

"So I need no longer be in the position of your husband!" he joked.

"Quite so!" she affirmed. "You must be Mr. Naresh from now on. But..."

"Yes, but what?" he heard the pounding of his heart.

She blushed. "I would like to be Mrs. Naresh... if..."

He took her in his arms. "Yes, darling! You *shall* be mine!" he whispered. Then he told her about his interview with Miss S— and the fame and fortune that awaited him.

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THE FAMOUS SCIENTIST

DR. SOMAS, M.S.C., PH.D., was the man of the day. His name flashed across the columns of the newspapers and every day his name was at least twice referred to by the news commentator of the All India Radio over the air. And the reason was quite simple. Dr. Somas was a recognised Indian authority on Nuclear Physics and a distinguished member of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research. It was reported that a proposal to depute Dr. Somas to the United States of America to study the latest developments in Atomic Physics was under the contemplation of Authorities.

Dr. Somas began his career in a none too congenial atmosphere, but by dint of ceaseless work and remarkable pertinacity, he came to occupy the position that he did. Now, he had won laurels. Several Universities vied with one another in conferring on him Doctorates. Foreign scientists who came to India did not consider their mission to be complete unless they had an interview with the Doctor. In short, Dr. Somas was at the apex of his renown.

But, notwithstanding the stupendous success that had attended the Doctor's efforts and the popular appreciation and official recognition of his merit, there was a fly in the ointment. There yet remained a person who was sceptical of his abilities and to impress whom (if at all, the Doctor wanted to impress anybody) he would have willingly gone to the ends of the earth. The person was none other than Mrs. Somas.

The reason for this was not far to seek. Dr. Somas, with all his scientific talents, had a weakness—call it an imperfection, if you want something sonorous—common to all uncommon men. He was, more often than not, frightfully absent-minded. He would place the key of his drawer in his coat-pocket and would create a stir in the house, would fret and fume until at last it occurred to him that he had the key in his coat-pocket all

the while. The same thing happened to his watch, to his pen, and, in short, to his every knick-knack. Indeed, his absent-mindedness became so persistent and alarming that Mrs. Somas began to look grave and often protested.

One day matters came to a head. Sitting comfortably in his study, the Doctor was reading an important article published in the *Canadian Scientific Journal*. He had been requested by the Editor of the journal to offer his comments on the article and it was precisely for that purpose that he was making a careful perusal of the same. The Doctor had sat at his desk very early that morning—as early as 5 A.M. and he felt a bit drowsy. Now, whenever the Doctor felt tired or drowsy during his work, he used to go up to the terrace and take a few minutes' stroll.

IN accordance with his usual practice, he went up to the terrace and after a brisk stroll got down. When he sat at his desk again, he found to his great vexation that the *Canadian Scientific Journal* was not there. He looked below the table, thinking that it might have fallen down. But, no, it had not fallen down. Nor was it on the table. Obviously the journal could not have flown up into the air.

The Doctor grew exceedingly irritated. The servant-boy was called in and was asked whether he had seen the journal lying on the table. The boy did not know. He had not entered that room at all. The Doctor's fury knew no bounds. He called his wife immediately for interrogation.

"Did you come into my room, just now?" queried the Doctor.

"Yes, I did," replied Mrs. Somas.

"Then you must have evidently seen the journal. Where did you place it?" demanded the Doctor in an aggressive tone.

Mrs. Somas was at first puzzled but at last was incensed. She retorted, "What the devil have I to do with your journal? True, I entered your room. But I never saw any journal. Where did I place it? Why, you seem to take it for granted that I had taken your blessed journal! The only thing about which you are not sure about, it seems, is the place where I had placed it. Really, you are very, teasing, dear."

"How on earth could the journal have disappeared, then?" remonstrated the Doctor.

At this juncture, the servant-boy very mildly suggested that the contents on the table might be examined afresh. Mrs. Somas advanced towards the table and began to arrange the things on it. When she just lifted the newspaper that had come there that morning, there lay the *Canadian Scientific Journal*, in pretty the same condition as the Doctor had left it. The fact was that during the Doctor's temporary absence, the newspaper had been blown over by the wind generated by the revolving fan and it had nearly hid the journal.

WHEN the Doctor realized that the journal was not lost and that it had been on his table all the while, he felt greatly relieved. But, now, he began to anticipate fresh trouble, not indeed from the disappearance of anything, but from his wife. And he was not wrong. Mrs. Somas turned to him triumphantly and said, "I wonder, my dear, why you are so dreadfully forgetful of these things. People say that you are smart. But they simply don't know. I know better. Smart, indeed! Why, I won't be surprised if one of these days you search for your head until you are reminded that it is after all just above your shoulders!" Mrs. Somas concluded her remarks with a derisive laugh.

Needless to say, Dr. Somas did not like the speech, much less the manner in which it was delivered. But he could do nothing. What Mrs. Somas had said was absolutely true. He knew that he deserved the snub and, therefore, refrained from retaliating just then.

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"Oh, fine," said the driving aspirant. "Yesterday I went at fifty miles an hour, and to-morrow I really mean to try opening my eyes when I pass another car."

What Stuff!

A wealthy man was being bored at lunch by a young man who monopolized the conversation, and finally passed round his sleeve-links for inspection. "Genuine malachite," he said.

"Yes," said the wealthy man. "It's a stone I like. I have several mantelpieces made of the stuff."

Far Below Aim

"I see you have a sign in your shop, 'We aim to please,'" remarked the customer.

"Certainly," replied the shop-keeper. "That's our motto."

"Well," said the customer, "you ought to take a little time off for target practice."

Only One!

A recruit was causing his sergeant a lot of trouble. Finally the N.C.O. went up to him and said sarcastically: "Do you realize you are the only one in step?"

"Well," said the recruit, "it's no good telling me—you'd better tell the other fellows!"

Shock For Dad

Tommy had spent a lot of time looking at a bookstall, and arrived home very pleased at what he had seen.

"Dad, I see they've published a new Dictionary containing 5,000 extra words."

"Great Scott! For heaven's sake don't tell your mother."

Animal Ways

A Hollywood actress was shedding a reputation at a night club. She stopped back-biting long enough to order a chicken sandwich and a glass of milk.

"Wouldn't you," asked a friend of the victim, "prefer the milk in a saucer?"



Filing And Pawning

"Is it true that Gladys is going to sue Reggie for breach of promise?"

"She was going to, but she got to know that it wouldn't be worth while."

"No letters, I suppose?"

"It wasn't that. No money. She was on the point of filing a suit when she heard about Reggie pawning one!"

Surprise Packet

It was his wife's birthday, but he had rushed to business in a great hurry, and she feared that he had forgotten all about it. When, however, he returned home before his usual time, kissed her, and put a small packet on the table, she knew that she had done him an injustice.

"And I thought you had forgotten all about me," she said, as she carefully unwrapped the package. Then she looked blank. "Pipe cleaners!" she gasped.

Not So Fast

Jack: "Every time I kiss you it makes me a better man."

Jill: "Well, you don't have to try to get to Heaven in one day."

"Bad Luck!"

Two friends met after many years. "Did you hear about Bill?" asked one, referring to an old acquaintance.

"No," said the other. "What happened to him?"

"He dropped dead outside a public-house."

"Going in or coming out?"

"Going in."

"What bad luck."

Hubby's Tip

"I told my husband I was thinking of bleaching my hair."

"What did he say?"

"Keep it dark!"

A HOLLYWOOD producer was put into a position whereby he had to give a relative a job in the studio. The relative arrived promptly the next morning, ready for work. "What do I do first?" he wanted to know.

"Well, see here," said the producer, "this is a sort of public relations job—just don't make it public that we are related."

Theory And Practice

"Now, boys," said the teacher, "always remember that you should never end a sentence with the word 'with.'"

"That is," he went on hurriedly, "unless you have nothing else to end it with."

A Different Ring

"I feel I've loved you long enough now, Gladys," said Gerald to his girl friend, "to show my devotion by giving you a ring. What is your 'phone number?"

In A Fix

"They say his wife's relations are impossible people. He doesn't know what to do about them."

"I see. Doesn't know whether to treat them as in-laws or outlaws."

Reaction

A parson had occasion to reprove a small boy for swearing. "If you feel you must say something just say 'Bother!'" he said. "Your father doesn't swear, does he?"

"Oh, no, sir."

"Well, then, if he were working in the garden and suddenly stepped backwards on to a rake which flew up and hit him from behind what would he say?"

"He'd say: 'You're back early, dear!'"

Rolling Stone

"What's that stone in Anne's engagement ring, Joyce?"

"A rolling stone, my dear. I had it once."

Big No More

"He's not such a big fool as he was."

"Has he got wiser?"

"No—thinner."

Money Enough!

"What about the thirty shillings you owe me?"

"Quite all right—it's your birth-day next Sunday and I'm going to bring it to you with my congratulations."

"You just bring the money and I'll congratulate myself."

So Long?

"Allow me to tell you, young man, that I was playing this game before you were born," said the elderly, slow golfer.

"Well, do try and finish it before tea-time," retorted the young man.

Fatal Other Way

The teacher was giving a health talk, and warned her pupils never to kiss animals or birds.

"Can you give me an instance of the dangers of this, Bobby?" she asked one boy.

"Yes, miss. My Aunt Alice used to kiss her dog."

"And what happened?" asked the teacher.

"It died."

Under-Statement

Edna: "You would hardly know Freddy since he got back from America. He lost all his money there and..."

Evelyn: "Hardly know him! Why, I shan't know him at all!"

Never Again

A woman was bemoaning the fact that her husband had left her for the sixth time. "Never mind," sympathized a neighbour, "he'll come back again."

"Not this time," she sobbed. "He's taken his dart board."

Disclaimer

"All extremely bright men are conceited."

He shrugged gracefully. "Oh, I don't know; I'm not."

