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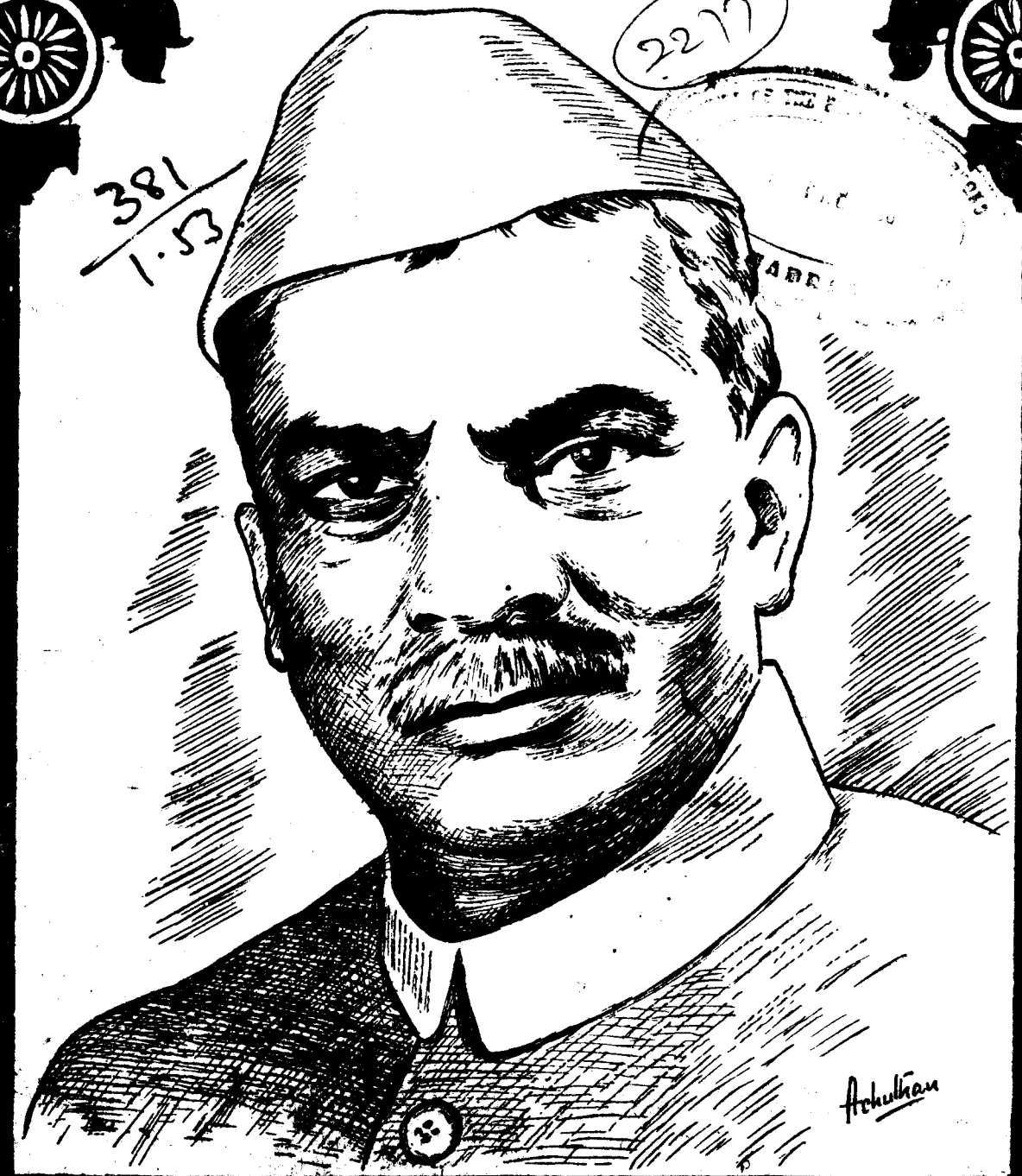
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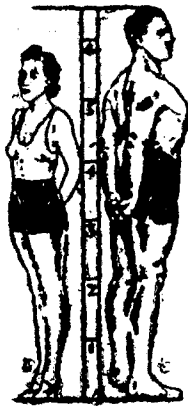
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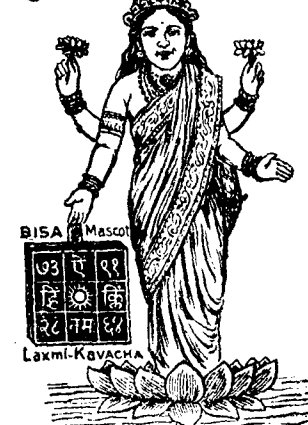
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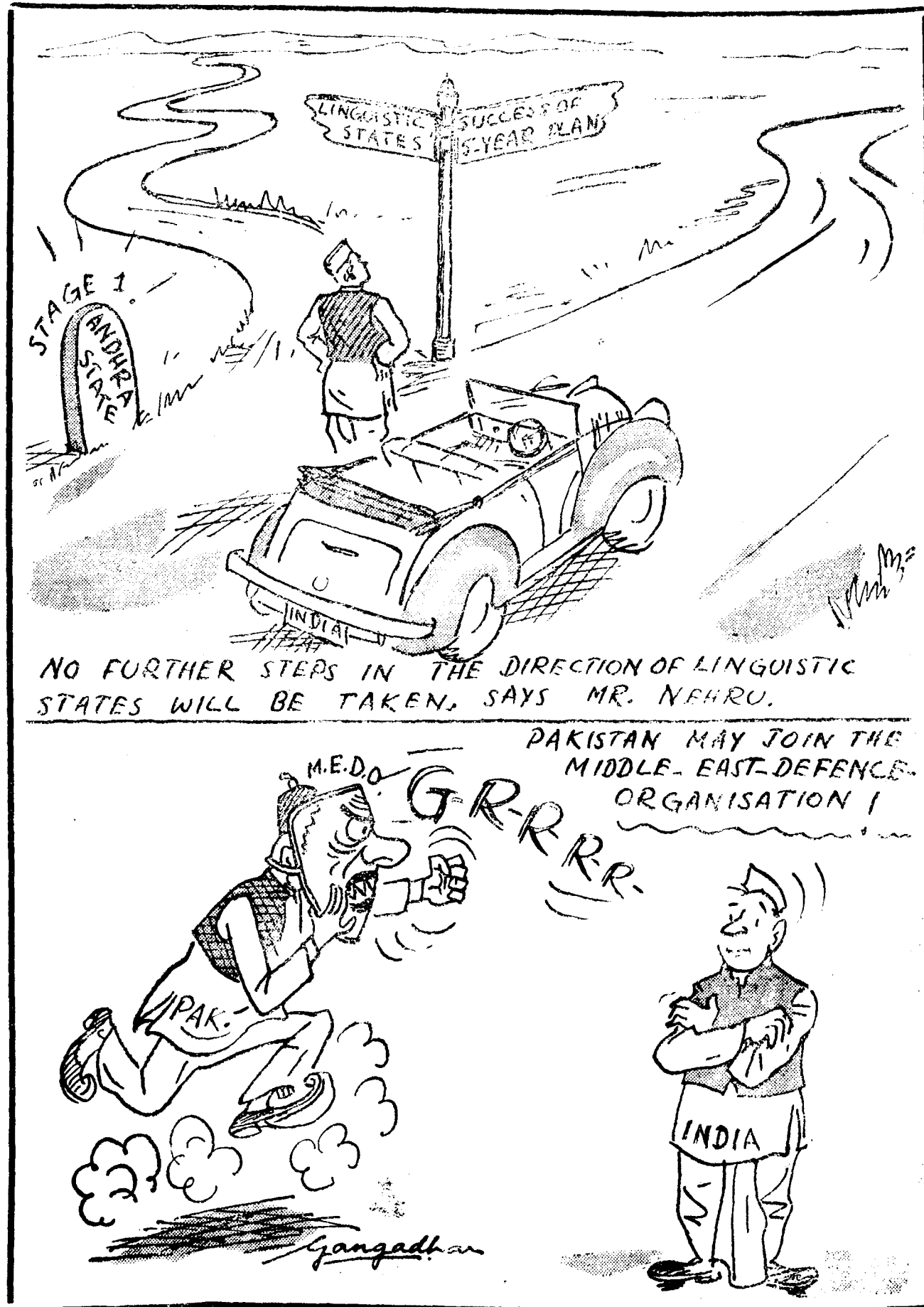
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NEHRU COUNSELS CAUTION

— IT was a happy idea to hold the 58th session of the Indian National Congress on the eve of the Republic Day. It is five-and-a-half years since we became free, and three years since the great Republic was born. In the words of the Congress President, India has built up for herself a position which commands respect and which brings additional responsibilities. "There are hardly any instances of a country establishing itself in this way during the first five years of freedom."

But, as Pandit Nehru himself pointed out, there are bigger tasks awaiting the nation and greater perils and pitfalls besetting it. At Nanalnagar, he appealed to the people to march with good heart and faith in the destiny of our country. The first step to make the Republic really strong and invincible, he said, was to concentrate on the Five-Year Plan. He implied that this alone would provide the key to economic freedom.

In his presidential address which was remarkably brief and to the point, Pandit Nehru touched on foreign affairs, the evils of communalism, the question of national medium and the need for overhauling the Congress organization. While India maintained friendly relations with almost all countries, Pakistan alone did not choose to grasp our hand of friendship. The response from the other side had been disappointing and there was frequent talk, even of war, against us. He then outlined the nature of the disputes with Pakistan. On the issue of Kashmir, the Security Council had ignored basic facts and would not name the aggressor. Non-Muslims in Pakistan had a raw deal. In a mediæval theocracy they could have no hope of an honourable existence. Said the President: "We cannot surrender to threats nor any vital principles. In any event, we shall protect our

territory and our basic interests if they are attacked."

Coming down to the evils that were corroding the very organization of the Congress, Pandit Nehru observed that stern measures would be necessary to put down such practices as were witnessed during the recent delegates' elections. They tended to corrupt and enfeeble the Congress.

On the subject of formation of new States, Pandit Nehru clarified his stand. "For my part, I have not the slightest objection to the re-organization of the States in India. But while so doing, various factors such as linguistic, financial, economic and the like have to be taken into consideration and linguism is only one among them." From the speeches and discussions on this vexed question, two salient points emerged. The Andhra State will be formed most definitely at as early a date as possible. But Congress would like to watch its progress and only then make up its mind about the creation of other States. For the present, at any rate, Hyderabad is not to be split up.

Speaking on the linguistic States resolution, Mr. N.V. Gadgil was even more outspoken than the President. Formation of new States at this juncture, he warned, would undermine the integrity of the country. It would be wise to go slowly and gradually. The very future of the Congress depended upon the successful implementation of the Five-Year Plan and if the task of linguistic re-distribution was taken on hand, it would end in disaster for all. But he was somehow confident that new States would be formed even before the next general elections.

The Congress High Command has taken the correct view that the Republic must gain in strength and vigour before the political map can be re-drawn.

News & Notes

Sinister Move

The Anglo-American Powers have once again exhibited their cleverness and skill in inducing Pakistan to join a Middle East Defence Organization. Their hope is that the Arab States will unquestioningly follow in the footsteps of a leading Muslim country like Pakistan. The partisan attitude of the two Powers over the Kashmir issue now becomes less inexplicable. The plum has probably been promised as a reward for co-operation in the defence scheme.

Both the British public and the press have expressed much annoyance and vexation at the thought that India is indignant at this new move. *The Times* has come out with a lecture that India is busying herself with other countries' affairs too much while the *Manchester Guardian* pleads ingeniously that Pakistan may physically be part of the Indian sub-continent but she is culturally part of the Islamic world. We hear the outcry among the British public that Pakistan is adult enough to decide in these matters for herself.

For Pakistan, any scheme or gesture to spite or baffle India appears to be most welcome. What is likely to be the immediate outcome of Pakistan's inclusion in MEDO? The cold war between East and West may reach India's borders. The U. S. may soon have its air bases in Pakistan. From there to the major Soviet industries east of the Ural mountains it is only a few hours' hop. But Russia, one may be sure, will not be sitting with folded arms. She may retaliate or even forestall an attack by strafing 'enemy' targets.

Our only hope is that this great sub-continent of which Pakistan is a part will be spared the horrors of a total war. The redeeming feature of the situation, however, is that Egypt and Syria have not so far chosen to join in. Says a writer in a Bombay daily: "If the Anglo-American political strategists think that Pakistan's leadership and Pan-Islamic cry will induce the Arab countries to fall in line, they are

destined to be disillusioned. As events are actually proving, Pan-Islamism is a spent-up slogan in the Middle East, and the new order that is at present asserting itself in the Arab region is developing along secular lines, as General Naguib's regime has given clear evidence."

It is doubtful if the people of Pakistan have fully realised the implications of membership of MEDO. Some have been misled into imagining that this is another big stick to beat India with.

Need For Vigilance

At the suburban stations, bus stops and crowded places in our City, pickpockets have suddenly erupted into activity. Gangs are obviously at work and if cornered or overwhelmed in pursuit, they produce long knives and threaten their captors. Letters in the daily press draw attention to the need for a police drive against bad characters and patrolling of bus stops and approaches to railway stations.

At a time when the money market is very tight and honest people suffer for want of purchasing power, the light-fingered gentry seem even more hard-pressed and become daring and desperate! It is time the Police took more stringent measures against the rowdy and lawless elements and rendered our streets and roads safer for the pedestrian and the passenger.

Our Foreign Policy

In a thought-provoking address to the Lakshmiapuram Young Men's Association at Madras, last week, Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon explained the intricacies of India's foreign policy and her efforts to promote peace.

Our foreign policy, Mr. Menon said at the outset, was not one of neutrality, as some people thought. A 'neutral policy' applied only to conditions of war or preparations for it. What India chose to follow was an independent foreign policy

consistent with the genius and philosophy of our nation.

Mr. Menon then dwelt on the main principles determining our foreign policy. Independence did not mean isolation of any kind. Though a free nation, India was willing to make the necessary surrender of sovereignty or sovereign functions to strengthen the hands of an international society and further the idea of a one-world community.

The second motive was to render all possible assistance to other nations struggling to be free. At the same time, we did not want to be involved in war. Nor would we enter into any nation's camp, however mighty it might be. That was why as soon as freedom was attained, India withdrew her air force, troops, etc., from foreign countries. In sum, the country's strength was to be contributed to peace rather than war.

Making a poignant reference to Korea, Mr. Menon observed that some two million Koreans including women and children who had nothing directly to do with the war, had lost their lives. Nearly 80 per cent of her homes had been destroyed and the damage to industry and agriculture was irreparable. "The whole country, a battlefield, is in shambles." The speaker then described India's strenuous and ceaseless efforts to stem the tide of war and bring about at least a truce. It is well known how Russia and China thwarted them.

Despite all these handicaps, limitations and rebuffs, said Mr. Menon, the world was slowly beginning to understand and even appreciate India's foreign policy. It was no more derided as the policy of sitting on the fence or of negation. "There is recognition that it is a policy of initiative and that we are prepared to take the risks of peace..." The whole world was yearning for peace but, surprisingly enough, the armament race was going on. There was the new doctrine that the only way to prevent war was to prepare for war! True service in the cause

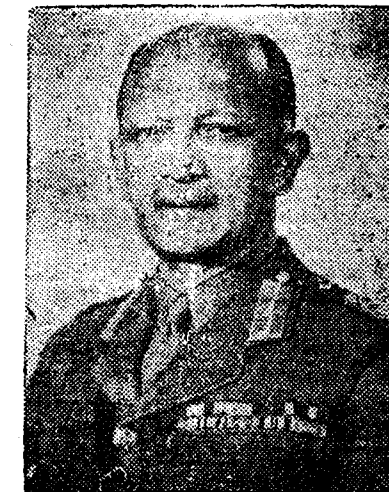


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IN THE NEWS



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General Cariappa, the 1st Indian to be the C-in-C of our Army, who retired recently.



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of peace would consist in liberating the peoples of the world from the vicious grip of fear. Mr. Menon warned that other nations would heed and respect the voice of India only when she had unity on the home front and economic stability. Did we not bring about the abdication of a powerful empire by the force of our nationalism?

Eisenhower Speaks

President Dwight Eisenhower's inaugural address was remarkable for the dignity in tone, loftiness in sentiment and the high literary flavour that enveloped it. It was all so well thought out and written that one found it difficult to pierce through the crust of platitudes and get at the core of his theme. That small-town man, Mr. Truman, would have been more plain and direct. Both picturesque language and obscurity in expression were foreign to him.

President Eisenhower directed his main attention to the Communist menace. His appeal was confined to the peoples of Western Europe whom he exhorted to stand firm and present a united front to the Red menace. In general, he expressed the hope that the strengthening of the free world's defence against Communism would continue. Referring to the faith that held the free nations together, the President said: "This common bond holds the grower of rice in Burma and the planter of wheat in Iowa, the shepherd in Southern Italy and the mountaineer in the Andes."

Beyond this there was no open reference to Asia. Can it mean that the President pins his faith on war as the only means to rid the world of Communism and fear? "We shall never try to placate an aggressor..." asserted the President. Perhaps, the implication would seem apparent that the Korean war would be ended on their own (American) terms and the very idea of admitting New China to the U.N. was absurd. General Chiang is reportedly getting ready to swoop down on the Chinese mainland.

