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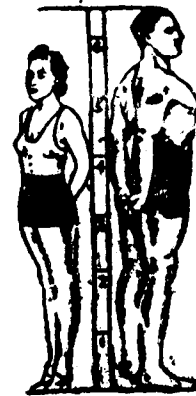
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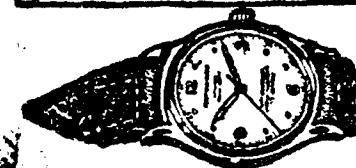
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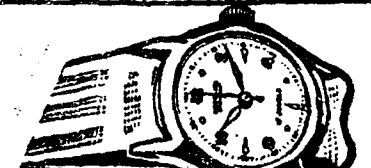
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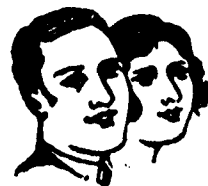
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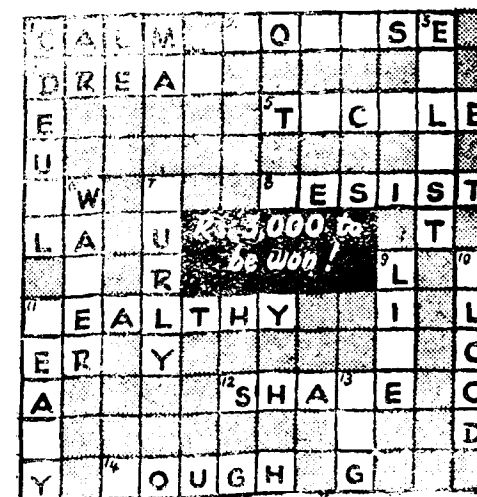
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- Remember to tackle the Clues only when you are this of mind!
- Man who is — will find himself left alone at social gathering.
- To know what is behind a — calls for considerable psychological insight.
- Married life can continue to be an unending romance if the partners know how to — each other well.
- Champions of democracy have the conviction that the religious faith of the average Indian would make him — Communism.
- One who has always been — can never properly understand the plight of those who are not.
- The more sensitive a young man, the easier it is to — him.
- To treat a — with indifference may have unpleasant after effects.

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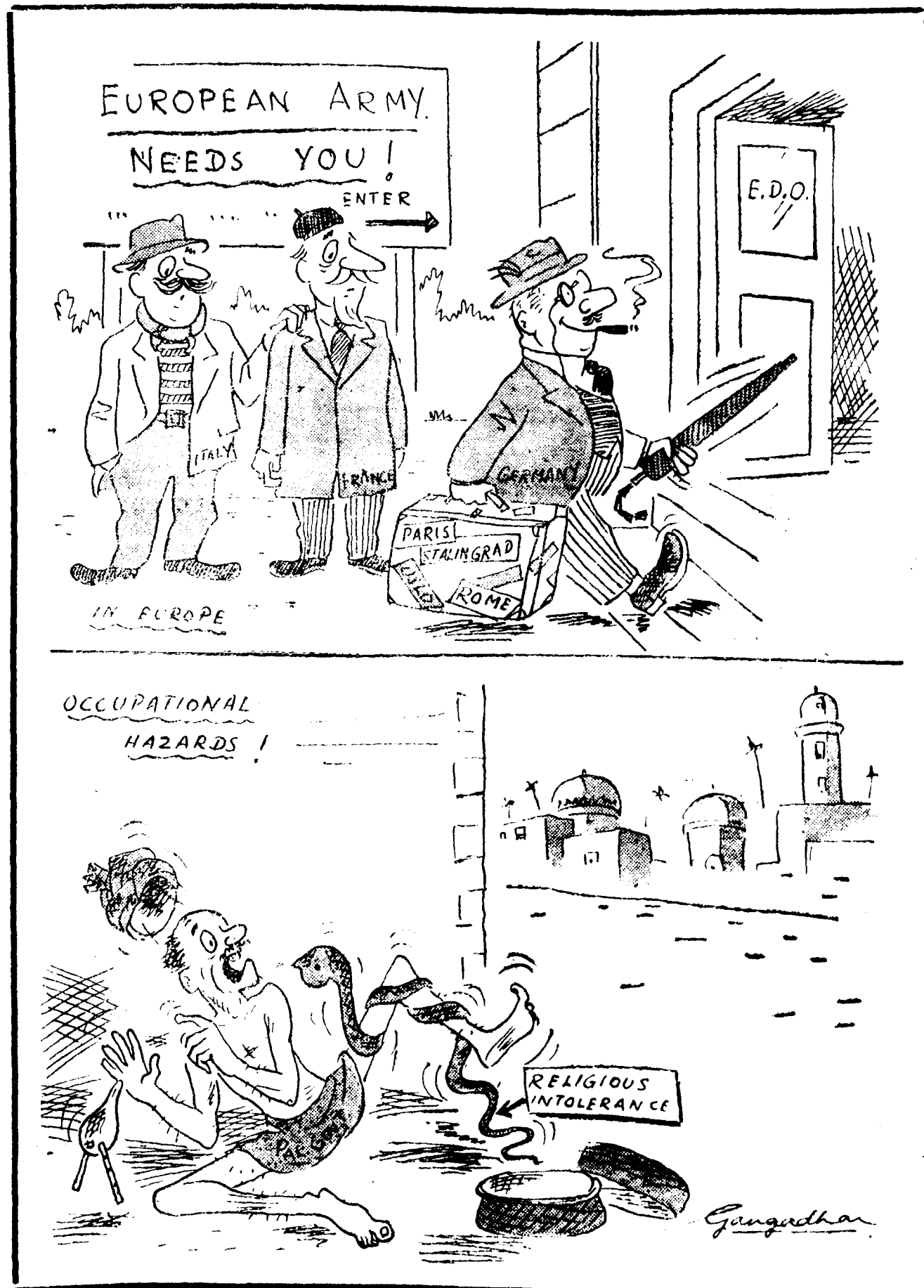
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End Of A Great Era