Definition

"And what is a synonym, Tommy?" asked the teacher.

"A synonym," said Tommy, "is a word that you use when you can't spell the other one."

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He who runs away from the responsibilities of life and chooses the line of least resistance is sadly mistaken. Realization comes to the all-round hero, not to the coward.

With the achievement of independence of India, however, we should all try to inculcate in all her children a genuine love for Indian culture. Whenever and wherever it is possible, the Indian should be educated in the Indian fashion. Love of God and of a righteous life should be infused into him.

Every employee of the Government should work in a spirit of service to the country. A proper training in *Yoga*, with special reference to *Karma Yoga*, will go a long way in promoting this aim. I would urge the Government of India that they should include in the curriculum of every school a close study of the *Bhagavad Gita* and other religious scriptures of the land.

I can say this much for Hinduism that there is not one element in it that can justify Hindus converting themselves into religious bigots. Perhaps that is true of other religions, too. When the essentials are forgotten and the non-essentials are clung to, naturally Truth suffers and falsehood, whose other names are *Disharmony*, chaos, confusion, disunity, riots, wars and religious fanaticism, seems to

thrive. I should think that the whole world should, in course of time, become one unified state, where everyone will have the freedom to pursue his own path to the one Truth, worship the God in His particular, personal or impersonal form, realise the Truth, and translate it in every avocation of his life — political, social, economic and personal.

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Understand that everything is His will. Do not question. Doubt is death. Tell the Lord: "My Lord: give me more sufferings,

more worry. I will smile and dance, for I know that by such vibrations you are remembering me!" Be ever happy.

During your meditation do not worry if you do not clearly hear the 'OM'. It is not always an unavoidable necessary accompaniment of successful meditation. Some may, others may not. The criterion of successful meditation is in the intensity of concentration with which the meditator is capable of withdrawing his outgoing sense organs. *Manonigraha* — the death of mental faculties — is that which is aimed at in meditation. For this, the raw students are given various grades of exercises, all of them helping to strengthen the individual powers of concentration. Details are not to be confused as supremely important; the end is the divine goal. My book *Concentration & Meditation* will clear all your doubts and will guide you smoothly across the rugged path of your sacred mission.

Time obliterates even what apparently looks to be very enduring. Oh, *Kala!* Thou has swept away even the most powerful human beings. Only the sages, seers and saints of God-realization have defied your might. Utter the Name of the Lord, the Name that is Death to death itself. Practise. Mere lip-sympathy to *yoga* will be of no avail. Incessant and intense practice will unfold the Divinity in you!

The secret about perseverance is that if you always keep your goal in front of you and go on striving to reach it in spite of repeated failures, a time will come when you are able to overcome all obstacles and tread the path without further difficulty. Then all the past failures will appear as successes. There is never a failure to one who has dedicated one's life to His service! There are minor or major successes. Make a determined attempt to start on the Great Pilgrimage to your own Home — the Lord's feet. This time you will not be obstructed.

Dull-witted persons full of ignorance only will say that ladies will not be benefited by *yoga* and *tapas*. Indeed, God is not the monopoly

of man alone. Look at Mira Bai. There are hundreds of such lady saints.

Lord Christ exhorted his followers to be like a child, for only then will they reach the kingdom of Heaven. Act like a child; feel like a child! Be a child of your Father! Never disobey His orders. Surrender your ego at His feet. He will take you into His protecting hands.

I want that you should now positively turn to Divine Life. I repeat: there is a God — no, no! You are God! What a grand idea! Yet, it is true. It needs to be realised. Oh! The joy, peace and happiness that will advance you on this realization is infinitely greater than that you might get through a mate. Give up this desire. Lead the Divine Life in accordance with *sadhana tattwa* and realise God.

The *Atman* is imperishable. It is *Satchidananda swaroopa*. To realise this have we taken birth as human beings. Realize your real

swaroopa in this very birth. Death is the only thing that took birth with thy body. To conquer death is your real duty! Practise *yoga* from today.

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The primary requisite for a selfless worker is good health. The body is His instrument for carrying His work. Let it ever remain in sound health. Also the mind which is the controlling agent for the body should be kept peaceful and cheerful. This will give you tremendous energy to work.

Sivanandaji To Tour South-East Asia

Now that the actual date of the Parliament of Religions, proposed to be held in New York under the auspices of the U.N.O., has not yet been decided, the Global Tour Committee have, for the time being, postponed the itinerary of H.H. Mahamandaleswar Sri Swami Sivananda Saraswati in the Continent and America. There are incessant and eager requests from several devotees in Malaya that His Holiness should, in the immediate future, undertake a tour in South-East Asia. The Mandali, therefore, have decided to visit Singapore, Penang, Kuala Lumpur, Rangoon, and Java, within a period of thirty days during the months of March and April 1953. If proper arrangements could be made, the tour may also be extended to Hongkong, Tokyo and Australia, and Ceylon during the return journey. The Mandali will consist of eight members including His Holiness. A detailed programme with definite dates will be announced, in due course, in consultation with interested persons and organisers of different camps.

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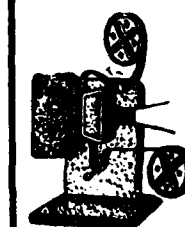
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Dr. Somas wanted to get himself relieved from the awkward situation in which he was placed. So, he collected himself as best as he could and said, "Well, I admit that your charge is not wholly without foundation. But just now I happen to be busy. Will you please kindly leave me to myself?"

The servant-boy had already made his exit. Now, Mrs. Somas withdrew and as she went muttered, quite audibly, "And they call him a scientist!"

DR. SOMAS was naturally upset by the remark. He, the distinguished member of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, to be so referred to! Well, there seemed to be no way out. But the Doctor was fair-minded enough to realize the truth of Mrs. Somas' charges.

Nevertheless, human nature being what it is, it is not to be wondered at that Dr. Somas was thinking of retaliation after the lapse of a few minutes. An open war with his wife seemed inopportune and did not promise success. But he felt that he had been humbled by his wife and, hence, was anxious to demonstrate that Mrs. Somas was not as careful in the management of the household as one would expect of her and to prove, if possible, that she really mismanaged the affairs.

If Dr. Somas were to convince his wife of her incompetence that would, in all probability, silence her. That, indeed, would be victory. A week had elapsed after the Scientific Journal incident. Dr. Somas was waiting for an opportunity. And luckily, he had not to wait for long.

In this connection, it is necessary to advert to one important trait in Mrs. Somas' character. With all her best intentions and noble behaviour, Mrs. Somas was, in her turn, subject to one imperfection, namely, an inordinate love for gossip. One might as well ask, in the fashion of Sir Walter Raleigh, "Breathes there a woman who is not fond of gossip?" Generally speaking, gossip is regarded by women not as a means to any end, but an end in itself. To talk all

day long in the company of chosen friends about the affairs of neighbours, where baseless rumour is elevated to the level of a gospel is, to them, a most exhilarating experience. Moreover, such company has this additional advantage. One can express one's opinion, however fanciful it may be, with impunity.

Well, to turn to the story, Mrs. Somas had even more than an ordinary liking for gossip. Indeed, if truth be told, it was one of her most pleasant recreations. Dr. Somas knew of this particular weakness of his wife and he was now thinking as to how best to make use of this weakness of his wife for the purpose he had in view. As a scientist, it took him only a few minutes' thinking before he was ready with a plan.

IT all happened on one Monday, just before the customary X'mas celebrations. The Doctor went to his office as usual. It was the practice of the Doctor to return home at about five in the evening. On the day in question, the Doctor returned home precisely at three. Leaving his car in the garage, the doctor entered the house and pushed open the door.

Nobody was there in the house. The Doctor went up to the balcony and viewed from that altitude the streets down. He saw, quite unmistakably, his wife entering the house of her friend, Miss Chandra, M.B., B.S., at the end of the street about fifty yards away, evidently for the purpose of having a chat.

This was the Doctor's opportunity. Now, he could prove to his wife how she had been so irresponsible as to actually leave the house unlocked. But, suddenly, an idea flashed across his mind. Instead of telling his wife plainly that she had been negligent, he desired to introduce a dramatic element into the situation. He would frighten her in the first instance, by suggesting to her, in his own way, the possible consequence of her negligence.

He went to the almirah where all silver things of the household and some stray jewels were kept. He put them in a gunny bag and

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fastened it carefully. The bag was placed in a corner of the backyard. The Doctor could not help smiling on thinking of the possible reaction of his wife. She was sure to work herself up into an agony of despair on imagining that all the valuables of the household had been stolen.

Just at the psychological moment, he would make his appearance and would read her a lecture as to how to properly manage a household. That, indeed, would be the proudest moment of his life! It now only remained for him to conceal himself till the arrival of his wife.

The Doctor did not hesitate for long. He looked at his watch and it was three-twenty. Probably within ten minutes, Mrs. Somas would be back again. And, then, for the glorious triumph!

DR. SOMAS concealed himself in the kitchen garden near the garage, so that he could see his wife entering the house, without himself being seen. He waited and waited, but Mrs. Somas did not turn up. When at last she did turn up, it was three-forty-five. The Doctor held his breath and closely watched his wife entering the house. He waited for a moment and then slipped to the garage. He sounded the horn of his car simply to convey the impression that he had arrived only just then. Smiling victoriously, he then entered the house.

The Doctor had thought that Mrs. Somas would be shocked on imagining what had happened. But he was mistaken. He had underestimated her possible reactions. As he entered the hall, he found that she had flung herself on the easy-chair and was sobbing piteously. Tears trickled down her pretty cheeks. Even Dr. Somas was, for a moment, touched.

"What is this all about? What is the matter?" inquired the Doctor, trying to look very innocent.

"Oh! Oh! How... can... I... say? We... are robbed! Yes, all... things... are gone!" cried Mrs. Somas amidst her sobs.