There is a noticeable change in the U. S. foreign policy under the

new Republican Administration. Help to the economically backward countries of Asia to raise the peoples' standard of living and wean them from Communist blandishments may be severely curtailed. "Assuming realistically the needs of proven friends," stated the President, "we shall strive to help them to achieve their own security and well being. Likewise, we shall count upon them to assume within the limits of their resources their full and just burdens in the common defence of freedom." Here seems to be an unmistakable hint that hereafter political strings may be attached to offers of American aid. Perhaps we are doing an injustice to the new President who probably meant to be vague and had nothing particular in mind. Further enunciations of policy may help to throw more light.

May The Tribe Increase!

For every human being in Uttar Pradesh, so goes the story, there are three monkeys. Culling this news item from a British journal, an official of the Agricultural Department of U. P. passed it on to the Transport Department for final decision and disposal. In the State where Rama and Lakshmana began their immortal career of service and sacrifice so that humanity might survive, the simians who served the brothers so faithfully, have found a home.

According to a *Times of India* report, it is stated that Secretariat officials are worried about the growing unemployment problem among the monkeys. But helpful suggestions are not wanting. There appear to be several openings before them—rickshaw-pulling for the hard-working and swift-footed, tractor operating for the dull-witted (?) sloggers and bus driving for the fiends. Yes, we have forgotten to mention one other opening. Those who can snatch and grab at purses from passengers can become conductors, and glamour girls, if any, can apply for jobs as conductresses. There is only one snag, though. The matter, it seems, has not yet got off the discussion level!

General Cariappa

After more than three decades of distinguished service, General K.M. Cariappa relinquished command of the Indian Army, the other day. When he became Commander-in-Chief, the country was confronted with a momentous crisis. The Army, too, was divided and there was distressing evidence of its morale and energy flagging rapidly. It was General Cariappa's strict sense of duty and discipline, lofty idealism and faith in himself and the nation that arrested the rot and infused into the Army a new life and spirit.

Under British administration the Indian Army was headed by the ablest of men from England because the outposts in the British Empire had also to be manned and defended. In importance and status, they were rated almost next to the Viceroy. When General Cariappa took over, he had many difficult problems to face. He had to Indianize the Army in the sense that it had to switch over its loyalty to the new national Government in power.

Under the regime of Colonel Blimp, the nation was divided into martial and non-martial races and recruitment which was made on this principle caused much bitterness and resentment among the people. General Cariappa did away with this invidious, meaningless distinction and made the Army national in every sense of the term. There was nothing narrow or crooked about the Commander-in-Chief, and, like himself, he placed the Army beyond the pale of caste, class or communal prejudices.

Before Independence was achieved, people had not unnaturally looked upon the Army and its movements with suspicion and hostility but under General Cariappa's regime all this gave way to an attitude of mutual respect and co-operation. A recent instance was the Army's fine work in digging wells in drought-stricken areas and mitigating the water famine.

Commendable was General Cariappa's visualization of the Army as a social body, keeping strictly aloof from politics and promoting the people's welfare and carrying out the behests of the

Government. In many a country in the East and in the Latin countries of America, revolutions are the order of the day because the Army strays into the political field and military juntas seize power. At a press conference in New Delhi, the retiring Commander-in-Chief explained that one reason why the Army was still in a sense segregated from the general public and made to live in cantonments, was to isolate the men from the politics of the masses and lessen the opportunity for their being politically indoctrinated in any way. "This was ultimately in the interests of the people as it was a matter that affected the loyalty of the Army and the security of the State."

In General Rajendrasinhji we have a worthy successor who can be trusted to uphold the great traditions of the Army and the high principles and policies laid down by General Cariappa. Even in his first Order of the Day the new Commander-in-Chief called for harder work and strict economy and hinted at reorganization for greater efficiency and thoroughness.

"Slightly Hopeful"

Mr. Kidwai's statement at the recent Food Ministers' conference in New Delhi, may well be regarded as a fairly realistic and satisfactory survey of the food situation in the country. His complaint was that deficit States tended to over-state their requirements. Their demands in the aggregate amounted to more than two million tons of rice. "I do not think," said Mr. Kidwai, "even half the quantity has ever before been supplied."

The Food Minister added that the carry-over of rice in these States was actually higher than before and also that the rice crop was good. Assam had got over her difficulties by stepping up production. Similar was the case with Bihar. Indeed, Mr. Kidwai had been hoping to get some rice from this State for the deficit neighbours, but, actually, he was asked to import 47,000 tons. "There are similar demands from other States. If all these demands are reduced to actual requirements, I am sure they can be met from procurement in the surplus States

and our imports will go to build up a reserve."

Foreshadowing a gradual reduction in imports, Mr. Kidwai thought that the country was producing enough and that minimum requirements could be satisfied if there was an efficient and honest organization for procurement and distribution. Significant was his observation: "But in our present state of development it is not a practical proposition. The checks we introduce increase our difficulties, and create problems. The alternative to this is to build up stocks. These stocks will keep down prices and will keep hoarders in check." The Food Minister then indicated the urgent need for relief to people in famine areas. Work had to be provided for them and also enough grain at concession rates.

Pandit Nehru pleaded strongly for a change in our eating habits, albeit gradually and slowly. He agreed with Mr. Kidwai that the food position was not so bad as about a year ago. In spite of the need for imports and near-famine conditions in some areas, the position was much more hopeful than before. And he called on the States to build up adequate stocks to meet emergencies and bolster up control prices.

A sample food survey, conducted recently by experts, brought out a fact hitherto not noticed. It showed that people were consuming more food than was taken into account by statisticians.

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It is now three years since India became a Republic. A momentous hour it was when our leaders framed the Constitution of India and declared that she would become a Republic. Republics have been long known to the pages of history. Greece and Rome had experimented with republics. America declared herself a republic. South America has many republics. All over the Continent of Europe crowns have fallen like ninepins in recent times and republics have replaced monarchies. In 1911 China became a republic under the leadership of Dr. Sun Yat Sen.

The republican form of government was known to India also in ancient times. The Sakyas and the Lichchavis and other tribes had a republican form of government. But in course of time the monarchical form of government became the norm, though the monarchy was a constitutional monarchy because of the concept of Dharma as the King of Kings. In theory the King had the elements of divinity in him and had untrammelled powers.

But in practice he had to take the advice of his ministers and consult the popular Sabhas and Samitis on special and important occasions. Monarchy prevailed in the Muslim period and later yet in the British period of Indian history.

India became a Republic on 26th January 1950 soon after she attained independence on 15th

August 1947. Why did this happen? It happened inevitably. The Muslim rule had been blown up even in the 18th century and the rule of the East India Company was only under the control of the British King. In 1858 India passed directly under the British Crown, and Queen Victoria was proclaimed as the Queen-Empress of India.

But when Britain parted with power on 15th August 1947, India could not but become a republic. The British King had ceased to be the ruler of India and there was no all-India Indian ruler. In fact, no one King had ever ruled the entire India from the Himalayas to the Cape Comorin though the land was geographically and culturally one country.

THE traditional fifty-six States had never ending wars and shifting boundaries. Now and then a mighty warrior ruled over a large portion of India. Asoka, Harsha and others governed the major part of India. Akbar and his successors down to Aurangzeb had, of course, quite a large territory. But none ruled over the entire country. When the British left India to its fate there were nine British Provinces constituting two-thirds of the area of India and 56 Indian States constituting one-third of India. Some of these Indian States were very petty and small. Some were bigger and a few were as large as the provinces. After all, the Princes ruled but fractions of the country and could

not even pretend to have any claim to rule India.

The only alternative was for India to become a republic. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the Prime Minister of India, moved in the Constituent Assembly on 13th December 1946 the Objectives Resolution in which he moved that "this Constituent Assembly declares as its firm and solemn resolve to proclaim India as an Independent Sovereign Republic and to draw up for her future governance a Constitution... wherein all power and authority of the Sovereign Independent India, its constituent parts and organs of Government, are derived from the people."

Pandit Nehru was very particular that the resolution must be regarded not as a mere resolution but as a pledge, an undertaking and a dedication. This happened when the bifurcation, or rather the vivisection, of India into India and Pakistan had not yet been effectuated. Pandit Nehru was for the resolution stating that India should be a Socialist State but dropped the word "Socialist" lest the insertion of the word should create a controversy and imperil the chances of passing a unanimous resolution.

IN his speech winding up the debate on the Objectives Resolution on 22nd January 1947, Pandit Nehru visualised how India's resolution to become a republic would have resounding and far

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reaching effects in Asia and what he anticipated and predicted has happened. He said on that occasion: "It will lead also to the freedom of the other countries of Asia because, in a sense, however unworthy we may be, we have become, let us recognize it, the leaders of the freedom movement of Asia, and whatever we do, we should think of ourselves in these larger terms... Let us remember not only this resolution but this great responsibility that we shoulder, the responsibility of the freedom of 400 million people of India, the responsibility of the leadership of a large part of Asia, the responsibility of being some kind of guide to vast numbers of people all over the world."

What a prophetic note! Burma has become a free Republic. Other countries in South East Asia and Indonesia are battling with colonial imperialism and are on their road to republicanism.

THE Indian leaders wanted India to become a republic for another reason as well. They knew that the Indian people left to themselves would throw their entire force on the side of universal peace. India never spread her empire at the point of the sword. Her empire in South-East Asia and Indonesia in the mediaeval age was a cultural empire rather than a colonial one, controlled from India. The last clause of the Objectives Resolution said: "This ancient land shall attain its rightful and honoured place in the world and make its full and willing contribution to the promotion of world peace and the welfare of mankind."

It is as against such a background that we should visualise the Preamble of the Indian Constitution which came into force on 26th January, 1950. The Preamble says: "We, the People of India, having solemnly resolved to constitute India into a Sovereign Democratic Republic and to secure to all its citizens:

Justice, social, economic and political;
Liberty of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship;
Equality of status and opportunity;
and to promote among all
Fraternity assuring the dignity of the individual and the unity of the Nation."

THE most remarkable fact about the Indian Republic is its alliance with Britain as an equal in the Commonwealth without in any way compromising her full republican status. In his broadcast from New Delhi on 16th May 1949, Pandit Nehru said: "We took a pledge long ago to achieve Purna Swaraj (complete independence). We have achieved it? Does a nation lose its independence by an alliance with another country? It is well known that it is open to any member nation to go out of the Commonwealth if it so chooses."

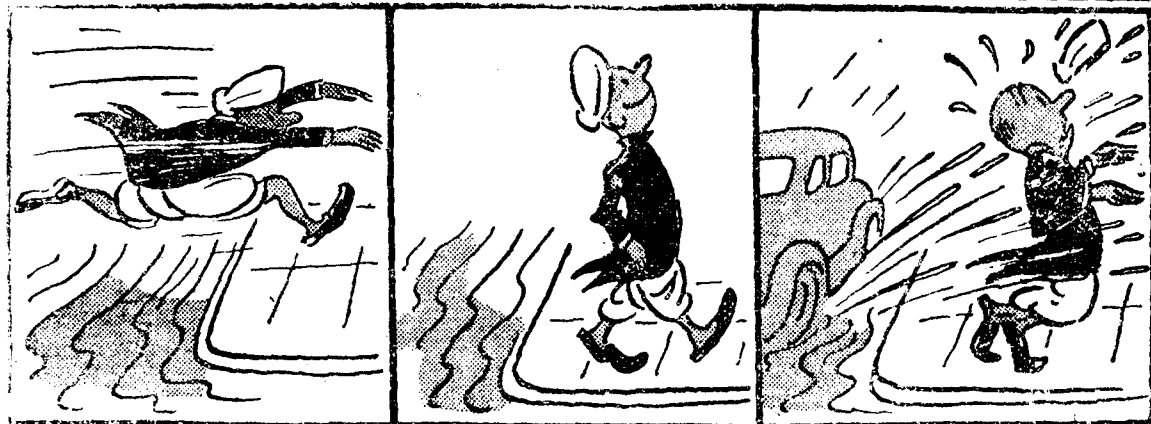
"The Commonwealth is not a Super-State in any sense of the term. We have agreed to consider the King as the symbolic head of this free association... As far as the Constitution of India is concerned, the King has no place and we shall owe no allegiance to him."

In his speech in the Constituent Assembly on 16th May 1949, moving a resolution for the ratification of the Commonwealth decision, he said: "India by becoming a Republic goes out of the Crown area completely."

"There is a reference, in connection with the Commonwealth, to the King as the symbol of that association. Observe that the reference is to the King and not to the Crown. ... In so far as the Republic of India is concerned, ... she has nothing to do with any external authority... We join the Commonwealth, obviously because we think that it is beneficial to us and to certain causes in the world that we wish to advance." He said further: "The Commonwealth does not come in the way of our co-operation and friendship with other countries... There are no commitments to-day."

IN the above speech Pandit Nehru rightly claimed: "India has gone up in the scale of nations in its influence and in its prestige" India's foreign policy to-day is the main cause of such influence and prestige. India has kept out of entanglements with the two mighty power blocs to-day. India's emergence in world affairs is hailed on all sides. The passing of the recent resolution of India on the Korea war by the General Assembly of the U.N.O. is of great portent, though the Soviet bloc rejected it.

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THUS India is a free Republic and is now busy working out her great Five Year Plan. She is a free associate member of the Commonwealth without any commitments, an equal and respected and influential member of the U.N.O. and a bastion of universal peace. She is the political leader of Asia to-day in addition to being the spiritual leader and guide of the world. May we wish for her what Tennyson wished for England:

"A land of settled Government,
A land of just and old renown,
Where freedom broadens slowly down
From precedent to precedent:
Where faction seldom gathers head,
But by degrees to fullness wrought,
The strength of some diffusive thought
Hath time and space to work and spread

Her open eyes desire the truth,
The wisdom of a thousand years
Is in them. May perpetual youth
Keep dry their light from tears;
That her fair form may stand and shine,
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Wheels That Turn In The Night

"YOU look worried," remarked Ralph, opening the door of his battered two-seater, so that Zoe might clamber in beside him. "Anything on your mind?"

"I'm sorry," she apologised. "I didn't realise it showed..."

"Worried about one of your cases?" he asked, slipping home the gears.

Zoe was proud of her unique position of being the only female "private eye" in the country, but she was forced to admit, to herself at least, that the running of a detective agency, with practically no assistance, was no sinecure, and that it could be at times a little wearing, to put it mildly.

"Yes, it so happens that there is one case in particular which has me worried," she confessed. "But I'd rather we didn't talk shop. It isn't often I get you to take me out, and I want to make the most of it," she added, giving his arm a squeeze.

"It isn't that I haven't wanted to take you out," he said, throwing her a smile. "We're all working overtime at the Research Institute on a new hush-hush project. This is the first evening I've had off in weeks. Now, what about this case of yours? Maybe I can help."

"Not now," Zoe sighed, shaking her head sadly. "It's all over and done with..."

"Well then, why worry?"

"I'm afraid you don't understand. You see, I was called in by a certain party—let's call her Mrs. Jordan—to keep an eye on her husband. He was always having to work late at the office, at least, so he told her. She began to get suspicious, and finally 'phoned up the manager at his works, resolved to check up on her husband's story. She was not at

all surprised at receiving the information that neither Mr. Jordan nor any other member of the staff, for that matter, had been required to put in any overtime during the past six months. 'I only wish it had been necessary!' the manager concluded humorously. 'But I'm afraid business has been disappointingly slack lately.'

"YOU can imagine how Mrs. Jordan felt when she heard this. Her first instinct was to call her husband a liar to his face next time she saw him, but then she decided that it would be more politic on her part to catch him blonde in hand, as it were. With that in mind, she posted herself outside the works on the following evening, with the intention of following him to his little love nest.

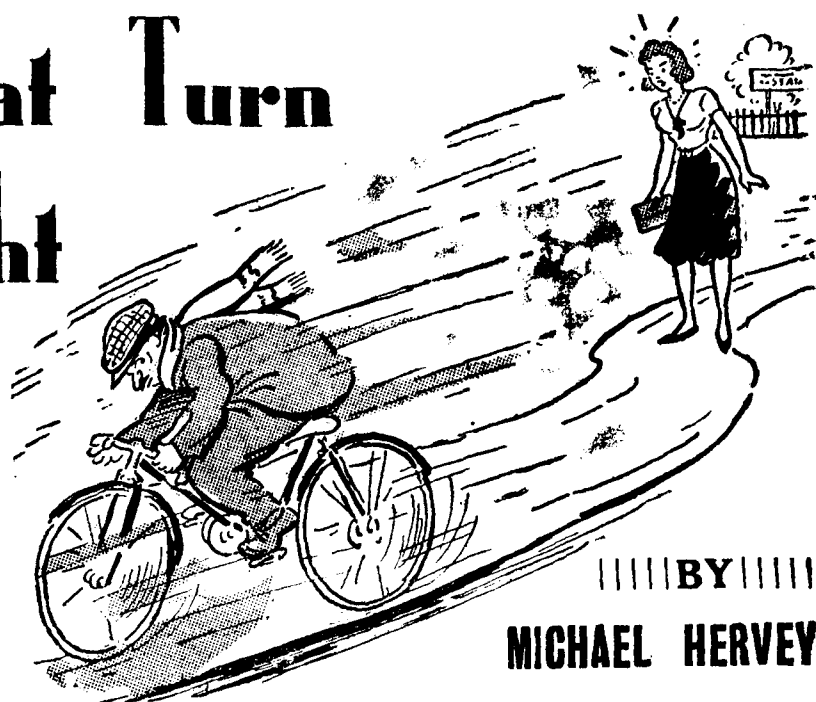
"But her little scheme came sadly to grief. She never saw him at all on the first night, because he didn't use the front entrance. Nor did she fare much better on the second night, for although she had posted herself at the correct exit, he had whisked out, hopped on a bicycle, and pedalled off down the road before she could recover from her surprise. The bicycle was completely unexpected, you see, because she had never even known that he possessed one. He had never brought it home, nor mentioned it to her.

