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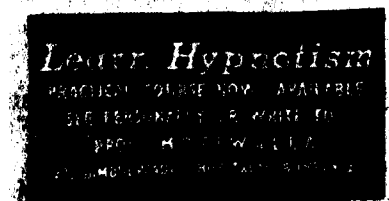
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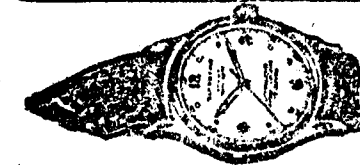
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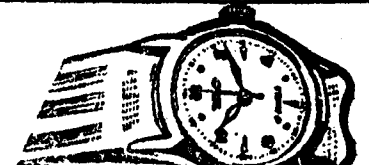
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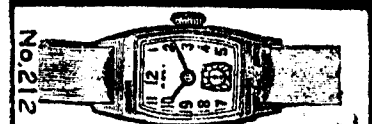
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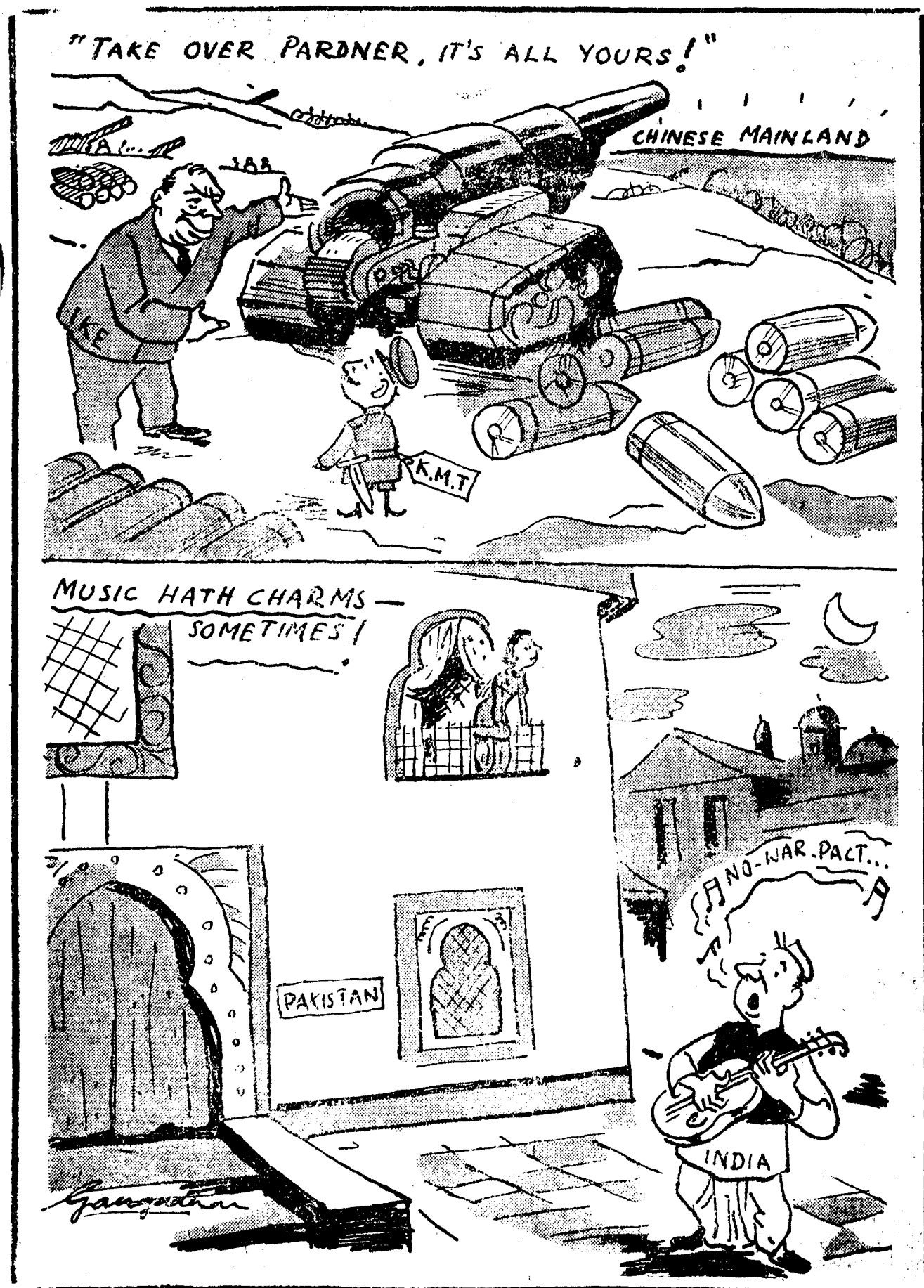
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EXTENDING THE KOREAN WAR

DARK and threatening are the war clouds in the Far Eastern skies. The withdrawal of the U.S. Seventh Fleet from the Formosa Strait has had the effect of extending the area of the Korean conflict. Readers will recall President Eisenhower's earlier announcement to allow Asians to fight against Asians. A change in priorities of U.S. aid was also suspected. Mr. John Foster Dulles who went on a visit to Western Europe shortly after he assumed office as U.S. Secretary of State, called for greater unity and better defence against the Soviet foe. Mr. Dulles' speech clearly implied that the Republican Administration attached far greater importance to European security than to conditions in Asia.

The news that the Chinese Nationalist troops of Chiang-Kai-shek have landed at Amoy in Southern China is of the gravest import. President Eisenhower is reportedly keen on finding a quick solution of the Korean war and harrying the Chinese whenever and wherever possible. Chiang's men are perhaps alert and well-equipped but no invasion of the Chinese mainland is possible without strong air and sea cover given by the United States.

Some American Senators have already hinted at a naval blockade of China. Their view is that she should not be allowed to build up supply dumps. For instance, Britain, Ceylon and India are having barter deals with China and their ships in Chinese waters are most likely to be torpedoed by U.S. submarines operated by Kuomintang men. "One American Senator, Mr. Dewey Short, stressed the desirability of giving or loaning American warships to Chiang for the purpose of intercepting supplies to China and sinking or crippling merchantmen carrying goods from that country.

Meanwhile, Mao Tse-tung has not been sitting with folded arms. In a spirited speech

at the fourth session of the first National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, last week, the Chinese leader threw out a challenge to the United States to fight to a finish in Korea. "Our struggle must be reinforced," he declared, "because American imperialism is insisting on keeping back Chinese and Korean prisoners of war, discontinuing the armistice negotiations and making wild attempts to extend the aggressive war in Korea."

As a counterblast, Russian submarines may well go into action against U.S. submarines and war-ships. Will the British silently acquiesce in the new Republican move and quietly surrender Hong Kong? Suppose H.M.G.'s ships are attacked by submarines under Chiang's command? These are dreadful possibilities.

It is not generally expected that Kuomintang troops can do much harm or damage to the mainland. But all the trouble will arise if Peking decides to invade Formosa and capture it and also opens a second front in Indo-China. How will America take it all? Will she openly side with Chiang and drive back the Reds? And will Russia keep calm if Peking suffers reverses? Let 'Ike' ponder these conundrums. As London's *Sunday Pictorial* says, the President has had a disastrous start. It already sees a crisis brewing in Anglo-American relations. Referring to the possible blockade of the Chinese coast, the weekly observes: "This would bring America to the verge of an all-out war with China. It would lead to new trouble with Russia. It would further alienate India. It would end hopes of a truce in Korea."

Will the Soldier-President at the White House heed this warning and retrace his steps? It seems doubtful.

NEWS AND NOTES

Fighting A Scourge

With the gradual industrial expansion in the country the scourge of tuberculosis is becoming more rampant. The fall in nutritional standards, housing conditions, poverty, occupation fatigue and mental strain are chief among the many factors that bring about this insidious disease. The general exodus from rural areas to urban and the congestion caused by refugees in towns and cities have introduced new complications. Addressing the tenth Tuberculosis Conference in Mysore, the other day, Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, the Union Health Minister, called for an all-out, nation-wide drive against tuberculosis. In her programme for health, she said, the campaign occupied a very important place. "The more I ponder over the T.B. problem and the incalculable suffering it inflicts on individuals, their families and the nation as a whole, the more convinced I become that the situation demands the maximum attention."

The Minister expressed satisfaction at the fact that thirteen million persons had been tuberculin tested and that over four million B.C.G.-vaccinated. But it would appear that the problem has only been touched at the fringe. No exact figures are available about the number of victims. Compulsory notification of the disease may provide data but patients may fight shy of it for fear of the stigma that may attach to them.

The Health Minister then touched on the question of rehabilitation of the tubercular. Governments and commercial organizations should adopt a more liberal and

sympathetic attitude and try to provide jobs for most of those who had recovered. The Centre was examining the question, she revealed. Colonies must be built for those who had recovered but could not resume hard work while funds must be raised to support poor T.B. patients and their families. The Seals Sale Campaign, she acknowledged, was a great success. It helped not only to raise money but also to promote a personal interest in the problem among the people.

After making a brief reference to the new drug and the value of surgery in the treatment of pulmonary tuberculosis, Rajkumari Amrit Kaur wound up with an appeal to the workers gathered on the occasion not to forget that resistance power could be gained through "proper rest and regulated living."

Above all, we would urge that Government must first raise the standard of living of the masses. And States should pay more attention to congested industrial areas where slums grow with amazing rapidity and provide the fertile breeding grounds for all respiratory diseases.

In The Cause Of Art

Fifty years ago, Tamil drama was in a very decadent stage. Morbid plays and bawdy songs did much to detract from Tamil literature and art. A young man but a great linguist, gifted with histrionic talents, Sri P. Sambanda Mudaliar undertook the herculean task of cleaning up the Tamil stage, and breathed new life into art. Like one inspired, he wrote about sixty plays, and acted on the stage himself.

Tamil drama has made rapid strides today, thanks to the adventurous spirit and pioneering efforts of Sri Sambanda Mudaliar. The plays that he wrote and put on boards attracted all classes of the people; they were entertaining as well as instructive. Gone were the days when Tamil drama was full of anomalies, incongruities and anachronisms — of Rama sporting a Chaplin moustache and a fine wrist watch, of Chandramati wearing gold chain and bracelets and begging for a few coppers to cremate her dead son.

At a pleasant function got up the other day by leaders of Tamil Nad and lovers of art, tributes were paid to Sri Sambanda Mudaliar's great services in the cause of Tamil drama. With these coincided the celebrations of his eighty-first birthday also. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Iyer who presided on the occasion described Sri Sambandam as the progenitor and inspirer not only of a simple dramatic style but of a revolution in dramatic taste. He had done away with all that was vulgar, cheap and bizarre in contemporary drama.

Sri Sambandam's plays, went on Sir C. P., were fascinating delineations of daily life. "He is a great reformer. He is a good literary artist. He is a man who has made a good study of life, because the greatest drama that a person can portray is the drama of life."

Prominent among others who participated in the celebrations were Sri C. Rajagopalachari who praised the great artist and presented him with a shawl on behalf of his admirers, and Sri V. V. Srinivasa Iyengar who proudly recalled his seventy-one years of close

IN THE NEWS



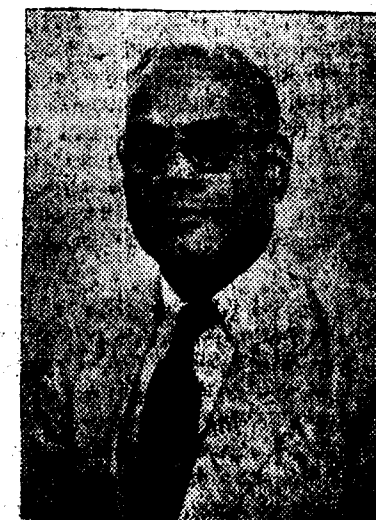
Special prayers were held at Rajghat, Delhi, in observance of Mahatma Gandhi's death anniversary. Photo shows the President (Dr. Rajendra Prasad), the Vice-President (Dr. S. Radhakrishnan), and the Prime Minister (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru) participating in the special prayers at the Samadhi of the Father of the Nation.



Sri P.V. Rajamannar, Chief Justice, High Court of Madras, who was nominated Chairman of the Council of the National Academy of Drama in the South.



Sri Sambanda Mudaliar, the well-known dramatist, whose 81st birthday was celebrated on the 2nd of this month with great éclat by thousands in the City. He has written 60 dramas and acted in them. He was hailed as the Father of Modern Drama in the South.



Sri V.N. Subbaroyud Mudaliar, the new Commissioner of the Corporation of Madras.

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Sri Sambanda Mudaliar thanking the leaders, friends and admirers for the felicitations, took leave to express just one wish that was characteristic of the man. "And to-day," he said, "if I were asked to name three boons which I should like to enjoy in my next birth, I would ask only for these; to be born again of the same parents; to be born again with the same set of friends; and to be born again to serve the dramatic art."

Risks In The Ride

A correspondent writing to *The Hindu* draws attention to the risks involved in riding in the auto-rickshaw. According to him, the brakes sometimes do not work properly and the drivers are often inexperienced men. Speed limits are seldom observed and when they have to negotiate sharp bends, they either over-turn sometimes or collide with vehicles or knock down pedestrians.

Too small and too light, the auto-rickshaws wriggle through crowds or narrow space at great speed, and the danger of collision with the rear-side of a bigger vehicle is seldom ruled out. Some drivers sitting at the wheel seem to imagine that they are like speed kings (or fiends?) whom one sees in news shorts that precede the main film and attempt stunts that are very likely to end in disaster. The Traffic Police must subject these men to more thorough tests before issuing licences and prescribe fifteen miles as the maximum limit under any circumstances, day or night. They must be warned also to observe the rules of the road.

Especially during the nights, these auto-rickshaws are an unmitigated nuisance. They remind one of the wailing sirens of the A. R. P. during the war. After a hard day's work, when the citizen lays his weary head on the pillow and is beginning to court sleep for just a few hours, the auto-rickshaw goes shrieking about through roads, streets and lanes, perhaps in search of new fares, shattering the silence of the night

and banishing sleep from many an eyelid.

One shudders at the possibility of more such little monsters 'cruising' along in the nights making the City a veritable hell of noise and turning out more nervous wrecks. The citizens, we daresay, would welcome baby taxis to replace auto-rickshaws.

Is It Wise?

One fears that the innocent will suffer with the guilty if the Ministry of Finance refuses to treat as legal tender hundred-rupee currency notes on which objectionable political slogans are written. Not all who handle currency notes are educated. There are thousands of business men and women who are unlettered but still handle quite a lot of money in transactions. Will it not entail hardship for them if some one (who is educated) points out at the end of the day that some of the notes they hold are as good or as bad as dud ones?

Supposing some innocent (or ignorant) friend of ours sends us from a far-off town an insured cover containing a thousand rupees and half the notes contain objectionable slogans in a language that we do not understand but which neither the Bank nor the Post Office will accept, where do we stand? The Ministry of Finance should either set our smart and efficient C.I.D. hounds on the trail of these malicious slogan-writers or withdraw such currency notes when presented to banks or post offices and issue new ones. We would earnestly appeal to authorities not to do anything that is apt to cause confusion among the simple, uneducated folk.

The Country's Loss

In Sri N. Gopalaswami Iyengar the country has lost one of its ablest administrators and veteran statesmen. After years of service as a civil servant in Madras State and, subsequently, as Dewan of Kashmir, Sri Gopalaswami Iyengar entered the Central Cabinet. In 1947, he became Minister without portfolio and tackled the problems arising from partition with great tact and sagacity. Resettlement

of refugees, recovery of abducted women and the question of evacuee property were his main concern and he strove his best to blunt the edge of bitterness and sorrow.

Over the Indo-Pak dispute about Kashmir, Pandit Nehru was guided in the main by Sri Gopalaswami Iyengar. In 1948 he led the Indian delegation before the Security Council and made a clear presentation of India's case against Pakistan. The aggressor must be repelled, he said, and the fighting must be stopped. And he resisted the subtle and insidious attempts of the foreign Powers to take over the internal administration of the State.



Sri N. Gopalaswami Iyengar

As Minister for Railways, he devised a scheme for the zonal integration of the railways. Many critics were at first sceptical of the outcome but experience has shown that re-grouping has brought great advantages and promoted efficiency in service.

Sri Gopalaswami Iyengar was appointed Defence Minister in May last year but when he fell ill a few months ago the Prime Minister would not think of relieving him of his portfolio. So great was the esteem in which he was held and so highly valued was his wise counsel.

The Nation's Homage

Sarvodaya Day was observed with due solemnity all over the country and in a prayerful mood the nation dedicated itself to service and sacrifice. Many of our leaders and foreign statesmen in India and elsewhere paid glowing tributes to the ideals of the Mahatma and his unique weapon of soul force and non-violence.

Explaining the significance of Sarvodaya Day, the Prime Minister told a New Delhi gathering that Gandhiji had always stressed the necessity for preserving the country's unity and infusing into the people the spirit of working together. "The need of the hour is for people to remember the Master's teachings and follow them in their daily lives. It is no use at all for them to shout 'Jais' to Gandhiji and remember him just on this occasion."