WITH the death of Marshal Stalin a great era in history may be said to have ended. A man of giant stature, as Pandit Nehru said in Parliament, the Kremlin leader proved himself as great in peace as in war. If Russia is a mighty force today, presenting a challenge to the combined strength of the West, and if in the field of agricultural economy and industrial expansion her achievements are no whit inferior to those of any other country, it is because the country had at its helm a man who was as clever a strategist as he was an organisational genius.

In setting out to achieve his aims, he was often ruthless and cruel. The notorious purges in his Party, the swift liquidation of his opponents, the concentration camps from where labour for the Soviet factories was reportedly recruited and the absence of civil liberties in Russia shocked and mystified the outside world. While for Mahatma Gandhi and those of us who follow him, means are as important as the ends, for Stalin the end apparently justified the means.

In answer to accusations of the West that Russia alone entertained aggressive designs, Soviet spokesmen often retorted that the setting up of the European Defence Community by the U.S.A. showed up the hollowness of the latter's intentions. Having lost faith in the United Nations of which Russia was such a prominent member, America was trying to convert Europe into a cockpit of war.

That was why, obviously, Western forces were pinned down in Korea. But this much, however, must be conceded in favour of Marshal Stalin. He succeeded in his ambition of leaving Russia in peace. "This great

calamity which the Russians have suffered," observed Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, "may infuse in them a great change to extend their hand of fellowship and friendship to the other nations of the world."

Will Stalin's successors follow his twofold policy of peace and firmness? Will they hold together? There was no limit to the number of false prophets who were predicting the collapse of the Kremlin like a house of cards. The first few days have shown the grit and disciplined efficiency of the men at the top — M. Georgi Malenkov, the new Prime Minister, M. Vyacheslav Molotov, the Foreign Minister and M. Lavrenti Pavlovich Beria, Minister for Internal Affairs. Speaking at the funeral of Marshal Stalin, M. Beria gave a grim warning to the nations of the West. "Let nobody think that the enemies of the Soviet Union could find us unprepared," he said. "Our armed forces are provided with the latest and most complex range of weapons. With their experience gained in the last war, they know how to meet any would-be aggressor."

Meanwhile, Mr. J. F. Dulles, U. S. Secretary of State, has startled the world with his remark that "Stalin's death has enhanced the prospects of peace and that the Eisenhower era begins as the Stalin era ends." One should have thought that such ranting ill became a statesman out to save the peace.

M. Malenkov's policy is, however, an unknown quantity. He is probably not as discreet and cool-headed as his late predecessor, if his earlier utterances are any guide. Late last year, he was reported to have said that India was in the process of being liberated! Our hope is that the burden of office will make him less voluble.