"Mrs. Jordan was in a quandary because it so happens, she can't ride a bicycle, and didn't know how to follow him. So she decided that she had better get professional assistance in the matter, and she came to me. I was compelled to agree with her that Mr. Jordan's actions were a little odd, to say the least of it, and I promised to try and find out what it was all about.

"That evening I took up my position round the back of the works, using a taxi as an observation post. Mr. Jordan appeared on his bicycle in due course, and I instructed the driver of the cab to follow him at a safe distance. He led us a merry chase through countless side-streets and alleys, and it was only by sheer luck that we managed to keep him in sight.

"HE finally led us to a suburban railway station, where he parked his bicycle, and purchased a ticket to a little place called Hannington. Naturally I too purchased a ticket to Hannington. It was a comparatively short journey, and not being familiar with the journey I was very nearly carried on to the next station. As it was I had to jump out while the train was moving, almost breaking my neck in the process.

"I could have saved myself the trouble, for on emerging



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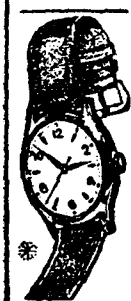
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from the station what did I see but Mr. Jordan collecting a bicycle from a stand outside the building! Before I could do a thing he was off like a shot from a pea-shooter. Anyway, there wasn't anything I could do really, for, needless to say, there wasn't single taxi in sight. I just went home, beaten on that occasion.

"I FIGURED I was one move ahead of him though on the following evening, when I had a taxi drive me all the way out to Hannington, so that I could be ready for him when he zipped off on his second bicycle. You can imagine my feelings when he didn't turn up that night, or any of the following nights for that matter. I just didn't know what to make of it. I had to start at the beginning again, and wait outside the works. I soon discovered that Mr. Jordan varied the procedure every night, never getting out at the same station twice. By some miracle there was always a bicycle waiting for him at the other end.

"I don't mind admitting I lost quite a lot of sleep trying to puzzle the whole thing out. Then it suddenly dawned on me! Of course, the lady he was to meet probably deposited the second bicycle for him outside a different station every night! It was a fool-proof scheme guaranteed to baffle anyone who might be watching him. It began to look as though I would never succeed in tracking him right to his rendezvous and discover whom he was meeting. Yet, how else could I obtain the sort of evidence that Mrs. Jordan would require for her divorce?

"It then occurred to me that it would be necessary for Mr. Jordan's girl-friend to keep in pretty close contact with him, if only to let him know where she was proposing to leave the bicycle for him. Of course, they might have it all cut and dried at the

previous meeting, but it was worth trying to find out whether she ever 'phoned him. I had a word with the girl on the switchboard at the works, and my hunch proved correct, for he actually was receiving a telephone call almost every day.

"I should like to listen in on his line," I told her.

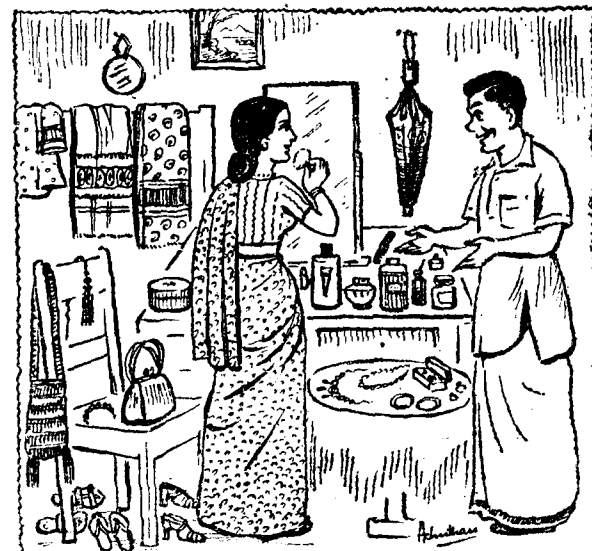
"I had to wait for hours on the following day for the call to come through, but it did eventually. The few words exchanged told me all I wanted to know—where the bicycle was going to be left for him that night..." Zoe grew silent.

"And so you finally managed to trail him to his love nest?" Ralph prompted her.

"THERE wasn't any love nest, or even another woman for that matter," Zoe sighed. "Mr. Jordan wasn't being unfaithful to his wife at all."

"What in heaven's name was he up to then?"

"Housebreaking! He had an accomplice who spied out the land for him during the day, and planted the bicycle for him at a pre-arranged spot every time. You should have heard what Mrs. Jordan called me when I informed her that I had given her husband in charge!" Zoe concluded heavily.



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The Professor's Dilemma

to one that had just finished swallowing a couple of burning coals. The question asked was: "Trace the course of the Sepoy Mutiny." No. 1147 had opened his throttle to the full extent. He started by questioning the title "Sepoy Mutiny" and wrote several versatile paragraphs upon British Administration, which frequently contained an expression, viz., "the butchery and the bureaucracy of the British Imperialism." No. 1147 wound up by christening the movement as the "War of Independence."

The Professor just finished reading the fiery stuff when he raised his eyes to see a student creeping in. The Professor was disappointed. He expected to see a burly lad with anarchy writ large on his forehead. What he saw was a boy no more than 5 feet

It was the year 1946 and Professor Brandon, head of the Department of History in X.Y. College sat musing in his chair. He was staring at the ceiling and fingering the edges of his stout wax moustache. It suggested that the Professor was lost in thought. Professor Brandon was perhaps the only man in the College excepting the Principal who could take up a class without the mewling and purring of the back-benchers.

Tall and well built, the Professor had a cold and piercing set of eyes that struck terror in anyone. He had the square jaw of a boxer and the firm wax moustache of an army colonel that added defiance to his appearance. In his twenty years of service in the College the Professor had never seen a student who could see him full in the face without quailing. Professor Brandon had walked over the College premises all these twenty years like a Roman Emperor treading over his vanquished foe.

By R. Rajagopalan

The Professor sat correcting papers of the B.A. class and it was while valuing one of them that his proud English chest swelled with indignation and continued to swell to such an extent that unless an immediate outlet was sought for, there was the grave danger of its bursting hopelessly. A violent ringing of the bell brought into the room a turbaned figure that, scenting alarm, kept a safe distance and made faint noises to announce its presence. "Ask No. 1147 of the Third B.A. class to come up here instantly!" barked the Professor.

The figure withdrew with amazing rapidity. The Professor gave the edges of the moustache a crisp trimming and glued his eyes again to the paper. No. 1147 had written something in the History paper that made the Professor jumpy. His face bore resemblance

3 inches tall, a frail figure clad in a flowing dhoti and a spotlessly white jibba reaching to his knees. He saluted the Professor, met his steady gaze with absolute composure and took a chair with complete ease. Brandon felt himself clean bowled. No sign of nervousness or agitation. He had been there twenty years and no fellow ever had the audacity to look at him like that. Professor Brandon had evidently lost his grip.

"Is this your answer paper?" started the Professor with no great authority in his voice.

"Yes, sir."

"Haven't you been told not to mix your studies with your political views?"

"I don't think what I have written is irrelevant after all, sir."

"It is not your business to judge it," replied the Professor with real fire in his voice.

An awkward pause followed.

"You must withdraw all the rot you have written if you entertain any idea of getting a pass!" roared Professor Brandon who was by this time considerably heated.

"I will do no such thing, sir."

"Get out of my room this very moment!" barked the furious Professor.

From the list of students who passed the examination that year No. 1147 was missing.

PROFESSOR Brandon sat in his study; it was 1947. The Professor was a year older. He was correcting papers and it was with great horror that his eyes settled upon No. 1147. The student seemed to have lost none of his previous fire. He wrote with equal vigour and even more. The question asked was almost similar to the one which had been asked the previous year. The Professor read the whole thing through with utter dismay and closed the sheets with a sigh. Detaining the student was out of the question. The country was independent and Professor Brandon could not say anything against an independent citizen trying to reconstruct history in his own way.

Professor Brandon rose up from his chair and paced the room with painful thoughts. He was an Englishman and was proud but his honesty none could question. He had valued papers for so many years and never allowed his feelings to get the better of his sense of fairness. Brandon could not reconcile himself to the idea of valuing a paper which he had not done in the previous year. The thought that a student was to fail for the same answer the previous year and get through with distinction in the very next year was too much for the Professor. He sat thinking the whole night and when he at last arrived at a decision it was a painful one to the whole College. There were few students who did not regret the resignation and exit of the Professor who was strict but honest.



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By Norton E. Lumb

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In my excited state I arrived there even before she did, but was well received by the family. I sat alone reading a magazine, my thoughts with Marion, and wondering why she had not come. She ought to have been there long before then. I was day-dreaming of her when she slipped silently into the room. At any rate, I didn't notice her entry and when she sang out "Hullo!" I was startled, but a moment later felt relieved and happy. But not for long. A young fellow had come in with her. She introduced us but I didn't catch the name. I was no longer interested, merely disappointed.

The father decided to play the new arrival, and as I thought my rival, in a game of 'Carroms'. While the game was in progress she chatted merrily to me, but every now and then she complimented my rival on his play. He eventually ran out the winner, and the father then extended a challenge to me. I made several excuses, but that smile of Marion's started the game. The procedure was much the same as before; she chatted, and every now and then (a slight change here) teased me on missing an easy shot.

The game ended very soon, the father winning easily. I was rather embarrassed, but made the best of the situation, especially as the father, pleased at his success, seemed to become very fond of me. I later confidentially remarked to Marion that I had intentionally let him win the game. She said, "Oh, did you? How sweet of you!" This was one up for me and I struck while the iron was hot, getting in five words to every one of my rival's.

SOON afterwards he left the room. I felt quite proud of myself and with the very essence of chivalry went so far as to compliment my absent rival's skill at the game. She gave me another shock but a pleasant one when she said, "Oh,

my brother is really good." What little of my anxiety remained quickly vanished and I continued the conversation with great gusto, but at the back of my mind lay the thought, "So that was how I was able to hold a conversation so easily."

THIS merry chat was interrupted by the ringing of the doorbell. She went to the door and said with a broader smile than ever, "Oh! Hullo, Jack!"

"Now who is this?" I wondered.

She answered the unspoken question. "This is a friend of mine, Sydney. And Sydney, let me introduce you to my fiance Jack."

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All Too Secret!

By R. Jagannatha Rao

THE trouble with most of us is that we know the price of everything but the value of nothing. The same is the case with love. Everybody talks of love, but very little do they know what love is like. Why worry about everybody? I myself till very recently (though I was a victim of the same love affair once) was ignorant about it all. My idea about love was only the leisure period of a lonely and disgusted life. I do admit it all was borrowed mostly from films, since I was in the habit of attending every rotten picture coming to my place.

I could see in it a hero or heroine going over the top of a hill or standing at the bottom or taking cool rest under a big banyan tree and beginning to give us a nice tune (of course, depending on the standard of the playbacks). I too was sincerely trying to imitate, but it was a total failure since it was a one-sided love.

Readers may find it rather boring to go through the biography or an autobiography of an ordinary middle-class bloke like me. But I make bold to say that one can learn and find many solid and interesting things from a middle-class man rather than from either a high-class chap or a low-class one because the low are often below morality and the high above it. I do not care for either of them; the low are unscrupulous without knowledge, whilst the high are unscrupulous without purpose. It is the middle classes who are dangerous; they have both knowledge and purpose. But they, too, have their weak points. They are full of scruples, chained hand and foot by their morality and respectability.

As I mentioned above, I really belonged to the middle class and so once I had a love affair neither with knowledge nor purpose.

I being the subject of the theme, I feel it rather awkward to give a

dramatic picture of my love affair, because it had a very short course.

My sweetheart was from Trichy. I do not take much trouble of finding suitable words to describe her, since I no more need worry about her. It is just enough if I say she was as good-looking a girl as any lass and was well behaved. She had both culture and a smattering of education. Her name was attractive. The very name Vimala (she was known by that appellation) once excited me like anything. I am really a weak fellow, weak in mind, heart and physique. I was so weak that even the bangle sound of her hand thrilled me to the core of my being.

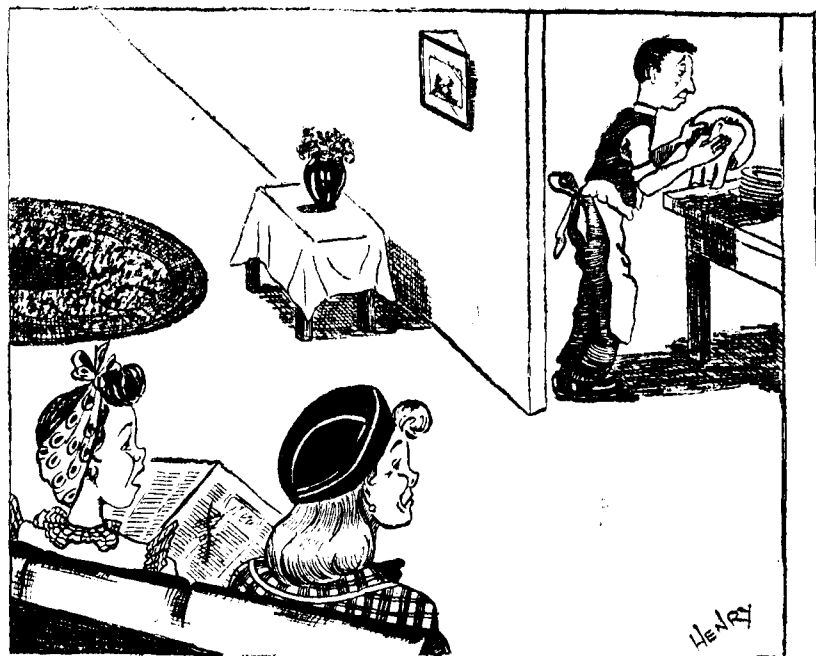
It is needless to say that she and I belonged to families who are known for their orthodoxy and discipline. Naturally our love was at the mercy of our elders, I made it still worse by being not bold

enough to make an approach to the elders at the proper time.

Both of us had a perfect understanding of each other, and carried on our affair (if you like call it romance) in a clandestine manner! Though myself and my darling were close neighbours we met more at cinemas, circuses, stage shows, etc.

I SHOULD have told you at the outset that I come from a family of lawyers. My father is a lawyer, both my grandfathers (paternal and maternal side) are lawyers. That is also a reason for my failure in this emotional business, because I had more law points than love in my mental make-up. Everything I did legally and carefully, and so I faced finally utter disappointment and misery.

Moreover, my sweetheart's people were very suspicious and



Wife (to guest): "Oh, he's a great help to me on a Sunday—that's the only day I get to rest!"

restricted her movements. I should concede they were a shrewd lot.

Once I had a very funny time when I visited their place and had to stay for a longer time than usual. During my visit there I really felt most uncomfortable. I could not bear the rude manner in which they used to treat my girl. How I wished marriage could come to her rescue! They used to suspect her in regard to everything. For instance, if she stood near a window they would say she was immodest. If she took more time to come from the bath room or backyard they used to shout themselves hoarse and make a fuss. If by any chance they saw her beside me, hell would be let loose... One full police unit would have to come to control and keep them in check. My God! I get a shock even to-day when I think of those days. In spite of these several handicaps our love affair went on very smoothly in her very own house, without the knowledge of our respectable elders. This was the second stage of our affair. They did not know because we were very clever, extra careful.

We loved each other so intensely and were on the verge of making a clean confession to our respective elders, but it was too late. Better I quote, 'Man proposes and God disposes.' By the time she took courage in both hands and approached her elders for permission to marry me, they had made other arrangements for her marriage to some other blighter. It was all as secret as our love affair!

ONE fine day, I do not remember what day it was, I found a wedding invitation card on my desk. From whom was it? It announced my darling's forthcoming marriage. You could guess my agony then. I became morose, pale and dull. I blamed my luck, my weakness, my parents and everybody. It took several months to forget the affair and get over my disappointment.