Aptly was it pointed out by a speaker in Madras that Gandhiji helped to restore to the Indian his self-respect and sense of dignity. In other words, he straightened our back. Dr. B. Natarajan wondered whether, like Buddhism, Gandhism also would look for conquest beyond India. After the death of the Buddha twenty-five centuries ago, he remarked, his teachings found almost no place in India but spread among other countries like Ceylon, Tibet, Burma, China and Japan. "Would they drive away Gandhiji's teachings also? They should resolve on this day to have Gandhiji's memory and his teachings enshrined in their hearts for ever."

That great Negro leader, Dr. Ralph Bunche, Director of U. N. Trusteeship Division, said in Bombay that the Gandhian way was prophetic of a new order. The creed of non-violence was the golden avenue to the solution of the world's remedies. Chief among the salient features of Gandhiji's philosophy, he went on, was the emphasis on truth. No less impressive characteristics of the leader were recognition of the inherent dignity of the individual and disavowal of hatred. Dr. Bunche predicted that the Gandhian approach would be almost universal in future.

Most striking of the tributes came from Lord Boyd-Orr in London. Addressing a meeting at India House, he said: "We have come to the position, possibly for the first time in modern history, when Mahatma Gandhi's message of non-violence, of settling disputes by peaceful methods, has a chance of success, because it is the only road to safety for the human family." Speaking at the same meeting, Mr. B. G. Kher, our High Commissioner in London, pointed out that the Mahatma's substitute for jungle law, war and hatred, was non-cooperation, non-violence, truth and love of humanity. The last and most difficult task before the great leader was Hindu-Muslim-Sikh unity after the division of the country—a cause for which the Mahatma sacrificed his life five years ago.

Mayor's Lead

Many Mayors of Madras used to wax eloquent on the ideal of a city beautiful but alas! few practical steps were taken towards achieving the goal. In justice to them we must, however, say that the time at their disposal was very short and their duties and pre-occupations were many. But it has been given to Sri T. Chengalvarayan to give a splendid lead. With the realisation that a city which is almost filthy can never earn the title to beauty, he has organized a cleanliness drive which is bound to have far-reaching effects. In two of the City's most congested spots, mobile conservancy squads each consisting of a lorry, two malsries, six workers and three wheelbarrows clear the piles of garbage and tidy up the streets and lanes.

We hope that the scheme which the Mayor has inaugurated as an experimental measure will become permanent and have a wider application. At the same time, social workers and volunteers must carry on ceaseless propaganda among the citizens, inculcating a better sense of civic responsibility. Film shorts on health subjects shown regularly in parks, as is done in Calcutta, will quickly promote the object that the Mayor has in view.

Munshi's Warning

There has been a fall in moral standards in India after partition. Freedom and equality of the sexes have wrought a change in the psychology of the people and a search for new remedies and fresh adjustments must be undertaken by reformers. This view was expressed by U.P.'s Governor in the course of his address to the All-India Social and Moral Hygiene Conference at Lucknow, the other day.

Turning to the problem of commercialised vice, Mr. Munshi said it had become more baffling than before. The gospel of materialism and the scientific developments had introduced fresh complications. Diverting 'fallen' women to family living was not easy; several considerations were involved. What drove a woman to vice? Mr. Munshi listed such factors as economic pressure, insufferable life at home, break-up of joint families and increased disparity in the proportion of existing towns and villages. "Entertainments, continued till late at night, gave easy opportunity to men, and even women, to indulge in lapses."

Mr. Munshi appeared to be rather unduly harsh and severe upon the cinema. Describing its effect as devastating, he said that it tended to undermine the sanctity of marital relations. Even in regard to family planning activities, U.P.'s Governor advised caution. If they were not conducted carefully, disintegration of family life was unavoidable.

Mrs. Rameshwari Nehru, who presided, made a more practical suggestion for eradicating vice and stopping the illicit trafficking in girls. She called for better co-ordination between the Governments and social institutions. She bewailed lack of encouragement or assistance from authorities in the matter of abolishing brothels. She said: "The Government should penalise by law all those who were operating brothels and ban all kinds of prostitution." Each State would do well to set up a committee of officials and social workers to study all aspects of commercialised vice before undertaking the comprehensive type of legislation advocated by the President.

TELLING THE TRUTH!

By K.S. Ramaswami Sastri

DR. NESAN is a mystery man. He generally stands up for the modern outlook and the modern ways. But sometimes he becomes ultra-modern and trans-modern.

"He looks into the future far as human eyes could see, Sees the vision of the world and all the wonder that would be"

That is how he regards himself in the language of Tennyson's *Locksley Hall*. But is his vision right? Will the future be a wonder? I am afraid not.

The other day, I went to attend a lecture by him on "Some Crazes of To-day." I told him: "That is my line. Why did you poach on my preserves?"

He said: "Ramu, hold your tongue for a while and hear. What I am going to say is not *shastra* (scripture) but science. You have no science in your mental composition. Let me inject some real science into you."

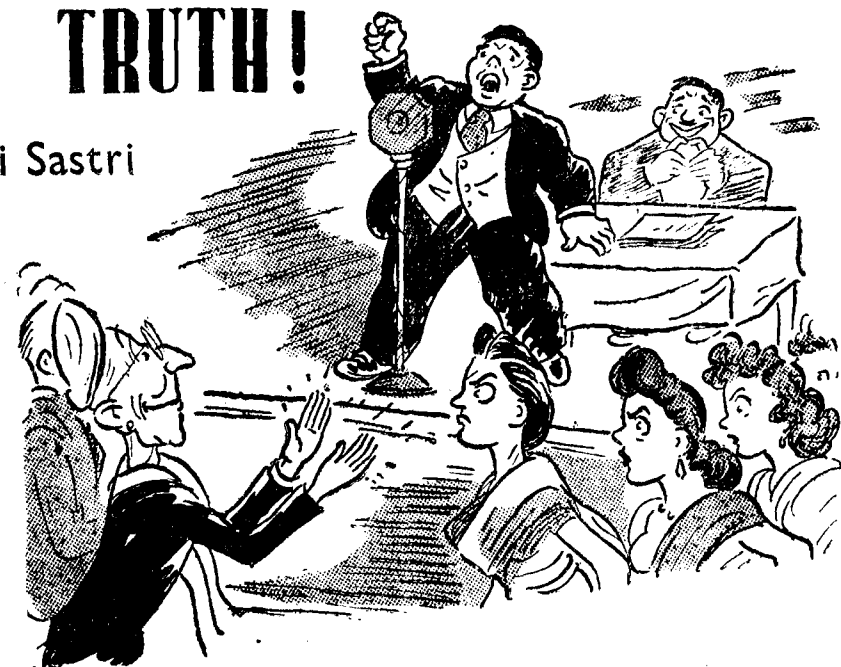
So I stayed on to listen to his lecture.

Dr. Nesan said to an audience of students: "I wish to tell you frank — brutally frank — home truths. Will you allow me to do so? Will you keep quiet? Or, shall I keep quiet and go away?"

They shouted: "Speak and we shall hear."

I liked his spirit and clapped my hands.

He first dealt with the modern Indian habit of spitting anywhere and everywhere. He said: "It is against all science and hygiene. Indiscriminate spitting is the cause of many diseases. We are a poor people. Very few wear shoes. They walk on your spittle and get and spread infection. You yourselves often tread on your own spittle."



I chimed in: "What about biting nails?"

Dr. Nesan frowned: "Please do not interrupt. Let me go my own way. If you come here and speak, there will be an uproar. I speak as an apostle of science."

The students looked at one another. They did not like the way in which the wind was blowing. But they were loyal to their promise and kept quiet.

DR. NESAN went on: "Sucking ice-fruit is equally bad. There is no fruit in it. It is simply a bit of ice sugared and coloured so as to catch the eye. If you put a bit of ice on your skin, you will find that the skin is affected. If you put more and more ice on the same spot, the skin will begin to peel off. The skin of your tongue may have a cool and sweet sensation temporarily but your mouth and your stomach will suffer later on."

I nodded my head in approval. That gave rise to a slight storm-signal. The young students, especially the boys, vigorously shook their heads in disapproval. Just then the peripatetic ice fruit seller went along on the road crying his wares. Some students sneaked out.

Dr. Nesan then went on to deal with the aerated waters which in common Indian parlance

are referred to by hawkers as "soda-colour." Dr. Nesan observed: "Have you ever gone into a 'soda-colour' factory?"

The students shouted: "No."

Dr. Nesan continued: "Waters of all sorts and degrees of purity and impurity will be found stored there. You will be told that soda helps digestion. Nothing of the sort. The gas merely distends your stomach a little. When, during the consequent reaction, the stomach shrinks, the gas escapes in your belching, as in a pricked and shrinking balloon. That is all."

I CLAPPED my hands in approval. That started another storm of protest almost. One student got up and said: "What proof have you?"

Dr. Nesan pacified the excited lad and said: "I shall take you to-morrow to a factory."

The boy sat down in a spirit of gay good humour.

Proceeding, Dr. Nesan remarked: "This is not all. Even doctors are prone to advise you to take glucose, arrowroot, barley, sago, etc. These are really unnecessary. You are often told: 'An apple a day keeps the doctor away.' Apples are costly and are less useful articles of food than cheap mangoes and oranges and limes and plantains. Do not

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become faddists. Come to me. I shall tell you what is a cheap and balanced diet."

I was in raptures as I have been of this view all along. The students looked at Dr. Nesan with doubting but not rebellious eyes.

Dr. Nesan turned his battery against the girl students. He said: "Please do not waste your money on powders and snows and creams. The modern cosmetics ought to be banned and banished. They do no good but, on the other hand, do harm and lead to waste of money. In the same way why do you waste money on voils, cholis, etc.? Please pardon my plain speaking."

I at once clapped my hands. The girls in the audience looked daggers at me but the sweet things are always kind and patient, and courteous and gentle and merely kept mum. They had purchased lots of cosmetics and delicious semi-transparent fabrics of beauty and made a silent resolve not to discard them. The resolve could be read in their faces and their eyes.

DR. NESAN then referred to the silver screen. He said: "The cinema shows which are now on should be closed down. At least, the shows from 9 p.m. till midnight should definitely be shut up. You do not know how these shows ruin our eyes, our minds and morals."

I applauded. Then suddenly I felt as if some dam had burst and the impounded waters began to rush. The girls rushed out of the hall and the boys dashed towards the platform. My turban was knocked off and I was swept towards the platform.

In a trice, Dr. Nesan and I were swept off the platform into the street. We hailed a taxi and scrambled into it and fled to the Marina. We sat there for a while on the sands. I asked Dr. Nesan: "Why did you not leave out the cinemas?"

He said: "Ramu! How could I be true to myself and science and truth if I spoke otherwise?"

Dr. Nesan then took me on the same day to hear a speech

to be delivered by Rajaji. At that meeting Rajaji condemned the cinema craze. The audience was restive but remained respectful and attentive. He then took me finally to a meeting to be addressed by His Holiness Sri Shankaracharya of Sri Kamakoti Peetam. There His Holiness condemned the coffee habit and the hotel habit and the cinema habit.

I TOLD Dr. Nesan: "In these two places there was no reference to science but there was reference to commonsense and religion. The people seem to have been receptive all the same."

Dr. Nesan thoughtfully nodded: "That was because of the element of personality. Why do you not try your luck and air your views?"

I replied: "I am not a personage and have no personality. I tried my luck at two meetings. The audience walked out in two minutes at one meeting and I was left to harangue the walls in the empty hall."

"At the other meeting, I got a shower of rotten eggs, onions and small stones. One person took up a brickbat and I fled. But what better chances have all of you by way of getting acceptance for your views?"

Dr. Nesan asked: "What, then, is the moral?"

I replied: "Shall I have to repeat the obvious?"

'Ah! Never throw your precious pearls To men and women and boys and girls.

Grim teachers—Pain and Misery— Will better teach them than you and I.'

All the same, I like the Cassandra spirit."

Dr. Nesan queried: "What is it?"

I said: "Cassandra was gifted with the power of prophecy. But Apollo whom she had offended cursed her with the ban that no one should ever believe her predictions. All the same, I say, 'Cassandra Ki Jai.'"

Parliament Of Religions

The Parliament of Religions, the first of its kind on the Indian soil, previously announced by the Divine Life Society Madras Centre, will now be held at Ananda Kutir, Rishikesh, under the personal guidance of Sri Swami Sivanandaji, on 3rd, 4th and 5th April, 1953. Situated as it is in the sylvan solitude of the hoary Himalayas, Rishikesh has been selected as the venue of the Parliament so that its deliberations may be conducted in a congenial spiritual atmosphere hallowed by the sacred tradition of the Upanishadic Sages.

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Persons who would like to speak at the Parliament may specify two alternative subjects to help the organisers to release the Programme in advance. Those who are unable to attend are requested to send their message or Paper to be read during the meetings and for later incorporation in the Commemoration Volume, along with a copy of their photo.

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Suggestions for the success of the Mission will be thankfully received. Further particulars can be had of *The Secretary, Parliament of Religions, Ananda Kutir Post, Rishikesh. (U.P.) India.*

Psycho-Analysing Uncle Shyam!



sating" for the things denied to him as a child.

I am psychoanalysing him now (you know, I underwent an American Correspondence Course in Psychiatry). My success in starting the experiment, with my uncle as subject, was sheer accident. It all happened this way. I once called him just "Uncle Shyam." This delighted him beyond words. His ego expanded like Aesop's frog. He felt himself the very Uncle Sam on the top of the world! He begged of me to call him that way, and always. This was the beginning of my experiment.

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K.M.T.

I employed fire-side chats, arm-chair conversations, "free-association technique," "mental catharsis" and the rest. Hypnotism was ruled out because it would be easier for me to be hypnotised by him than for me to hypnotise him! He talked on endlessly. But that was an advantage in psycho-analysis.

THREE forgotten episodes in his infancy were brought to the surface of his consciousness. One was that of his father telling him that he (uncle) was a coward. The second was that of his mother severely rebuking him for his faulty expression. The third was that of his being cold-shouldered by one and all when he won the first prize in a fancy dress competition in his first year in the elementary school, for his realistic and elaborate make-up of a monkey, with the tail and the rest. These incidents, small in themselves, developed formidable "complexes" in him. I will not tire you with their technical names. Any book on

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"LISTEN—the accent to-day is on Yeast! Everybody takes Yeast in one form or the other the world over, grows younger and lives longer. Yes, the sun never sets on Yeast! Although the message of the Yeast came from the West, research indicates the Red Indian knew of it centuries back. Originally he was a Hindu, the Wise Man of the East. As Chamanlal discovered in Mexico, Hindus discovered America. Columbus came later. Well, well, I was talking of Red Indians—of course, not the Indian Reds.

"You know, they are poles apart. As apart as a Pole is from an Eskimo. Have you heard of Eskimos? An Eskimo has no vote, but a Pole has. You remember the Poles went to polls the other day? Well, what was I saying? Oh, yes, about the Red Indian. I wonder why he is called Red. I

know he never gravitates to the Left. Left, to him, is neither right nor wrong. But to an Indian Red, well, the Right is always wrong! It is, as they say, a question of ideological difference. But to come back to Yeast....."

That was my eccentric uncle speaking without any provocation. But what else can you expect from a frustrated, petty schoolmaster?

UNCLE Shyam Sundar, to give his full name, makes up for all his smallness, be it said to his credit, by his incessant rhetoric, phrasemaking, puns, epigrams, alliterations and pathological quoting from texts, ancient or modern.

If uncle Shyam Sundar is a little queer to-day it is not his fault. He has been the cruel victim of a few unhappy "complexes" developed during his tender, impressionable, formative years of childhood. He is, in the language of science, merely "over compen-



MANY men accept meekly the restrictions of married life, taking for granted their loss of personal freedom as the price they must pay for possessing the sweetest little woman in the world for their very own — if she proves less sweet after the excitements of courtship and wedding bells have died down, then that is just the luck of the game, and they must make the best of it. Cowed and submissive, they put their wild youth behind them, subdue their roving eye, and even try their hardest not to dream of fresh conquests and pretty blondes.

But others, like my friend Derek Mayners, are incorrigible rebels. They contend that man is naturally a polygamous animal, and since harems are not permitted in the West, he is quite justified, even after marriage, in spreading a little happiness amongst the surplus female population. Only a selfish wife could reasonably deny her husband this right, they argue, admitting of course that it is never politic to discuss the question with the wife in question.

I also suspect, in Derek's case at least, that he needs an occasional escapade with a girl friend to bolster up his ego, his wife being a masterful woman who never allows him the luxury of cutting a dash and posing as a clever fellow, much less as a great lover. She regards him as a poor thing but nevertheless her own

private and personal property. Like all possessive women she is extremely suspicious and watches, catlike, his every move and gesture day and night, ready to pounce at the least provocation and thus increasing his natural rebelliousness, if she but knew it. Her readiness to believe the worst of him puts him on his mettle, and leads him to think up all kinds of cunning tricks and subterfuges in order to get the better of her.

He could hardly contain his delight when his promotion to shop inspector presented him with the opportunity of a lifetime, some of the stores he had to inspect being quite far afield.

"TALK about luck!" he vociferated, as we walked down to the station the morning after he had been given the new job. "I've got a perfectly legitimate excuse now for spending an occasional night away from home. I can always say that I worked late checking the stock at one of the branches, or something like that, and missed the last train back."