NEWS AND NOTES

Welcome Relief

Repeatedly have we pointed out in these columns how the post-war economic conditions have hit the middle classes. With income remaining at a static level, the cost of living soaring high, we warned, the middle classes would go under. Presenting the Central Budget the other day, Sri C. D. Deshmuk announced Government's proposal to raise the exemption limit for personal income-tax from Rs. 3,600 to 4,200 for individuals and from Rs. 7,200 to Rs. 8,400 for Hindu undivided families. The Middle Classes will be thankful to the Finance Minister for even these small mercies.

For the year 1953-54, with revenue estimated at Rs. 439.26 crores and expenditure at Rs. 438.81 crores, a small surplus of Rs. 45 lakhs has been disclosed. This being a Five-Year Plan Budget, a sum of Rs. 201 crores has been set apart for capital outlay and loans to the States.

Reduction of the export duty on jute sacking is encouraging enough. New import duties on horses and precious stones and an increase in duties on motor cars are expected to yield some additional revenue.

Why the Finance Minister should raise some of the postal rates is beyond the average man's comprehension. Parcels of forty tolas are to cost eight annas instead of six. The rate for book packets of five tolas is to be raised from nine pies to one anna. And the registration fee for an article will be six annas instead of the present 4½ annas. Insurance charges also will go up from four annas to six for the first hundred rupees. It is to be feared that the business community in particular and large

sections of the society, "in general, will be seriously affected by these changes.

Another rather disturbing feature of the Budget is that very nearly Rs. 200 crores will go for defence. We may concede that we are passing through extraordinary times and any reduction in the strength of our armed forces may jeopardise the integrity and security of our country. Perhaps, peace in Korea and end of the cold war between the East and the West may make a reduction in expenditure possible.

Sir T. V. Acharya

Death has removed from our midst yet another great administrator and diplomat in Sir T. Vijayaraghavacharya. At the start of the present century, he was a distinguished civil servant of Madras Province; his easy grasp of administrative problems, quick decisions and ability to cut through red tape compelled the admiration of even his superiors.

Later on, he became Dewan of Cochin. Under his regime, industry and agriculture received a great fillip and he opened several technical schools in the State. Subsequently, he went over to Udaipur to assume the reins of administration and it was there that his diplomacy and statesmanship came into full play during the negotiations over the future of Princely India.

Even greater than the administrator was the man himself, and to the lovable human side of Sir T. V.'s personality glowing tributes were paid at a meeting in Madras the other day. Sir S. V. Ramamurthi said that the Acharya was "kind, full of vitality and

humanity." The speaker testified to the fact that even men and women of different races and climes—in England and Italy—had spoken of Sir T. V. with warmth and affection. Mr. R. V. Krishna Iyer who followed, touched on one of Sir T. V.'s remarkable qualities—his prodigious memory. He had yet to see another man who remembered persons, their faces and even their initials as well. Sri C. Rajagopalachari who spoke last openly acknowledged that in his early days when he was a political fighter, he drew the greatest inspiration from Sir T. V.

And only recently when Sir T. Vijayaraghavacharya was ailing and almost bedridden he readily accepted an invitation to unveil a portrait of H. H. Sri Swami Sivananda at the Divine Life Society Madras Centre in Chintadripet, Madras, and cheerfully allowed himself to be carried in a chair to the place of the meeting. With him, alas! an era of urbanity and old-world courtesy seems to have come to a close.

Trouble In Pakistan

The path to a theocratic State is thorny indeed. In Pakistan today the Ulemas seem to be giving no end of trouble and the Anti-Ahmediya agitation has taken an ugly and violent turn. When attempts were made forcibly to convert helpless Hindus in Pakistan to Islam, we in India were alarmed and distressed although the psychology behind such efforts was clear enough. But to-day the Mullahs have turned against the small Muslim minority of Ahmediyas of whom Sir Zafrullah Khan is the most distinguished leader. It would be difficult to find a more perfervid champion of