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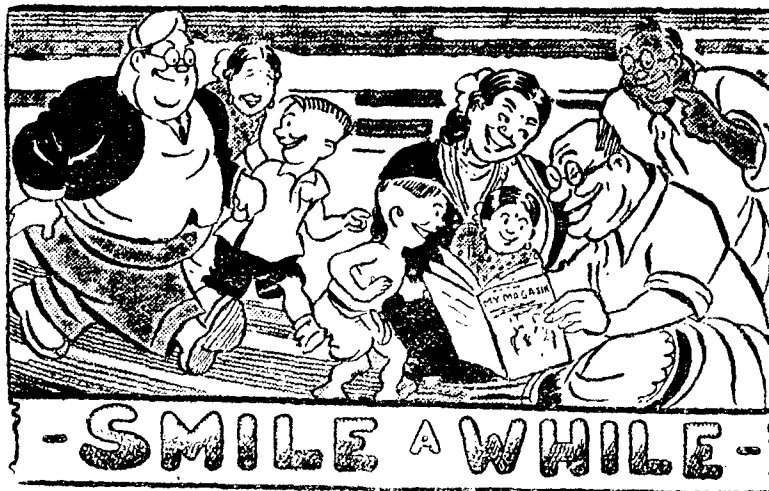
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Try this for a week as soon as you get up and just before you go to bed, sit up and repeat the Lord's name for half an hour at least. Practise a few *asans* for a few minutes each. Then go about your work; but occasionally give the Indweller the pleasure of your remembrance. The reward for this simple *sadhana* is, remember, Immortality.

Yes, there is a popular notion that *yoga* is only for the mountain recluse, prevalent even among the intelligentsia. It is not so. *Yoga* is for all. Every one can and should practise *yoga* from his own station in life. *Brahmacharya* is essential for higher spiritual attainments, but it does not mean that one who is not perfect in this virtue cannot even attempt at *sadhana*. By steady practice and dispassion is the Goal attained. Kindly start on *sadhana*; when the time comes, God will bestow inner strength on thee, too!

The principal *sadhana* for your noble self is to repeat the Name of the Lord and to look upon all the patients as the force of the Lord Himself. These two in themselves will take you to the threshold of *Moksha*. Kindly practise introspection for about half an hour in the night. Watch your own mental modifications. It will be an interesting exercise. In due course this itself will become a good meditation. Find out the

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evils that lurk in the mind. Watch the mind. See in how many shy ways it tries to escape the harness that you seek to put on it! You will presently find out ways for controlling the mind, too. The 'why' of this universe is a great mystery. Very little is gained by arguing about this transcendental question. Therefore, the wise have to come to the conclusion that it is His *lila*. Enough for us to know that *maya* is there, and to attempt to get out of her clutches by resorting to the feet of the Lord.

Spiritual life is best! It is simple, too. Treat your parents and your teacher as God. Repeat God's name always. See God in all. Love all. Serve all. This is *yoga*.

Satsangh is at once elevating and transforming; it is a direct road which leads an aspirant into the illimitable domain of God. Miss not a single opportunity of having the *satsangh* of *mahatmas*. You will soon attain God.

Without His will even a dry leaf does not stir! The whole universe is kept up by His *lila*. It is a transcendental mystery. Have faith in His infinite mercy; believe firmly that the all-merciful Father cannot but do everything for the good of all of us.

Pain can be converted into pleasure, failure into success, and man can have care-free living if only he is prepared to change his

angle of vision. Let the *dwandwas* play, but stand aside and receive both the parties with a smile—God's grace comes as both.

The daily routine should be good. But you should utilise the God-given opportunity of forced leisure to amassing the wealth of God's name. As much time as possible should be spent in repeating His name. Only when a boy gets through the lower classes will he reach the Honours degree. If you prove that you have well-spent the leisure He has provided you with, He will give you more!

I can impart to your noble Self training in the one most ancient Hindu medicine, the miracle panacea for all ills, *Yoga* or the Lord's name! Sri Kulasekhara danced in ecstasy when he found it and laughed at those who foolishly sought relief from herbal medicines. Come, come. Become a *yogi* from this moment. Have *Brahma Anubhava* yourself!

It is easy. Put into practice the teachings contained in the *sadhana tattwa*. Start today. As you advance in *yoga*, I shall serve you nicely and guide you to your goal. You will then realise that you are the king of kings, not a poor fellow. The entire wealth of the world is yours. You can go on spending—distributing the wealth of wisdom throughout the world.

Sadhana means continuous endeavour to realise Him, constant

vigilance and persistent practice. Do not give laxity to the mind. I trust, by God's grace, you will continue your *sadhana* with unabated zeal.

Draw out a good daily routine. Kindly be regular and systematic in your daily programme. Do not give even a small lenience to the mind. If you are careless, it will deceive you at any moment.

The practice of *asana* and *pranayama* is very good. Carry it on without any break. While you practise *asans* and *pranayama*, do mental *japa* of your *Ishla Devata*. Study daily one chapter of *Bhagavat Gita* with meaning. It is the essence of all *Puranas* and *Sastras*. Increase your *japa* daily. Surely you will reach the Goal.

Fast on *Ekdashi* days. On *Ekdashi* days there is a mysterious force which helps one to enter into the meditative mood quite easily. The eleven *indriyas* ((including mind) can be controlled very easily on that day. Mind also attains the state of one-pointedness quickly. You should do more and more of *japa*, *swadh-*

yaya and *pranayama* day by day. If possible, observe complete *Mouna*.

Develop patience, tolerance, mercy and love. Practise *vichara*. Enquire "Who Am I?" Serve others with *Atma bhav*. Have firm faith in *Srutis* and *Sastras*. Regulate your conduct when you deal with others. Prostrate before everybody mentally. Possess a keen longing for liberation and intense *vairagya*. Be sincere and earnest.

Grace can come only from either God or *Guru*. Have the most abiding and firm faith in God and *Guru*. All *sadhus* and *sannyasins* are fit to be worshipped. Their words of advice should be listened to. But please do not allow yourself to be influenced by anybody. Submit only to the influence of God and your *Guru*. God's name is the talisman which can ward off evils. Service is the only panacea for all our ills. God will, of course, always protect you, but it is good to be careful lest we should regret later on. Depend on God. Repeat His name. Surrender to Him. You will have eternal peace and undecaying joy.

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 June and July, 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.

THE AIMS

1. To bring home to all the universal and cardinal tenets of religion, ethics and philosophy, their application to daily life and their utility in solving the current problems of the world. 2. To bring home the torch of the Vedic heritage of India to our countrymen abroad and to every other seeker. 3. Disseminating the inner teachings of *Yoga* and the gospel of Vedanta. 4. Providing an inspiring ideal to the youth of the nations, the future citizens, through the following activities:

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All interested persons are cordially invited to send us effective suggestions for the success of the tour and give particulars of the arrangements that could be made in different parts in the East. Kindly correspond with H. H. Sri Swami Satyananda, The Suddha Dharma, 180, Brickfields Road, Kuala Lumpur, for particulars about His Holiness' itinerary in Malaya.

Further details can be had of: The Manager, Sri Sivananda Yatra Mandali, (Global Tour Committee), Ananda Kuir P.O., Rishikesh, India.

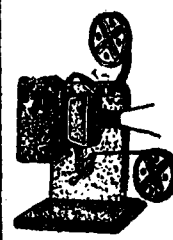


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A TREMENDOUS storm was sweeping over Banaras City one afternoon. Trees and thatched houses were making a desperate attempt to stand firm. Clouds of dust and dried-up leaves were driven off towards an unknown destination. The groaning of the squall was heard as if a terrible giant was crying in his agony.

Soon hailstones, accompanied by big drops of rain, began to patter making a chilly atmosphere. Roads were almost deserted and only a few persons were found running helter-skelter to have a suitable shelter. Very soon it began to rain in torrents.

there was a fancy radio set on a little mahogany table, from which flowed melodious music. Just by the side of Mr. Kumar, there was a silver teapoy on which a few books were kept along with some empty cups and dishes.

In the adjoining room Neena, Mr. Kumar's only daughter, was trying to perform properly a difficult musical note on her violin.

Neena lost her mother at a very early age. Mr. Kumar's fatherly affection for the motherless child was so great that he

Throwing the paper on the teapoy Mr. Kumar said, "Oh, yes. Owing to heavy pressure of work, the matter had slipped from my mind altogether."

"My studies are being considerably hampered. I don't know how it will be possible for me to appear for the examination without the help of a private tutor," said Neena in a soft tone.

"But it's rather difficult to get a suitable man within such a short time, dear."

"I think it's better to insert advertisements in newspapers, father," Neena suggested.

Mr. Kumar thought for a while and said joyfully, "Yes, yes, that's a very good suggestion. You should have reminded me earlier about it, dear. Old brains sometime become very forgetful, you know." He burst into laughter.

Neena rose up from the sofa smilingly and said, "Let me prepare coffee for you, father."

"All right, Neena, but before that just see whether it's still raining."

The girl went up to the window and opening it partially she said

loudly, "Yes, father, it's still raining heavily."

WHEN she was about to close the window she caught sight of a man standing under the porch.

"Father, just come over here!" she shouted.

"What's the matter?" asked Mr. Kumar, greatly flabbergasted, and followed her immediately.

When he neared her, she said, "See, father, the condition of that man! How pathetically he is shivering in the cold."

Mr. Kumar found that there was no *durwan* at the gate. Pro-

bably he might have taken shelter in his room a few yards away from the gate. With great interest he looked at the man very carefully and said, "I think he belongs to a very high family, Neena. See how handsome that young man is! If a suitable shelter is not provided for him, the poor fellow will have to spend the whole night in that condition! The rain is not likely to stop in an hour or so. Let me see what I can do for him." So saying he took up the receiver of the internal telephone and asked the *durwan* to bring the man up to him.

Mr. Kumar then switched off the radio and turning towards his daughter said, "Don't forget to prepare another cup of coffee, dear." Neena hurried out of the room.

A few minutes later, the stranger, accompanied by the *durwan* entered the room. With a big *salaam* the latter withdrew.

THE stranger was a young man of about twenty-five. His tall sportsman-like figure with a clear complexion, his long nose, broad forehead and deep black eyes with a resolute look, attracted Mr. Kumar considerably. The young man's clothes were wet and shabby. He at once looked around the room in a manner which clearly betokened that he did not know what nervousness was.

Mr. Kumar directed him to a chair and said affectionately, "What's your name, my boy?"

"Rajen Shankar," replied the stranger briefly.

"Do you belong to this place?"

"No, sir, I've just come today from Calcutta."

"Just come!" exclaimed Mr. Kumar.

"Yes, please."

"If you don't mind, may I know for what purpose you've come here?" asked Mr. Kumar, surprised.

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THE CONFLICT!

By Biswarup Banerjee

Reclining in an easy chair in his luxuriously furnished apartment, Mr. Kumar, the great business magnate and a well-known educationist of the City, was glancing at a newspaper.

The room was air-conditioned. At the centre a life-size bronze statue of a female dancer, holding a beautiful bouquet in one hand and a big size electric bulb in the other, was gracing the room. A few famous oil-paintings were hanging upon the walls, revealing the aristocratic choice of the householder. At the southern end, there was a spring couch with costly cushions on it. Besides it,

turned down the proposal of his marrying again. Thus under the loving care of her father, Neena grew up as an ideal young woman. Her beauty was matchless—a newly blown flower with all its lustre and fragrance.

FEELING very tired, Neena put away the violin and went up to her father.

Drawing a sofa close to her father, she took her seat and asked, "What about a private tutor for me, father? You remember I spoke about this matter to you the other day? In three weeks' time my First Year examination commences."

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By K.R.S.

Gunendra Nath Sinha, Sasaram, Shahabad

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C. Somappa, Arsikere, Mysore

Q.—Why is Bhanumathi not acting?

A.—She isn't the one to blow her own trumpet. She is now busy finishing her own picture called *Chandi Rani*.

T. V. Narasimha Rao, Kakinada

Q.—What would have happened to Hindi films if there had been no Lata Mangeshkar?

A.—They would have had a surfeit of songs from other women play-back artistes like Geeta Roy, Asha Bhonsle, etc.

B. N. Rath, Lucknow

Q.—What is Nargis' age now? Is she married?

A.—She claims to be twenty-two and hopes to be single for a long time to come.

Miss M. N. Saraswathi, Coimbatore

Q.—Is life good?

A.—It depends on what you think is the purpose or goal for which it should be utilised, according to your idea of what is good or bad.

S. Mendonza, Parel, Bombay 12

Q.—What is the address to which I should send the questions?

A.—Write on the card or cover: "You Asked For It!" *My Magazine of India*, 32, Broadway, Madras 1.

K. Babu Rao, Kakinada

Q.—Are you married?

A.—No, thanks to a narrow escape. And now I'm so grateful to that girl.

YOU ASKED FOR IT! should be mentioned on top of the letters intended for this column. The views of columnist K. R. S. do not necessarily reflect those of the Editor. The queries decide the answers—serious, frivolous or informative. And if the answer irritates you, remember YOU ASKED FOR IT!

Nikhil Chandra De, Angul, Orissa

Q.—A gazetted Govt. servant who has commendable histrionic talents is very much inclined for a film career. What do you advise him to do?

A.—His retirement from service would ensure a regular pension. Failure in the film field is ruin. Success in it is a sheer gamble. It is for him to decide whether a bird in hand is better than two in the bush or not.

Shah Madanmohan Dullabhdas, Ahmednagar

Q.—Isn't the standard of Indian film dances low?

A.—High and low, as shown by the present hip-cum-breast shaking dances of several dunces!

Anantanarayan Patnaick, Cuttack 1

Q.—Is preparation for war the best security for peace?

A.—Yes, for the peace of the grave.

P. Ramakrishnan, Palghat

Q.—Can you tell me something about N. T. Rama Rao, the well known actor?

A.—Full name: Nandamuri Tharaka Rama Rao. Born in 1922 (June 15,) at village Nimmakur in Gudivada Taluk. Latest is his role in *Pollichesi Choodu* in Telugu and *Kalyanam Pannippur* in Tamil.

U. J. George, Chittoor

Q.—Referring to your answer to B. P. Agarwal of Raipur in the 15-12-'52 Issue, I remember reading long ago that whist, wine and women were the three sins undermining Man. Do you hold that whist (gambling) is not so harmful to man as the other two?

A.—Man takes to gambling (whist) due to a woman. Woman is by far a greater force to reckon with than the other two, either singly or in combination.

P. Satyanarayana Patnaick, Parvatipuram

Q.—Who can be rightly called the Nightingale of India?

A.—Srimathi M. S. Subbulakshmi can claim this distinction with no near rivals at all.

N. P. Vidyasagar, Jamkhed

Q.—What is best method by which one can keep a life-long friendship with a girl?

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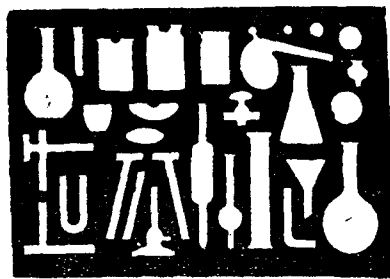
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Dalhousie that the ladies of the Zenana desired to see her dressed in the Indian sari and bedecked with Indian jewels. She demurred at first, but when her vanity as a beautiful girl who would appear all the more lovely in Indian dress, was flattered, she consented. In no time the *Averis* (maid servants) removed her gown, etc., and dressed her in the cosiest silk and lace sari worth some thousands of rupees.

Besides, they adorned her with gold jewels set with diamonds, rubies, and emeralds worth at least five to six lakhs of rupees, like waist-band, *kammals*, bracelets, necklaces, chains, etc. Then they took her before a big standing

mirror so that she could contemplate her own loveliness and charm. She really looked divinely beautiful with her fair face and chiselled features and admired herself, gazing intently into the big mirror.

AFTER an hour, she just wished to return to the Residency and wanted back her own dress. The Rani gently hinted that as she was considered a daughter who had come to the maternal home and who had been presented with a few gifts, they would not take back what was on her body and would send her back in *that* dress only, so that her father might look at her and feel proud of his beautiful daughter.



Wife (to husband): "... but I said you are not coming along with me!"

She hesitated for a while, but vanity overcame scruples and she wished to show herself in that dress to her father. So, getting back to the Residency, she sat in her room before a mirror and was contemplating her own charms. The Governor-General, after his Durbar, came back bent upon giving effect to his proceedings. He wished to see his daughter first and so went to her room but, finding a lady in Indian dress and thinking she had come from the Zenana, he quietly came back and asked his butler, "Where is Missie?" The butler replied that she was in her own room.

"No!" shouted Dalhousie.

The girl hearing her father's loud voice came out and staring him full in the face exclaimed in a rapturous voice, "Daddy, don't I look beautiful?"

The Governor-General was stunned. He said angrily, "What a foolish thing you have done, my dear! You should have returned these."

The daughter said, in a sobbing voice, "Daddy, they said that I was just like a daughter to them and that it was their custom to dress their daughters like this and send them back. Are you not glad, daddy, that I look beautiful in this dress? Should you be angry with me?"

DALHOUSIE, who loved his daughter too well and who could never make his daughter understand that what she was wearing was worth more than five to six lakhs of rupees and that he had been bribed too politely and too intelligently, had not the mean mental attitude to harm those who had sacrificed their wealth. So he quietly took the papers containing the proceedings, tore them to pieces and threw them into the grate.

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Baby Mix-up In Hospitals!

IS it possible for babies born in a nursing-home or maternity hospital to be mixed at birth, so that two mothers take home a wrong child each?

Yes, it is possible, and it has happened; but no mother reading this article need anxiously scan her child's features in sudden terror that she is harbouring a changeling, says a writer in *Answers*.

In Britain the chances of such a thing happening are negligible. During the present century, at a rough estimate, between fifty and sixty million babies have been born in Great Britain, and there is only one case on record of such a thing occurring.