"In other words, whenever you feel like kicking over the traces you'll tell her that you're off to visit one of the branches?" I ventured.

"Exactly!" he grinned.

"But are you sure your wife will believe you? You know what women are," I reminded him.

"She'll have to!" he shrugged, but I could tell from the slight frown puckering his brow that the tiny seed I'd planted in his mind was beginning to take root.

"You're always saying how suspicious she is," I persisted. "She might take it into her head to check up on your story — then what?"

"She might at that....." he conceded thoughtfully. "I'll think of something, never you fear!" he added optimistically.

I bumped into him again on the way home a few days later.

"I told you I'd fix things," he grinned, fairly brimming over with boyish glee. "I've come to an understanding with the managers of the shops."

"What sort of an understanding?" I asked.

"OH, it's the simplest arrangement in the world. I've told the wife that if ever I miss the last train home she can take it I'm staying with one of the managers of the six branches I have to call on, and I've given her a list of those shops, together with the private addresses of the managers. I've had a word with each of them — they're decent fellows — and if she tries to contact any one of them at any time he will promptly alibi for me by saying that I'm staying overnight at his place."

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Psycho-Analysing Uncle Shyam! (Continued from page 13)

Freud or Jung or Adler will tell you that.

WELL, let us take the last complex first. It overwhelmingly manifested itself during the advent of the Rationing days some years back. He had applied for six cards when there was need only for five. When the Rationing authorities made a general check-up, they discovered that he had taken a card in his dog's name! Ridiculous, you might say—but no, sir, he was dead serious about it! "Can an intelligent dog not have the status of a biped?" This created a sensation in the town and a spate of publicity for my uncle followed in its wake. Subconsciously, Uncle Shyam had willed all this. "Psychological Determinism," as the texts say. He was merely "over-compensating" for the attention he was denied as a child.

Then we come to the second complex. This manifested itself slowly in his turning into a book-worm and a bibliomaniac. "Faulty expression! Dash it, my mother should have known better!" (a sentence that dropped from Shyam during Catharsis). Who can deny that he has read and re-read all the works of Charles Dickens when he can turn out a sentence like this: "Oliver Twist" who had some very "Hard Times" in "The Battle of Life," having been saved by "Our Mutual Friend", "Nicholas Nickleby", had just finished "A Tale of Two Cities" to "Martin Chuzzlewit" during which time the "Cricket on the Hearth" had been chirping merrily while the "Chimes" from the adjacent church were heard when "Seven Poor Travellers" commenced singing "A Christmas Carol". "Barnaby Rudge" then arrived from the "Old Curiosity Shop" with some "Pictures From Italy" and "Sketches By Boz" to show "Little Dorrit" who was busy with the "Pickwick Papers", when "David Copperfield" who had been taking "American Notes" entered and informed the company that the "Great Expectations" of "Dombey and Son" regarding Mrs. "Lirriper's Legacy" had not been realised and that he had seen "Boots at the Holy Tree Inn"

taking "Somebody's Luggage" to Mrs. Lirriper's lodgings in a street that had no "Thoroughfare" opposite "Bleak House" where the "Haunted Man" who had just given one of Dr. Marigold's prescriptions to an "Uncommercial Traveller" was brooding over the "Mystery of Edwin Drood"!

And now we come to the last complex. Analysis revealed that Uncle Shyam's "subconscious" region always insisted that he was a coward. For that was what his father ("God-substitute") had put into his head. But his present "persona" would not accept this. To "over-compensate" it, he had to appear extremely courageous. And he always did. His case-history records an incident in which he took a dead rat by its tail to the Health authorities, during a dangerous plague epidemic, to let them determine whether it was infected or not—and survived the act! This complex, of course, overlaps on the earlier one.

I HAVE safely reckoned that it will take me at least ten years to rid my uncle completely of all his complexes (psychiatry is a tortuous process), provided, of course, that in the meantime "transference" does not take place, in which case I have to watch the tragedy (or the comedy?) of his falling head over heels in love with me, a mental trick all subjects of psychiatric treatment employ in the case-histories I have studied. If I bring back my uncle to normalcy, I would consider it a greater achievement than my bagging a Ph.D. degree from the American institution (of course, by correspondence.)

"Can Crack Move?"

The family was having company for dinner. Julie, aged five, laid down her spoon, looked at her mother, and said: "Mommy, there's a hair in my soup"

"Hush, dear," implored the embarrassed mother, trying to cover the situation, "it's just a crack in your plate."

Julie picked up her spoon, stirred dubiously a few times. "Mommy," she insisted, "can a kwack move?"

Wife On The Trail! (Continued from page 14)

"Yes, but suppose she asks to speak to you over the 'phone?' I queried.

"I've told her that none of them are on the 'phone at home."

"I see" I brought out slowly. "If she feels like checking up on you she can only do it by means of a telegram."

"That's it!" he nodded vigorously.

"It seems like a fairly safe arrangement"

"Safe as houses!" he asserted triumphantly, the very epitome of jaunty self-confidence as we parted to go our separate ways.

I DIDN'T see him again until the following week when I chanced to get into the same compartment. He seemed a trifle despondent, to say the least of it. I offered him a cigarette, knowing full well that it wouldn't be long before he would seek to unburden himself.

"You remember how I fixed things with the branch managers, and told them what to say to my wife, should occasion arise?" he finally brought out heavily.

"Yes?"

"Didn't work out at all well" he sighed.

"What happened?" I asked sympathetically.

"Well, I decided to have a night out at the beginning of the week. Naturally I expected the wife to check up on me, but I wasn't worried because I knew my alibi was foolproof, which-ever manager she tackled. They'd all been primed to say the right thing. I figured that she'd contact the first manager on the list, however, and on being told I was at his place for the night, would drop the matter."

"I suppose she didn't think a wire good enough, and went down to check up for herself?" I broke in.

"Oh no, she couldn't do that. The nearest branch is at least a hundred miles away. No, she went one better and sent all of them a wire asking whether I was staying the night with them. I can hardly blame them for all wiring back to say that I was"

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SOMETIMES fate plays strange tricks, using us as if we are puppets on strings. It was like that with Deana.

She thought, quite suddenly, that she would walk home "the long way" that night, and yet there was no reason for her wanting to, unless perhaps because, subconsciously, she wanted an extra breath of fresh air after a long day and a few hours of working back at the office. So she got off her bus at the same old corner and turned up the hill "the long way" home.

It was a warm night, humid and lazy with the first breath of summer; moths danced under the widely-spaced street lights strung like stars up the winding length of Selwyn Avenue, and on either side of the road the well-kept suburban homes blinked wide-eyed windows of light.

Deana felt a little glow of happiness surge through her as she passed the familiar houses. Some day, soon, she would have a home—her own home—hers and John's. A tiny house like any one of these. There would be no more living in a room up there on the hill top in Selwyn Road House, no more boarding-house meals, no more boarding-house noise or old familiar boarding-house perfume of musty carpets and stale flowers and stew all mixed up. ...

"John, my darling! I'm so happy!" Deana whispered to herself, slowing her steps, delighting in being alone there in the darkness with her thoughts of him.

She felt his engagement ring under the thinness of her silk glove.

Her eyes smarted with tears, she was so happy.

She walked along as silently as a shadow on her rubber soled and beeled shoes. It was a magical feeling to be walking alone in the darkness thinking of the one you loved most in all the world—and safe in the knowledge that he loved you, too.

Around the next bend was John's home, "The Bunyas". Already, Deana could hear the tall trees sighing to themselves in the breeze. She wished John had been home tonight! She'd have called in, they could have sat out under the stars together.

But John would not be home tonight. He had a Lodge meeting, so he'd told her. And his folks would all be out, too, so there wasn't much use. ...

SHE was almost as far as the gate, moving silently on the well-kept footpath, and moving unseen in the heavy shadows, when she heard John's voice. Low, and scarcely past a murmur, it came to her, from the gate, where she could discern two shadowy figures.

"What can I say to her?" John's voice was asking. "What can I say? I'm engaged to her, Peg! But it's you I love!"

Deana stopped, went cold with shock. It was as if time stood still, then keeled right over. She thought she was going to faint,

but she did not; she just went on standing and listening.

"Darling, break it off! You must!" a girl's voice said.

"Supposing she sues me?"

DEANA stiffened, placed the back of her hand across her mouth to hold back a cry which nearly broke forth. Sue him? Did he think she'd do that? Did he think she'd make him PAY because he changed his mind?—How could he think such things? How could he?

A car roared past in second gear and the next words were drowned in the ear-filling noise of it. Deana crouched back in the shadows, not wanting the headlight beams to give her presence away. But the beams showed her John and the woman.

The girl was a stranger; she was just an ordinary looking girl.

Deana stood still and heard the gate click. John and the girl were walking over to where John's car was parked down by the drive-way gate. They got into the car. They drove away.

Deana never knew how long she stood there in the darkness, wondering, sobbing, leaning against the old-fashioned picket fence in the shadow of the friendly bunya trees, crying silently, bitterly.

"He doesn't love me!" she told herself, over and over again. "I could force him to marry me! He would, if I refused to let him go! I know he would. But I want him to be happy! That's all I want! I want him to be happy!"

After a long time she went in through the front gate and sat on a dew-damp garden seat and waited... and waited...

SHE saw John's father's car come in. Heard his mother's quiet voice chatting gaily about the theatre as she and her husband let themselves in through the front door. She saw the lights come on, saw them go out one by one.

Then John's car was at the gate, purring up the drive.

Deana got up and crossed the lawn.

She met him outside the garage, meeting him as he looked up.

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"Hello, Deana! What're you doing here this hour of the night? Is anything wrong?"

"No..." She stared up into his face, which looked pale and marble-like in the moonlight. "Only I've got to talk to you, John."

His hands were on her arms, above her elbows, with a warm friendly pressure.

"Why, darling—at this time of night? I don't understand, I....."

"I just want you to know, John, that it's all been a mistake, a big mistake—I—I don't love you, John. I can't go on with it. I—I feel I had to see you tonight and tell you. I couldn't let it go on—for another day—"

My God! How those words hurt her, each burning lie searing her lips, cutting her heart out.

"DEANA! What are you saying?" His face was a mask of horror, of grief. "Deana, you can't mean it! I won't believe you!"

She told herself she should hate him for being such a hypocrite. But she could only love him and be sorry for him. He was at least

trying not to hurt her—just as she was trying to make things easy for him, only he didn't know it.

"What made you change your mind?" he was saying. "Deana, there must be some mistake!"

"There's no mistake—it's better this way!" she said. And then, when he still held her and still demanded she dropped her own mask and began to cry. "Don't pretend you don't know! Don't pretend! I know everything! I know—that other girl—I heard you—"

HIS arms went around her suddenly and she fell against his chest, weeping. "Oh, my poor darling," he was saying, his lips in her hair and laughter in his voice. "Poor Deana! That was Sue, that was our part in a bit of a play our Lodge is staging—oh, Deana, my darling! I was going to surprise you with my amateur acting next week! Deana! Deana! Don't you understand?"

"John!" she gasped, breathless, still weeping, and then beginning to laugh and cry at once. "Oh, John!"

The bunyas chuckled overhead and the darkness wasn't lonely any more.



Wife (to husband): "Oh, you! You're fit only to gamble, leave the bills unpaid. And that new dress you promised me hasn't yet turned up!"

Hunting For A Job!

IN my opinion the thing ought to be very simple. You want an employer, and the employer wants you! so there need only be a get-together.

But the fact is, quite a few people have a say on it.

Two days ago, Sreeman K....., that tiresome old bore, descended on Father. One has to welcome him, smirk at his platitudes, and say ditto at appropriate intervals in his endless dissertations on this and that, in deference, if not to his ripe years, at least to his rich sons. F. pulls up a chair to him, and leans back in his seat with a suppressed sigh.

The old geezer distributes courtesies to F., and miles of smiles in our direction. He begins his discourse, he analyses the salient features of the Estate Duty Bill, he deals briefly with the demerits of the present generation, mentions an article on *Maya* in the *Kalpitaru* and inquires of F. what opinion he has on it.

And then he says something that makes F. sit bolt upright. "You were telling me about your son. Has he secured a job after all?"

"No," says F. ruefully.

"Well, I was talking with old Kittappa about him. He has promised to do his best. Let your son go and meet him at his house."

So you see, I was in for it once again.

Time was when I quailed at the prospect of an interview. But it is all changed now. I have since bearded several lions in their dens. More, I have preserved a faithful record of these encounters in my private diary. It is my hope that this will get printed by some enterprising publisher and be the solace of my twilight years.

Now about this last interview of mine. I shoved my bicycle on to its stand. I walked in. As I swung my feet across the weedy lawns I was conscious of an air of academic drabness clothing the automobile magnate's house and its surroundings. I was disappointed.

I had geared my thoughts to a high illusory plane which was strangely refuted by the cold, murky walls of the place. From a prodigious degree of familiarity with minor fiction, I had expected the unusual in such a place: a fine little bungalow with well-trimmed lawns, rose and jasmine blowing in the breeze, chintz curtains waving at the windows, a little pink car at the portico, two little girls with flower baskets playing about. You called to them in hesitant tones, and smiled uncertainly. They clapped their hands and rushed at you. They dressed your head in delirious paper-flower decorations and escaped with a scream through a delicate portiere at the sitting-room. And you stood there wondering if in this world the right people did not after all get the right things...

By K. N. Subramanian

The sight of a lackey emerging round the corner brought me back with a jerk from these airy fancies. He sought to detain me by a flourish of his hand; his whole nature, I gathered, had been thoroughly aroused at my intrusion.

I BRUSHED off the implied suggestion with a magnanimous waggle of my head. A portentous gesture, it made him come around. He shed some of the initial bellicose disposition. He said in a concessional sotto-voce:

"He cannot be seen today."

"Oh, is he not here?"

"No."

"At the Office then?"

"No, not even there. He has gone out."

"Perhaps I can wait here?"

"You cannot. There is to be a party today. You had better clear out quick."

All of a sudden, a dog appeared from nowhere and began to bark. And I made a hasty exit.

And that was that! As I said, too many people have a say.

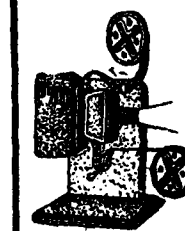
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**L**ET husbands beware! If they  
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not far off when they will no  
longer be able to lord it over the  
family. On the contrary, they will  
be reduced to the position of mere  
slaves subject to the whims and  
fancies of what they have so far  
mistakenly dubbed as the weaker  
sex. According to a recent report,  
the wives of Assam's tea-garden-  
labourers have formed an associa-  
tion to take action against the  
overbearing attitude of their hus-  
bands. Finding their tongues and  
tears, two of their most effective  
weapons, to be of no avail and an  
appeal to masculine *panchayat*  
serving no useful purpose, they  
have decided to devise plans to  
put an end to beating, nose-cutting  
and other allied conjugal pleas-  
antries.

But Assam's husbands are luckier  
than those of Grand Sachem of  
the U.S.A. where their wives had  
a stronger brain wave. Mrs. Erika  
Johanna Sylvia Sengnitz Field runs  
a How-To-Torture-Your-Husband

Club. Members are trained in the  
best ways of nagging, and are  
taught how to irritate husbands  
by getting up at all hours of the  
night, to switch on lights and  
smoke, blunt their husbands' razors,  
break the stem of new  
pipes, stand on the toes of their  
dress shoes with high heels, look  
them out of the house, put cats  
in their beds, and drive them to a  
state when they will agree to almost  
any alimony.

**I**N fact, women are now heading  
fast towards trade unions for the  
redress of their grievances, both  
in and out of homes. A Short  
Women's Association has already  
been formed in London for women  
under 5 feet 3 inches to keep an  
eye on their problems. Besides  
other numerous handicaps, they  
experience great difficulty in  
buying off-the-peg coats, which fit  
without alteration; they need  
taking in or taking up before they  
can be worn. The Association will  
emphatically impress upon the  
manufacturers the need to produce

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small articles to suit their size and  
will not rest until tiny shoes  
and gloves are available without  
difficulty.

Tall women who experience the  
same difficulty displayed a sharper  
intelligence in forming their  
Association earlier. The Associa-  
tion for Tall Women has been doing  
some good work in this direction.  
Short women, were, however, wise  
enough to seek the advice of their  
taller sisters and invited the Hony.  
Secretary of the Tall Women's  
Association, 5ft 11 inches, to in-  
augurate their Association.

With the manufacturers yielding  
to the pressure of the two Unions,  
the formation of an Association of  
Women of Average Height can  
easily be envisaged.

Ever heard of the Sighing Club  
— open to young women in love?  
Each member had to turn up at  
meetings with a lock of her lover's  
hair and gaze fixedly at it for a  
long time, sighing at least every  
five minutes!

**T**HERE is no end to queer associa-  
tions and clubs which have  
been founded by women. Sick and  
Sorry Club was founded for women  
who were jilted! Pleasant Satur-  
day afternoon excursions to grave  
yards and cemeteries were the  
members' main diversions.

But the oddest association for  
women was the Spanked Wives'  
Club. That is what nineteen women  
did in Sioux City, South Dakota.  
According to the Chairman, Mrs.  
L. Lane, "The club is made up of  
wives who got spanked by their  
husbands when they needed it.  
Our husbands don't beat us; they  
just turn us over their knees and  
give us a good sound spanking.  
Yes, sir, spanking makes home  
life happy. And it saves lots of  
homes from divorce."