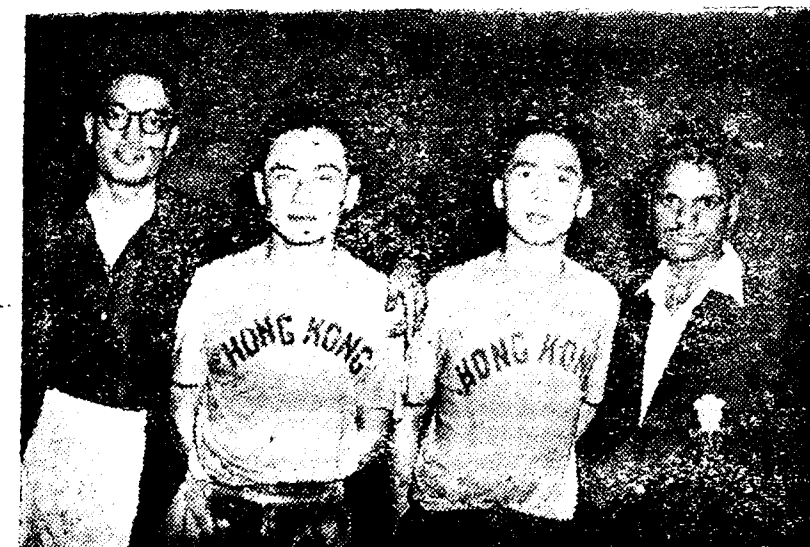
IN THE NEWS



SIR T. VIJAYARAGHAVACHARYA, the administrator-statesman, who passed away recently.



MARSHAL JOSEF STALIN, who died recently.



In the Second Table Tennis Test, Hong Kong defeated India in the match played at St. Mary's Hall in Madras. Photo shows (Left to Right): K. Jayant (India), 8th Su Chu (Hong Kong), Chung Chia Sing (Hong Kong) and Thiruvengadam (India).



MARSHAL VOROSHILOV, the new President of the Soviet Union.



M. GEORGI MALENKOV, the new Premier of Soviet Russia.

Pakistan and what she stands for than her foreign Minister.

But the Ahmediyas appear to be deep in the black books of the Ulemas who want Sir Zafrullah to quit the Cabinet and the Ahmediyas to be branded as a non-Muslim minority. To us in India, there seems little sense behind all this clamour worked up by one section of the community against another.

For months the agitation was gathering such force that Sir Zafrullah Khan found it too hot to serve on the Basic Principles Committee. Neither did the authorities care to resist such pressure. But the storm burst early this month when riots broke out in Lahore and Rawalpindi. There was a breakdown in the administration and the goondas took over, causing damage and destruction all around. It was then that Karachi chose to intervene and put its foot down. Proclamation of martial law in Lahore brought quiet and helped speedily to restore normal conditions. The military commanders were swift and efficient and proved themselves able administrators. Karachi deserves a word of praise for the firm stand it has taken, though its earlier hesitation spelt such avoidable disaster. Writes the *Hindustan Times* of Delhi: "If because of denominational differences the Ahmediyas are to be thrown out of the ranks of Muslims, it will not be long before similar demands are made about Shias, Khojas and others who hold different beliefs from the Sunnis. Any individual or community is the best judge as to what its religion is and if the Ahmediyas claim, as in fact they have always been claiming, that they are Muslims, it is nothing but intolerance and tyranny to declare them non-Muslims against their wishes. And that is a good indication of how real non-Muslims may expect to fare."

This Picture And That!

The report of a tiger in the Balaghat forests in Madhya Pradesh having claimed 300 human lives has prompted *The Times of India* to observe, caustically, that

authorities have pushed the doctrine of non-violence too far! It is common nowadays for the daily press to carry stories of the havoc played by rogue elephants, and mad dogs roaming the streets and biting people.

The Bombay paper rightly draws attention to the fact that under the British regime, whatever its other defects, people enjoyed better security and protection. "Among the minor misdemeanours of the satanic British Government," it says, "was their habit of giving officious attention to the activities of tigers, wolves, panthers and such other predatory pests, and whatever their other sins of commission and omission they gave protection to the helpless people, in some measure at least, against wild beasts as well as dacoits, pindaris and thugs."

Recently when some lions in the Rajkot forests were found wounded or dying of some mysterious ailment, great was the concern of authorities who ordered immediate investigation into the incident. But, elsewhere, only after the loss of 300 lives due to the playful fancy of a tiger, has a decision been reportedly taken to follow the trail of the wild beast.