It happened in 1949. The scene was a nursing-home in Scotland, where 31-year-old Mrs. W. contentedly nursed a baby boy, thinking he was her own. In an adjoining room lay Mrs. B., proud mother of a son also.

After eight days Mrs. B. was adjudged well enough to leave, and took B. junior home with her. Two days later she received a letter from the doctor saying, in effect: "Ever so sorry, but we find that Mrs. W.'s baby is clearly labelled B. May we have yours back please?"

Blood Tests

In such circumstances it must be very difficult to convince a mother that she does not know her own child. Blood tests were insisted upon and bore out the evidence of the labels, and the children were duly exchanged.

One can readily imagine the shock to a mother who has actually had the child in her own home surroundings, and is then asked to exchange it.

Even when such a mistake occurs, it is not so bad if the error is detected before the child becomes a personality, so to speak. The tragedy arrives when the babies have grown to be part of a family before anything is done about it.

A curious case in Switzerland had to wait to be sorted out until another child was born to one of the families. It happened in 1948 that Jakob Grob and Werner Veloch were born at the same time in the same maternity ward. After two years the Grobs had another son, whom they called Max; but Max Grob grew so amazingly like Werner Veloch as to cause a great deal of interest in the village.

At last the Grobs and Velochs went in a body to the hospital. Blood tests were taken, and the result established beyond a doubt that Jakob and Werner had been exchanged at birth.

What should be done in such a case? Forget about it and carry on as if nothing had happened? Or attempt belatedly to put things right?

Painful Separation

The parents decided it was their duty to "swop back," a terribly difficult decision to make. If the children are unhappy with their new parents the latter must be unhappy, too; if on the other hand the matter had been left in abeyance, the children might become even more attached to their adopted parents, making separation more painful.

Frau Fiedler and Frau Dreier, of Rinteln, in West Germany, thought differently. After three years they have just discovered by scientific proof that each has the wrong son. Courts were in favour of the children being exchanged back, but each mother realised she loved her little boy too much to let him go, and the changelings are "staying put." This can, of course, be done by each legally adopting the child she has.

It is rather ironical that, while births in maternity homes and hospitals are one of the social advantages of the century, it is only since many people stopped having children at home that babies have been mixed up. Before the early days of this century only the very poor and ailing had their babies in hospitals and institutions, and goodness

Queer Facts

Inch-wide cracks in the wall of a cottage at Woodhorn, near Chichester, Sussex, which the tenants believe were caused by the sonic bang of a plane piercing the sound barrier, have been examined by experts. An official of the Society of British Aircraft Constructors said: "There have been such claims before: broken windows, tiles ripped off. But so far as I know, none has ever been substantiated."

Mrs. Edna Doyle told a Brisbane, Australia, divorce court that her husband had, on various occasions when he was drunk, nearly run over their child, thrown the baby's bottle at her, and come to bed with wet clothes and muddy shoes after falling into the duck pond.

knows how many of them were mixed up! But the mothers in those days were not in a position to complain.

Nowadays they complain loudly.

Another Mystery

In June, 1945, Jessie Jenkins, the wife of Noel Henry Jenkins, had her baby in a hospital at Kyneton, near Victoria, New South Wales.

Within half an hour of birth the child was taken into a bathroom to be washed, together with the baby of Alberta Gwen, wife of William Henry Morrison. For a few minutes the babies were left unattended. How they became mixed up is still a complete mystery, but the fact seems to be undisputed that little Nola Morrison was handed to Mrs. Jenkins.

To set the matter right the Morrissons applied for a writ of habeas corpus — to "have the body" of their own child. After a full inquiry and blood tests which clearly demonstrated that Johanne was a Jenkins and Nola a Morrison, the order was granted by Mr. Justice Barry. The Jenkinses, satisfied with Nola, appealed to a higher court, and the judgment was reversed.

The Morrissons, not unnaturally, preferred the evidence of the blood-tests to the opinion of the judiciary, and went to the trouble and expense of pursuing the matter further.

They appealed to the Supreme Court of Australia, and when that failed and they wished to appeal to the Privy Council, they were refused permission on a technical point of law.

Identity Marks

Why doesn't it happen in Britain? Dr. C. V. Pink, head of a famous maternity nursing-home, says: "In a small establishment like ours, where only one baby is born at a time, there is practically no possibility of a mistake, for the baby is kept with the mother until she and the nurse know it so intimately, every line, blotch, and wrinkle, size, weight,

The birth of a baby was televised across America for the first time. Millions of viewers saw a 5lb. 7oz. boy born at a Colorado hospital after a Caesarean operation. They saw the actual birth, looking over the shoulders of doctors and nurses. Mrs. John Kerr, the mother, who has had two other Caesarean babies, was almost hidden from view on the operating table.

Because his cows watched road-menders instead of chewing grass and so produced less milk, a German farmer has demanded compensation from the Government.

A bus terminus in Cornwall place, Blackpool, is to be moved because people complain that uppor deak passengers look into their bedrooms!

colouring, and every other peculiarity, that neither could be mistaken.

In the larger hospitals, immediately the baby is born a plastic anklet or bracelet is fixed, with the baby's surname indelibly inscribed. We do that only in the case of twins, because it's legally important to establish which is the elder."

In some States of America new-born babies' names are stamped on the soles of their feet; in others mother and child are photographed together a few minutes after birth.

It has been known for a "swop" to be made deliberately. Not long ago a village headman's wife in Colombo gave birth to a daughter, but the hospital registered a boy in error. Taking advantage of this, the father ingeniously claimed the baby boy born in the next bed. His appeal to the Prime Minister of Ceylon failed, however, and he disconsolately took his baby daughter home.

Sleeping Pill Menace

Sleeping pills rank today as America's number one dope-addiction problem — a greater menace than morphine, heroin and marijuana combined in wide-spread terms of prevalence and potential harm. Consumed in incredibly huge quantities, the harmless-looking barbiturate drugs, basic ingredient of nearly all sleeping pills, are a potent poison in the family medicine chest, writes Albert Deutsch in *Look*.

Manufacture of barbiturate drugs has increased by 1,000 per cent since 1933. More than a million pounds were produced in 1951 alone. This means more than 12 million doses a day — enough pills to put every 12th American to sleep every night in the year. Since 1933 deaths from accidental barbiturate poisoning have quadrupled and sleeping-pill suicides have multiplied sixfold. Today, barbiturates lead all other poisons as a cause of death.

When properly taken under a qualified doctor's direction, barbiturate drugs are of incalculable value. But mass-scale use has trapped hordes of hard-driving businessmen, overworked professionals, harassed and insecure public officials, worried housewives and thrill-seeking teenagers into psychological and physical addiction.

Prescription Misused

A woman suffering from acute barbiturate poisoning was rushed to a New York City hospital. Inquiry revealed that three years earlier, on her complaint of insomnia, she had obtained a prescription for ten sleeping pills. Unknown to the physician, she returned to a chemist druggist, who increased the amount and refilled the prescription 140 times. Within a few years, the woman parlayed a single ten-pill prescription into some 4,650 pills — a parlay that almost brought death.

In California, a woman driver who appeared to be drunk killed a pedestrian. She was intoxicated but not from alcohol. She was a chronic barbiturate addict who

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went from floor to floor in a medical building, collecting sleeping-pill prescriptions from doctors. Police found three boxes of barbiturate capsules in her purse at the time of the fatal accident.

Two 12-year-old boys were recently arrested for setting fire to a barn while under the influence of barbiturates. Police traced the pills to a peddler who supplied teenagers. The peddler, in turn, obtained his illicit supply from a drugstore clerk.

Their Value

Many people, however, can take sleeping pills or leave them. Millions use them in moderate doses for a specified purpose. They bring needed sleep to insomniacs. Many grief-stricken individuals have been helped through a traumatic episode by barbiturates. The drugs reduce seizures of epileptics and are beneficial in treating high blood pressure and other ailments. But used indiscriminately over long periods, they can be killers, cripples of both mind and body.

Barbiturates are synthetic chemical compounds with barbituric acid as their base. Some have a hypnotic (sleep-inducing) effect, others a sedative (nervous-soothing) effect. Scores of brands are sold, but the American market is dominated by four barbituric acid derivatives: Luminal (phenobarbital), Nembutal (pentobarbital), Seconal and Amytal.

Volunteers' Reactions

For years after they were first placed on the market in 1903, barbiturates were sold over the counter without prescription—like aspirin and bromides. Scattered warnings that they were addicting drugs went unheeded until last year, when Dr. Harris Isbell reported on his experiments at the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital for narcotic addicts at Lexington, Ky.

Five men at the hospital volunteered for the Isbell tests. They took increasingly larger daily doses of pentobarbital, Seconal and Amytal, for up to five months. When the men reached maximum dosage, they were suddenly taken off the drugs. For the first 16 hours, they seemed fine. Then four of them developed convulsions. All became fearful of vague, impending disaster. Their hands shook, muscles twitched. Several lost weight rapidly, as much as 12 pounds in 36 hours.

Disastrous Aspect

Four of the men experienced full-blown psychotic episodes, one said his brain had slipped into his torso, another believed that cotton was growing in his mouth, a third imagined that smoke rings were pouring into his ears. One man's psychosis was so severe that he had to be put back on barbiturates for a while.

From his observations, Dr. Isbell states: "No matter how one defines the term, barbiturates are addicting drugs... The addiction is, in fact, far more dangerous... than addiction to morphine."

Unfortunately, this latest warning has not yet percolated sufficiently through the medical and pharmaceutical professions. Too many salesmen exaggerate the safety margin and minimise the potential

dangers. Too many doctors prescribe sleeping pills and fail to warn their patients adequately of the peril of overdosage. And too many druggists refill prescriptions. While over-the-counter sales account for many barbiturate tragedies, refilling of physicians' prescriptions constitutes the most scandalous and disastrous aspect of sleeping-pill abuse today.

Sale of barbiturates without a doctor's prescription is illegal. But the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) that enforces the law has only some 250 inspectors. Their job is to look into adulteration, misbranding and mis-handling of thousands of products. While remarkably efficient, they can devote only a small part of their time to supervising traffic in sleeping pills.

The Language Of Love

A love affair often starts with a flirtation, which should conjure up a picture of dainty coquettes and birds pirouetting before their mates.

The original meaning of flirt was to strike or jerk. People then spoke of birds flirting their wings and ladies flirting their fans, says a writer in a British weekly.

Then, by association, the word flirtation was applied to lovemaking without serious intentions.

If such trifling with a woman's affections continues, then the man is known as a philanderer. Strangely enough, the literal translation of this from the Greek is a lover of man.

Such a light-hearted affair probably begins because a girl has glamour. This word has a long and involved history and is a misspelling of grammar.

The change came about in a day when the ignorant thought that those who were famed for their learning must surely be magicians. So, grammar or glamour came to mean a spell. Consequently, a girl with glamour is one with a magical and alluring personality.

Consumers Of Gold

After jewellery manufacturers, gold-beaters are the biggest "consumers" of gold, but a surprising amount of the precious metal is used for many other purposes besides a medium of international exchange. It is gold that decorates china, and its lasting qualities, considering how often china is washed, is remarkable, writes T. S. Douglas in a British journal.

More than ten thousand million pounds worth of gold has been found and extracted. About one quarter of it is used as coinage or currency reserves.

The rest is somewhere in the world as jewellery, gold leaf, in teeth, or even in rubbish dumps where it has been thrown with broken china or the ends of gold-tipped cigarettes.

There is probably far more gold in our streets and homes than there is in the Bank of England!

A Good Cause



By William Evots

THE horses were being brought into line for the start of the first race. The course amplifiers came to life with the announcer's voice.

John Hudson hurried up the stairs at the back of the stand. This would be the first race he had ever witnessed and he wanted to see everything.

He looked around the course but tried in vain to find where the horses were. He did not even know the name of the race. He only knew he had one pound on *Angel Face*, and he wished above everything else that he would win.

He did not know what sort of a horse he was, whether he had won any races before, and he didn't know who was the jockey. He

had been walking past the betting ring when he had heard a bookie call:

"Fifty to one, *Angel Face*. I'll lay fifty to one, *Angel Face*."

John Hudson had never had a bet in his life before, but he reckoned that was a fairly good price so he put one pound on the horse before he realised what he'd really done.

He held the ticket firmly in his hand. It was worth fifty pounds—that is if *Angel Face* won. But he would win. So much depended on it. His whole reputation was at stake.

"They're off!"

The stand suddenly came to life. People jumped on to their seats and stared at the small patch of

colour that was just visible above the top of the rails on the far side of the course.

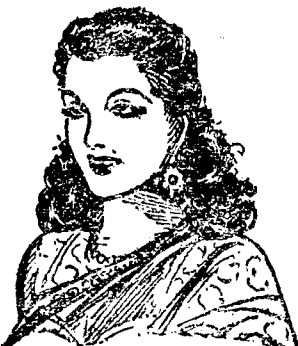
As the horses moved around the bend and began to stretch out for the run down the straight the crowd really became excited. Race books were twisted into pulp by hands that were riding the horses to victory by proxy.

HUDSON was a small man and the crowd towered above him. He didn't see any part of the race, and he didn't hear which horse had won, for the people clustered around him were shouting abuse which drowned the announcer's voice.

But *Angel Face* had won, defeating the hot favourite by eight lengths. The abuse of the crowd did not alter the result.

Hudson took the victory of *Angel Face* quite calmly—he had expected it, so he was not unduly excited. As he made his way out of the stand he heard the angry

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remarks of irate punters who had backed the horses according to form.

"Hopeless idiots!" he muttered to himself.

WHEN he went back to the bookie he found he was the only person applying for winning money. As he was handed the fifty pounds, Hudson felt the curious stares that he was receiving from both the bookie and his clerk.

He left them and went deeper into the betting ring. When he glanced at his watch he noticed that it was already one-thirty. He had an hour and a half left, and he needed three hundred pounds. He consulted his race book and found that there were two more races before he had to leave—two more races in which to win two hundred and fifty pounds.

He nonchalantly walked around the betting ring, listening to the jumbled chorus of the bookies. One fellow went right through the list of five starters, concluding somewhat hopelessly with:

"..... and ten to one *Blackout Blues*."

Hudson stepped forward and handed a handful of notes.

"Twenty pounds on *Blackout Blues*," he said confidently.

Hudson was determined to see something of this race, so he made straight for a position beside the rail.

He looked at *Blackout Blues* as she passed him on her way to the start, and he felt personally attached to the horse. He kept his eyes on the filly until she was lost in the confusion at the starting barrier.

As the horses came thundering down the straight he was again unable to distinguish *Blackout Blues*. The horses flashed past him and the race was over. The numbers went up on the tower. *Blackout Blues* had won.

Hudson quietly smiled to himself. Of course, *Blackout Blues* had won—every horse he picked to-day would win. The gods were on his side. It couldn't be otherwise.

He went back to the betting ring and collected two hundred pounds. But he still needed fifty pounds, and he could only wait for one more race. He again consulted his race book, and immediately the name glared at him as if it were in neon lights ten feet high—*Gambler's Fate*. It was a challenge.

He had ten pounds on the horse at five to one.

He did not bother to watch this race, but stood at the edge of the betting ring waiting for the result. He didn't have long to wait. *Gambler's Fate* won by half a head.

Hudson collected his money, then raced the nearest exit. He hailed a cab, and directed the driver to take him to the city. He would go to the bank as soon as it opened on Monday morning so that the cheque he had already written for three hundred pounds would not bounce.

He alighted in front of a tall, grey, building in the deserted downtown business area just as a distant clock struck three. He rushed to the elevator and was taken to the top floor.

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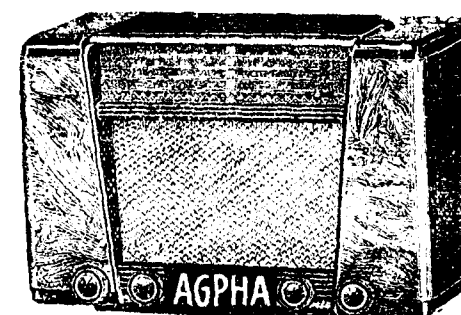
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Miss Prem was given charge of the correspondence, and the Secretary, Mr. Kumar, an attractive personality too old for a boy and too young for a man, was particularly interested in his new Assistant. He took pains to teach her the formalities of official correspondence. Prem's mobile lips were an attraction to everybody. She was indeed remarkably attractive and had a winning smile at all times. She was as intelligent as she was pretty and soon she began to like her work and her Secretary.

Kumar was a bachelor and this fact was responsible for arousing the curiosities of the employees. But the young Secretary was clever enough to anticipate it. He managed to keep himself away from the scrutinizing eyes of the other employees. Kumar seldom talked to her in the presence of others. Whatever he wished to convey to her usually found a place in the confidential files that passed between the two.

Days, weeks and months rolled on. Miss Prem was no more an object of curiosity in the Office. Everything went on well and no one suspected anything out of the way, except that the Secretary was a bit jealous of his lady assistant. Curious clerks used to have an occasional glance at the files that passed between Miss Prem and Mr. Kumar. But they could not find anything unusual—the address first, and then the drafts beginning with: "Dear

Sir/Madam,—With reference to your letter No.—dated—, I have the honour to inform you etc. etc.," were there with the Secretary's usual remarks. No one cared to read anything further than that. There was no necessity for it.