Even old women have not lagged  
behind in displaying their spirit of  
co-operation. Before the war  
Plymouth had a Grandmothers'  
Club in which only grandmothers  
were allowed on condition that  
they bathed in the sea all the year  
round. The Franky Forty Club  
was founded for women over forty  
as they were no longer able to  
mix with younger women. A Club  
with such a defeatist outlook  
could not survive. It died an  
early death!

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But it was an extraordinary tea party. Her guests came straight into the house without ringing the front-door bell, talked in low whispers, and treated her as though she were an invalid. No effort she made seemed to give the party a sparkle.

As she saw the last guest to the door the mystery was solved. There, pinned to the lintel, was a note she had left to make sure that her children, on their return from school, did not disturb her nap.

It read: "The door is unlocked. Please come in quietly. If you must talk to each other, just whisper. Don't ask me for anything. I don't really want to see you at all."

#### "About Right"

The regimental cook was fed-up. He gazed around gloomily and remarked that he wished he were dead.

His small but energetic assistant looked at him witheringly. "That's about right, you lump of laziness," he retorted. "Just suit you, that would, lying in the bottom of a box with nothing to do!"

#### Stunning Offer

One of John's best friends had died, so he called on the widow to express his sympathy. "George and I were great friends," he said. "Isn't there something I could have as a memento?"

She raised her velvety brown eyes, which a few seconds before had been wet with tears. "How would I do?" she asked.

#### She Stopped Talking

After a car had smashed into a telegraph pole, a policeman rushed to the scene.

"How did the accident happen?" the officer asked the dazed man who was sitting behind the wheel.

The driver was silent for a moment. Then he jerked his thumb towards the back seat. "Wife fell asleep," he said.



ALFRED HITCHCOCK, director of suspense thrillers, got into a New York lift with a friend and began talking as though continuing a conversation:

"So I turned on the light" (he said) "and there was this girl in the middle of the floor. Her throat was slit and there was a great puddle of blood. Besides the body was a knife. I was in a spot. If I called the police, there'd be a nasty row, and if I didn't someone would find me there. So I took out my handkerchief and very carefully..."

At this point the lift stopped at Hitchcock's floor, and he quietly stepped off with his companion, leaving the rest of the passengers goggle-eyed.

#### News Bulletins

A deacon in an East St. Louis Church was seriously ill. He was a popular man, so a bulletin was posted at the church regarding his condition. It read:

"One o'clock. Deacon Jones very ill."

"Two o'clock. Deacon Jones worse."

"Three o'clock. Deacon Jones dead."

A travelling man read the bulletin and added:

"Seven o'clock. Great excitement in Heaven: Deacon Jones not yet arrived. The worst is feared."

#### Result

"Did you give Anne that copy of 'What Every Girl should Know?'" asked father.

"Yes," said mother, "and she's writing to the author suggesting a score of corrections and the addition of two new chapters."

CHARLIE and his three sisters had been to visit a relative in the country. Though the invitation had been only for a week their stay was gradually lengthened to a month.

In fact their uncle was beginning to fear it was going to be a permanent infliction. But eventually they went.

"Well," asked their father, "was you uncle glad to see you?"

Charlie's face lit up with delight. "Glad!" he echoed. "Why, Dad, he wanted to know why we didn't bring you, Mother, the canary, the cat and the goldfish."

#### Crushing Rejoinder

A pompous individual visiting a school was asked to question the children on geography. He began: "What is the capital of 'Olland?'"

"H!" was the crushing rejoinder from someone in the back row.

#### Economy In Cheers!

"Was your lecture on economy a success?"

"Yes, they gave me two hearty cheers."

#### Blissful

"I'm told he has more money than he knows what to do with."

"Has he really! Such ignorance must be bliss."

#### When Then?

Francois Perrier was scolding his six-year-old son for having told an extra big fib. "I never told lies when I was your age," he said sadly.

The boy, after a moment, asked brightly: "How old were you when you started, Papa?"

#### Exactly!

She: "How about giving me a diamond bracelet?"

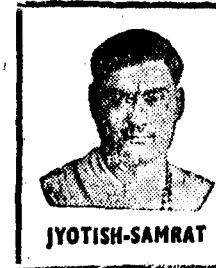
He: "My dear, extenuating circumstances force me to preclude you from such a bauble of extravagance."

She: "Eh? I don't get it."

He: "That's what I just said!"

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Remember what the *Upanishads* say about 'Acharya'. The *Guru* is God's grace personified and the worship of the *Guru* is the worship of the God in physical form. Dakshinamurthy, Nataraja, Lord Krishna Himself are the *Paramacharyas* that open the gate of bliss. Intense faith in the *Guru* and the mental *Dharana* identifying him with God will lead to very quick evolution.

*Pranava Dhyana*, is the *Vihaga-marga*—the path of a bird, the quickest. It will at once take you to the Supreme.

I have given the methods of meditating on *Om* in my book *Philosophy and Meditation on Om*. The main point is, in addition to what you are already doing, to rotate in the mind ideas like *Akhanda Satchidananda*, *Ekarasa*, *Paripoorna*, *Avangmanogochara Atman*, the Absolute, beyond time, space and causation, etc. Kindly read the *Mandukyopanishad* before the *japa*. Meditate on its significance. Read that portion of *Kathopanishad* where the significance of *Om* is given. You will be greatly benefited. Perfect ethical discipline is most essential. Keep your health also good by the practice of *Hata Yoga*. Steady the mind by the practice of *pranayama*. Always repeat *Om* with every breath. Wherever you have leisure, do *pranava japa* and meditate on the *Atman*.

There is no greater deceiver than the human mind! How dexterous are its ways and with what subtle devices it lures man to his destruction. But take courage and find refuge in the infinite mercy of the Lord. Pray for His grace unremittingly and you will soon find power flowing into you to enable you to defy the worst temptations of the mind.

Failure by itself does not matter. It is only an incentive to further

and redoubled efforts and ultimate success. But every failure must teach you its lesson and put you on guard against a repetition of the same. Sometimes, it is heroic to stand up to the evil thoughts and tendencies and drive them out. But there are situations in which discretion is the better part of valour. In such cases, it is wiser to put as much distance as possible between you and the temptation that threatens to overwhelm you.

Eradicate all thoughts of sex from your mind. Think with pity of the millions who are immersed in sexuality and are unable to find their way out. Why do you want to add one more to their number? Fill the mind incessantly with worthier and more inspiring matters. Never keep idle for a moment. Plunge wholeheartedly into *sadhanas*. Begin serving others in humility and without expectation of return. Become an itinerant spiritual centre, wherever you go, and advance the cause of the Divine Life.

*Brahmacharya*, *ahimsa*, (non-violence) in deed, word and thought are all but different facets of the same gem, viz. Truth, which is the only Reality. It means removal of all egoism and selfishness, complete control of the mind and the senses, purification of the heart by constant selfless service. It means the attainment of a perfect balance between the intel-

lect and the heart, unrestrained surrender to the will of God and realisation of the *Brahman*. Those who strive for and practise *brahmacharya* will get ineffable peace of mind, inner illumination and eternal bliss.

Walking in this path, as the *Kathopanishad* says, is like walking on the open edge of a razor. It can be done successfully only by unremittent efforts to perfect your nature and as a result of constant prayer to Him for His grace. *Sadhanas* are verily the keys for His grace. *Sadhanas* are the keys, therefore, that will open to you the golden gate of the Kingdom of God. Therefore, take to *sadhanas* and do them earnestly. The 20 instructions will help and give you a start. Practise them as much as possible. Come to me with your doubts and difficulties. I am waiting to serve you and take you to God.

When the inner eye of intuition is opened, you will find that the external ones are unnecessary; and when the inner is yet closed, external eyes are of no use. Often they help to keep the inner eye shut! Even the loss of this eyesight is perhaps His grace. Firstly, it shuts out one-fifth of the world for you, an ideal which yogis strive to achieve through penance. And this one-fifth is the most disgusting part which always diverts the mind from its true purpose. Secondly, this blindness washes out your past *karmas* very quickly.

## Precepts FOR practice

BY

His Holiness Maha  
Mandaleswar Sri SwamiSIVANANDA  
SARASWATI

Ever be one with the Lord! See Him now in all His glory within the chambers of your heart. God Himself has shown you that none but He is worth seeing. Meditate constantly on Him. Repeat His name always. Realise that release from this wretched cycle of births and deaths is near at hand. Grasp this golden opportunity!

If you have firm faith in the Lord, pure, untainted and unshakable, you will surely attain God-realisation. It all depends on the firmness and actual sincerity of one's own faith. Faith can work wonders. A faith that could withstand great calamities, repeated disappointments, failures and sorrows, a faith that could sustain and retain its immaculate purity in spite of all these—such a faith, indeed, is quite capable of achieving any object, secular or material or spiritual or divine. Cultivate such a faith. You will also be blessed with the inner eye of intuition—a clear vision of the reality.

King Janaka one day dreamt that he was a penniless beggar. That is your state now! Yours

is the state of a poor man who fell down unconscious on treading a rope, mistaking it to be a cobra.

This is all a dream. Wake up! What have you got to do with this mind? Thou art That! Your essential nature is *Sat Chit Ananda*. Momentarily you have forgotten that! Mind is your slave. It is under your thumb. Give your word of command: "Oh, mind! leave off your old habits now. Get away from your old rut. I have now adopted Divine Life. Follow me!" See the change that very second.

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## Sivanandaji To Tour South-East Asia

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.

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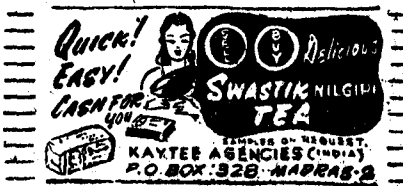
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**S**TEALTHILY, the old man crept forward. He cast a furtive look behind him, then stepped into the corridor. It was a long, straight corridor, golden with electric light, but filled with a disturbing silence. At the end of the corridor was his wife's room. He saw the pencil of light underline the door and he caught his breath as he suddenly heard his wife's laughter. It seemed to pierce the golden light and strike at him. It was so young and lively and seemed to taunt his old age. He had been a fool, a blind fool, for allowing it to carry on, just to see how far it would go. And now it had gone too far, and he would have to put a stop to it right now. There is a limit to every man's endurance.

Advancing, he paused at the door, his body bent with tension. From under his coat he drew a revolver. It was huge and formidable, a relic of his police days. He did not know why he had got it, or how; for seven years it lay in an old trunk under a pile of old books. His wife did not know about it—but she would now.

He caught the door knob and turned it, but before he could push the door open he heard his wife's laughter, jeering, taunting. He clutched the door knob and his withered hand trembled. He was sick with his own apprehension.

"Darling," he heard his wife say, "he doesn't know. I'm sure it'll be all right. He doesn't even suspect. He's just an old fool..."

"Yes, yes, but how long is this going to carry on? I don't know how you can live with the old goof. Come away with me..... my Company's transferring me shortly. We'll be happy....."

"No—no, please, not again. I married a man who's twice my age—and I'm not going to allow you to marry a woman who's twice yours."

"Twice mine?"

"Oh, please, what's the use of pretending? I may look thirty, or even thirty-five, but..... well, I'm over forty, as I've told you before."

"All right, you're over forty, say forty-four. I'm twenty-eight. So what?"

"So what? In a few years I'll be a wrinkled old hag....."

# A Page From The Past



By Mervyn Driver

"In a few years he'll be dead."

"Then why don't we wait for a few years? Why rush things?"

"Oh, all right, all right, I know you don't like the idea, but after all—a few years is quite a long time for a man to wait. You're thinking of your name, of the disgrace. If you had any love..."

"Now, please, darling, don't go on like that. Just let us take it easy for a while. It'll be all right soon."

"Take it easy? I've been taking it easy for the last year. And what's happened? Nothing. All we've been doing is meeting each other secretly, or my coming over when your husband's out. I just don't like it one bit."

**T**HE old man stood before the closed door, listening. So it was like that! They were just waiting for him to die. And then? He knew how it would be. The young fool was not in love, he did not know what love means. He was infatuated. He was charmed by her laughter and her vivacious ways. Such emotions don't last; they die as suddenly as they are born, for they are purely physical attractions. When the years creep on he will discard her like an old rag. There was nothing platonic about it.

He knew how it was; he too had once been young and foolish. And although it was many years ago, it now all came back to him. It was like an old dream now come to life. He remembered.....

**H**E was a police Sub-Inspector, tall and well-built with a small Charlie Chaplin moustache. He first met her on the parade grounds, and after the parade he took her home. He told her that his name was Dilip, and she told him that her name was Lala and that she was married and had a son. He did not believe her, so she took him in and introduced him to her husband.

Her husband was a businessman, a licensed dealer in arms and ammunition, and an army contractor. He had a large business which, he hoped, he would one day hand over to his son for he was growing old and could not cope with so much competition, which, to quote Mr. Nath himself, was growing steadily larger as he was growing older.

Dilip called often on the Nath's, or rather on Lala, as Mr. Nath was

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busy most of the time. The months passed and, to put it bluntly, Dilip found himself in Lala's company almost daily. He took an immense liking to her son, Latu as they called him, and would take him out and fill him with sweets and ice cream and what not.

And then it happened.

At first Dilip would not believe it. He refused to acknowledge his own feelings, but the more he refused the stronger the feeling grew. He could not sleep at night. He could not eat. He could not work. His thoughts disturbed him. His friends saw the change and wondered. Lala saw the change and was a trifle pleased, though she also wondered. Things then began to take their natural course. Dilip began to make constant advances and, being rebuffed, he became more audacious. He openly admired the way she did her hair, the way she dressed; he liked the way she laughed, the way she smiled. To a lover, it is the little things which count.

He bought her small presents, flowers, scents, chocolates, but always she refused them. It was then that he became more desperate.

**O**NE evening, knowing that Mr. Nath was out, Dilip walked in boldly. He found Lala in her own room upstairs, dressing. He could not restrain himself. He was sick with his inner nervousness, but smiled quietly as she turned and stared at him in blank surprise.

"Your husband's not at home?" he asked.

"N-no," she answered. "And the Ayah has taken Latu out for his evening walk."

Slowly, Dilip turned and locked the door.

Time passed. It was a happy period, full of love and laughter. They met every evening and on Dilip's day-off they spent the whole day together. The old man never worried them. He was busy always, for anything outside his business did not concern him, not even his wife.

"You know," Lala once said, "they sat together in the sitting

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room, "I think my husband's an old fool. Did I tell you he's twice my age?"

"Really?" said Dilip, smiling. "And what, my sweet little flower, is your age?"

She smiled coyly. "Men are not supposed to ask those questions," she said. "A woman's as old as she looks."

"And you look under thirty," Dilip smiled.

LALA was sitting on a large, straight-backed chair and Dilip was on the sofa. Lala got up and went and sat down beside him. She suddenly grew serious.

Her hands rested on her lap and she stared down at them.

"What's the matter?" he asked.

She raised her eyes to his, giving him a surreptitious look. "I think the servants know about us," she said.

"Now don't go getting funny ideas into your head ....."

"It's not funny. Oh, please, I'm serious. The servants mustn't know. Nobody must know."

"Now, come, come," Dilip was feeling rather confused and uncomfortable. "It's just your imagination. Don't worry your pretty head about it. As far as I can say, they'll have to know about it sooner or later."

Lala looked at him for a long while. Then she said, slowly. "Well, yes, they'll know about it, sooner or later. I'm glad you realize it ....." Tell me, what are your plans?"

Dilip did not look at her. He was a bit confused, for he had been dreading that question. What were his plans? He knew just what his plans were, but they did not include her. She was not as young as she looked, he knew that, and the knowledge rather confused him. She did not like her husband, but she had her son to consider. She wasn't thinking of the present, but concerned only with the future. Soon her husband would be dead, and then what? She had him, Dilip, and as long as she had him she did not dread the future. If she lost him, she would lose all, for to a woman money is not everything.

He looked down at her, striving desperately to hold her eyes. He had his plans, yes, he had many plans, but none of them concerned her. He wanted a young wife, his own children, and his own home. And he was soon to be transferred on promotion.

"My plans?" Dilip shrugged his shoulders. "It's one of my principles not to plan ahead. It never turns out the way you think it will."

"But what about me? I hate this house. I can't live here. I'm just a wretched slave. I'm not a wife, but just a wretched slave. Oh, please, please, take me away, let's go somewhere, ask for a transfer ....."

SHE suddenly stopped. Dilip ashen as he stared past her. Lala turned and saw her husband standing in the doorway. For one startled moment, Lala stiffened. She gave a short scream and raising her hands to her mouth she fled from the room.

Dilip stood up, feeling stupid and confused. He did not know what to say.

Mr. Nath looked shaken but very stern. He did not speak. He crossed the room, paused at the foot of the stairs to cast a dark look at Dilip, then went slowly up the stairs as though each step was an ordeal.

Dilip watched the old man walk upstairs. He thought the old man was going to Lala's room, but he was mistaken.

Mr. Nath went straight to his own room and shut the door. A moment later they heard the explosion. When they entered, the old man was dead. A revolver was on the floor beside him.