"How is it that this has happened?" asked the Doctor in as

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unemotional a tone as that of a police detective.

Mrs. Somas, controlling herself with great difficulty, narrated to him how she had been so negligent as to leave the house unlocked all for the purpose of having a chat with Miss Chandra. She was repentant and took the entire responsibility for the unfortunate occurrence.

"Can't we ring up the police, dear?" asked Mrs. Somas. "Probably, they may help us to get back the things."

"Well, they may," replied the Doctor, "but don't be quite sure about it."

THE moment for which Dr. Somas had wished so ardently had come at last, and he seized the opportunity with all avidity. In a very deliberate tone, the Doctor observed, "Well, a wife who couldn't do the simple job of looking after the house during the absence of her husband for a few hours is not, obviously, qualified to say whether her husband is or is not careful."

That was the Doctor's trump-card. He had played it and with effect. Never before had he experienced such sweet fruits of victory. And the effect was also electrical. Mrs. Somas burst once again into hysterical sobs and could only say, "How can you be so unkind, dear?"

Dr. Somas was touched. He realised that he had played the game well and for a sufficient length of time. Now he would unravel the whole mystery and comfort the sorrow-stricken woman. He approached her and, gently patting on her shoulders, said, "Now, you see, you must be careful..."

"I must be, dear, and I will be," broke in Mrs. Somas. "Now, shall we ring... up... the..."

"Now, just wait, my good lady," continued the Doctor. "I will explain to you everything. Look here, wipe off those tears. They hurt me." Here spoke Dr. Somas, the affectionate husband.

Mrs. Somas obeyed instantly.

"You see," said the Doctor, "I came here from office even as early as three o'clock."

"Is it so? Is it so?" gasped Mrs. Somas.

"Just, wait, my pretty girl," continued the Doctor. "I arrived and found the house practically deserted and the doors unlocked, with all the valuables in the hall. Surely, that would be tempting even a recluse to commit theft. Well, I got vexed and wanted to teach you a good lesson."

"What do you think, I did? Yes, I took all the silver things and cleanly put them in a gunny bag. I fastened it and neatly placed it in the corner of our backyard. Now, I had my thrill and you had your lesson and let us be jolly." The Doctor concluded his explanation with a hearty laugh.

Mrs. Somas could hardly believe her ears. She threw her arms round the neck of her husband, her face beaming with smiles.

"How can you be so mischievous, darling?" she said almost gleefully.

"Now, let us go and take the bag," said the Doctor and both of them walked arm in arm into the backyard.

BUT..... what was it that had happened? Why should the Doctor's face become suddenly so pale and colourless? Also! the bag was not there. It was gone, and gone for good! The fact was that some agile, but none too respectable, passer-by had noticed the elaborate operations of the Doctor and was not slow to avail himself of the opportunity. It was after the lapse of several minutes that both the Doctor and his wife could recover from the shock. And, at last, it was Mrs. Somas who spoke first.

"How can you be so thoughtless, dear?" said Mrs. Somas.

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A.—Thanks for your good wishes. The Competition Department of MYWORDS, I learn, have been considering the proposal of offering a series of Competitions, each having a different prize offer. If you watch the Competition pages, you will see the details soon.

Sheila Ramani, Bombay

Q.—Why do young men go on falling in love with every fine-figured girl they come across?

A.—Their emotional pull is conditioned by the law of sheer ocular gravitation!

N. T. Raman, Colombo

Q.—What are the present day films to the film fans?

A.—Feast for the eyes of starved emotions.

V. S. Deshpande, Dharwar

Q.—Why is it that some young women don't want to marry at all?

A.—Probably because they enjoy all the joys of living as desired by them in the unmarried state. Marriage would curtail much of their activities and enjoyments.

S. Govindram, Jubbulpore

Q.—What is a woman's tongue?

A.—Her worst enemy.

B. P. Agarwal, Balodabazar

Q.—Is love stronger than death? If so, why?

A.—Yes. It continues to be a memory, intense or dim depends on the degree, even after the disappearance of the physical frame of the object of love. Shajehan and Mumtaz are dead and gone but the love of the former for the latter still thrills us all when we see Taj Mahal and hear its story.

Meera, Bandra

Q.—What remedy for a broken heart?

A.—Suture of the future.

H. R. Prasad, Warangal

Q.—What is meant by "audiography" and "tempo" in a film?

A.—In simple language, "audiography" means sound-recording. When the credit titles are shown before the commencement of a picture, the names of the cameraman, sound-recorder, art-director, etc., are shown. Instead of mentioning "sound-recording by XYZ" it has become the fashion to state "audiography—XYZ". The same has happened to the cameraman. Instead of stating "Cameraman—ABC", it is the fashion now to say "Cinematography—ABC". I can mention much more but stop for want of space. "Tempo" is used to refer to the movement of the story. If the narration is faulty, then we say there is no "tempo" in the story. If the narration is clever and quick, we say there is very good "tempo". Quickness of incidents, crispness of dialogues, impressive acting, building of suspense, climax, all these form this "tempo".

R. V. Seshadri, P.B. Madras 12

Q.—Can a cinema actress be called a "Mrs."?

A.—Yes and no. Just as there are legal fictions, political fictions, etc., so also there are and should be fictions in filmdom. A good actress becomes a cine star exactly because there are thousands of men who rave over her figure or face or acting abilities. Each one wants to regard her as his own—even though only in imagination. So no film star should be referred to in film publicity or write-up as a "Mrs." even if she is married. In private conversation or select social gathering one may. It depends on the degree of intimacy. Miss Bhanumathi, for example, is Mrs. Ramakrishna.

B.V.V.R. Subba Rao, Muggalla

Q.—Why is it that our film producers are not able to present historical pictures?

A.—There are three reasons for this: (i) lack of staff for doing research in the history of the period of the story (ii) lack of the necessary patriotic fervour (iii) the overwhelming desire to produce pictures for quick profits and not for making a name. Sohrab Modi's *Jhansi Ki Rani* is a step in the right direction. Its handling in all aspects is bound to bring it record collections. It will be no wonder if other producers start thinking of producing such historicals.



WHEN BATS CARRIED BOMBS!

IT was Dr. Lytle S. Adams, a Pennsylvania surgeon, who first had the idea. Throughout the last War, suggestions for secret and original weapons were as common in both the U.S.A. and Britain as leaves in autumn, but this really was different—unique and unexpected. What is more, the authorities regarded it as practical, and spent no less than 2,000,000 dollars developing the means of applying the doctor's suggestion, writes A. L. Pill in *Chambers's Journal*.

Dr. Adams, a student of bats, knew that the female carries a sucking infant in flight without suffering the least inconvenience. He outlined a plan, therefore, whereby a swarm of bats should be released over enemy territory, each carrying a light incendiary-bomb instead of the usual infant. The bats would naturally gravitate to the most obscure and inaccessible places both above and below ground, thereby presenting the enemy with a most serious problem. The creatures would find their way into the false roofs and basements of munition factories, into houses and buildings, under the coverings of ammunition dumps and into underground storage-depots. There they would set off without the least warning a series of devastating explosions and fires.

A team of naturalists and other experts were called in to deal with the problems attendant on such an enterprise, and their first task was to determine the species of bat most suitable for the purpose.

Bat Colonies Raided

It was quickly discovered that most species of bats could carry up to three times their own weight, but that many lacked the stamina to sustain the load for a sufficient length of time. The most spectacular bat of all was one with a wing-span of twenty inches, whose flight was unimpeded when a one-pound stick of dynamite was attached to its chest. Unfortunately the species was not available in sufficient numbers.

A survey of the caves and mines in south-western U.S.A. extended over 12 months, resulting in the discovery that two caves in Texas contained colonies exceeding that at the Carlsbad Caverns, New Mexico, hitherto regarded as the home of the largest bat-colony in the world. The two Texan caves housed more than the Carlsbad Caverns' nine

million, and the problem of quantity was solved. From these caves were taken a sufficient number of bats which weighed only one-third of an ounce each.

The difficulty of keeping the bats alive during captivity and in transportation was solved by "freezing" them. During cold weather bats hibernated, and the conditions for hibernation were artificially created by placing the bats in a refrigerator before transporting them in containers constructed to maintain a low temperature.

One-Ounce Bombs

One-ounce incendiary bombs, equipped with safety-fuses to prevent premature detonation, were attached to the bats, which were then packed in containers partitioned like egg-boxes, holding from one to five thousand of the dangerously-armed creatures.

Dropped from a plane by parachute, the containers fell to an altitude of 1,000 feet before a barometer device caused them to open and release their contents. This delay was necessary to allow the containers to warm up and so waken the frozen bats.

On landing, the bats chewed through the string securing the bombs to their chests, and proceeded on their way safe

and unencumbered. In parting the string the bats brought into action the timing mechanism, and the bomb ultimately exploded, flinging out a two-foot flame, which burned for eight minutes.

Preliminary tests were quite satisfactory, the bats being found scattered over a radius of twenty miles from the point of release. It is not difficult to imagine the plight of the enemy with thousands of fires breaking out simultaneously over an area of some forty miles. Hardly anything could have been more demoralising.

The project, however, was abandoned when the method for making it effective had been perfected. The atom bomb made the proposal superfluous—but not before two accidentally released incendiary bats had demonstrated the success of the idea by completely devastating with fire an auxiliary airport in New Mexico!

Attended His Own Burial!

The telephone rang in a quiet little house at Warmley, Bristol, on an instant later Mrs. Alfred King was sobbing with grief. A sympathetic hospital official had phoned to say her husband was dead and asked her son to make the funeral arrangements, writes R.G.D. in *Tit-Bits*.

The family went into mourning. Yet, when a daughter-in-law went to the hospital to collect the dead man's belongings she glanced through a glass partition and saw him sitting up in bed. It had been a grim case of confusion with another patient of the same surname!