It was at that time that Mrs. Ghosh, a sixty-five-year-old member of the Board of Directors of the Mill was planning a visit to the Mill's Office. She had written to the Managing Agent about her programme with a request to give her the necessary permission. The letter in its ordinary course went to the Secretary who passed it on to Miss Prem as she was in charge of the whole correspondence.

A week later, the Managing Agent received a telegram from Mrs. Ghosh calling his attention to her letter. The Managing Agent was at his quarters and immediately he rang up the office. It was too late in the day, and the Manager, the Secretary and all the Officers had already left the Office. The only typist in the office answered the call and he was asked by the Managing Agent to

find out the letter at once. He searched for the file and found it in the desk of Miss Prem. He glanced over and informed the Managing Agent that the letter was ready with the draft completed and initialled by the Secretary.

"Type it, get it signed by the Secretary and send it by to-day's post," ordered the Managing Agent.

In a few minutes' time, the letter was typed and the Secretary signed it on his way to the Club where Miss Prem was waiting for him. The typist posted it and it was cleared for the last despatch.

After three days, the Managing Agent received the following letter from Mrs. Ghosh:

"Dear Sir, Thanks for your letter. Sixty-five is too late for matrimony and my husband is still alive. Being a grave insult to me, I shall bring the matter before the next meeting of the Board. Hereby, I cancel my visit, too. — Mrs. Ghosh."

THE Managing Agent was stunned when he read this letter. He could not understand what it all meant. Immediately he sent for the file. A search was made and the Manager himself took it out from the desk in the Secretary's room and brought it to the Managing Agent. They both read the draft written by the Secretary, Mr. Kumar. It ran thus:

Sm. S. Ghosh,
Blackpully,
Kumbhavur.

Dear Madam, With reference to your letter of the 15th March, regarding your proposed visit to the Mill's Office, I have the honour to inform you that — my dearest, the time has come for me to make a decision. My love! You are the apple of my eye, the light of my life. Prem itself means love. Without you, life is a burden to me. I have been waiting for an opportunity to love and, thank God, the Management has come to our rescue and brought us together. I want you. Please come. Let us not suffer any more by this separation. I say, let us join hands for ever—the sooner, the better. A word in reply will be a consolation to your darling —

And I hope you will appreciate the attitude of the Management in this matter.

Yours faithfully,
(Sd.) S. Kumar,
for the Managing Agent,
K. K. Mills, Bombay.



By K.K. MALHOTRA

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It will be recalled that some weeks ago we had called upon exhibitors to close down the cinemas as a protest against the State Governments' refusal to reduce entertainment tax in spite of the recommendation of the Film Enquiry Committee and the Finance Ministry of the Central Government.

Now we find that our suggestion has been indirectly supported by two eminent persons — Sri S.S. Vasani, the film magnate from South who is known for his frankness, and Sri S.K. Patil, the Congress Member of Parliament and Chairman of the Enquiry Committee. At a tea party given in honour of Sri Vasani by Sri Tara Chand Barjatya, Sri Patil is reported to have said that until the industry constituted itself into a real "fear" nobody would listen to it and that the industry should therefore bring about a strong combined organisation, writes *Rup Bani's* editor in the Journal's column "Without Fear or Favour."

In other words, instead of begging and beseeching, Sri Patil advised the film industry to adopt fear tactics. And the only way to instil fear as far as we can visualize is to suspend trade indefinitely and let the Government realize the consequences.

The direct consequence would be, of course, that the State Governments would lose revenue of several lakhs of rupees. The indirect and, according to us, the more dangerous consequence would be on the morale of the public. At the same function Sri Vasani rightly averred that if cinemas were to be closed down for three months, there would be a chaos and confusion in the country. Those State Ministers and officials who sneer at the very word cinema and make such impossible statements as that nothing would be lost if people stopped going to cinemas apparently do not know what they are talking about.

The film producer, as Sri Vasani said, does the social duty of a policeman by keeping the minds of millions of people occupied for three to four hours a day. And as there is no other source of entertainment, if these people could not see cinemas they would play mischief — for idle minds are the Devil's workshop. So keeping such a large number of people pre-occupied and entertaining them is the great social job that the films are doing; and the importance of this job would be only realized if the cinemas were to cease functioning for some months.

Being fully aware of the consequence, we dread the possibility of the entire suspension of film trade and would advise the industry to resort to it only if all the avenues for honourable settlement with the Government are closed. But seeing the fate that the Enquiry Committee's report has met, we are also inclined to agree with Sri S.K. Patil that nothing except "fear" tactics would help the industry in bringing about a radical change in the attitude of the Government which, again to quote Sri Patil, has been treated like an "unwanted child."



They went round the Stadium collecting money for the Cyclone Relief Fund during the recently held Film Stars' Cricket Festival at the Corporation Stadium in the City. The film folk seen are (left to right): Janaki, Sreeranjani, Shanthakumari, Pushpavalli, Savithri, Suryaprabha, Kumudini and Balasaraswathi.

1st February 1953

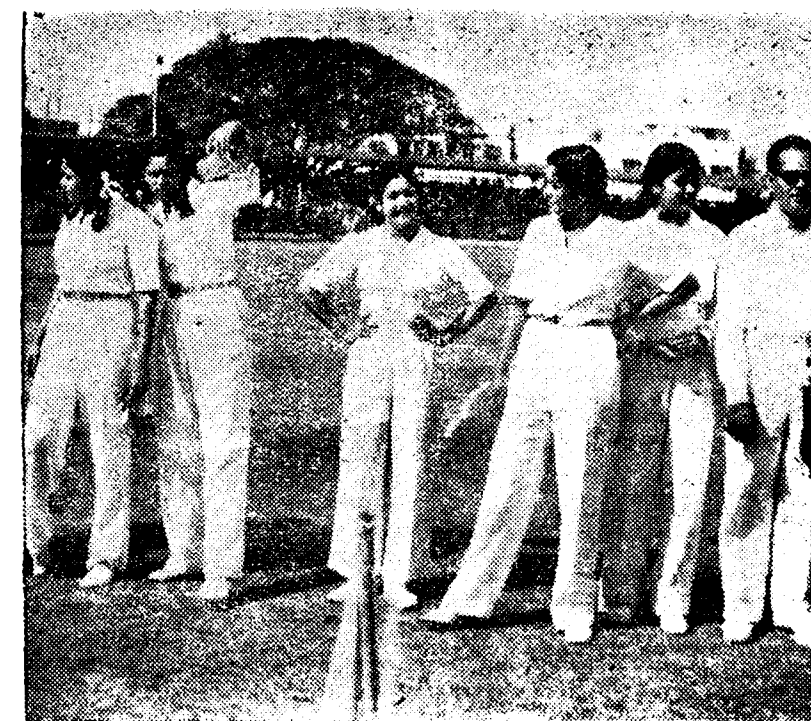
Well-Known Team Of Bengal For Emar Films' "Sailab"

Ajoy Kar, the reputed cinematographer of Bengal, whose camera wizardry in *Jighansa*, a film produced and directed by him, earned him plaudits in all the film centres of India, has now been brought to Bombay by music-director-producer Mukul Roy for the cinematography of his first production *Sailab* which went on the sets only two weeks back. Ajoy Kar, who directed all the films produced by Shrimati Kanan Devi, under the pseudonym 'Sabyasachi', is fresh from Madras where he has just completed a one-year contract with the Narasu Studios. Biren Naug, the art-director, who has always been teamed with Ajoy Kar, is an unusually gifted man and creates beautiful set-and-costume designs. Producer Mukul Roy has contracted both of them, with their entire team, in order to ensure perfection not only in the camerawork and the set decor and the costumes of *Sailab* but also in the background and the various minute details of these two departments. Shanti Dass is well-known for his real-effect background painting and Goswami is an acknowledged expert in make-up.

Emar Films' *Sailab* stars Geeta Bali, Abhi Bhattacharya, Smriti, Ram Singh and Agha and is being directed by Ravindra, for whom it will be another step forward after the success of his *Nagina*. The screenplay and dialogues are by Krishan Chandar, the lyrics by Hasrat and Shailendra and Madhura. The lyrics have been set to exquisite music by Mukul Roy himself.

Film Trust of India's "Ferry"

Shri Mehboob performed the *Muhurt* of Film Trust of India's *Ferry* recently immediately after the Saraswati Puja was over. Shri S. Mukherji presided over the function held at Modern Studios, Artillery, Bombay. Shri Hemen Gupta is the Managing Director of Film Trust of India Ltd.



CAUGHT by the camera and not by the bowler or wicket-keeper are these stars of the silver screen of the South who gave the fans their money's worth in the Film Stars' Cricket Festival. Seen in the picture are (left to right): Padmini, Ragini, Kumari (ex-Baby) Kamala, Lalitha, Krishnakumari and Sahasranamam.

Film Stars' Cricket Festival!

Film fans from all over the City of Madras turned up at the Corporation Stadium on 11th January to see and enjoy several of the well-known stars of the North and South play cricket. The Festival was organised by the Cine Technicians' Association of Madras in co-operation with the Bombay Association of Film Stars. The total collections made for the day are stated to be over Rs. 33,000.

The Bombay team was captained by Dilip Kumar while the Madras team had S. Balachander as its skipper. In the visitor's team were: Dilip Kumar, Premnath, Pran, Aga Jan, Begum Para, Gope, Harishivadasani, Nargis, Anwar Hussain, Nirupa Roy, Jaira, Ram Kamrani, Sajjan, Raj Kapoor, Om Prakash, Nootan, Kuldeep Kaur and Nimmi. The last four did not bat at all.

The South Indian Stars' team had: Balachander, Sahasranamam, S. V. Ranga Rao, Kumari Kamala, Ganesh, Lalitha, Ragini, T. R. Ramachandran, C. G. Viswanathan,

Parasakthi Ganesan, Nageswara Rao, Krishna Kumari, Sarangapani, Sri Ram, Padmini, Siva Rao and Balaraman. The last two did not bat.

The day commenced with the arrival of Shri Sri Prakasa, Governor of Madras, when the players were introduced to him. This was followed by the players of both the teams driving past the galleries in open cars to enable the assembled fans to have a close view of the stars. Back at the pavilion, Dilip Kumar, as Bombay Team's skipper, garlanded the Governor, who then went into the field and tossed the coin and South Indian Stars' team skipper Balachander, having called correctly, elected to bat.

Sahasranamam and Lalitha opened for the S. I. S.'s team, which declared the innings closed after a stay of 190 minutes at 85 for 14 wickets. C. G. Viswanathan, a seasoned cricketer, was the top scorer making 22 runs. Among the women players was Padmini making 7 not out.

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The Bombay team went into bat at 3 p.m. and was able to easily make 154 runs for the loss of 12 wickets only by close of play. The top scorer on this side was Aga Jan who made 32 runs. Among the women players, Nargis topped the list by hitting up a steady 14.

Harishvadasani was the only player to hit two sixers during the day.

America's Acclaim of Sujata the Dancer

Sujata, India's favourite Court dancer to the Maharajahs, makes her screen debut as the Gypsy dancer in *The Merry Widow*, M.G.M.'s lavish Technicolor musical, starring Lana Turner and Fernando Lamas, now running at the Midland Theatre, in the City. The black-haired, black-eyed, twenty-two-year-old Sujata, who is internationally famous for her interpretations of Hindu, Persian, Oriental and Gypsy dances, has been the No. 1 Court dancer to the Maharajahs of Kapurthala, Dharbagar, Mysore, Indore and Marvi. Together with her dancer husband, Asoka, Sujata has toured all of Europe. Three years ago, the dancing team came to the United States and scored a wide success on a tour of 48 American cities and Canada.

First Non-Dialogue Film

Nearly a quarter of a century has passed since the silent film, *The Kiss*, starring Greta Garbo, with Conrad Nagel, Anders Randolph, Holmes Herbert and a likely newcomer, Lew Ayres, marked the end to Hollywood's important non-talkie pictures. Now to our cinemas comes *The Thief*, the first non-dialogue film to be made since the introduction of sound, which uses neither narrator nor sub-titles to convey the story line. The only sounds heard are the noise and hubbub of daily life, combined with mime as a background.

The story concerns the panic-stricken flight of a prominent and respected scientist, portrayed by Ray Milland, after the F. B. I. discover that he has been sending atomic secrets out of the country,

his ultimate anguish and near-capture after a thrilling chase. Director Russell Rouse eliminated every element which could possibly stand between the story and unadulterated action, leaving expert use of camera, sound effects, music and superb performances from the cast to elevate *The Thief* to unique heights of tension and drama. Also in the cast of *The Thief*, a United Artists release, are Martin Gabel and a lovely newcomer, Rita Gam, who makes her screen debut in this film.

Lament of Hollywood's Bachelor!

Hollywood is full of beautiful women—and most of them are married, laments Gilbert Roland, who is himself one of filmdom's most eligible bachelors.

To prove his point, the star, soon to be seen in the Warner-Color production, *The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima*, names eight stars, all beauties and all married. They are, with his comments on each:

Virginia Mayo, married to actor Michael O'Shea: "Beautiful in face and figure. Probably one of the loveliest women in the world, married or unmarried."

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Ruth Roman, wife of radio executive Mortimer Hall: "A stunning, brunette beauty with a low, seductive voice."

Eleanor Parker, wife of producer Bert Friedlob: "A blonde, fragile type of beauty with an aesthetic quality."

Maureen O'Sullivan, wife of director John Farrow: "Always a beauty, being the mother of seven children has made her even more lovely."

Betty Grable, wife of band-leader Harry James: "The dazzling type of beauty, with a divine form and face to match."

Doris Day, wife of Hollywood agent Martin Melcher: "The cute type of beauty, vivacious and gay."

Cyd Charisse, wife of singer Tony Martin: "The classic type of beauty, has perfect features and a glorious body."

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Dear Sir,

From the Key Solution of MYWORDS No. 18 published in the *My Mag* dated 1-1-53 I came to know that I have sent in a Correct Entry. I am really happy and this was the best New Year greetings I could ever get!

A perusal of the lists of prize winners showed me that students take part and win in your MYWORDS. It is this which gave me the impetus. I cannot claim to have won in my very first attempt, as this was my fourth or fifth attempt.

I am proud I did it myself without any outside help. It is really simple.

I sincerely wish a long life to *My Magazine* and MYWORDS which is not only a healthy pastime but also a source of income especially to students like me.

Senior Intermediate } Yours faithfully,
Dr. Alagappa } (Sd.) B.C. DOSS.
Chettiar College, }
KARAIKUDI.

Dear Sir,

I thank you profusely for the letter addressed to my son, Chandra Gopal Johri, intimating therein about his success in MYWORDS No. 16. Chandra Gopal Johri is aged two years and he little knows that he is a winner, and, therefore, I acknowledge the receipt of your letter to him.

I won a share of the First Prize in MYWORDS No. 8 and this time I am glad to have submitted an All-Correct entry in the name of my son.

I had submitted thirty-three entries in the name of Chandra Gopal Johri for MYWORDS No. 16 and, thanks be to God, one of them proved to be an All-Correct one.

For the present Consistency Bonus Scheme I have been trying hard to get a prize and since MYWORDS No. 13 I have been submitting bulk entries. I have got all the four points so far in little Johri's name and have again submitted 33 entries in his name for MYWORDS No. 17.

Since the winner himself cannot give his views I do not think I shall be justified in giving my views here.

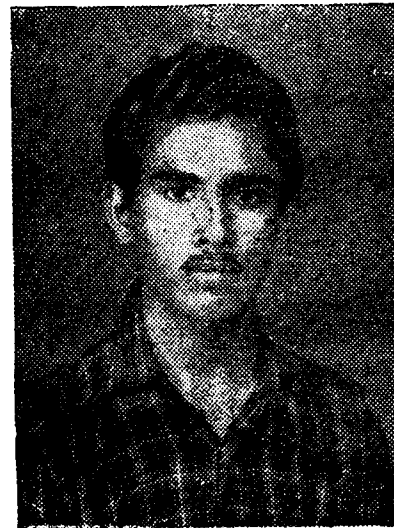
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Yours faithfully,
213, Tikaitganj, } (Sd.) R.K. JOHRI.
BUDAUN, U.P. } (father of Chandra Gopal Johri)

Dear Sir,

I will be failing in my duties if I do not thank you for your M.O. for Rs. 2-10 being my prize amount in MYWORDS No. 16 and for publishing my name in your *My Magazine* of 15-11-52.

I am a Coaching Clerk in Southern Railway, having Tinnevely Jn. as my Head Quarters. I am a regular solver



STUDENT WINNER

of almost all Crosswords. But I find a peculiar pleasure in MYWORDS. Though I got a small amount as my share in MYWORDS No. 16, I am extremely proud to say that MYWORDS is the only competition which always selects the most apt words for its Clues.

I sincerely say that one can not only derive pleasure by reading your Journal but also profit himself by easily competing in MYWORDS with proper and careful study of the Clues.

I congratulate your promptness in publishing the Key Solution and the prize list and distribution of the prizes.

With best regards to you and to the staff of *My Magazine*.