Dilip now stood in the corridor before his wife's room, his left hand on the door knob, his right hand clutching the revolver. Somehow, as his memories now flooded in upon him, he felt aloof and alone. He heard the young man pleading with his wife to go away with him. He listened to his wife's flat refusals. The young man was a fool. He did not know what he was saying; he did not know the intensity of his proposals. He was infatuated with what he had for

the present, not thinking of the future. He was just a selfish young squirk who wished to satisfy his own emotions by making erratic offers he could not fulfil.

Just what was he to do? He remembered Lala and her miserable life. He had left soon after her husband's death. He had learnt later that Mr. Nath had dabbled in the share market and had lost heavily; this, and the knowledge of his wife's unfaithfulness, had quickened his decisive tragedy. Dilip was transferred soon after that and he forgot Lala. What she did or how she carried on, he did not know. She at least had her son and her husband's property and the little money he left her.

But what did his wife have? Nothing — except a young man's erratic promises. She had no children, for their marriage had proved barren. And he had no money to leave her. If he killed the young man to avenge his own foolishness, he would hang for it. If he killed himself, he would leave his wife to the misery of a hopeless existence. The young man had his future before him, just as he had had his when he met Lala .....

JUST what was he to do? He had spied on them for days, waiting for the climax, waiting for an opportunity to wipe out the whole thing. But now, when the opportunity was at hand, when he could catch them in the very act, he felt it was of no use. He put the revolver away and turned to go. Then he heard his wife's voice:

"No," she said. "No. Please don't. It's no use. In a few years you will regret it ....."

"Yes, in a few years he would regret it."

Dilip walked away, slowly, stooped in his own misery. Age was upon him, and the cruel futility that was his life hurt him to the bone.

He went out, sunk in sorrow, an old man with his age against him. Only time could bring his wife back to him. Only time could decide the issue. Only time, and time alone, could tell .....

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B.K.R.S.

Miss N. Kalyani, Guntur

Q.—Nehru writes in *The Discovery of India* that "Spiritualism, with its seances and its so-called manifestations of spirits and the like, has always seemed to me a rather absurd and impertinent way of investigating psychic phenomena and the mysteries of after-life." But Swami Sivananda has great belief in spiritualism. How do you explain this?

A.—You are confused. The two refer to different things. Spiritualism is the doctrine or belief that the spirits of the dead can be summoned, spoken to and heard through the use of mediums. This is ridiculed by Nehru. Not that he says there aren't spirits but scoffs at the methods used and claimed to be correct and true. Swami Sivananda's interest is in spiritual matters, matters pertaining to man's soul and its relationship with God, etc. The dictionary habit will yield you rich dividends.

H. S. Dham, Lucknow

Q.—What is a lover to an actress?

A.—On the screen (that is, before the sets) he is to be loved and treated as dictated by the director while off the screen he is her passionate possession.

Miss P. Anuradha, Banaras

Q.—What do you think of the news-item which stated that a young man who came to see the bride decamped with the jewels in the house?

A.—He is any day better than those who rob their fathers-in-law periodically!

"Charaka," Ongole

Q.—What do you feel about the work taken up by the members of the R.S.S. against cow slaughter?

A.—Crocodile tears of the political brand! They could have used and can still use their man-power and funds for constructive work. And they can, thereby, earn a name for real patriotism.

G. Vijayarangam Naidu, Madras 1

Q.—Why was the printing of the Key Solutions of I.W.X.-Words and Squarewords in *My Magazine of India* stopped?

A.—It was felt that the printing of those Key Solutions might cause confusion to MYWORDS Competitors as MYWORDS Key Solutions also have to be published.

Smt. R. Mary Lalitha, Ellore

Q.—Will it not be encouraging Competitors and will it not be profitable to print 4 squares of MYWORDS to a page with entry fees for Rs. 1/8/- instead of 3 for Re. 1? Competitors can tackle two alternate words by submitting only one sheet of 4 squares economically, instead of taking chances with the 3 squares and likewise 3 alternate words by 2 sheets, etc., since the permutation goes in even numbers. What do you think?

A.—The Competition Editor tells me that the idea of having four squares was tried out in the press but given up as they found the squares to be too small as they had to be restricted to one page only. They are, however, having other ideas for consideration and you may watch the Competition Pages with advantage.

Miss Titty Lalitha Kumari, Anakapalle

Q.—How many types of beggars are there in our country?

A.—As many as there types of people who are willing to be made suckers of.

Y. S. S. Rao, Rajahmundry

Q.—Is marriage an accident or an incident?

A.—Neither. It is a life sentence awarded for either the stupidity of Cupid or the cupidity of the stupid.

Kailas Chandra Kohli, Delhi

Q.—What makes a man morally developed?

A.—His having to live within the fence of social sanctions.

K. C. Bhatnagar, Ahmedabad 2

Q.—How best can one forget worries?

A.—By remembering that mere worrying harms instead of helping. The problems should be tackled in an impersonal way.

K. J. Victor, Jangaon, Dn.

Q.—What is the greatest power that God has?

A.—Invisibility!

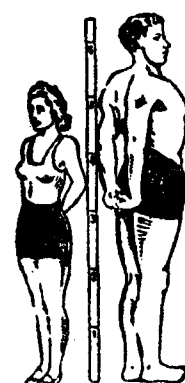
G. Krishnan, Madras 8

Q.—Are men born free, as the Communists say?

A.—Yes, but they remain in the chains of matrimony ever after!

YOU ASKED FOR IT! should be mentioned on top of the letters intended for this column. The views of children 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!

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# Joke That Paid!

By Md. Azeemulla Baig

**N**OW I have married her. But before we were married she wasn't my wife. You tell me that it is obvious and ask me why I was silly enough to mention it. Well, here is my answer; you wouldn't have read this paragraph if I hadn't written the first two sentences!

This girl who is now my wife held the position of a sales girl when she wasn't my wife. She worked in the "Electric Dry Cleaners." Her work, to say it in this sentence, was to take clothes from customers and to issue receipts, to receive money from them and to give back their cleaned clothes.

The way the sales girls have become popular is a fair warning of the fact that a time might come when salesmen would become very rare, so rare that certain wicked persons of the Arabian Nights would search for them in vain for medicine.

At present, however, the condition is not so bad (or should I say not too good). But the sales girls are certainly in a flourishing condition. There are sales girls in general shops, in book-stalls, in ready-made clothes shops and in laundries.

All that was by the way. In fact, this world is so complex that when we think of doing one thing we are forced to do another. Why, just yesterday my wife and I went shopping with the simple and fine idea of buying material for a suit for me. As I said my wife was with me and when we returned home it was not with seven good

yards of gaberdine but with five yards of pure, red Mysore silk.

All that was again by the way!

On 27th December 1952, in the evening at four, when I was a bachelor and when the sun was still bright. I entered the Electric Dry Cleaners. My sun-proof coat badly needed cleaning. As soon as I entered the laundry, I was sweetly received by a charming girl in a blue georgette sari. She had a slim figure, plain black hair, bud-like nose and, in fact, every qualification of a good sales girl. She had, of course, her full share of artificial aids. Indeed, she was challenging everyone who could have had the heart to think that paper flowers weren't charming.

"YES," she said meaning thereby, "what is there in that packet you have brought? Do you want to leave it with us?" Her 'eyes' had everything in it. At the same time, it seemed to say, "Good morning, how do you do and what can I do for you?"

I put the packet on the table with a smile. She opened it and began closely to examine the coat. I showed her the stains I knew, and she told me they would be removed all right.

She placed my coat on the table and took the bill book to make out a receipt. Before entering the date of delivery she looked at me with mischief in her eyes saying, "You will get it back next year."

I was, I confess, perplexed. I put my hand in my pant pocket to give myself a serious

air and began to think. "Could these people have so much work as to take one full year to clean my coat?" I thought. I cursed the modern trends in business and laundries in general, and the Electric Dry Cleaners in particular. I made up my mind to take back the coat and wash it at home.

Leaving me in my confounded condition, she wrote the date of delivery and handed the receipt to me. The date 1-1-53 was written at the bottom of the receipt. I read it and began to laugh.

"So the new year is so near," I murmured to myself. And to her I said, "That was a good joke."

She too had begun to laugh but when I complimented her, she blushed happily.

On my way home I cursed myself for my foolishness. If only I had understood the joke the very moment she cut it, it would have been all right. "Just think of it," I said to myself, "you had stood like a fool before her without even babbling anything." When I returned home I was fully convinced that she wouldn't bet much upon my intelligence.

**T**HE whole of that evening I was obsessed with the idea of paying the sales girl of the Electric Dry Cleaners in her own coin. I searched books of quotations and of jokes for something that could arm me with such a weapon but my search proved futile. I asked all my friends to tell me good jokes about the new year but all of them were too ready with the jokes of the 1st of April. I gave up the effort.

15th February 1953

At ten on the first of January, I went to meet my friends and wish them a happy and prosperous New Year. While returning home I thought I would as well take my coat back from the Electric Dry Cleaners. When I entered the laundry I was rather shy but then I had to take my coat. I found the girl sitting at the table. She was wearing an exquisite silk sari in red.

"Hello," I said, not knowing what to say.

"Hello," she smiled.

I took out the receipt from my pocket and handing it to her asked her if it was ready. She referred to two note books and said that it wasn't.

"It will be ready at four in the evening."

I smiled and, suddenly becoming serious, said, "When you could not keep it ready in one full year, how can I expect you to do it in four or five hours?"

"What?" she very nearly hissed at me.

I repeated the sentence!

She caught the joke at last but did not evidently seem to like it very much. She again assured me that the coat would be ready by the evening.

**I**N the evening I went to her again and after taking the coat, said, "So our jokes about the new year are over, eh?"

She began to laugh boisterously. I followed her example.

"A happy and prosperous New Year to you," I said, and she returned the wish.

"When are you closing the shop today?" I asked.

"At six," she said.

"Would you mind seeing a picture with me?" I asked.

"Not at all," she replied.

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The rest of the story is in the beginning of this one. ♦♦

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## Britain's Prison Of Infamy!

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One can't read about miscarriages of justice and infamous prisons without coming across the blood-stained name of Newgate Gaol. This London gaol with a reputation second to none for the brutal manner in which it was run, bore its name for 700 years and was torn down only in 1907. Today the London Central Criminal Court stands on its site. Some of America's first citizens did time in Newgate, due to political pressure, and when released sailed for the New World to help found the land of their dream.

For centuries a pillory stood outside Newgate and was used to make liars become truthful, at least the authorities thought so. While in the pillory the offender had a whetstone suspended from his neck, usually a heavy one.

Court records tell us that one John Waller was pilloried for a false accusation. A group of self-righteous Londoners stoned him to death and considered themselves better "sports" for the deed. A woman, known in the gun mills as Tyburn Anita, was pilloried for dressing as a man. Her gentle ale house companions so ill-treated her that she lost the sight of both eyes. To the authorities it was all part of the game.

### Hell Holes

In some cases the person pilloried caught the public's fancy. He would be bedecked with flowers and when it rained some good Londoner would hold an umbrella over his head. The same good-hearted fellow would be back the next day to help stone a "bad" woman. The pillory was abolished in 1837.

Newgate and other London prisons received their name from the fact they were originally gates or towers giving entrance to the city. Gradually they became fullscale hell holes. Newgate became the home for those who couldn't pay their way into a little less severe gaol, such as Ludgate.

For centuries a large part of Newgate's guests consisted of persons who had committed the heinous crime of being a

debtor, or children who had stolen a loaf of bread from one of the city stalls to help fill their ever-hungry belly. Owing money was but a step above the crime of murder, and for a time the two were considered equal. As no money could be earned in Newgate, a debtor never got out, his family went in with him, and children were born and died behind the grim walls.

### Perverved Brutes

A fair trial for the poor, and most of the people were very poor, wasn't expected. In the odd case where an acquittal was given the "freed" person often spent years in gaol because he couldn't pay his gaoler's fees. The gaoler charged a fee to pay for the scanty keep while lodged in Newgate awaiting trial. If he or she couldn't pay, it was back to Newgate until some friend paid the charge. Old lady justice must have wondered what was wrong with her scales when she viewed such proceedings.

Light scarcely entered Newgate's wards and fresh air was unknown. Barely enough food was issued to sustain life and this was sometimes augmented by contaminated meat and bread seized from the city stalls. This usually had the effect of decreasing Newgate's population, thanks to ptomaine poisoning, a blessing in disguise for many. Men and

women, boys and girls, all occupied the same wards. Newgate had no room for modesty and all were at the mercy of the gaolers, sadistic, perverted brutes.

There were three parts to the prison. The Master's Side, the Common Side, and the Press Yard. If a prisoner had a little money he could move from the Common to the Master's Side by paying a fee to the gaoler. Life was easier on the Master's Side—as long as the gaoler received his graft. Wine was sold for a high price and prisoners could drink themselves into a continuous stupor, which they did.

### Deaths From Fever

When a person first entered Newgate he was greeted by a gaoler. The grim greeting was "pay or strip." Unless the prisoner had money his clothes were taken off him, or her, with the exception of the barest necessities. This made the wet, sewage-piled wards more difficult to endure, and many did not endure it long, as the scourge of gaol fever was ever rampant.

Mrs Elizabeth Fry, the Florence Nightingale of the early prisons, first visited Newgate in 1815. She found 308 women with their children packed into two filthy wards. She wrote: "All I tell thee is a faint picture of the real, the filth, the closeness of the rooms, the fierce manners and expressions of the women toward each other, and the wickednesses that everything bespoke are unbelievable, the conduct of the gaolers toward the women." This great reformer eventually turned the female wards into a semblance of order where a certain amount of justice prevailed.

John Howard, whose name is now carried by a great society for the rehabilitation of ex-convicts, states in one of his many reports: "The prisoners, many of them innocent, are kept in close wards and dungeons sixteen hours out of the twenty-four. The floors are an inch deep in foul water, there is no bedding and almost everyone is naked or near so.

## Queer Facts

Determined to cross the hot Mojave Desert in comfort, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Larnoe installed an air-conditioning unit in their car and fitted a 50 lb. piece of ice and a block of dry ice in the car. Nevertheless, they practically "burned up" all along the way. At Phoenix, they had their auto checked and found they had their heater on!

In a downtown Memphis restaurant a forgetful patron dined with his hat on, then started out with another patron's hat atop his hat until the chuckles of other diners caused him to realize what he'd done.

A Cat wearing a tight yellow sweater and dark glasses and smoking a cigarette, was among 200 entrants in a Paris cat show.

A Rangoon fortune teller, Saya Thin, bitterly repented to police that three dark men armed with guns, had entered her life and robbed her. She said she'd neglected to gaze into her crystal ball that morning and so hadn't been forewarned.

In Las Vegas, a man not only gave his divorced wife the family car and furniture, but helped her new bridegroom pick out the wedding ring and stood up with him as best man during the wedding ceremony!

Due to be released from prison at Joliet, Illinois, convict Arthur Martin Hiller pleaded to be allowed to remain for another six months so that he could continue to prepare for the order of priesthood.

Even though the execution rate is high, it is outnumbered by unnecessary deaths from gaol fever. The only healthy creatures are the gaolers and enormous rats."

### Eve Of Execution

Those condemned to die were held in heavy irons until the authorities thought the number large enough to warrant a public hanging. Ex-servicemen may not know it, but many of them have had a beer in the area where the hangings took place. It was at Tyburn, at the angle of Oxford Street and Edgeware Road, near the Marble Arch, Hyde Park. Anyone who has snapped a photo of Buckingham Palace has stood on the ground passed over by the condemned from Newgate. The victims were drawn from Newgate in open carts, applauded or reviled by thousands, to their unjust doom. Thanks to John Howard these unholy processions were abolished in an attempt to give the wretches a little more dignity before meeting their Maker.

Dean Swift tells us about a procession in one of his ballads:

"As clever Thom Clinch while  
the rabble was bawling,  
Rode stately to Holborn to  
die in his culling,  
He stopped at the George for  
a bottle of sack,  
And promised to pay for it  
when he came back."

It goes without saying that Thom Clinch paid for his sack on the gallows. There was never a return ticket.

### Fun-Loving Public!

On arriving at Tyburn the poor wretches were told by the Ordinary (prison clergyman) to make their peace. While doing this the hangman was appraising the value of their tattered clothing. Once his charges were hanged the clothing, as directed by law, belonged to him. If friends didn't claim the body it was sold to the medical students at Surgeon's Hall. The price paid depended whether the head was torn off or not.

In 1784 the Sheriff ordered that all executions be carried out in front of Newgate Gaol. They said: "The prisoners will derive a useful lesson in duty and obedience and a strong urge for repentance from the heavy hand of justice by near the wall." The last public execution took place, and not without loud protest from the fun loving public, in 1868.

Under today's law a person does not lose all his goods and his family left to survive when a felony conviction is registered. It was different in the days of Newgate. When a conviction was registered, and that was always when desired, the prisoner forfeited all his goods to the Crown. In an effort to protect their families many accused refused to plead when arraigned.

### Crushed To Death

To the authorities "no pleading" was a calamity and a personal insult to the royal treasury. It had to be overcome, and it was, by means of a punishment known as "giving forth of force," several men had punishment. The prisoner who refused to plead was spreadeagled

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on the ground and heavy weights gradually applied on his chest.