There was no confusion, though, when twenty-seven year-old Gordon Beresford Hooper recently paused to pay tribute at Kidderminster's war memorial and noticed his own name listed among the killed. He wrote to the town clerk and received a letter of apology and an offer to have his name taken off. But he decided it had better stay, because it might spoil the memorial to have it removed!

Queer Facts

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The Rev. J. Williams Hughes, Principal of the North Wales Baptist College at Bangor, thinks ministers should preach sermons from loudspeaker vans on Sunday mornings, so that people can listen to them while lying in bed.

Violinist Bengt Nordstrand, 20, got the sack from a Stockholm restaurant because too many young girls sat for hours gazing at him over a cup of coffee.

Grey haired Mrs. Frank Butler, of Colchester, waited anxiously at London Airport for her brother William from America, whom she had not seen for forty years. Would he recognise her? There was a crowd at the airport. The plane came in. William picked her out at once. "It was her smile," he said.

Asked at Southampton if he would like a specially long bed in his liner cabin, 7ft. tall Venezuelan oil man, Alexander Racotta, said: "No, thanks, I've slept with my knees up so often. I'm used to it."

Two convicts in the State prison at Moundsville, West Virginia, were caught trying to make counterfeit money with finger-print ink.

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How would you like to wake up one morning—and read about your own death? It happened to Vesta Tilley at least twice before she really died. It has happened to both Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye and, like Mark Twain, they might have called the report "grossly exaggerated."

In a tiny attic bedroom in Plymouth, the Dowager Lady (Sybil Constance) Auckland heard with a smile that, according to Debre's Peerage, the official handbook, she had died in 1946. "Perhaps I ought to be dead," she said sadly. The truth is that there were two Constance Lady Aucklands. When one died abroad, the editor of Debre's decided that it must be the elder who had gone.

But what of Ernest Fred Bennett, the Shoreham man who walked to his own funeral? The body of a man was found in the river mud—and a friend who had identified it three times was convinced it was Ernest. A lot of people turned pale after the funeral when they saw him in the flesh—and it took some close police questioning to straighten the matter out.

At Southend, too, a man noticed he had been struck off the voters' list as dead, so he protested against paying rates. "I don't think I should be asked to pay until my name is reinstated," he told the magistrates. Even the Home Office announced that he had no redress until the lists were compiled again.

Sprinkled With Ink!

"What'll you have, boys? I'm dead. Have one on the corpse!" cried politician Jimmy Thomas, when he suffered an equally premature announcement. The famous Lottie Collins, too, high-kicked on the stage on the night of her first reported demise and cried: "There's life in the old dog yet!"

But perhaps the neatest response came from a Jap, who read of his death in a newspaper and promptly wrote to the editor graciously admitting it. The editor was invited to the funeral and the Jap walked in a white shroud with his friends to the graveside. When they got there, they threw the editor in—and sprinkled him with ink.

Curious Coinage

The market value of a native wife was recently quoted in New Guinea at 15 lbs. of tobacco. It was said that at this price there were few takers. The young men of New Guinea preferred a smoke!

The use of tobacco instead of coinage was in vogue in Europe immediately after the war. Cigarettes became almost legal tender in countries where the currency had collapsed. At one time it was believed that upwards of 75,000,000 cigarettes, most of them American, were being used as "coin of the realm," especially in Germany.

During the Middle Ages, pepper was widely used for the payment of taxes and other tributes. It was because of high market value that the Portuguese made such persistent efforts to open up

a sea route to India. Once the passage round the Cape of Good Hope was discovered, however, the European market was soon flooded with pepper, its value dropped and its use as currency was abandoned.

It is only natural that in remote districts anything which is in wide-spread demand is apt to become a temporary form of currency. In Canada, at the beginning of the eighteenth century, playing cards were used as money for several years. It is recorded that Camille Ledoux, of Quebec, was in 1701 sentenced by a court to have his hands tied behind his back for three years as a punishment for forging playing cards, and thus threatening stability of the coinage, writes a Melbourne periodical.

Huge Stones

Until the present century, shells were much in favour as currency in many parts of Africa, Asia, America and Australasia. They were often ground down to more or less standard shapes and sizes, and were sometimes strung in the form of necklaces. In New Guinea the canine teeth of dogs were in use until recent times, while in some South Sea Islands shark and porpoise teeth were popular as "coins"—their sizes denoting their value. Most of these picturesque forms of currency are now no longer used, for modern processes have made it possible for them to be easily counterfeited, and unscrupulous traders flooded the markets with china and porcelain imitations.

Cattle are still sometimes used in the Caucasus, where, it is said, one ox is equal in value to two cows and one cow is the equivalent of 10 sheep. Cattle were, of course, one of the earliest forms of money, and it is interesting to note that the old English word "Chaetel" derives from the ancient word for cattle. The word 'fee' also came from a German word meaning beast.

Perhaps the most unusual form of money ever "minted" is that used in the Pacific Island of Yap. There "coins" take the form of huge circular stones. They vary in size and value, the smallest being about one foot in diameter, and the largest nearly three feet! They weigh between 14 lbs. and 170 lbs.—the standard coin being known as a "fee." People keep their "bank balances" in their huts, and when payment is made the stones are not moved. They are just transferred to the new owner by word of mouth.

Printed His Own Tickets!

Commercial traveller Douglas Henry Garner printed his own railway tickets and used them for his journeys to work, reports the *Daily Mirror*.

The tickets—produced on a small printing press in the bathroom of Garner's home—were such clever imitations that it was impossible for ticket collectors to spot that they were forgeries.

In fact, the only people able to recognise they were false were the printers of the genuine tickets. It was said at Derby Assizes, when twenty-four-year-old Garner pleaded guilty to forgery.

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But there was one flaw in his scheme—the serial number on one of his home-produced tickets was the same as a ticket that was still in a station booking office.

And he was caught out when a railway detective at Manchester, suspicious that the date on Garner's ticket had been altered, made a check at the station where it was supposed to have been issued.

Then police went to Garner's home in Dock Lane House, Lancs, and found out how he did the forgeries.

He collected used tickets, pasted paper over them, and "reprinted" them.

Fifteen of the forged tickets were found in a locked draw at the Manchester office of his firm.

Garner was put on probation. He told the judge he was married, with two children, and was so short of money that he had to forge the tickets, otherwise he could not have gone to work.

He added that he printed them only for his own use and did not sell them to other people.

Salt Substitute

The restriction of the use of salt in the diets of persons with certain types of heart, liver and kidney diseases is often of more importance than the use of drugs or other forms of treatment.

But when salt must be restricted, a well balanced and taste-appealing diet becomes the first consideration in the care of such persons, to prevent the further problem of dietary deficiencies through the loss of appetite from eating foods not seasoned to the individual's taste, says an American Press report.

There is now available a salt substitute that tastes like salt, looks like salt, sprinkles like salt and may be used exactly as regular table salt has been used, either at the table or in cooking. It is called Co-Salt and contains choline, potassium chloride, ammonium chloride and tricalcium phosphate. It does not contain any sodium or lithium. The Co-Salt is a product of the Casimir Funk Laboratories, Inc., an affiliate of the U.S. Vitamin Corporation. It is acceptable for advertising in *The Journal of The American Medical Association*, an assurance of its quality and safety.

Blue Blood And Bunkum

Scientists have debunked the fairy tale princess—the girl with the blue blood, the noble ancestors, the golden hair, the tiny waist, delicate wrists and slender figure. Most of us first met glamour in the pages of nursery tales. Now science says our education has been wrong. The perfect woman should have a sturdy waist, broad hips, solid ankles, wrists and hands. Cinderella's glass slippers would never slip over her broad feet. She should be serious-minded. Above all, she will not have a scrap of blue blood in her veins. Science says blue blood is bunkum, writes the London *Sunday Express*.

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The Mortal Flame



By H.K. Nagaraja Rao

AS I begin writing, before me hangs our photo, Raj's and mine. A glance at it takes me back right through the long years of our friendship and a crowd of incidents come surging into my mind.

The first time I saw Raj was so long ago that I have lost count of all time. If I remember aright, he was then studying in the Fifth Form. He used to come daily to our shop where I was one of the assistants. His father was one of our regular customers and Raj would sit outside the shop in the evenings, while his father conversed with my boss, watching the traffic idly. For some time, we simply exchanged greetings and stopped at that, but one day Raj surprised me

by asking whether I would like to hear a story. As I was rather doubtful what to answer, he settled the question by beginning the story of the Count of Monte Cristo.

It was the first time he had been reading the story and the full force of imagination in it had struck him so forcefully that he had no other alternative but to unburden it to somebody. The story lasted for more than three months, and during that time my acquaintance with Raj had grown into friendship which in turn had given way to ardent devotion. The Count of Monte Cristo was but the beginning of our wanderings in the garden of literature and as time passed whatever book

Raj read, be it history, philosophy or the sciences, he made it a point of telling me something about it. I confess I did not understand all that Raj told me, but instinctively knew that it was a wonderfully beautiful world—the world of knowledge and imagination.

As time passed, Raj went to College and I left the shop where we had first met and began to assist in a cloth shop my brother had opened independently. Through all this time, nothing seemed to have changed; my devotion to Raj still grew, if that were possible, and instead of meeting at the shop we went out in the evenings on long walks when Raj told me of what he had read and sundry other things.

HERE I wish to digress a little and tell something about ourselves. I am the fourth son in a family of eight children. My father was a broker in precious stones, and silver and gold trinkets. He had neither shop nor capital and the commission he got by exchanging these goods from one hand to another was all the income he got. So it was no wonder that I left school at the age of ten when I had just completed my secondary education and was employed in the shop mentioned above. Raj, unlike me, was the only surviving child of his parents. They had some property also and Raj's father worked in the Public Works Department. The chief traits of Raj's father were his child-like simplicity and a supreme belief in, or was it sheer indifference to, Raj. His mother was very pious and hardly gave any attention to her son, probably thinking that God had willed his survival and it would be best to leave everything in His hands.