11/11, Perumal } Very sincerely yours,
South Mada St., } (Sd.) T.E. EASWARAN.
PALAMKOTTAH.

Dear Sir,

I have pleasure to acknowledge receipt of Rs. 1-12 representing my 3 shares of 3-error prize won in MYWORDS No. 16, less M.O. commission. This is my first success in MYWORDS and it gives me great hope and encouragement. I have always liked your simple and modest Competition and it is my cherished desire to bag a First Prize outright in a not very distant future. I also appreciate your low-priced Journal which has some unusual features such as "Precepts for Practice," "You Asked For It," Crossword Comments section, etc.

Let me send my cordial greetings to you and to your colleagues and to wish still greater achievements of MYWORDS and *My Magazine* as a whole in the year to come.

Khalisani Bosepara; } Yours sincerely,
CHANDERNAGORE, } (Sd.) JIBANONDO
Via Calcutta. } BOSE.

Dear Sir,

I write to thank you for your letter congratulating me on my success in MYWORDS No. 17, wherein I shared the First Prize with 3 other Competitors.

I am an accounts clerk in General Office, Parasia, and am aged twenty-five. I started solving Crosswords, specially MYWORDS, only a year ago. In the previous Competitions I could not score less than two errors. It is nothing but the perusal of Adjudication Committee's Viewpoint which helped me to win the First Prize.

Wishing MYWORDS all success and thanking you again.

General Office, } Yours faithfully,
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Dear Sir,

I write to inform you how much I have been able to utilise my leisure hours in studying the Clues. I must particularly congratulate the Compiler on compiling Clues that are not only interesting and simple but so very instructive as well. Thanks to this calm and close study of the Clues, I have been able to win 2 and 3 error prizes in MYWORDS No. 16 and 17. This only strengthens my hope to win the 1st prize outright in the near future.

c/o S.N. Baruah, } Yours faithfully,
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Dibrugarh, } Kr. BARUAH.
Ching Chapari, }
ASSAM.

Sir,

I am sending this letter to you with much satisfaction and zeal.

In addition to my hard mental and manual duties, I took a fancy to MYWORDS as a hobby. This is the first time in my life that I have taken to solving puzzles (since MYWORDS No. 3). I could not succeed in getting prizes subsequently but, feeling superstitious, I began to send the entries in my brother's daughters' name, viz., Miss. P. Vijayalaxmi (aged three years), as I have none of my own, and the very name started scoring prizes in most of the succeeding Competitions, of course in the runners up category, thus entitling me for a third prize in the "Consistency Bonus Scheme" (from MYWORDS No. 13 to 18, both inclusive).

I can assure (now and in future) my fellow-Competitors that a clear reasoning of the Clues could easily get one the top most prize and lastly but not the least, "Luck is nobody's property."

With the belief in the proverb "Try and try till you succeed," I will not fail to submit the entries in future as MYWORDS is becoming one of the most popular Competitions day by day.

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- Sports pages of newspapers are eagerly read by fans on the eve of test matches for the —.
- Parents who are — anxious about their children little realise that they are thereby letting their children develop a diffident nature.
- Miseries, calamities.
- To take a — seriously is asking for trouble, surely.
- The best way to this an argumentative opponent is to keep mum.
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- Man would feel — when slighted by a slip of a girl before others.
- Jumbled spelling of the word WAIL.
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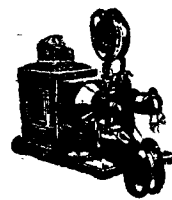
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ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE'S VIEWPOINT

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INTERLOCKERS

Across: 11. "We would do well to give up the friendship of one who — us often." FAILS, RAILS?

Down: 11. "To modern youth, some old-fashioned people are apt to look this!" FUNNY, Rummy?

A man is said to be really a friend only if he is interested in the health and welfare of his friend. He has thus not only a right but a duty to quarrel with, Rail at his friend if he can thereby improve or do good to him. So, it would be ridiculous to suggest that a man should give up the friendship of one who RAILS "us" often. A friend is one who is a friend not only in mere words but in deeds as well. So, when we find that a man who calls himself our friend FAILS us often, does not come forward to help us, then it would be quite necessary to give up his friendship for he is not a real, sincere friend. FAILS was, therefore, preferred by the Members.

It is no doubt true, it was argued that some old-fashioned people are Rummy, queer, odd, not only in appearance but in speech and actions as well. But to the modern youth this is not how some old-fashioned people appear. To them they appear as extremely Funny, as persons who tickle their laughter. To them these old-fashioned people are laughter-provoking objects. Such is the shallowness of their mentality and callowness of their feelings. FUNNY thus won their choice.

Across: 5. "The more inexperienced a man the more quickly will he be fooled by —" FAKE, Face?

Down: 12. " — is apt to ruin many." RAKE, Race?

It was conceded that an inexperienced man will be fooled by a Face. But it was felt that it was stretching the point too far in stating that the "more" inexperienced a man, the "more" will he be fooled by a Face. Even experienced people are fooled by what seems to be an innocent Face. Remember the old sayings that "Appearances are deceptive" and "All that glitters is not gold"? The same apply here with good force. A Fake is a counterfeit, a dud thing. The more inexperienced a man the greater will he be fooled by a Fake, counterfeit, undoubtedly. FAKE won the Members' vote.

It appeared to the Members at the first reading that both Race and Rake were equally apt. Then it was felt on a close study of the Clue that the "apt to" in the Clue clearly went against Race. That horse-racing ruins the majority of those who participate in it directly or indirectly is an undoubted fact. Thus Race was dropped. A Rake is a dissolute person, a libertine, an immoral man. The Members did not feel that it would be necessary to argue much to establish the fact that a Rake is apt to ruin many. RAKE was voted for.

List of Fixed Words & Alternatives

Given below is the List of Fixed Words and Alternatives for MYWORDS No. 20. This can help the Competitors to know the words from which they can select the apt ones. They must, however, remember that this List is not an exhaustive one and only such words as are very apt in the opinion of "Spotter" are given. The alternatives given are neither binding on the Committee nor final. The Competitors are also advised to consult the Oxford Concise and Chambers' 20th Century Dictionaries before finalising their choice of the aptest words. — Competition Editor.

MYWORDS No. 20

CLOSING DATE:— 7th March 1953

FIXED WORDS

Across: 1. SHARE. 9. WOES.
Down: 4. ERUS 12. LAIW
16. LO.

ALTERNATIVES

Across: 2. PATENT, POTENT.
3. COMPOSITION, DISPOSITION.
5. CHANCES, CHANGES.
6. EVER, OVER.
17. ROW, TOW.
Down: 8. CAT, COT.
13. OILY, WILY.
14. GAG, RAG, WAG.
15. FEE, FOE.

INTERLOCKERS

Across: 10. LASS, LOSS.
Down: 9. WARM, WORM.
Across: 11. NETTLE, SETTLE.
Down: 7. WANTED, WASTED.

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All India Divine Life Conference

The three-day session of the All-India Divine Life Conference held at Rajahmundry on the 10th, 11th and 12th of last month concluded with glorious success. Over three thousand attended the sessions daily. The whole atmosphere was filled with Divine vibrations during the entire period. The site and view of the Municipal High School where the Conference was held is wonderful, being on the bank of the holy Godavari and H. H. Sri Yogi Suddhananda Bharati, who presided over the Conference, liked the beautiful sight of the Godavari from the top of the building. Delegates from Nagpur, Hyderabad, Madurai, Palghat, Madras, Pidugurale, Bezvada, Guntur, Nidadavole, Vin-dhyavasi, Vizianagaram, etc., etc., attended. There was all round co-operation and a spirit of brotherhood pervaded the atmosphere.

There was *Prabhat pheri* daily in the morning, when a batch of delegates went round the streets of Rajahmundry in a van with loud-speaker arrangements and filled the whole of Rajahmundry with *Ramnam*.

A special feature of the Conference was daily *Gita parayana* by the Sthree Sadhu Mandali (of Veerabhadrapuram) and *Veda parayana* by Pandits which rendered the whole atmosphere serene.

There was also *Akhand mahamantra* chanting on all the three days. Most of the delegates participated in the same. On the 13th instant there was *Havan* for World Peace. On the 12th there was a grand procession carrying the coloured portrait and a marble-like *moorthi* of Sivananda led by *Nadaswaram*. On the same day there was poor feeding of about 500 *Daridra Narayans*.

On the 2nd day of the Conference a one-act play, *Karma Kadam*, from the *Gita*, was played by two young girls of the Sanskrit Girls' School, Kovvur. Credit is to be given to the Head Mistress of the Girls School for her efficient training of the girls. On the 3rd day of the Conference *Saint Alavandar* was staged by the Friends Amateurs' Association, Rajahmundry.

There was a *Yoga Asan* competition on the 2nd day, in which eight persons participated. Sri T. Nagabhushan Rao of Eluru won the 1st prize. Later, on the same day, there was *Likhit Japa* competition in which about a dozen persons participated. The 1st prize was won by one Kumari Koiba Baby. Special prizes were awarded to Kumari Vijayalakshmi for her beautiful idea in presenting the *Mantras*, and to two others for neatness.

One and all present expressed it as their opinion that this was the best Conference of the Divine Life Society attended by them so far. The news of the Conference was broadcast by the All India Radio, Delhi, on the 10th inst.

The Conference concluded with a vote of thanks by the Secretary of the Reception Committee. The programme was strictly adhered to except for the *Harikathakalakshepam*.

THE Resolutions of the Subjects Committee meeting, headed by Sri Yogi Suddhananda Bharati were as follows:

1. This Conference recognises with humble gratitude the wonderful service rendered by H.H. Mahamandaleswar Sri Swami Sivananda Saraswati, of Rishi-

kesh, for the spiritual upliftment of humanity in general and India in particular.

2. This Conference resolves to accept the invitation of Dr. V. Narasinga Rao, Divine Life Society, President, Hyderabad Branch, to have the venue of of the next All-India session of the Divine Life Conference at Hyderabad.

3. This Conference reiterates the resolution passed at the previous Provincial Conference held at Bezvada in January 1952, regarding the introduction of *Yoga Asanas* and Ethics in the curriculum of studies in all primary and secondary schools of India and to request all educational ministers of all States in India to take necessary steps to implement the same.

4. This Conference resolves that the economic resources of the several D.L.S. branches in India may be ameliorated by willing donations and contributions for the successful conduct of the Annual All-India Conferences.

5. That necessary arrangements may be made with the Govt. of India and the Railway Board for granting Railway concessions to the delegates of the Conference.

6. This Conference unanimously prays H.H. Sri Swami Sivanandaji to preside over the next All-India Divine Life Conference to be held at Hyderabad.

7. This Conference unanimously resolves that necessary steps may be taken for the acquisition of a site near the Godavari River to construct a building for the Divine Life Centre at Rajahmundry.

8. This Conference resolves to thank all the Reception Committee members, delegates, volunteers, donors and all workers who directly or indirectly contributed to the grand success of this Conference.



Sri N.S.V. Row, Secretary of the Divine Life Society at Rajahmundry who organised the All India Divine Life Conference there last month with Yogi Suddhananda Bharathi who presided over the Conference.

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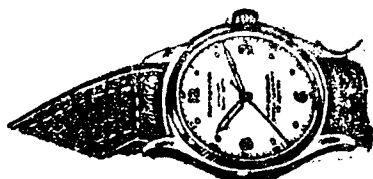
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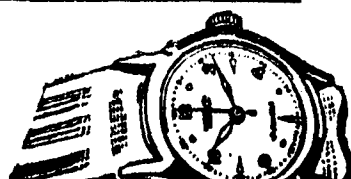
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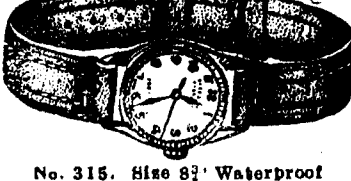
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ACROSS: 1. SUCCESS 3. START 5. HATE, HAVE 6. ABUSE, AMUSE 8. DAFT, DEFT 12. POSER, POWER 15. HAS, WAS 16. BOLD, BOLT 18. LEARNING, YEARNING 19. SCRAPE, SCRAPS 20. DETECT, DETEST.

DOWN: 2. SCOUT, SHOUT, SPOUT 3. SHEEP 4. AID, KID 7. CURSING, NURSING 9. FOIL, FOOL, FOUL 10. DO, GO 11. BEAR, BEAT 13. POLICE, POLITE 14. HONEST, MODEST 16. BLAND, BLIND 17. SORRY, WORRY.

ACROSS

5. "Workers who — to be continually watched by boss are usually inefficient." H A T E, HAVE?

The admission that workers who Have to be continually watched by boss are usually inefficient automatically concedes that they are so when they are not so watched and efficient only when watched. Workers who Hate being watched by boss are usually inefficient ones. If they are doing the work properly, they will not only not mind being watched by boss but would feel it is good as boss would know how well they are doing their work. Back HATE.

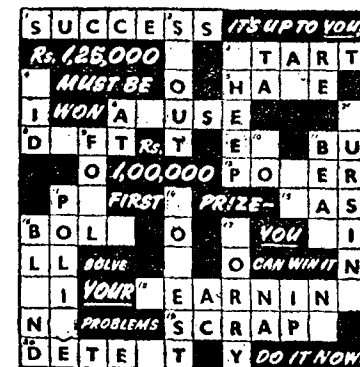
6. "As a rule, it's foolish for car passenger to — driver in crowded traffic." ABUSE, AMUSE?

The emphatic "as a rule" and the "crowded traffic" in the Clue definitely provide pointers for our preference of Abuse to Amuse here. Even an elementary knowledge of the relationship between the car passenger and driver will show that rarely does the former abuse the latter unless an accident due to rash or careless driving had happened. The "foolish" is used to advise the car-passenger not to do a particular thing to avoid an accident and not to describe what follows it. The usual tendency among car passengers is to engage the driver in conversation. This is bad as it would divert his attention from the road. But when this conversation is of the type that would Amuse the driver, it would then be very foolish, indeed, as he is very likely to be involved in an accident. AMUSE scores.

8. "We usually feel small when new worker who we have told boss is — proves otherwise." DAFT, DEFT?

If we have told boss that a new worker is Deft, skilful, clever, and it subsequently turns out that the worker is not so Deft or is far from being so, it is not necessary that we should feel "small." After all, the worker was not recommended for a job by us but we only told he was Deft on being asked our opinion. On the other hand, we are bound to feel small when we find that new worker who we said was Daft proves to be far from being so. Bet on DAFT.

This Square is only for practice

**By "SPOTTER"**

12. "As a rule, good way to judge man's intelligence is to give him —" POSER, POWER?

Differentiation has to be made here between intelligence and wisdom. Wisdom is intelligence seasoned with experience. Intelligence is mere knowledge or understanding. Whether man would rightly use or abuse Power depends on his character which in turn is dependent on the wisdom he has. The reference to intelligence, therefore, clearly rules out Power. When we give or present a problem, Poser, to a man we can easily know how intelligent he is or not by the way he is able to tackle it. Go in for POSER.

15. "Precise person is apt to be upset when something he — promised doesn't happen." HAS, WAS?

A precise person, one systematic and correct in his speech and actions, might tell others to do certain things and also try to do so himself. If he finds others don't do so, he would only feel triumphant. But if he himself fails to do those very things, he will feel upset naturally. Hence, if he was promised something would be done and it is not done he wouldn't feel so much upset as when he has himself promised something and doesn't do or give it. HAS scores.

16. "Criminal is often caught when desperation makes him —" BOLD, BOLT?

If we admit the statement of the Clue as correct, would it not follow that

criminal who becomes Bold due to factors other than desperation will not be caught? This, surely, is untenable. The criminal feels that he has no hope of getting an acquittal in the court as there is sufficient evidence to convict him. So he will want to Bolt, run away. But he is often caught because the police already know enough about him. Bet on BOLT.

18. "It doesn't often take long to tell that new acquaintance has —" LEARNING, YEARNING?

Yearning is a desire, a longing for something. How far we can quickly know that an acquaintance has an Yearning for something doesn't depend so much on our intelligence as on his nature. If he is of the free type, he would soon express it. If he is of the reserved type, any amount of judicious questioning even wouldn't get us the information. But it is quite easy, indeed, to find out quickly ("doesn't take long" means "in a short time") that acquaintance has Learning, education and wisdom. Back LEARNING.

19. "When they get into — with younger lads, older lads are usually blamed." SCRAPE, SCRAPS?

It would be foolish to blame the older lads just because the younger ones get into a Scrape when they have nothing to do with it. When the older lads get into Scraps, fights, scimmages, with the younger ones not deliberately but because the latter have provoked and taken the initiative, then the older lads would be blamed on the ground that they should have the sense as older of the two sets not to have taken part in it. SCRAPS should score.

20. "Even when we — friend's weakness we're often slow to tell him so." DETECT, DETEST?

If the friend's weakness is of a harmless kind, then we will not Detest it. If it is disliked, it means it is a bad weakness. However much we might dislike friend's weakness, we won't tell him so quickly lest he should mistake us. So, if at all we determine to tell him we would be slow in doing so. Go in for DETEST.

DOWN

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to make themselves quite clear." SCOUT, SHOUT, SPOUT?