"Do you plead?" he was asked. If the answer was no, another weight was placed on. The prisoner either pleaded or was crushed to death. If the accused died the law considered itself the winner and recorded the prisoner pleaded but died during his "confession." The part of Newgate where this barbarous act took place was called the Press Yard.

During the 19th century justice and mercy began to develop vocal chords and the voice of the lusty infant made itself heard. The beginning of a new deal became a reality for the accused. The infamous Newgate Gaol was demolished and a true hall of justice erected in its place. It may be that the victims of Newgate, spirit-like, haunt the corridors at night, marvelling that true justice can be dispensed on such an infamous site.

### Funny Side Of Betting!

It probably started when Eve provocatively bet weak-willed Adam that he daren't eat an apple off the forbidden tree. He couldn't resist the challenge, and since that memorable day the betting habit seems to have caught on, writes *Tit-Bits*.

Sometimes a small amount of money changes hands, sometimes fortunes. And on record are the wagers of those happy-go-lucky bettors who have had not only to eat their words, but also their stakes.

William Hendricks rashly said of a certain baseball team: "If it wins that next match I'll eat my hat." The team won. William, being a man of integrity, promptly made arrangements to fulfil his promise.

Inviting witnesses home he took his favourite straw hat, dropped it into a saucepan with thin macaroni, added onions and tomato sauce, and boiled the lot for fifteen minutes. He ate all except the hat band. To an anxious audience he exclaimed: "Boy, I feel simply fine!"

Far more painstaking and scientific was the learned professor who had to eat his shirt when he lost a bet. He dissolved the shirt in acid, then neutralized the acid with another chemical. The poisonous part of the concoction was filtered with a specially built apparatus. The diner spread the result on a piece of bread and ate it.

### Made Somersaults

Some time ago for a bet, a Dutchman, Takkenberg, travelled from Amsterdam to Marseilles, roughly some 840 miles, by somersaults. The man won his bet and statisticians estimated that 2,000,000 somersaults were required for the whole distance.

Bottle carrying used to be a popular sport in Deptford. This branch of athletics entailed balancing a bottle, or stone jar, neck downwards on the head.

Champion in this form of entertainment was James Fowler who once raced George Golding to Brighton and back for a £50 wager. James won easily by the decisive margin of twenty-five miles.

A Detroit woman lost her bet and had to walk across one of the bridges clad in long woollen underwear. Then there was the girl from Boston. Her part of the bargain was to walk through the streets of her home town wearing shoes and a barrel.

Oddly enough the modern business man's short-tailed coat came into popularity as the result of a wager. Years ago, the then Lord Spencer wagered that he would cut off his long coat-tails and walk about the city, thus setting a new fashion. He won his bet as can be seen.

### Colonel's Game

Every once in a while, especially during the silly season, one reads of a conscientious loser pushing a peanut for miles with his nose, wheeling a companion from one point to another in a wheelbarrow, nudging a small pebble from here to there with a matchstick; but when a gambler plays for real big money and refuses to admit defeat special mention must be made of Colonel Edgeworth, who served under William III.

One evening, having lost all his money at a card table, he took himself to an adjoining school where his wife sat playing. A whispered word in her ear resulted in husband and wife locking themselves in another room.

The Colonel emerged a short time later carrying all his wife's clothes, including her diamond-buckled shoes. Re-entering the game, using his wife's clothing as stake money, he ran into a spell of good luck and managed to win back all his losings and return the good lady's wardrobe to her!

### Breathing Through The Veins!

If a patient cannot eat, doctors feed them by injecting their nourishment into a vein. Why not inject oxygen the same way when the lungs are disabled? Dr. B.G. Lary, of the University of Illinois, has tried the "intravenous breathing" technique on dogs and has kept them alive for as long as 50 minutes in an atmosphere entirely lacking in oxygen. The animals survived the experiment without any apparent damage to their organs or tissues, writes a Sydney journal.

### Banquet For The Obese

Cavour, a small town in Piedmont, called after the famous chubby statesman who was one of the artificers of Italian unity, believes in obesity. Every year they hold a banquet in favour of fat people. This year the inhabitants of Cavour asked their fat brothers and sisters in other towns of Piedmont to join the party. There was one condition—each guest had to weigh at least 240 lb.—just under 17 stone. Twenty-three people turned up, all over the minimum weight. The party was such a success that there is talk of asking fat people from outside Italy for next year's feast, says Elizabeth Mackenzie in *News Chronicle*.

**E**AGERLY, hopefully, Kishore tore open the letter as he recognised the handwriting. He had not read the letter fully before the eagerness was stamped out of his face. Painfully, in a strained voice, he re-read the short letter which ran:

"Kishore!—This is the end. I cannot endure this mockery of your love; I cannot bear the shame, the torture of your indifferent and callous love.

"You love your gambling more than me or for the matter of that, anything or anybody else. I defied my parents when I had the certainty of your love, but now, as I have not even that, I can no more defy them. I have decided to accede to their wishes, even if I have to give up loving you. I have no other choice. —Jayanti."

For a long while, Kishore looked incomprehendingly, incredulously at the stabbing words. His hands shook, and his face went deadly pale as the full significance of the words pierced through his dazed mind.

So he had even lost Jayanti. Really this was the end. To her the letter meant giving him up only, but to him it meant despair. Women could do that—they could discard an old lover like some old sari. It cost them little to do so.

Then Kishore laughed a mirthless laugh. It ended in a gurgle and a choke. Well, what did it matter after all to him if he had lost his girl? He had reached a stage in his life when nothing mattered. He had lost everything in his life—honour, character, self-respect, faith.

He had the stoicism of the real gambler. He knew how to

face the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune. If the cards were stacked against him, it was



Jayanti, and the happy first days that followed and the grim, bitter jest of fate that took away both his parents suddenly when the cup of his happiness was all but full.

no use kicking or crying. Why bemoan over spilt milk?

Everything was up with his life. He had gambled not only with his fortune, but also with his life. His luck had been rotten and it was but natural that he had lost.

**T**HE scenes of his life flashed before his mind's eye kaleidoscopically as Kishore sat at his table staring at the letter. His untroubled blissful boyhood under the fond surveillance of his parents, his brilliant scholastic career, his delirious, glorious first youth, his success as a journalist, his rising fame and his love-at-first-sight for

He never recovered from that blow. He had loved his mother and father so much that, once they were gone, life positively became hateful to him. It was only to drown his misery that he started gambling. In no time, he changed all his old habits of life. He lost interest in his profession, indeed in every other aspect of life except gambling. And this was the end.

**T**HE spirit of gambling conquered all his finer feelings ultimately. He gambled away his patrimony. There were times when he resolved to turn over a new leaf, yet the vicious habit ruled his fate inexorably. Society looked askance at him, denounced him; Jayanti pleaded with him, reprimanded him, yet he had gone on, simply because it was beyond his control to stop it. In spite of all this, in spite of the ups and downs of his luck, he was never deeply disturbed because he was sure of Jayanti's love. Now that even that was gone, his life became a blank again.

As all these surged back into his tortured mind, the iron entered into Kishore's soul. It was all his fault; he had no right to blame the girl. He had driven her away



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from him. He was jobless, penniless, loved by none, not even by himself.

Kishore got up and paced the room restlessly, desperately, like a trapped animal. How was he to escape this misery?

His eyes fell on the photos of his mother, father and Jayanti on his table. He recoiled at the sight. What shame he had brought on these loving souls! Yes, there was only one way to escape from his miserable existence.

DEATH, indeed, seemed preferable. As the horrible idea entered into his mind, Kishore, subconsciously, felt his neck. Yes, it was now only a matter of a rope and a handy beam.

He looked eagerly, longingly, at the photos of his mother and father. It seemed to him as though there was reproach in his father's eyes. But his mother was looking at him fondly as though beckoning to him to hasten to her. Yes, he would go to her.

He wrenched his gaze off the photos of his parents and looked at Jayanti's. How sweet and lovely she looked! Let her at least live in happiness, unpestered by his shameful live presence.

Oh, if only to see her once more! Even criminals had their last wish fulfilled. But he dared not see Jayanti. If only he could convince her that he still loved her, despite all his degradation, he could die happier.

No, it was no use writing to her. Why sadden her young life with the knowledge of his shameful end? Yet, how could he die without assuring her of his love for her?

But if he saw her once more, he might falter in his resolution. No, there was a better, nobler way. He would write down the tragedy of his life and send it to a magazine. He would leave a monument of his tormented, chequered life; he would leave a warning to all youth to steer clear of the fatal pitfalls of gambling; he would write of his broken love. One day, people would read and pity him. She, too, would read and forgive him and, perhaps, shed

a tear or two in his memory. He would make his exit from the world worthy of his true self.

He sat down before his typewriter. He typed passionately and grimly. He embodied the tragedy of his life into living words.

He arranged the papers and addressed them to a magazine to which he used to contribute in his good old days.

Well, it was time that he did what he had contemplated. He had done all he wanted to do. No, he had forgotten one thing. He owed his landlord three months' rent. He should not die with the burden of a debt on his soul.

He looked at his typewriter. It was the only thing of value that he had with him. Hitherto, he had not sold it away because of what it had meant to him in the heyday of his profession. But, now, it had to go.

HE sold his typewriter for half its real value. As he thumbed the money, he sighed and told himself about what it had meant to him so far. But what did money matter to a man going to die? He needed only enough to pay off his landlord and post his confessions to the magazine.

He at last mailed his life-story. Well, that anyway was a last wish fulfilled.

He walked faster, because the more he brooded on what he intended to do the more he was losing his nerve. But as he accelerated his pace, some loose change in his pockets jingled.

He stopped suddenly, as though remembering something. Yes, there was one thing he wanted to do before he had to die. Oh, for a last fling! He had more money than he had to pay his landlord, and what was he to do with the surplus money? He would have a last flutter with that superfluous cash.

It was a shabby, evil-looking den in a disreputable locality. Every night people of all types swarmed in there to gamble—to gamble away their misery or happiness. Kishore made his way through the smoke-filled room to

a table where they played for high stakes.

He looked at the other players at the table. Three of the players were old habitués and the fourth was evidently a recruit, a kid hardly out of his teens. Kishore shuddered as he looked at the conflict of new-found emotions—greed, chagrin or elation alternately—on the kid gambler's face.

The luck of Kishore was oddly inconstant. Within half an hour, he lost all the money he had intended to play with. He hesitated to take out and play with the money he had intended to pay to his landlord. But the old excitement of gambling entered into him like old wine.

Night deepened and the luck of Kishore fluctuated even more sharply. All other thoughts went out of his mind except the absorbing cards. Once he had lost his money almost to the last pie. The young fellow seemed to have all beginners' luck. Then, luck veered sharply. It was four o'clock in the morning when the crowd broke up. The luck of Kishore had been almost miraculous towards the latter part of the play. He had swiped the table. All others had lost, the kid being the heaviest loser.

Kishore shuddered as he saw the look of despair on the kid's face. For a moment he felt tempted to make good the fellow's loss. But, it would not help. Everybody had to learn his lesson by the costly way.

As Kishore walked out into the cool air of the deserted streets, his head was swirling with the effect of the night's dissipation. His head was still full of the cards and the kid's woe-begone stricken face. It was then that he was attacked. The attack was made as he was passing through a patch of darkness in a deserted lane. He felt like a log, so silent and vicious was the blow that felled him.

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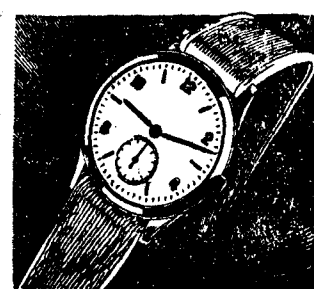
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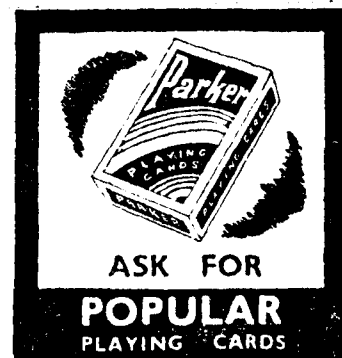
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The nurse interrupted them. "Dr. Arun, somebody wants to see you," she said.

Dr. Arun followed the nurse into his office. A young woman was waiting for him.

She jumped up as the doctor came in and asked anxiously, "Are you Dr. Arun?" And seeing him nod she resumed, "I have come in answer to this advertisement. May I see if I know the patient, Doctor?"

The Doctor took her to the patient's room.

THE young woman uttered a cry of recognition and pain and said in a broken voice, "He is Kishore! Oh, God, my Kishore!"

The Doctor gently restrained her as she made a gesture as though to fling herself on the patient and said gently, "So you know the patient? Please, there is no use getting upset. I want to speak to you for a while."

The Doctor gently led her into his room.

"Now, Miss Jayanti, how well do you know the patient? This is not an idle question, but if I know the history of the patient, I can help him a lot."

Jayanti told the Doctor all she knew about Kishore—how she

had met him a happy, successful, fascinating young man, how they were happy lovers for some time, how the sudden death of his parents changed him, how he became such an inveterate gambler, and how ultimately she had sent him a letter breaking off with him.

DR. ARUN patiently heard her impassioned account and, after thinking for a while, asked, "Do you still love him, Miss Jayanti?"

"Yes, Doctor, I love him as ever. The letter was only an impetuous threat. Oh, Doctor, how is his condition?"

The Doctor patted her hand sympathetically and said gently, "I will be frank with you, Miss Jayanti, because I feel that you are a brave little woman. The patient's condition is rather complicated and critical. From what I have gathered from his delirious talk, it appears your letter drove him to despair. He decided to die rather than live his wretched life."

"Now the injury to his head is such that there is every chance of his losing his memory. Then as he forgets his past—you and all his miseries—he might live; but if he is made to recover his memory, he might still wish to die, and no medical aid can save him. What shall it be—memory or mere life? It is for you to decide. If we are to operate to save his memory, then we must be sure that he would wish to live. Can you make him wish to live?"

Jayanti winced as she heard the frank exposition of the case. She sat silent for a while. The responsibility the doctor so clearly placed on her was great. What was she to do?

"Doctor, which woman is there who does not want to save her lover? If the assurance of my love alone can save him, you need not bother. If something more is needed, I will give all I can; beyond that, it is for you to make up."

The Doctor looked at her with affection and admiration. "Well, Miss Jayanti, we shall operate on him in about four days. We will save his memory."

after that, your love will be able to inspire him to live." He smiled in a paternal fashion and added, "No man would wish to die having the love of a girl like you. But beyond that, I cannot say anything."

KISHORE opened his eyes. He stared blankly around him. Where was he? Why was his head paining so much? Then, he remembered. Like a tempest, swift, dangerous, uncontrollable, his memory swept through his brain. Oh, wretched existence! He was still alive! Why did he not die by that blow?

The smooth, kindly voice of the doctor broke in upon his thoughts, suddenly, "Are you still thinking of dying, young man?"

Startled, Kishore almost tried to sit. But the hand of the Doctor restrained him.

"How do you know that, doctor?"

The Doctor continued in the same voice, "I know everything about you, young man. I was carefully hearing your talk in your delirium. You are young and life is before you. You must live."

"Yes, life is before me, Doctor, but what a life! A nightmare life, where my past spoils the pleasure of the present and belies the promise of the future, a life without hope, without purpose, without happiness, a life that is a curse to all those who loved or love me."

There was terrible bitterness in Kishore's words.

But the same kind/voice of the Doctor continued, "You are absolutely wrong, young man. You are loved by a jewel of a young woman; you can atone for the past by making a bid for a great future, fortified by the love of such a woman. If only you have the courage to live, and to live well, your future would get clear like sunshine."

Kishore interrupted again. "No, Doctor, I have considered all this. I cannot change. I will only bring unhappiness to Jayanti and to all who love me by living."

The Doctor's voice interrupted again purposeful, inexorable. "Do

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you know that if you die, Jayanti will never be happy again? If only you live, and live well, you are sure to make her happy."

A BITTER smile twisted the lips of Kishore. "But, Doctor, all this talk is futile. I know that Jayanti does not care for me any more." There was grim finality in his voice—almost obstinate fatalism.

The Doctor smiled and said, "That is my surprise, young man. She loves you so much that she had been attending on you without food or sleep all these days of your illness."

The news acted on Kishore almost like a physical blow. He remained stunned for sometime without saying anything.

Then he said grimly, pathetically, "I do not deserve her, Doctor. How can I ever make her happy when I am penniless, when I have no hope of a career, when I have no faith even in myself?"

The doctor smiled, patted Kishore, got up and said, "Nurse! Will you ask Miss Jayanti to come in?"