Whatever may be the reasons the fact remained that Raj hardly received any attention in his home. Considering this, it was rather unfortunate that he fared no better with the other children in the school. Raj sometimes used

to say that he was one of the loneliest of boys during his whole school career. At about the time when our friendship started, one of his school teachers had asked the boys not to stick too much to the text books alone but to make a better use of the school library and benefit by its use. The teacher had even mentioned casually some books to choose from. Raj was one of the few who acted on the teacher's advice not because he wanted to get more marks in the examination, but because probably he thought of this as an escape from his loneliness. It was not long before he found out that in this world of imagination and thought lay perfect peace and happiness for him. From that day onwards he shunned company.

It was nearly six years since our friendship had begun. My friend had passed his Senior Intermediate Examination at the second attempt, and on his father, with his usual indifference, not providing him with money, Raj was forced to take up shorthand and typewriting and try to earn his living by that profession. While studying these subjects he tried a hand at giving private tuition but his ill-assorted knowledge so much confused his pupils that, instead of learning, they showed proficiency at forgetting what they had previously learnt. In fact, I myself tried to learn English from him, but the five or six meanings he gave to a word in the Second Primer was too much for me and I gave up the effort. I need hardly mention that Raj left off teaching soon.

Raj passed his Junior Shorthand and Typewriting examinations and it was at one of his periodical visits to the Institute during the holidays that his Principal asked whether he was interested in taking up the job of an all-round clerk in one of the local Charitable Institutions. On my friend agreeing, the Principal gave a letter of introduction to the Hon. Secretary. The outcome of it all was that Raj secured the job. When I asked him about his work he said, "Oh, everything. Typing, filing, registration of incoming and outgoing letters etc., etc. In fact, between myself and my colleague who is an Accountant we run the whole office."

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TWO more years rolled by, and still we met every evening and with the same vivacity Raj continued to discuss any subject that seemed to interest him at the moment. However, there was one queer thing. He never mentioned anything about his colleagues, not even their names, — I mean the nurses. Considering that he was a young man and knowing how they talk their heads off about women, this was, to say the least, strange. But, then, my friend had always been strange. Either he ignored all my questions about the nurses or answered them in such general terms, sometimes saying that they were more sinned against than sinning, that they conveyed absolutely no impression to me.

Raj had passed his Senior Shorthand and Typewriting and I understood he was trying to secure a better job. Everything seemed to be so calm and placid that even in my remotest dreams could I have not imagined the bomb that was so soon to explode on me.

One day Raj did not come and I naturally thought that he might have been detained by some urgent work in the office. But when he did not turn up for the next two or three days, I was a little upset and went the next Sunday to his house. There it was that I learnt the horrible truth. His father silently placed in my hands a letter. At first I could make out nothing of it. It was so short. Then came blinding light — Raj had eloped with a nurse!

The message simply stated it as a fact and neither said where he had gone to nor when he would return. No love was offered and no hope was held out to his aged

parents to whom, Raj must have known, this would be a death blow. As for me, I had always placed Raj so high in my heart and trusted him so completely that this action of his left me bitter against many kind itself. For the next few days I always kept asking the question: Why had Raj done such a thing? He had never told a lie and I knew he was very temperate in his habits and was the last person I could think of who would act on the impulse of a moment. Was it love? Was it infatuation? I could never answer these questions. How far the girl was responsible for it all I could not say, for I had never seen her and even the little that Mr. Rao (Raj's other colleague in the office) could tell afforded me little clue. Mr. Rao said that her name was Parvati; and that she appeared to be better educated and cultured (perhaps, I thought, here was a clue) than most of the other nurses. Regarding her looks, there was not much to speak about.

IT was nearly three years after the incident narrated above had occurred. During that time fate had dealt kindly with me. I was married and blessed with a daughter and ran a shop of my own. Business was good and I was making more money than I had done ever before in my life. In a word I had so grown to like my little world that if anybody had talked to me anything about Ruskin, Oscar Wilde or the novels of Dostoevsky I would not have understood a word and would simply have gaped. I had never entered that world of knowledge and imagination to which my friend had, with so much of pain and patience, sought my admittance. So you can imagine what my emotions were when, one fine morning, I got a letter from Raj. It was short and simply announced his coming. I was of course glad, but coupled with that feeling was a premonition that everything had not gone well with my friend.

The Raj that returned home was a man broken both in body and mind. Even when in good health he was thin and scraggy, but now unhappiness and pain seemed to have painted his face utterly ghastly. It took no great intuition to see that Raj was not

well, but when I heard the symptomatic cough that seemed to rack him, I grew really worried. When I asked him what the matter was and whether he was ill, he answered shortly, "T.B." We spoke little on our way home. That past when we used to spend most of our evenings together seemed so far away that neither of us were inclined to wander into that strange land. So, to relieve the oppressive silence, I told Raj about my marriage, my family and my business.

Next day Raj was examined at the sanatorium and was strongly advised to get himself admitted as an in-patient. Within a week he went in.

Burning with curiosity as I was to know what had happened, I did not put embarrassing questions. Raj at first seemed reluctant to say anything. It was only after some weeks, when the barrier that time and circumstances had placed between us had completely broken down, that he told me everything.

IT was a pathetic story. It seems that at the time they eloped Raj had been promised a job in one of the firms in Bombay. So they went to Bombay and he was able to secure the job. With their savings there, they rented out a couple of rooms in the suburb and thus began their life. There were, of course, little hardships to endure but still, as Raj confessed, it was the happiest year for him. At the end of that period, to supplement the inadequate income of Raj, Parvati secured a nurse's job in one of the hospitals. Now they got more money than could be needed for their frugal life. So they moved out to a bigger house and began to indulge in small luxuries.

Everything was going on very well except Raj's health. The hard work in the firm, the crowded city life and lack of exercise and pure air began to tell upon his health. When at first the cough started Raj ignored it, and when it began to persist he went, at the instance of Parvati, to see a doctor. The doctor said it was nothing. A couple of weeks of rest, pure air and sunshine would cure him. Though Raj was reluctant to go, again at the insistence of Parvati,

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It appeared that Parvati had shown excellent progress in her work and had proved herself head and shoulders above her colleagues. So much indeed was the Superintendent impressed with her work that he had recommended her strongly for higher training in Delhi. About a week after Raj had gone away on his holiday, Parvati was told that she had been permitted to take up higher training in Delhi, still retaining her present job, beginning next week. The time at her disposal was so short that she could not think of meeting Raj. So she wrote to him explaining why she had to leave so urgently and saying that their separation would last only a year and the future would amply reward it.

The effect of this letter was disastrous on Raj. He immediately cancelled his holiday and rushed back to his home, only to find it empty. Now began a period of black despair for the young man. At the very moment when he needed her most, Parvati seemed to have gone away leaving him alone, and Raj was no coward to ask her to come back and risk her future prospects. The cough, far from abating, seemed to have advanced and the long working hours in the firm and the sorrow in his heart all began to weigh him down until one day he finally collapsed.

In the meantime, Parvati had been writing, enquiring eagerly about his health and promising to come to him as soon as her training was over. Raj downright lied, saying he was in perfect health and asked her not to think about coming but to concentrate more on her training. Later, he even left off this farce of replying to her letters. Parvati grew anxious as Raj's correspondence ceased and certainly would have gone to Bombay had not the thought of losing her job and risking her future prospects held her back. So when the final collapse came, Raj had to be admitted to a public hospital by the kindness of his

neighbours. He remained in the hospital for about three weeks, and though he could not be cured, for the ravages of the disease had proceeded too far, the rest and the calm atmosphere helped him a great deal. He was still in the hospital, when, one day, he came to a sudden decision—he would go home.

As Raj told me his story, his voice quivering with emotion, I suddenly knew why he had gone away with her. It was not love or infatuation, but an escape from himself, from his intolerable loneliness. Even here, as in his friends, life had deceived him.

I do not wish to dwell much on subsequent developments. Those were dark days for Raj, his parents (who had returned to their son's bedside) and myself, relieved by no light moments. Of Parvati, he spoke little and never when his parents were present. What his sufferings were, either of the strangle-hold of the disease or the still worse gnawing of a broken heart, no one knew, for he never complained. And so it was till the last flickering of the mortal flame was spent out.

FOR the last time as I try to look back upon my friend's short life, he was hardly thirty when he died; in its entirety I see his great tragedy lay not in the barren friendships, nor in the pangs of frustrated love, but in his loneliness. His learning, his ambitions, his failures, all were his and exclusively his and nobody came to share them with him. And so he succumbed.



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He did not observe my coming. I signalled to Mrs. Nesan about his mental concentration and shook my head in disapproval. She rang a bell and I shouted, "*Suprabhatam*" (good morning).

He then came to himself and said: "Ramu! Here is wonderful news. The International Conference of Social Work is meeting at Madras from next Sunday. It is meeting for the first time in Asia. You and I must attend it and through it create a great social and economic and moral and spiritual revolution. India is free but she is poor and ill-nourished and suffers from ignorance, squalor and disease. We must change all that. What do you say?"

Mrs. Nesan said thereupon: "Sufficient unto the days the coffee thereof. You can revolutionise the world on Sunday. But please attend to this beverage just now."

I agreed. "Mrs. Nesan is right. You can start as a crusader later on," I said.

Dr. Nesan laughed and said: "You are all of the earth earthy. You think that I am a Don Quixote. Ride by my side, Ramu, redressing human wrongs."

His hilarity, enthusiasm and crusading spirit were infectious.