It is unnecessary to elaborate that no one will Scout, jeer at, to make one's self clear. Unless the person we are speaking to is deaf, why should we shout? Mere shouting will certainly not help to make clear what one wants to say. If at all one does so, can it be said that the purpose for so shouting is defeated? No, in my opinion. To Spout is to speak in a very fluent, quick manner. Some people are unfortunately addicted to this habit. And when they want to make clear their ideas or feelings, they tend to be more so. In doing so, however, their purpose gets defeated for their listeners are unable to follow them as quickly. SPOUT scores.

4. "They are usually good friends who — each other much." AID, KID?

Strangers rarely Aid, help, each other. It's true that those who Aid each other are good friends. If a stranger kids, makes fun of, ridicules another there's bound to be a lot of trouble. But we can be making a right guess when we see two people who are kidding each other and remark they must be good friends. Only they would do so. Permute both AID and KID.

7. "Doing a little — is sometimes good for one's morale." CURSING, NURSING?

Nursing of the professional type is not easy of practice for one and all. When people are terribly upset, they should indulge in a little bit of Cursing, swearing, because giving vent to one's feelings will make them feel all right afterwards. Back CURSING.

9. "It's apt to cause much discontent among staff when boss engages man who is —" FOIL, FOUL, FOUL?

No boss would ever think of engaging a Fool in his office. If a man employed subsequently proves to be a Fool, then he would be immediately dismissed. So, there is no chance for Fool here at all. If the staff found him to be Foul after his employment they can either force him not to be Foul or bring the same to the boss's notice who is certain then to take action on it. When the staff discover that boss has employed a man as a substitute, Foul, so that he may eventually replace one of them, they will feel discontented. FOIL wins.

10. "Happy the man so even tempered that he seldom wants to — for anybody!" DO, GO?

To Do for somebody is to help someone, to act for some person. Will not the even-tempered man want to Do so? He will. But will there be any one who will want to help anybody? Yes. But what about "seldom" in the Clue? It goes against Do. To Go is to punish, to deal with. Even this word does not go well with the wording of the Clue. As the blank square for this Clue has to be filled up, better permute both DO and GO.

11. "Player who goes all-out to win every time is often hard to —" BEAR, BEAT?

If a man has no jealousy and takes everything in good spirit, we call him a sport. This is because in sports there is no room for pettiness, selfishness, jealousy. Such being the case, I am unable to see how player who goes all-out to win every time to win is often hard to Bear, tolerate. On the other hand we should not do admire him. I am sure the Compiler also will take this view. If a player goes out to play determined to win he is usually successful. He may at times fail, but he often wins. So it is difficult to Beat, defeat him. Bet on BEAT.

13. "Average person is usually careful of what he says in — circles." POLICE, POLITE?

One should not doubt speak the truth, only the truth and nothing but the truth when one is telling anything to the Police, the custodians of law and order. So, the "Careful" only in this respect. It is different in the case of Polite. Even if what he wants to say is the truth, average person will be careful not to say it in Polite circles if he feels that it would be causing any embarrassment to the members of that circle. POLITE wins here.

14. "Hero who is — will usually admit to fears." HONEST, MODEST?

Modesty means delinquency of thoughts and feelings. If a man finds he is looked upon by others as a hero, he may not like to tell them that he had fear in his heart when he did that which has made him a hero lest it should disillusion them. So, reject Modest. Compelling necessity rather than sheer courage would have made him do that which had brought him credit of being a hero. This an Honest hero will undoubtedly admit, without caring for the reaction such a confession might bring. HONEST scores.

16. "It's apt to be irritating when we want plain speaking and people are diplomatically —" BLAND, BLIND?

When a person is smooth, gentle, in speech or is non-committing in answers or statements we refer to him as a Bland person. When we want plain speaking, an unreserved heart-to-heart exchange of views, and find that the people concerned are diplomatically Blind, not willing to face facts or tell the truth for reasons of policy, then we would naturally feel irritated, annoyed at such an unhelpful attitude. Back BLIND.

17. "It usually makes us — when acquaintance does something desperate after we've refused him trifling loan." SORRY, WORRY?

The man affected here is described as an acquaintance. If someone we had known well or has been intimate with were to do anything desperate after we've refused him a loan there is ground for Worry. We would worry about what the others would think of us, etc. But if it is only an acquaintance who does something desperate because he was refused a loan, then we would feel sorry for his foolishness. SORRY scores.

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ACROSS

2. "We usually find busy executives — to do things quickly." PHONE, PRONE?

A Phone merely fulfils the task of connecting the speakers separated by a distance. Busy executives would not like to waste time. So they would prefer to Phone the parties concerned, either by the local phone or through trunk phone, to get at them quickly, to ascertain opinion or finish a deal or give a quotation. Prone merely indicates the tendency while Phone shows one of the means by which this tendency is made use of. Being merely Prone, inclined, to do things quickly is not enough. The busy executives must do things. They must express the tendency in action. That is why busy executives install inter-communication phones or internal exchange to get at their numerous employees in the various departments quickly. Enter PHONE.

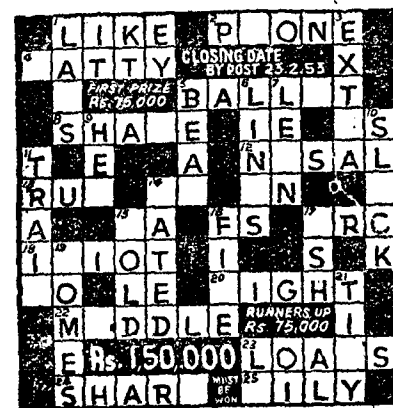
4. "Woman who wants to be liked must never be —" CATTY, FATTY, RATTY?

"Liked" in what way? For her physical attractiveness, charm as a conversationalist, abilities in the culinary field, implicit obedience or religious fervour? It can't be said that Fatty means one who is very very fat. If the person is fat to the point of being not causing ridicule, then why should she not be liked? Catty means spiteful. Women are so usually only with other women and rarely with the male sex. And only women refer to other women as being Catty. The quality of being Catty need never be known if a woman confines her spitefulness to actions and not speech. How can any one know her to be Catty to dislike her? Ratty means angry, ill-tempered. Woman who wants to be liked, be it by men or women, old or young, must never be, cannot afford to be angry or ill-tempered. This aspect needs no further elucidation. Go in for RATTY.

5. "If the — is a good one, the boxes should be pretty well filled." BALLET, BALLOT?

Ballet is a theatrical exhibition composed of dancing, posturing and pantomimic action. It will not be enough if the boxes in the theatre are well filled. The "galleries" should also be filled up. Then alone can the Ballet be a financial success. It can't be taken for granted that all those who can afford to buy tickets for seats in the boxes need necessarily be capable of appreciating a fine Ballet. Here Ballot is used to mean

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voting. If the voting is a good one, that is to say a brisk one, thanks to the agents of the candidates who have canvassed well, it means a large number of people have participated in the election and have thus exercised their franchise. It follows, therefore, that the Ballot boxes should have been well-filled with the voting slips. BALLOT is a good bet.

8. "Fastidious lady sometimes spends hours picking hat of right —" SHADE, SHAPE?

The clever Compiler has put us on the horns of a dilemma here. I would unhesitatingly have recommended Shade if "fastidious" had not been used in the Clue. "Fastidious" refers to one whose tastes are extremely exacting, difficult to please. The fastidious lady may not like the various shades or colours average women go in for. She may prefer surely simple and soft colours. Thus Shade suits well. It is equally true that a fastidious woman would prefer to go in for the right, conventional, type or Shape in hats and never select the very many kind of hats with all sorts of shapes that so many fashion-conscious women prefer. On account of the aptness of both alternatives here, I would suggest your permuting both SHADE and SHAPE.

22. "Hussy is usually inclined to —" MEDDLE, MUDDLE?

A Hussy is a girl or woman who is pert, impertinent, saucy of speech. What will such a girl be likely to do—meddle or muddle? To meddle is to interfere unnecessarily, to take part in matter with which one has nothing to do. To muddle means to confuse, to bewilder, to put things in a state of disorderliness. The use of the word "Hussy", in my opinion, clearly provides the necessary hint here as to what the Compiler thinks

is the right word. By reason of her sharp and controlled tongue, the hussy is inclined to Meddle in other people's affairs. To Muddle those affairs calls for greater personal interest and one need not be merely a hussy to do so. To Meddle, the woman has to be a hussy necessarily. Hence, back MEDDLE.

24. "Honest man is likely to steer clear of —" SHARK, SHARP?

Can you be in a position to give a categorical reply to the question whether the seed grew out of the tree first or the tree out of the seed? It will not be possible. This question has been debated since ages and is yet to be answered satisfactorily. In the same way, it is difficult to make a choice here between the two alternatives. Shark refers to person who is a cheat, swindler. Sharp also means one who is a cheat or swindler. On what grounds are we to prefer one to the other? If the selection of the word is surely based on commonsense viewing, then the Compiler would be fair only if he admits that either word is correct. As I don't envisage such fair-mindedness, I suggest that both SHARK and SHARP should be permuted here.

25. "— clerk is apt to arouse employer's suspicion." OILY, WILY?

A person is described as Oily when he is smooth-spoken, full of flattery. A Wily person can achieve his aims through several means, including being Oily. It is not so easy to detect wiliness except through certain actions or expressions. An employer cannot be deemed to have committed an injustice if he feels suspicious of an employee who is Oily. But his suspicion would be confined to thinking that the employee is trying to get some favour or other, like increment, leave, etc., by being Oily. But when he suspects an employee of being dishonest, it takes an altogether different complexion. And his suspicion of that employee is aroused only if the clerk happens to be noticeably Wily, sly, artful, full of explanations and evasions, etc. All considered, I feel Oily is included in this Wily. Enter WILY here.

DOWN

1. "Reserved type of man usually finds company of talkative — very trying." LADS, LASS?

"Company" used with reference to "reserved type" clearly shows the man's reaction to the situation outside his home and intimate circle. The "trying"

undoubtedly means embarrassingly unbearable. The company of talkative *Lads* may no doubt be boring and thus would try the patience of a man. Being of the reserved type, he would not express his feelings. But when he finds himself in the company of a *Lass* who is very talkative, he would feel still worse. He would, and we too, normally expect a *Lass*, girl, to be modest and reserved in speech. When the girl herself becomes talkative, the situation becomes embarrassingly trying, undoubtedly. Bet on *LASS*.

5. "Obviously, you can't expect a little liar to — a big liar!" **BEAR, BEAT?**

Here, the "little" and "big" should be understood to mean not only with reference to the kind of lies uttered by the parties but also as an indication of the status of the persons concerned. Why should not a "little" liar bear a "big" liar? All the factors are certainly against him and it would be surely ridiculous to think that the "little" liar would feel envious or jealous of the "big" liar. The "obviously" is an absolute pointer here. That word merely stresses what is really obvious. It is used to add emphasis and should therefore not be mistaken to be a repetitive word. By thinking it to be an unnecessary repetition, you may be tempted to prefer *Bear*. But bear in mind that this is how the Compiler wants to mislead you! Obviously (this is how the Clue will read), you can't expect a little liar to *Beat*, defeat, rival, excel, a big liar! Back *BEAT*.

6. "Railway system provides — between places of importance." **LINES, LINKS?**

Lines can have reference only to the presence of the iron rails on which the trains speed along. It cannot be said that all important places are actually connected by railway lines. Some of the important places are in fact some miles away from any railway station. With *Lines* as the word, the Clue also does not read well in my opinion. It is a rather crude way of emphasising the service rendered by the railways. It is an undoubted and undisputed fact that the railway system provides *Links* between important places. Even if the station is away from an important place, other road transports are there. For example, the well-known Mahabalipuram (the Seven Pagodas) is nearly fifteen miles away from the railway junction. Yet, the railway system can be said to have linked it with other places in running at least so near that place. Vote for *LINKS*.

10. "Sooner or later — clerk is likely to get into employer's bad books." **SLACK, SLICK?**

The word *Slick* means sleek, smooth, dexterous, smart. This word is of dubious import here. By being dexterous or smart in the right way, the clerk cannot possibly get into employer's bad books. If he is dexterous or clever in a wrong way, then surely he will get into the bad books of the boss and would be eventually dismissed even. But there is nothing in the Clue to suggest whether the *Slick* refers to smartness of the right and therefore desirable kind or to the wrong and therefore undesirable variety. Reject *Slick*, therefore. *Slackness* in work, which is characterised by inattentiveness and inefficiency, can never be a paying proposition for any clerk. He may manage to evade being found that he is *Slack* but sooner or later he

will be found to be so and the boss will have a poor opinion of him. And when repeated reproofs fail to have any effect, dismissal is certainly round the corner for the clerk. *SLACK* scores.

11. "Traveller is apt to feel annoyed when — stops in the middle of nowhere." **TRAIL, TRAIN?**

It must be noted that a *Trail* is the track which is followed by a hunter or one who is searching for something. I feel that it is not correct to use *Trail* in connection with "traveller." It is clear that the "traveller" in the Clue refers to one who is travelling in a conveyance either for pleasure or in connection with some personal or official work. As I have suggested discarding of the word *Trail* for reasons stated, it is easy to infer that the conveyance referred to above cannot be anything other than *Train*. When a train stops in the middle of a journey it is annoying. And when it stops between two halting stations (the "nowhere" in the Clue refers to this) the traveller is apt to feel annoyed. Note that he will not be annoyed but only apt to be. If he is travelling purely for pleasure, he won't mind the stopping of the train. If he is travelling for some pressing personal or official work, he will feel annoyed. The apt to thus hints at the exception also. Back *TRAIN*.

14. "Henpecked husbands are often — by domineering wives." **DATED, HATED, RATED?**

You may reject *Dated* here quickly. It may be safely asserted here that it is not hatred of their husbands that makes wives boss over their husbands due to a dislike developed or due to the habit formed for doing so allowed by the husbands themselves. The fault undoubtedly lies with the husbands. If they had nipped the trouble in the bud, they could have escaped the fate of becoming henpecked husbands. For the sake of argument, it may be conceded that the henpecked husbands are hated. But how does "domineering" justify its inclusion in the Clue? Hatred or no, the wives would certainly rate, abuse, scold, exactly because they are domineering by temperament. *RATED* wins.

15. "Pictures of stormy seas are usually most effective when executed in — colours." **BOLD, COLD?**

I must confess that the Compiler is certainly taking an unfair advantage over the Competitors by constructing Clues to study which they require a certain amount of technical knowledge. How far *Bold* or *Cold* colours would suit the purpose of depicting stormy seas on the canvass is difficult to determine. From the point of view of the layman, it can be argued that only bold, striking, colours would do justice to depict the angry sea and huge huriling waves etc. The artist may argue that cool or sober, simple colours would help to lighten the tempo. The exact colour by which a choice can be made is wanting here. Hence, I suggest permutation of both the words *BOLD* and *COLD*.

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Across: 20. "When travelling by air, be sure to take — case!" **LIGHT, RIGHT?**

You may naturally think that a man should be careful to see that he takes

the *Right* case but this is not a right view at all. Whatever the hurry, a man might forget to take some article or other but will not be so foolish as to take a wrong case. Here "case" means suit-case. If it is a railway journey that is indicated, then it is possible for a wrong suit-case to be taken by one in the confusion at the crowded platform or due to the porter's mistake. But in an aerodrome, there is never such a crowd. All travel cases have to be rightly marked and checked. As the minimum weight allowed for free luggage is little, air-traveller's case should necessarily be *Light*. Otherwise, heavy luggage charges (freights) will have to be paid. *LIGHT* is right.

Down: 16. "Once letters are finished with it's not a bad idea to put them on —" **FILE, FIRE?**

Nothing could be a sillier suggestion than to ask that letters should be burnt soon after one finishes with them. Useless letters may be so done away with but not important ones. The Clue most certainly does not refer to letters received in an Office or concern but by individuals. Ordinary letters which need no preservation are usually torn and thrown away. And the usual tendency amongst us is to simply keep the important ones in a box or in a pigeon hole. Such a summary method may not prove to be wise. For they may not be available when one wants them later on. The best methods is to *File* such letters because it is the safest and easiest not only from the point of view of economy but also of security and easy reference. *FILE* fits well.

Across: 23. "Transport undertakings very often have — on their lorries." **LOADS, LOANS?**

It may be that lorries owned by individuals might have been pledged by him due to compelling financial factors. But it is neither wise nor correct to state as a generalisation that transport undertakings, concerns having transport fleets, would be in such a financial muddle as to necessitate the raising of *Loans* on them. While transport lorries owned by individual owners might often lie or ply idle, transport lorries owned by big concerns will often be busy transporting goods, have *Loads* on them. This is the most sensible manner of viewing transport undertakings, whatever be the place. Back *LOADS*.

Down: 21. "Mothers of — children are usually very proud of them!" **TIDY, TINY?**

The choice of *LOADS* at 23 ACROSS automatically fixes *TIDY* here, thus eliminating *TINY*. Children are described as *Tiny* if they are small of stature, thin in build, etc. How then can we be right in saying that mothers of *Tiny* children would be "very proud" of them? Instead of feeling proud, these mothers would have to invent a reason for justifying their children's *Tiny* appearance to those who would question them about it. *Tidy* children are those who appear smart, well-dressed. It is no surprise if a mother's heart swells with pride when she has been able to teach her children to develop the habit of tidiness. *TIDY* scores.

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