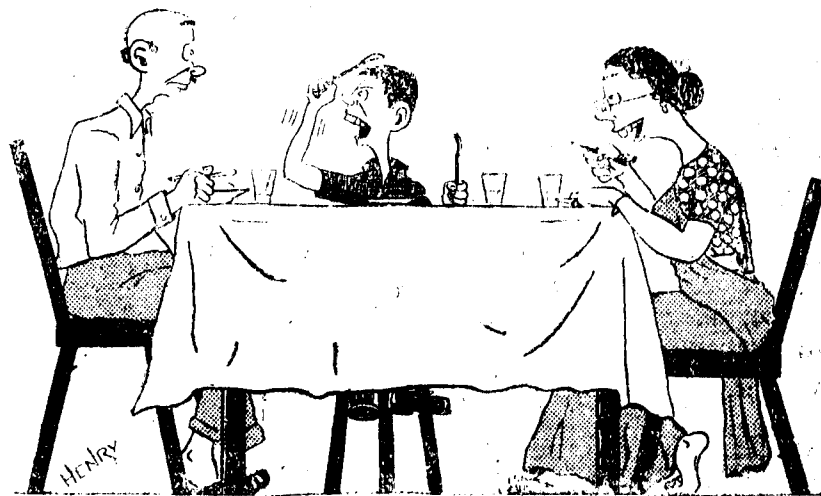
The Doctor stood smiling quizzically at the bewildered Kishore as Jayanti came into the room anxiously.

"Give me that magazine you showed me, Miss Jayanti."

Jayanti gave the magazine to the Doctor and knelt by the side of Kishore's bed. The Doctor opened the magazine saying, "This is another reason why and how you can live, Mr. Kishore," and he began to read from the magazine: "We are glad to present the prize-winning story of this year's short-story competition—"The Confessions of A Gambler". We chose this not only because the story is poignant and enthralling and is written by an old contributor, Sri Kishore, but because the story reflects realistically a sphere of life and also because it has a moral purpose and a message to society. We hope to have more such stories in future—The Editor."

THE Doctor chuckled as he saw the surprise, hope, and happiness in Kishore's eyes. He left the young people looking hungrily at each other. The walls of despair gave way before the will of a woman.

Dr. Arun took Dr. Kumar along with him to his office. "Do you see now why I sent that advertisement and delayed operating on the patient, Dr. Kumar? Without Miss Jayanti and that magazine, the case of Kishore would have been seriously worrying us even now. Medical knowledge alone does not help in such cases. Knowledge of human nature is equally essential."



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## SOUND AND SHADOW :

## Picture That Sets A Precedent

Take a look at the picture published below. You would not have seen anything like it before the war. It is from a scene in *Top Secret*, a British-made comedy. And because it depicts Stalin in the Kremlin the scene sets a precedent, writes David Marlowe in the *Picturegoer*.

The censor has always been chary about approving scenes in which living persons—particularly political figures—are characterized. Even in *The Great Dictator*—shown over in U.K. in 1941—Hitler and Mussolini were not shown as heads of Germany and Italy. In *Top Secret*, however, the film actually

establishes the fact that the sequence takes place in the Kremlin.

In the film, George Cole, a sanitary engineer mistaken for an atomic scientist, is entertained by Stalin at a banquet. It's a lively scene, with the perky Cole jumping up and telling the Generalissimo that his plumbing is "bloomin' awful." And there is Stalin—unmistakably it is Stalin, though you never get a head-on camera view—unexpectedly chuckling like a hard-of-hearing uncle being gently ribbed by a nephew. It does no harm. It isn't offensive. Good, then, that the British Board of Film Censors has let it through. But what is their attitude in passing something on which you'd have expected them to frown? Arthur Watkins, secretary of the Board, smilingly put his and his Board's views: "There was no problem for the Board at all," he told me. "We saw no objection. The character is suggested more than impersonated. The film is a comedy. There was no ridicule. Really, we hardly wasted three minutes. We passed it just like that."

He maintained that this was, in fact, a common-sense exception to the general rule that living persons should not be depicted on the screen. He recalled that in past years Premier Baldwin was once suggested on the screen—but it was done by the use of silhouette. And for the future—if other film-makers should want to represent living characters? Ah, that would depend on many things, said Mr. Watkins. He couldn't give a hard ruling on that.

Meanwhile, *Top Secret* gets away with it. The very lifelike impersonation of Stalin—or the "suggestion," as Mr. Watkins said—is carried out by a Polish actor named Stanislaw Ziencielkiewicz. He was chosen because he bears a certain resemblance to the Soviet dictator.

The name of Stanislaw Ziencielkiewicz, along with the part he plays, does not appear in the official cast list of the film. Did the producers suddenly get cold feet?



Seeing is believing. The pictures above show that there are only four steps to become a Stalin! Polish actor Ziencielkiewicz enters the Elstree make-up rooms and emerges as the Soviet leader.

## Prithviraj Enthralls City Stage Fans

Thousands of fans who were lucky to procure seats at Vani Mahal in Thyagarayanagar in the City were treated to a rare feast of superb acting and stage craft by Prithviraj and his troupe. To now write in praise of Prithviraj's *Deewar*, *Kalahar*, *Pathan*, *Ahooti* and *Ghaddar*, the plays presented, when critics and fans all over the country have gone into raptures over them would be merely repeating these praises. These plays will ever remain as unforgettable memories and the only regret is that more could not see them for want of accommodation. Prithviraj has ably and deservedly won a warm place in the heart of the stage fans of the South.

## Sohrab Modi's Technicolor Film Is A Landmark

Not only in the two theatres in the City where Sohrab Modi's *Jhansi Ki Rani* is running but in all the theatres all over India where it is running audiences are witnessing this screen classic not only with wonder but with pride also—the pride that is born of the feeling that an Indian picture produced by an Indian in India and having an Indian and patriotic theme is as good as the best picture ever produced in Hollywood or anywhere else. The theme of the story has no doubt much to do with this feeling but one cannot minimise the amazing acting abilities displayed, deft direction, superb photography and splendid audiography. Sohrab Modi has not tackled a historical for the first time. His *Sikander* and *Pakeezah* are still recalled with pride by fans. Dr. Keskar and Sri C. Rajagopalachari who have complained often that Indian pictures are purposeless and imitative would do well to see this picture which is, undoubtedly, a landmark in the progress of our film industry in every respect.



Thousands of fans, distributors and others greeted Sohrab Modi and his wife Mahtab when they arrived at the airport in Delhi for the premiere of *Jhansi Ki Rani* at the Capital. The pair drove straight from the airport to Rajghat to pay their homage to the Father of the Nation.

John Ireland tells it of his wife, Joanne Dru. He was back home from a business lunch and full of people he had seen. He mentioned Eve Arden, Eve Johnson, Eve Miller.

Joanne stopped him cold, "Evesdropper!" she snapped.

## French Technicians For Films

In the wake of the Korda-Saksaria deal, another international deal between an Indian producer and French distributor has been signed. Virendra Desai, husband of Nalini and a producer-director in his own right had been to France and England. He returned to Bombay quite recently after signing a deal with Pathe, the well-known French distributor-producer, for a picture to be produced by Virendra Desai here for the international market. According to this deal, Pathe would distribute the picture abroad provided Virendra Desai engages a French director and French technicians to make this picture. Virendra has agreed and soon the French contingent of technicians will be coming to India to produce this picture, the story and cast of which will be purely Indian. Nalini

## Dr. Keskar in the City

During the recent visit of Dr. Keskar, Minister for Information and Broadcasting, to the City the leaders of the film industry as well as the technicians represented to him their grievances. They pointed out how the Entertainment Tax was crippling the industry and also protested at the various drastic changes being periodically made to the Cinematograph Act. The South Indian Film Chamber of Commerce submitted a lengthy memorandum to him in this connection. Dr. Keskar said that Entertainment Tax was purely a State affair and advised the industry to earn the goodwill of the State Government to get relief in this connection. He advised them to produce good pictures whose story content would be of educative value to the masses. He reiterated his decision to curtail film music broadcasts in the A.I.R. and to encourage light music drawn from folk songs. He also advised them to minimise their production expenses and drew their attention to the fact of Japanese films produced in a most economical manner winning awards at the International Film Festival held at Venice.

Jaywant and Bharat Bhushan will lead the cast while Satyendra Athaiya will write the lyrics for the Hindi version and act as an associate director. The picture will be produced in Gavacolor.

Kishore Sahu also is embarking on a fresh project—a Gavacolor film, *Mayurpankh*, to be made in both Hindi and English. Andre Thomas, noted French cameraman who is very much in demand among film producers in Europe, has been bagged by Kishore Sahu for the camera-work of the new picture. Andre Thomas arrived by an Air-India International plane at Santa Cruz Airport recently and was welcomed by Kishore Sahu and the members of his newly formed unit, Sahu Films Ltd., under whose banner *Mayurpankh* will be produced.

### Brilliant Newcomers in "Teen Tasveeren"

Performances almost indistinguishable in quality from those generally expected from high-priced topnotchers will be an exceedingly hopeful feature of Ashok Studios' *Teen Tasveeren* ("Three portraits"), if the rushes of the 1,500 feet canned so far are any indication.

These come from a whole array of brilliant newcomers, leading whom is pretty, seventeen-year-old Nina Maker, the year's most stunning new find whose picture has recently adorned many a magazine's front page. Nina plays in this film the theme role of a dancer whose love of the terpsichorean art leads her through an amazing range of excitements and pitfalls.

Ancel Kishore, another newcomer, who played his first role in Sohrab Modi's *Jhansi-Ki-Rani*, plays the role of a painter-philosopher and has turned in work that promises to become the envy of many a seasoned thespian. Lending smooth support to this leading duo are other newcomers: Aftab, Devendra and Dube. The only two artistes with previous histrionic heights to their credit are veteran Kumar, who puts across a first-rate cameo as an aged musician, and Sharda, last seen as a piquant vamp in Kardar's *Jadoo*.

*Teen Tasveeren* has been planned on the now well proved theory that marquee names do not necessarily spell success for a film, that the main requisites to a good film are an engrossing story and hard, conscientious, team work. Its story, written by Dr. R.K. Trivedi, a former member of the Bombay Board of Film Censors, has unprecedented off-the-beaten-track content. The music, another never-to-be-forgotten feature of the film, has been written by Prem Dhawan and composed by Ninu Majumdar. Prem Dhawan is also responsible for directing the many attractive dances of this film, performed mainly by Nina Maker.

### Meet Kaumudi Munshi

A pretty Gujarati girl, whose parents are landlords in Benares and who took her B.A. degree from the Benares University, and who now teaches Hindi to girls of the Sitaram Poddar High School For Girls in Bombay, is lending her

voice to the songs Nina Maker is supposed to sing in Ashok Studios' *Teen Tasveeren*. Her name is Kaumudi Munshi and when music director Ninu Majumdar first heard her on the A.I.R. (where, incidentally, she sings Gujarati songs!) you could have knocked him down with a toothpick—for seldom had he heard a voice with more pathos or greater thrill in it. But Kaumudi is not yet inclined to sing in films as a career. The reason why she has consented to sing in *Teen Tasveeren* is that she has been an ardent admirer of Ninu Majumdar's compositions ever since she saw *Gopinath* and when Ninu approached her with the proposal she was too overawed to say no.

### Tremendous Hit

"I think it's a wonderful tune," she said at close of a recent song "take" at the Ashok Studios. "I could sing it for ever—and ever—and never feel fatigued." The tune she referred to had some beautiful words, too, (work of Prem Dhawan) and Kaumudi was overwhelmed by the natural poetry in them. "I don't know how this picture is going to come out," she confided, "but its songs are sure going to make a tremendous hit." No wonder. Her golden voice is in some of them.

Kaumudi, incidentally, has still to make her acquaintance with Nina Maker, for whom she sings. "Some noted female playback singers may become back numbers when *Teen Tasveeren* music goes the rounds," was the unanimous verdict of the people present at Kaumudi's first song take.

### Sarvodaya Pictures' "Chhoti Badi" Ready for Release

Ready for censoring in March and for release subsequently is *Chhoti Badi*, the third production of Sarvodaya Pictures. Produced in Hindi, *Chhoti Badi* tells you the story of two adventurous sisters. It is comedy out and out and the producers have tried to create two comic female characters patterned on the famous Laurel and Hardy team of Hollywood. This is the first time that an Indian producer is attempting this kind of venture.

Full of music, it has 11 songs written by four well-known song writers and tuned by Murari

Sharma. Geeta Roy, Asha Bhosle, Rafi and Shamsad sing the songs. Direction is by Mahendra Thakore and story by C. Trivedi. Balakrishna 'Mauj' who wrote Varma's *Aural* dialogues has written the dialogues of this picture. In the star cast are Manorama, Yashodhara Katju, Indupaul, Randhir, Maruti, Shakuntala and Moni Chatterji. Dances are by Sharad Shukla of *Baiju Bawra* fame.

### Ram L. Gogate Passes Away

It is with great regret that we report the death of Ram L. Gogate. Gogate was one of the oldest film journalists. For the last twenty years, or perhaps more, he was attending the press-shows regularly. When the associations of producers and distributors were founded he was their first secretary. Prior to that he conducted the office of Motion Picture Society. When he left I.M.P.P.A., in recognition of his services I.M.P.P.A. presented him with a purse. He wrote regularly for *Motion Picture Magazine* and certainly he had greater knowledge about the film industry than any one else. He had a complete record of statistics. In his death the industry has lost a good organiser and campaigner.

### Row Over Russell!

It's official! A group of R-K-O Radio stockholders have filed suit in New York against Howard Hughes and the studio. The complaint includes: "It is the consensus of motion picture critics that the acting ability and talent of Jane Russell are of a minor nature and the payment of 100,000 dollars for her services" (in *The Outlaw*—she gets twice as much now) "constituted a waste of corporate funds." Among other things, the anti-Russellites want Howard Hughes, who recently sold out R-K-O holdings at a reported very handsome profit, to give three million dollars of it back to the company.

Ex-chairman of the R-K-O board Arnold M. Grant, who recently resigned, has been widely quoted as saying that R-K-O was losing six million dollars a year and "will continue to sustain large losses."

## COMPETITION CORNER:

# 5 Competitors Share 6 Points Prize!

## RESULT OF 1st CONSISTENCY BONUS OFFER

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No better testimony for the popularity of MYWORDS is needed than the fact that so many Competitors have been able to win prizes in the Consistency Bonus Offer. And what are the reasons for this popularity? The simple, interesting and instructive Clues (Prize Winners' unsolicited appreciation of this has been published already) the multiple shares scheme, the low entry fee and the list of fixed words and alternatives published in respect of each Competition are the factors behind this proved popularity.

Competitors' attention is drawn to the Rs. 1,000 Consistency Bonus Offer made in respect of MYWORDS No. 19 to MYWORDS No. 24 both included. The amount is divided into First, Second and Third Prizes of Rs. 500, Rs. 300 and Rs. 200

respectively and will be awarded to those who score 6, 5 and 4 points in the series covering MYWORDS No. 19 to MYWORDS No. 24.

Every Competitor who figures in the prize list of a MYWORDS Competition in this series shall be deemed to have scored a point. Irrespective of the fact whether the Competitor wins an All Correct or One Error or Two Error or Three Error or Four Error Prize, the Competitor will be deemed to have scored one point in one Competition. Even if several shares in any one or all categories of the prizes are won, they will still be counted as one point in each Competition for the purpose of the Consistency Bonus award. In case several Competitors succeed in scoring the 6 5 and 4 points the respective Prize amounts will be divided among the tying Competitors.

Competitors should note that they will be eligible for the respective Prizes only if they send their prize-winning entries in the same name and address.

The Claim Form will be published along with the Prize List of MYWORDS No. 24 in these pages.

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- Miseries, calamities.
- To take a — seriously is asking for trouble, surely.
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Dear Sir,

Let me acknowledge with thanks your letter of congratulations on my success in MYWORDS No. 17, wherein I shared the First Prize with three others. I am glad to state that I have been a regular competitor of MYWORDS from No. 13 onwards and I got a small prize in No. 16.

I like to inform you that no particular method was adopted by me to solve the Clues of MYWORDS except studying them carefully, word by word, before finalising the choice of the aptest.

I am aged 27 and am married. I have been solving other Competitions also, now and then. I take this opportunity to state that the Clues of MYWORDS are very simple and interesting and the entry fee is moderate.

Sincerely, I wish to see that MYWORDS Competition grows to be one of the leading Competitions of India. With best regards to the staff of My Magazine and organisers of the Competition.

"Jovial," } You's faithfully,  
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the prize list of All-Correct Winners some day and also in the Bonus series in the list of six points winners.

My advice to fellow Competitors is that they should study the Clues carefully and enter regularly, and I am sure they will achieve success in the long run.

Though Crosswords are treated by me as a hobby, and I have been entering for several of them, yet I have never won a prize in any Consistency Bonus series except this time in MYWORDS Consistency series. This shows that your Competition is very honest in comparison to others.

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# REVIEW

**Kinema** (Published by Chandamama Publications, Vadapalani, Madras 26. Price As. 8. Editor Sri Chakrapani).

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**The Astrological Magazine** (Annual Number - 1953) Published by Raman Publications, "Sri Rajeswari" Beshadripuram Bangalore 3. Editor, B. V. Raman. Price Rs. 3.12.

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**The Malabar Herald** (1953) Annual Number. Published by, Itoop Mampilli, 111/105, Bastion St., Fort, Cochin. Price Re. 1/-.

The annual number of this well-known English weekly has many interesting articles of which special mention must be made of the one detailing the life and work of the founder-editor of this 44-year old Journal and that entitled "If I Were Not What I Am" by S.K. Patil. We congratulate the Editor on his unique achievement in the journalistic field these many years and wish him and the Journal greater prosperity.