My habitual cynicism and pessimism were overcome. We imbibed the delicious coffee and as its fumes mounted into our head, we all planned to attend the Conference.

Dr. Nesan said: "I shall go as a delegate representing the Neo-Malthusian League and the Social Security League. My wife will represent the Neo-Feminist League. What social service organisations will you represent, Ramu?"

I knew that the abovesaid organisations had but a handful of members and were moribund, almost defunct. I, too, was connected with a few similar organisations. I said: "I shall represent the Cow Protection League, the World Welfare Organisation, and the Leprosy Prevention League."

We all felt elated and happy that we were to have the privilege of ushering in the Golden Age or *Kritayuga* even in this Iron Age of *Kaliyuga*.

THE day of days eventually came. That part of Mount Road adjoining the Government House was jammed with automobiles. We got in somehow. A spacious *shamiana*, ablaze with high powered electric lights, greeted our eyes. The entire globe shown in two blue maps, representing the two hemispheres, formed the background. In those maps were little twinkling bulbs indicating the places from where the delegates to the Conference came. The President of the Conference remarked that he

had never been in such a pleasant hall before. I asked Dr. Nesan what the twinkling stars in the maps indicated.

He replied: "Why should the cinema alone have stars? Social service has its suns and moons, planets and stars, besides comets and meteors. Which of these are you?"

I said: "I am a meteor but you are a comet."

He laughed at the joke and then we entered.

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He cautioned me to hold my tongue. The messages wishing the Conference success were duly read. When the name of our beloved Chief Minister Sri C. Rajagopalachari was announced, I pricked up my ears as I was sure that something supremely wise and humorous would follow.

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The message continued: "Individual compassion made up for all the organisational weakness of old time Society." I at once looked triumphantly and with elation at Dr. Nesan. The message then went on to say: "But now the quality as well as volume of our unbalance are such that compassion and the pain felt at injustice require properly to be organised to produce good and tangible result. This is the job of present day social workers."

DR. NESAN in his turn looked triumphantly and with elation at me. Mrs. Nesan and my wife also exchanged glances. But I could not make out whether they were thinking of social service, old and new, or whether they were thinking of their erratic partners to whom destiny had tied them up irretrievably and irrevocably.

The message did not mind us in the least but went on: "Where faith and religion have slackened and we have to replace old beliefs by a new faith in humanity in the context of a rising tide of fear for oneself and fierce selfishness, there are great difficulties so that social service has indeed become a science. But I do hope the science will not lead us to a new and arid bureaucracy, but maintain the old moisture of compassion of which every page of the New Testament of the Christians is so full."

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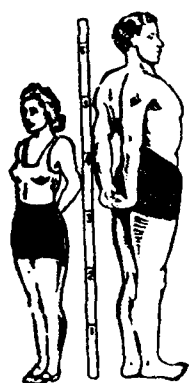
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ourselves. This mood is just antipodal to the mood of selfless love and compassion of the good Samaritan.

I was particularly thunder-struck when I heard the word *Science*. I called to mind Thomas Campbell's poem on *The Rainbow*.

"When Science from Creation's face
Enchantment's veil withdraws,
What lovely visions yield their place
To cold material laws!"

The word *Science* was itself a portent. But the words "a new and arid bureaucracy" were a drier portent. Shall we be able to mix the warmth of reason and the old moisture of compassion?

THE delegates to the Conference were over 1300 in number, about a thousand of them from India and the rest from thirty overseas countries. They met in plenary sessions and commissions and discussed threadbare all aspects of social service in all Societies in all countries in both the hemispheres. They ranged over the five continents and the seven seas.

Dr. Nesan and I and Mrs. Nesan and my wife attended almost all the lectures and discussions. While the learned Doctor and myself were completely puzzled, Mrs. Nesan and my wife were completely dazzled and dazed. On every platform and over every subject Dr. Nesan and I

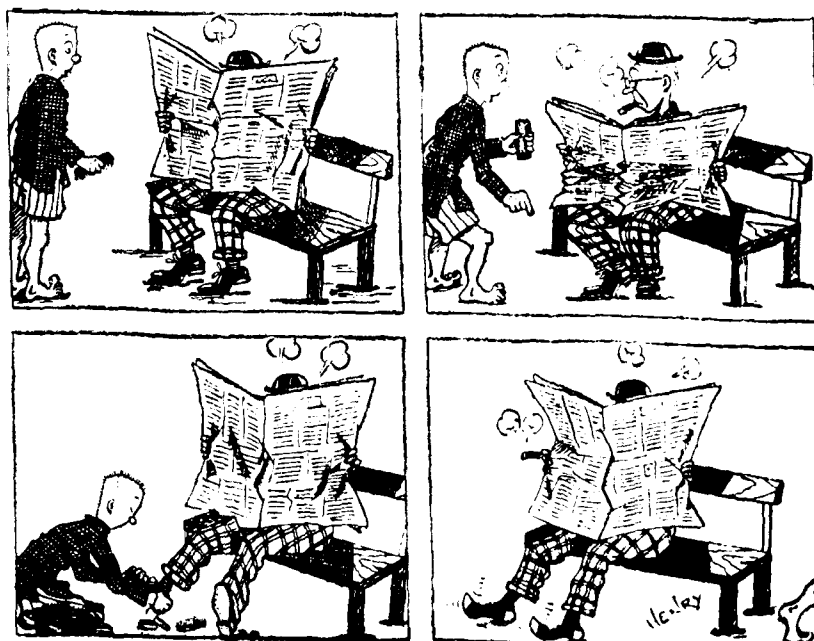
took totally opposite and antipodal views. So did many other delegates also. It was a regular Kurukshetra battle. Only Sri Krishna was not there and there was no Bhagawad Gita!

I AM not going to cover here the entire ground of the discussions. In the limited space at my disposal, I shall make here just one remark and give one illustration. The ploughman in his loin-cloth and his wife which Rudyard Kipling called as

"a watch and a vision
Betwixt a crop and a crop."

had but little consolation to get from the zigzag of discussion and the crossfire of argument. I liked the high spirit and the kindly heart of the social servants, workers and planners.

But I wish that they had spent a week quietly in a few small villages. Poor India cannot afford to have Beveridge Plans just now. The National Plan may make them better off. If, after the standards of living have gone up, the gaps between the rich and the poor are terrific and there is a rising tide of unemployment and the old combination of rural life and joint family units has become totally disintegrated and dead, social security plans have to be formulated, and an Indian Beveridge is sure to re-appear. Till then, I am content to walk in Mahatma



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Gandhi's footsteps and follow his social and economic planning.

I SHALL be content with just one illustration here. The problem of family planning, planned parenthood or spacing of children was the subject of debate for a week by well-dressed and over-nourished men and women, population experts volleyed and thundered. But I sheltered myself under Gandhiji's wings and sent my winged shafts of argument. He had said that artificial birth-control was "immoral, damaging to the individual, ruinous to the nation... an insult to womanhood, and bound to ruin the youth of the nation." He advocated natural, voluntary birth-control by *brahmacharya* and *yoga*. He said further: "The last and not the least is prayer. Let him repeat *Ramnama* with all his heart regularly every day, and ask for divine grace."

When I said all this, a few nodded their heads in approval but Dr. Nesan and many others including members of the fairer and diviner sex shook their heads violently from side to side in disapproval.

I then changed my tactics. I said that I would let George Bernard Shaw speak to them but as the passage was too stark and raw I merely gave the reference. I told them that G.K. Chesterton has said well that "in this practice there is neither birth nor control." This sally won me more supporters.

G.K.C. said further that the users of contraceptives wish to stop the growth of population so that there will not be so many mouths to feed, bodies to cloth and children to educate. G.K.C. compares such methods to the man who had only eight caps for ten children and thence decided that the heads of two of the children must be cut off. In fact, there need be no rationing of rice if old people are chloroformed and babies are birth-controlled.

I asked finally: "Will you follow Gandhiji and Shaw and Chesterton or Margaret Sanger and her ilk?" I spoke in that strain. More heads nodded in my favour. Even Dr. Nesan's head stood still. I could see he was too perplexed and bewildered to say anything by way of reply! ♦♦

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SOUND AND SHADOW:

A Set That Is Different!

Those who've once attended the studio shooting of a film know what a dull, boring affair it is and how it strips the make-believe world of films of all its glamour and halo. But I found the *Rahi* set at the Modern Studios, Andheri, an exception. True that there are some boring features you just can't get away from: the incessant essays at lighting, the long waits between shots, the takes and the retakes, the periodical denuding of the set of the artistes and personnel. But the camaraderie prevailing among the workers soon manifested itself in between-the-shots pleasantries, gossip and fraternising. There's something to be said for youth and education, after all. With the incomparable wit of bald David as the nucleus of a discussion group, and with Dev Anand, Nalini Jaywant, Balraj Sahni, Manmohankrishna and Kate Sethi participating, I found it a treat to watch personnel activity during lulls. Sallies of wit and bursts of laughter echoed from the corridors that run along the make-up cubicles. Juicy anecdotes with local and international flavour kept the company in a state of continuous uproar, which suddenly subsided as soon as someone (Abbas, more frequently than anyone else) launched a serious topic states a Correspondent who had been there recently.

I found these get-togethers not merely entertaining but also instructive, for in an assembly of people who are highly educated and have seen a bit of the world, there never is a dearth of flippant or serious subjects. In the three or four hours I spent with them, I learned a lot of new things: the conception of sex in Finland (this from Helsinki-returned David), the state of the Cinema in Italy (from Dev, just now dripping with reminiscences), the contribution of Indians to the amateur stage in England (this from Kate Sethi, an ex-London stage actress), the price of a lady-like meal in Cairo (from Nalini Jaywant) and the remarkable steps taken by the New China

towards peasant uplift (from Abbas). I watched, too—and with great fascination—the actual shooting of some scenes of *Rahi* and heard Balraj Sahni deliver his English dialogue in the impeccable accents of an Oxford-educated Briton. Balraj Sahni, incidentally, was for several years in London, working for the B.B.C. Then Kate Sethi making love to him. This beautiful English girl—wife of an Indian—was quite a heart-throb on the London stage, I am told. Her poise and unhurried grace

bespeak it. And, finally, S. Michael—the tall, muscular Anglo-Indian who has played "Britisher" roles with great artistry in *Anand Math*, *Zalzala*, *Jhansi Ki Rani* and *Jallianwalla Bagh*—delivering a whip to Dev Anand "to keep the native tea-plantation labour in its place."

Of the story of *Rahi*, writer Abbas wasn't giving much away: he said he had a surprise in store for everyone. But from Abbas, the director, I gleaned enough to be able to state that it revolves round the life, love and eventual ennoblement of a frustrated young ex-Indian Army Jawan who has no scruples and avidly takes up a cruel, inhuman, job offered him by a British tea-planter in Assam.



Fernando Lamas and Lana Turner in M.G.M.'s *Merry Widow* a spectacular new production in colour by Technicolor. It is M.G.M.'s own old picture which starred Maurice Chevalier and Jeanette MacDonald.

This does nothing, alas, to heighten his popularity among the locals and if one of the girls eventually falls in love with him, the phenomenon is ascribable more to his essential change of heart than to his mastery of the tyrannical whip he wields. A great story, even in its bare outline. Shooting the English version of *Rahi* side by side with the Hindi takes up fifty per cent more time, Abbas told me. But he is maintaining an amazingly good production speed, and both versions of the film are expected to be ready for public exhibition around June, 1953. Candidly, *Rahi* shooting wasn't boring at all. Indeed, I quite forgot, while watching it, to look at my watch: a thing that's almost become a habit!

"Parineeta's" Progress

Ashok Kumar Productions Ltd., now devoting their energies to the making of *Parineeta*, recently recorded two songs at the Kardar Studios, with Eshan Ghosh as the sound recordist. The songs came fine on tape. One of the songs was a tear-rasing ditty, written by the well known poet Bharat Vyas, tuned and orchestrated by music director Arun Kumar (the remarkably popular playback singer of yesterday). It offers some very pithy and practical advice to a new bride (Meena Kumari) about to leave the parental roof. It is sung by her teen-age girl friends and enshrines all the noble behests handed down to brides from time immemorial. Bharat Vyas has added to it some advice off his own bat. The words of this song, no less than its tune (which is simple to copy, difficult to forget) are likely to become immortal as every new bride's testament of faith and duty. No bride could learn more in order to ensure the everlasting love and respect of her husband. This song was led by Asha Bhosley and chorussed by Abha Mukerji, Shanti Sudha Ghosh, Mala, Mira Mukerji and Renu Datta: as charming an assembly of voices as can be imagined. A 14-man orchestra (containing some remarkable and unheard of instruments) accompanied it.

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Southern Command Helps To Give Realistic Touch

Famous Picture's *Jallianwala Bagh* is on the editing table and will be censored with this month. The massacre scene of Jallianwala Bagh has been taken at Poona with the advice and help of Southern Command to give it a realistic touch. The theme of patriotism and the superbly sincere and moving portrayals in the picture are bound to make it one of the best box-office hits of this year, states *Rup-Bani*.

Ashok Studios' "Teen Tasveeren"

Large-eyed Nina Maker, whom a shrewd lady judge of feminine beauty recently described as "a cross between two well known Indian film actresses—and an improvement on both," plays the role of a career dancer in Ashok Studios' maiden production *Teen Tasveeren* (Three Portraits). The film portrays a seven-year span in the life of a girl during which she struggles, rises and falls. In all three stages she is shown at the height—or depth—and extreme candour is the keynote of this engrossing story by Dr. Trivedi, who was for years a member of the Bombay Board of Film Censors.

Several picturesque scenes—included in the film not because of their scenic beauty but because of their contribution to the tale—were shot recently at the National Park at Borivli, with Nina and Kumar (to be remembered for his epochmaking performance of the title role in *Pooran Bhakta*) facing the camera under the direction of S. R. Solanki.

In many ways *Teen Tasveeren* reflects the need of the times. It is a low-budget, quick-time pro-

duction with no "star" values or overwhelming music. All the personnel, including artistes, are working in it on the basis of a living wage plus share in profits. The film must not—and will not—take more than 40 shooting shifts to complete. This has been made possible only by steering clear of a star cast, whose multifarious engagements are well known to hold up production. And finally, of good, appropriate music (composed by Ninu Majumdar of *Gopinath* fame) there is no dearth, but at no stage is it allowed to ride on top of the story. Apart from Nina, *Teen Tasveeren* presents another newcomer, Aneel Kishore, who was first picked up by Sohrab Modi for a long role in his forthcoming *Jhansi Ki Rani*.

Bangalorean Bags Italian Scholarship

The Italian Scholarship for an Indian cinema apprentice which was advertised in the August issue of the *Italian Cultural Digest*, a monthly issued by the Italian Consulate in Bombay, and roused great interest in our country and produced scores of applications, has been finally awarded to Sri Melkote Veeraraghavachar Krishnaswamy of 33/1, Second Cross, Rd., Shankarpur, Bangalore 4. The lucky winner will fly to Italy soon. His journey has also been covered by the scholarship.

Jennifer Jones' Four Offerings

Four new films are promised us starring Jennifer Jones, last seen opposite Sir Laurence Olivier in *Carrie*. One of these, a love story set in present-day Rome, is nearly completed. Entitled *Terminal Station*, it is directed by Vittorio de Sica, famous for his direction of *Bicycle Thieves*. This will be followed by a John Huston picture, *Beat the Devil*, in which she will co-star with Humphrey Bogart. This film will be made in U.K. A Hollywood picture will follow this, and then the star will return to Italy for the lead in a large-scale film, *Mary Magdalene*, in which she will have the title role.

Czechoslovakian Film Surpasses Disney's

I have just seen *The Emperor's Nightingale*, an excellent Czechoslovak children's film for the third

time. I guess this is the first European film to surpass Walt Disney. The genius of Trunka, one of the world's masters of film-craft, has transformed Hans Andersen's fairy tale into something more than a fairy tale. *The Emperor's Nightingale*, as it comes out on the screen in the shape of a puppetoon, is of the order of Jonathan Swift's "Gulliver's Travels". It is enjoyed for its sheer delight by the kids, and it is enjoyed for its powerful satire by those who are endowed with adult minds. We have very few examples of such children's stories in world literature, states the Delhi Correspondent of the *Deccan Herald*. *The Emperor's Nightingale* depicts the impossibility of living behind a Chinese wall, and pleads for breaking down these barriers between man and man. There is no spoken word in the whole of the film, and there are no words in the music. The music, which is of the highest order, and which was specially composed for the film, is played by the Czechoslovak State Film Orchestra. It is obvious that no private producer can make a film of this order, because this film makes no concessions to popular and degenerate tastes by lowering its standards.

Muhurat of Co-operative Pictures' Second Venture

The muhurat of Co-operative pictures' second film, tentatively titled Production No. 2, was done at the Famous Cine Laboratory and Studios at Mahalaxmi, Bombay, in the last week of last December. Produced by S. Srivastava, the picture will be directed by Madhusudan and Ravi Kapoor. Lyrics are by Sharindra, art by Kulkarni and music by Manohar. Story, scenario and dialogues are by Madhusudan. The cast is not yet known.

Gemini's "Mr. Sampat" Received With Acclaim

Film fans at Bombay, Calcutta and other centres where Gemini's latest, *Mr. Sampat*, was released were highly appreciative of the fare offered. In the cast are Padmini, Vanaja, Motilal and others. Story is by R. K. Narayan, the well-known writer. Direction was by S. S. Vasan, the Gemini boss.

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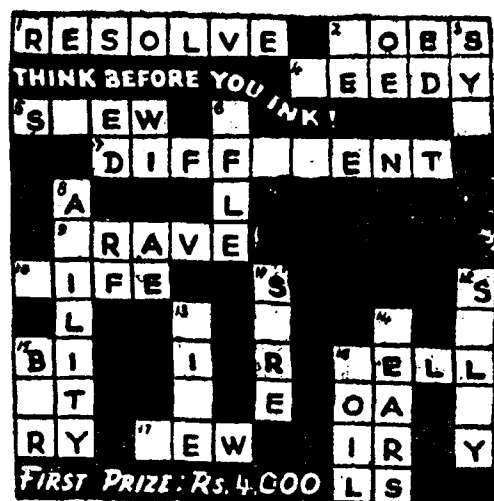
- To win the First Prize outright should be your New Year this!
- We can get the better of our — if we don't worry too much over them.
- Employee who is this would find it difficult to concentrate on his work.
- Word meaning same as "Show."
- Wives who complain that their husbands have become suddenly this little realise they are the cause of it.
- Frivolous girl will soon regret her association with lover who's excessively —
- The more exacting his — the more self-centred would a man tend to be.
- Many who imagine they can easily — a story find it isn't so easy when they actually make the attempt!
- Wife who has — notions of how house should be run is likely to prove sore trial to husband.