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# 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. OAT, 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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## LIST OF FIXED WORDS & ALTERNATIVES

ACROSS: 1. ENTERTAINING 3. OPEN, OVEN 7. ACTS 9. PEN, IUN 10. CANT, RANT, WANT 11. HIT, HOT 12. DESCRIBE 13. BOW, BOX 14. GAL, PAL 16. TEST, WEST 20. BATHOS 23. SHADY, SHAKY 24. SEEDS, WEEDS.  
DOWN: 1. ELOPE 2. GUSTO 4. ENDOW 5. JACKET, PACKET 6. INRUSH 8. CHEAP, CHEAT 15. DISHES, FISHES, WISHES 16. TALK, WALK 17. TUOL 18. FIGHTS, LIGHTS, NIGHTS, SIGHTS 19. CLASH, CRASH 20. BREAD, BREAK 21. SMOKE, STROKE 22. LOVED, MOVED.

## ACROSS

3. "It's usually a mistake to leave food in the — too long." OPEN, OVEN?

If we admit food to mean that which is ready to be eaten, then it would be silly to expect any one to keep it in the Oven, and that too long. The question of "mistake" does not arise. The exact duration of the cooking of a meal varies according to the kind of meal, type of oven and ability of the cook. If a meal is kept in the Open too long, exposed in an open place for a length of time, it would be a mistake for it is likely to be polluted by flies, etc. It is, the Compiler seems to hint at this only, very unhygienic to do so and is therefore a mistake, an error, a wrong thing to do. Go in for OPEN.

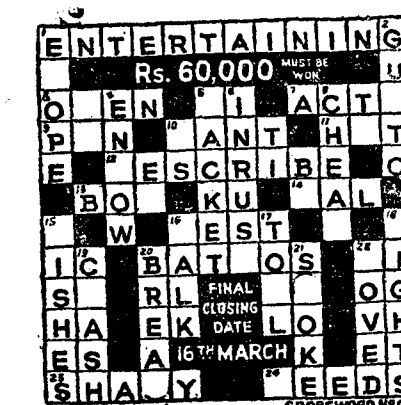
9. "Witty writer is usually particularly clever with —" PEN, PUN?

A man or woman is described as a "writer" only if he is gifted with the ability to write well, if he or she is good in the literary field. A writer will therefore be clever with his Pen. What happens when the writer is also witty, possessed with a keen sense of humour? Such a writer would write in a sparkling, sizzling manner, using words to evoke many a chuckle among the readers. Pun is a play on words and is usually resorted to by writers to show not only their mastery of the language but also their puckish spirit. And witty writers would be particularly clever, markedly ingenious, with punning. This is the difference between the ordinary writers and the witty writers. PUN is a winner.

10. "Desire to flaunt one's individuality sometimes causes one to —" CANT, RANT, WANT?

To Cant means to talk in a hypocritical manner, to speak in an affected way. "Individuality" here clearly refers to a man's ego, conceit born of one's importance. Surely, no man will Cant or benefit by doing so to flaunt his individuality. To Rant is to speak in bombastic language, in a noisy manner. This way, one can draw attention to one's self but can it be described as "flaunting"? I don't think so. Some men have an extremely developed sense of individuality. They will not like to be obliged to anybody. Their pride is self

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effort and determination to struggle all by themselves will not allow anybody to help them in any way. When, however, one desires to flaunt, to exhibit in an aggressive manner, this feeling of individuality, it may cause one to Want, to be in poverty or perpetual need for he or she would not care to approach for or be approached to help. Back WANT.

11. "On batsman's wicket poor fast bowler is likely to get —" HIT, HOT?

The Compiler states the case clearly when he says it is the batsman's wicket. That is to say, the batsman is in good form and thereby adding runs. If the batsman are not in good form and the bowler is able to dismiss them quickly, it is usual to describe it as a bowler's wicket. Here the bowler is described as a fast one. In spite of his bowling fast, he finds he is unable to either get the batsman bowled or caught or run out or declared l.b.w. All his efforts fail. It is ridiculous to state that the bowler will be Hit, struck by the very ball he has bowled. The tremendous hitting of the batsman, the soaring score and his unfruitful exertions would make bowler feel Hot, annoyed. It may also be said that the batsman's performance would make the bowler "get it" Hot. Go in for HIT.

13. "At the theatre well-dressed man may frequently be seen in —" BOW, BOX?

A Clue should be so worded as to apply to a particular place or habit of a particular class of people. But the Compiler has failed to remember this here. We do not know if he is referring to the theatre going people here or in the West. How then are we to decide what mode or style of dress can be classified as smart? Those who dress in the Western style may sport a Bow tie. Those who dress in our own style won't think of it or even appreciate others' wearing it. The "in" also does not go well with Bow. Should well-dressed man necessarily occupy a seat in the Box? Or, are those in the Box usually well-dressed? I fail to see any point in this Clue. Thus handicapped, I can only suggest permuting both BOW and BOX here.

14. "It's particularly disappointing when a young man is let down by his best —" GAL, PAL?

The slang word Gal means a girl. But it is used to indicate not just a girl but one who is the sweetheart of a man. A man's Gal is his object of love. Hence, the "best" in the Clue goes against Gal. A choice of the word would mean that the man has many sweethearts and he will feel particularly disappointed if he is let down by the best of his sweethearts! A man is bound to have several friends. Among them, one would be his most intimate, best friend. If he is let down by any of the ordinary friends it will no doubt be disappointing to him but it will be particularly so if even his best friend were to let him down. Enter PAL.

24. "If you have a big garden you're bound to get plenty of —" SEEDS, WEEDS?

The Clue would have read better with "have" before "plenty." If the garden is already having enough of flower beds, etc., then it will not be necessary to "get" plenty of Seeds. However much one may look after a big garden, one is bound to get Weeds, useless plants of small growth. The big size of the garden prevents one looking after the whole of it all the time. WEEDS should win.

## DOWN

5. "Really smart tailor should be able to make a —" JACKET, PACKET?

Packet here is rather vague. A packet of clothes may contain several tailored

articles like coat, shirt, pant etc. If we take *Packet* to mean this, then *Packet* is a better word than *Jacket*. Gents' tailors undertake to cut and stitch men's garments only while ladies' tailors will undertake orders for stitching jackets, frocks, petty coats, etc. Each specialises in his particular trade. But the really smart tailor should be capable of undertaking orders for the stitching of both masculine and feminine wears. Hence, *Jacket* seems less suited here. Back **PACKET**.

8. "Girl who is — is apt to get into difficulties sooner or later." **CHEAP, CHEAT?**

Just because a girl is a *Cheat*, it can't be said that she is likely to get into trouble or difficulties. She may be a very clever *Cheat* and may therefore have a very smooth career! If a girl is *Cheap*, she is apt to get into difficulties. She can become *Cheap* by talking to people freely or moving with them familiarly, etc. She may think that she is not doing anything wrong by being so but others may mistake her to be a girl of easy virtue and so she would be in for unsavoury attention and treatment at their hands. **CHEAP** scores.

15. "How often quiet man — to get away from nagging wife!" **DISHES, FISHES, WISHES?**

The "often" in the Clue would make an understatement of the situation if *Wishes* were to be the word. Quiet man would feel like getting away from nagging wife not only often but every time he has to put up with the nagging. He will not merely wish to get away but would actually do something towards that end. *Fishes* means search for. More than this word *Dishes* is apt. *Dishes* means in slang to outwit, to defeat by artifice. To escape wife's nagging, quiet man dishes or contrives to get away from her. **DISHES** is the word.

18. "Tourist in big city should certainly not go away without seeing —" **FIGHTS, LIGHTS, NIGHTS, SIGHTS?**

*Fights* and *Lights* may be rejected straightaway. "Nights in any big city are bound to be the same," one might think. But it is not so. How the city shops and busy roads and public places are lighted up would provide not only an interesting sight to the tourist but also reveal to him the nature of the night life of the people in it. It is ridiculous to think that any tourist would ever go away without seeing the *Sights* in a big city. If he has not come to see those sights, he cannot be called a tourist. Back **NIGHTS**.

19. "Partners are generally in for some trouble when their interests —" **CLASH, CRASH?**

Note the word "generally" in the Clue. It provides the pointer here. The concern will certainly suffer if there is a *Crash* of interests of the partners. It is not correct to speak of their interests

crashing for if there is such a *Crash*, then the partners will suffer and not "generally" as stated. Go in for **CLASH**.

21. "Men who — a lot often drink a lot!" **SMOKE, STROKE?**

"Drink a lot" should mean drink water only and not liquor! It is difficult to imagine why men who *Smoke* a lot also often drink a lot. They may feel more thirsty than non-smokers. But is the drinking in direct proportion to the number of times smoked? Those who *Stroke*, feed the fire, attend to a furnace, would naturally feel very thirsty. The more they *Stroke* the more often will they have to drink water. **STROKE** scores.

22. "We're often — by people who are really near to our hearts." **LOVED, MOVED?**

I feel that "often" clearly goes against *Loved* here. We will *always* be loved by those who are really near to our hearts and not "often" only. The word *Moved* alone fits well with "often." Because we have a soft corner in our hearts for certain people, we are often *Moved* to pity or sorrow, etc., when something happens to them or they do something. Bet on **MOVED**.

### INTERLOCKERS

Across: 16. "Believers in democracy are confident it will not fail in the —" **TEST, WEST?**

If *West* were to be chosen here, then the inescapable conclusion would be that democracy either does not exist in the East or it will not survive if it does exist. It is clear that this is an unwanted assumption smacking of Communist hostility against democracy. Democracy in the East, especially in India, is going through its paces and how can such a sweeping statement be made? A far more logical and correct statement would be made by the Clue with *Test* completing it. Democracy, wherever it is practised all over the world, is now undergoing a trial, *Test*, of endurance for it has rivals in other political creeds and practices like Communism, etc. Those who have implicit faith in democracy are confident that it will not fail in the *Test* and will emerge more triumphant. **TEST** scores.

Down: 16. "It's grand to have a pleasant — with a good friend!" **TALK, WALK?**

The choice of **TEST** in 16 ACROSS automatically forces the choice of *Talk* here. It does not need much elaboration to prove that one can have either a pleasant *Talk* or *Walk* only with a good friend and not with others. If one were to make a choice between *Talk* and *Walk*, it will be difficult for there is nothing in the Clue to help one in eliminating one word in favour of the other. The inevitability of an Interlock alone comes to our rescue and the choice in ACROSS necessitates rejection of *Walk* here. Go in for **TALK**.

Across: 23. "Wise investor will have nothing to do with — concern." **SHADY, SHAKY?**

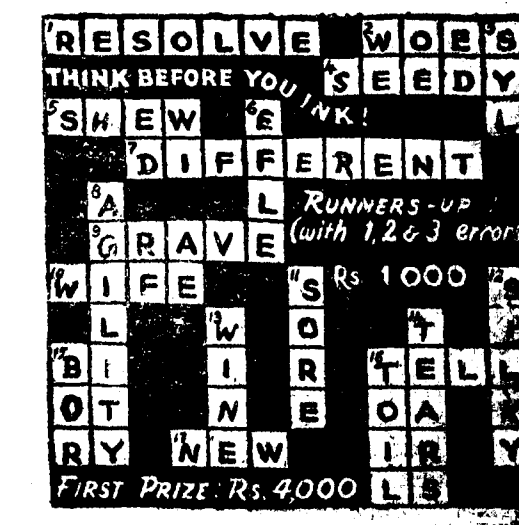
A *Shady* concern is one which deals in illegal transactions like blackmarketing, falsifying accounts for tax evasion, etc. A *Shaky* concern is that which is in danger of being closed forever. The Clue clearly states that the wise investor knows that a firm is *Shady* or *Shaky* or quite sound. How can we then expect him to invest his money in firm that is either *Shady* or *Shaky*? Here, we have to be helped in our choice of a word by the fixing of the word for the DOWN Interlocking Clue. I would, therefore, suggest your backing **SHAKY**.

Down: 20. "Nowadays, few workers are prepared to work without —" **BREAD, BREAK?**

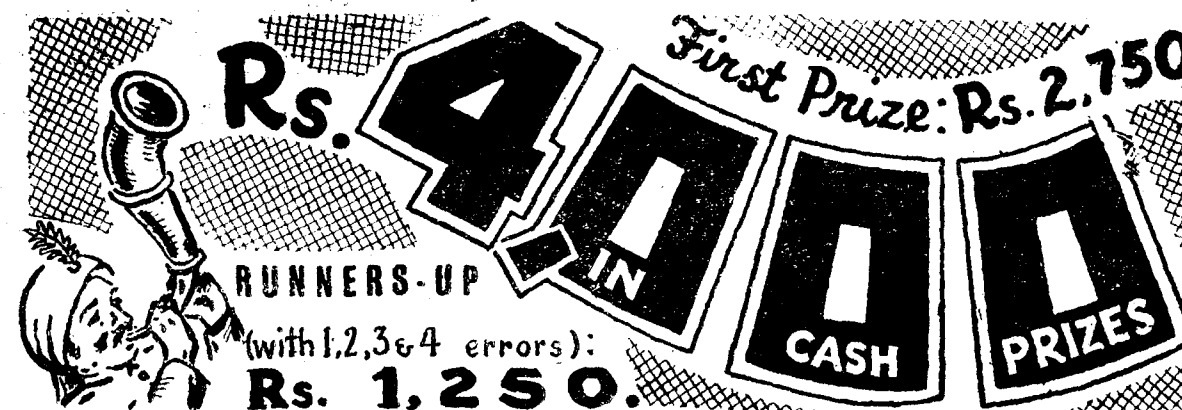
It cannot be disputed if commonsense is the criterion of selection of the right word, that "nowadays," rules out *Bread* here. If it is admitted that nowadays few workers are prepared to work without *Bread*, it follows that many workers were prepared to work without *Bread* in the days gone by. How ridiculous, indeed! Previously, workers were treated in a most callous manner. From early morn till late in the night they had to sweat for a meagre wage. All that is now changed because workers have now united and there are laws to regulate their working hours. Workers want a *Break*, an interval for rest, now. Bet on **BREAK**.

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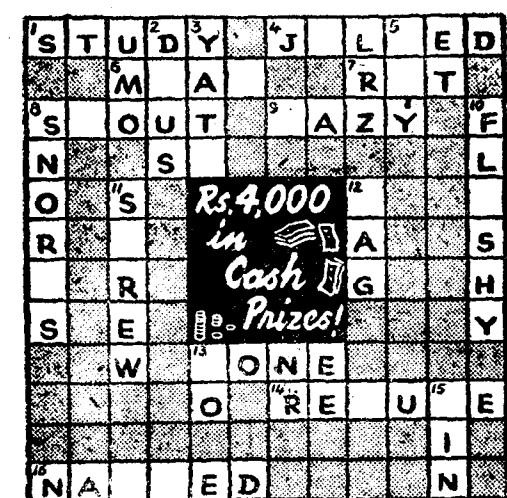
- Careful — of Clues alone will help to win First Prize!
- The more sensitive one is, the greater will be the shock when —
- When guest eats — reluctantly, it is because he doesn't have the appetite for it.
- To putrefy, decay.
- Men who — most of the time rarely realise how unpopular they are.
- Psychological tackling rather than the use of the cane would ensure good results to parents who are annoyed by sons being always this.
- It's easy to know that a sensitive person has — wrong by looking at his face.
- The language employed by Opposition members to — Ministers whenever they make a speech is tending to become harsh and vulgar, unfortunately.
- Wisdom dawns on man only after he is — by woman!

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- The word TRAY is jumbled here.
- Child's plaything.
- When actor who is straining his best to deliver a moving dialogue hears — from audience, he is bound to feel absolutely put out.
- This kind of person is bound to attract more than a passing look.
- When friend who was highly romantic as a youth bitterly criticises love marriages, we can rightly conclude his wife is this!
- Youngsters rarely fail to be vastly amused by this.
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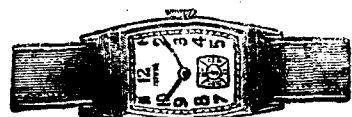
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— "SPOTTER"

### 2nd Thoughts:

### Squareword No. D-7

(Closing Date: 12-3-'53)

#### ACROSS

5. A constant vigil over workers is neither practicable nor desirable. Back HATE.

6. The argument already advanced still stands. Go in for AMUSE.

8. I feel an exclamation mark at the end of the Clue is required for Daft. So I am inclined to prefer DEFT.

12. Can an intelligent mathematician solve a problem in physics? No. Enter POWER.

15. Choice of HAS is confirmed.

16. BOLT is still a good choice.

18. I see no reason to change previous selection of LEARNING.

19. SCRAPS wins.

20. "Slow to tell" surely points to DETEST here.

#### DOWN

2. SPOUT has my backing still.

4. The "much" is out of place with Aid. So, bet on KID.

7. "Little," "sometimes" and "morale" surely point to CURSING.

9. My preference for FOIL still remains unchanged.

10. Occasionally most of us are in a temper. So, it is true to say that nobody is so smooth of temperament as to never feel like abusing or hitting someone. Back GO.

11. BEAT is a sure bet.

13. You'll not be wrong in backing POLITE

14. Modesty refers to behaviour while Honesty is character. Bet on HONEST.

16. I feel it would be safer to point out both BLAND and BLIND.

17. What can any worrying do? To feel sorry at least shows some grip of conscience. DERT seems

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