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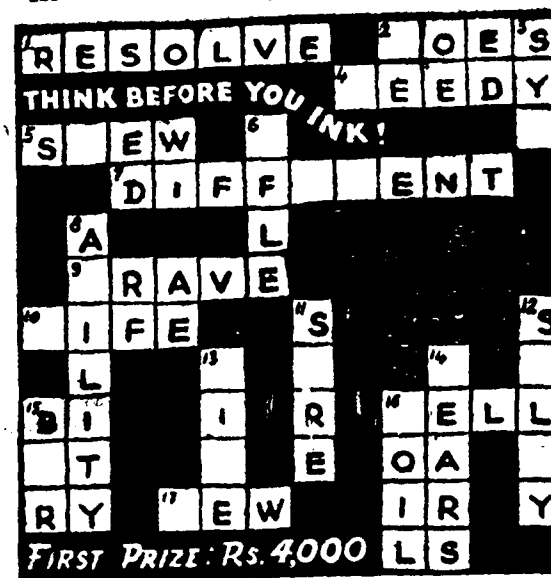
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- Jumbled spelling of the word SLY.
- FLEE is jumbled here.
- More than average — is necessary for man before he decides to take part in a tournament!
- When industrious worker becomes slack in his job, it is invariably due to his being quite — about it.
- Sensible persons should not be this even though circumstances press them to be so.
- Sparkling this adds grist to the mill of a man's ambitions and endeavours.
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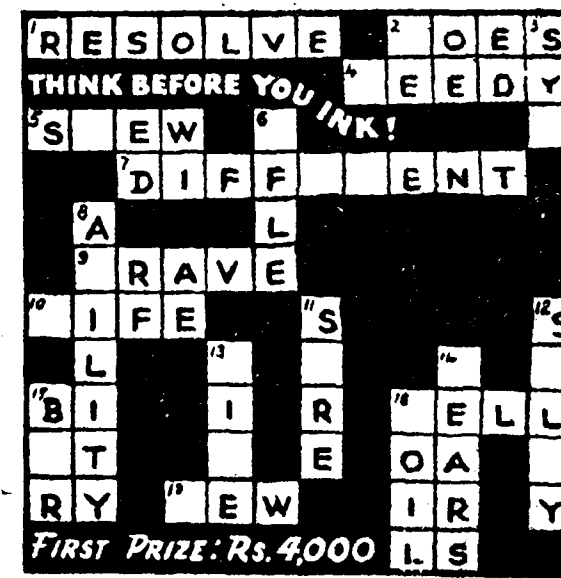
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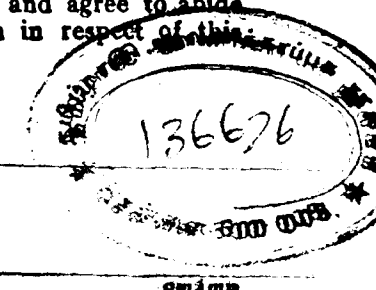
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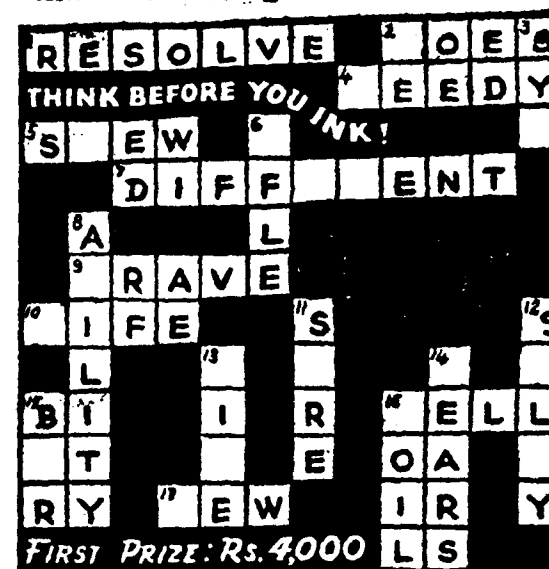
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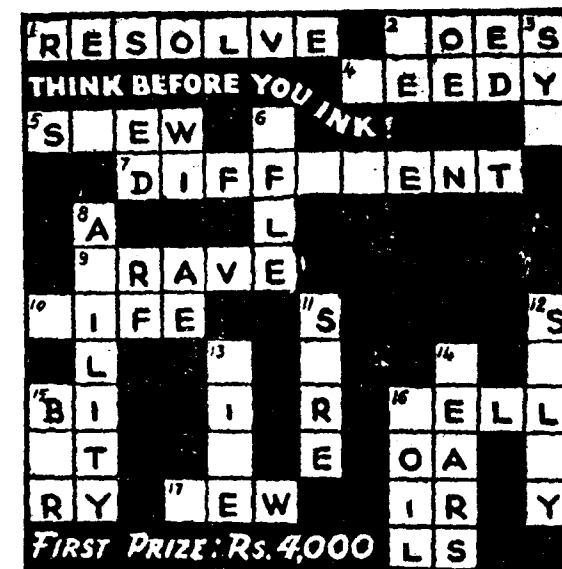
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As there is still plenty of time for submitting entries for Squareword No. D-6 (the Closing Date for it is 10th February 1953) second thoughts on the same are published below for the benefit of the Squareword fans.

— "SPOTTER"

2nd Thoughts:

Squareword No. D-6

(Closing Date: 10-2-'53)

ACROSS

11. Those who want to criticise women can well say that money alone can *Help* to win their love. Cynic goes farther to say that a *Heap* of it is required. *HEAP* here.

12. Not what others think but what *boss* himself does that is important. So back *SEEK*.

13. I feel *Aids* can be true of old patterns. How about the new ones? I feel *AILS* is better.

18. For reasons already explained, I prefer to stick to previous choice of *MINDS*.

20. I repeat: Back *PUSH*.

21. The desire to work and not the improbability of his continuing to work that serves as a pointer here. *KEEN* still appeals.

22. *Willness* without *Oillness* is not as good as *olliness* which has in it *willness*. So, *OILLNESS*.

24. Previous choice of *TAMED* is confirmed.

25. *DREARY* still holds good.

DOWN

4. *RUDE* is confirmed.

5. "Most" cannot refer to *Shine*. If it does, its use here is meaningless. Hence, *WHINE*.

7. Even under a strict boss workers who are *Cheery* may be found but never *Checky* ones. Under indulgent boss, there may be. "Much more likely" clearly makes a case for *CHEEKY*.

9. Choice of *CHIC* is confirmed.

13. *MADDENED* should score.

14. Undoubtedly, *PICKLED* is the better word.

16. When good fortune *Stuns* a man, even true friends can do nothing for the reaction is immediate. *SHUNS* should win.

17. I am inclined to prefer *DETEST* for even the others can *Detest* but don't care while the "more sensitive" does.

19. I see no reason to change previous choice of *SHIFTY*.

20. No choice but to permute both *MA* and *PA*.

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MYWORDS No. 19

CLOSING DATE:— 7th February 1953

FIXED WORDS

Across: 1. RESOLVE 5. SHEW.

Down: 3. SYL 6. EFLE.

15. BOR.

ALTERNATIVES

Across: 2. FOES, WOES.

4. NEEDY, SEEDY.

7. DIFFERENT,

DIFFIDENT.

10. LIFE, WIFE.

17. FEW, NEW.

Down: 11. SORE, SURE.

12. SILKY, SILLY,

SULKY.

13. LIFE, WIFE, WINE.

14. FEARS, TEARS.

INTERLOCKERS

Across: 9. BRAVE, GRAVE.

Down: 8. ABILITY, AGILITY.

Across: 16. SELL, TELL.

Down: 16. SOIL, TOIL.

— "Spotter."

I.W.X-WORD

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— "SPOTTER"

2nd Thoughts:

I.W.X-Word No. C-2

(Closing Date: 26-1-'53)

ACROSS

4. Backing can be something more than verbal encouragement. To *Back* up only friends can help. Remember it's a champion that is referred to. Bet on *BUCK*.

5. *ACID* still has my support.

7. On second thoughts I prefer *Idiots*. The well-educated can always understand *Idioms* while the others can never. "Sometimes" and "properly" lend emphasis to *IDIOTS* here.

10. Choice of *SHUN* is confirmed.

25. With "many a" *Star* can only be silly. On all counts, *SCAR* scores.

26. I feel it is safer to permute both *TRAP* and *TRIP*.

27. "Distress" may be physical or mental or financial. How are we to know what is meant here? I prefer *MISTRESS*.

DOWN

4. Just because boss makes too much noise, it can't be said that there is lack of harmony between him and his employees. If there is, he is no real boss! Back *BASS*.

6. The word "family" describing the struggling man rules out *Drab* and makes a better case for *DRAG*.

9. *Ore* is included in *One*. Hence, enter *ONE*.

11. Previous choice of *UNTRUE* stands.

18. I see no reason to change my first choice of *TACKLE*.

16. *FUSS* is still a sure bet.

19. Better permute both *AIM* and *ARM*.

20. A *Slip* may be a minor one when even the sensitive person may not mind it. *SLAP* fits well.

INTERLOCKERS

Across: 17 } The wording of the Clue
Down: 15 } in Down compels our
choice of the COAT-WAIT
combination.

Across: 23 } On second thoughts, I feel
Down: 23 } it is better to permute the
two combinations-*SELL*-*SOTS* and *TELL*-*TOTS*.

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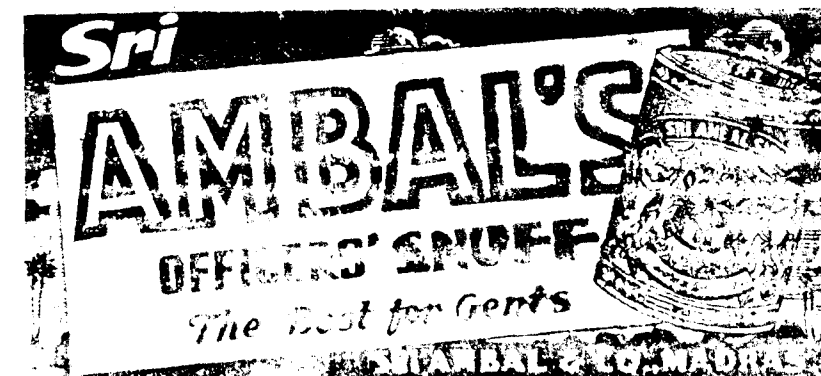
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