A Census Of Beggars

In a thought-provoking speech at Mylapore, the other day, Sir C.P. Ramaswami Iyer dealt with the various aspects of India's beggar problem. From his deep study of religious literature, he was able to say that religion had not permitted begging as such except as *apath dharma*. He said that it was the duty of the State and local bodies to provide work for able-bodied beggars and take care of them. Referring to the question of the disabled, the crippled and the diseased, he observed: "It is the duty of the State and of every philanthropic organisation as well as of every local authority first of all to take a census of beggars in each locality." He admitted that such a task was almost herculean and that we could only proceed step by step. A start could be made with places like Madras, Madurai, Tiruchira-

palli, Bombay or Calcutta. And he indicated the need for special regulations in respect of religious mendicants.

Sir C. P. then told his audience how other countries were tackling the problem of beggary. In Britain, there were workhouses and poor homes where the destitutes and the infirm were maintained at the expense of the State. There were also children's houses where the waifs and the orphans were cared for and trained. In Germany, honorary workers went to various houses and helped people there.

Prevention of begging, went on Sir C. P., was one of the fundamental functions of the State. But in a country of this magnitude, he agreed, the problem would not easily lend itself to a solution. A beginning, however, had to be made and the problem tackled sooner or later. "We cannot have wastage of human energy which is taking place here. We cannot have the exploitation of the lives of children which is taking place here. ... It is a problem of vast social significance which is portentous in character and cataclysmic in its prospects unless it is adequately dealt with."

Mr. S. Varadachariar who followed, remarked that no man would voluntarily take to begging and the problem could be solved if others helped the beggar to develop a sense of self-respect and find employment for him. But what of those who are born beggars and of children who are kidnapped by crooks and maimed or blinded so that they can seek no other profession? The best way to tackle the problem, as Sir C. P. has shrewdly suggested, is for the State to put a ban on begging and follow it up with the establishment of poor homes in every town and city.

The Corporation Budget

The Budget of the Corporation of Madras for the year 1953-'54 discloses a nominal surplus because the deficit accruing in previous years has been wiped off by a substantial transfer from the Depreciation Reserve Fund. Although the Commissioner had originally suggested an increase in the Profession Tax, the Taxation and Finance (Standing) Committee rightly vetoed it and decided that there should be no more fresh taxation.

It is satisfactory to note that the Standing Committee has realised that in respect of taxation the limit has been reached. Sri M. Radhakrishna Pillai, the Chairman, who presented the Budget, did not mince his words when he called on the heads of the various departments to reduce their commitments to the minimum. The economy drive could best be promoted by the Commissioner co-ordinating the activities of the Corporation and eliminating both overlapping and duplication of work.

All citizens will endorse the Chairman's opinion that the Corporation is wasting money on institutions that are not its legitimate concern. He compared the Tuberculosis Hospital to a big elephant and said that the money required to maintain it might more usefully be spent on the provision of more amenities for the citizens. The same is the case with the two High Schools run by the Corporation, one in Nungambakam and another in Saidapet.

The Chairman's sincere advice was that these should be turned over to the State Government although he might have added to his list the Infectious Diseases Hospital. As *The Mail* says with its usual punch and bite, "the Corporation of Madras should concern itself, not with the treatment, but with the prevention of diseases; it should improve public health by keeping the City's streets, roads and open spaces clean, increasing the water supply.

improving the food markets, clearing slums..."

Another of the valuable suggestions made by the Chairman was to have the Ashok Vihar converted into a maternity hospital to serve the needs of the poorest people. It is a costly luxury that the Corporation can ill afford to indulge.

During the debate that followed, Councillors referred to the reduced allotment under Elementary Education. A sum of Rs. 31,00,000 is set apart for the maintenance of elementary schools. All that the Government contributes is a little over Rs. 8 lakhs. The Corporation may as well hand over all elementary schools to the Government and concentrate on the task of improving the sanitation of the City. It is laid down by the Constitution that elementary education is the sole responsibility of the State and that within five years all children under fourteen years must be literate.

Sri K. M. Subramaniam said that if reading rooms were left to the care of the Library Authorities a saving of Rs. 85,000 could be effected. He criticised the Town Planning Department on which so much of money was wasted and expressed the view that either the City Improvement Trust should be abolished or else the Town Planning Department closed down "as it was merely duplication of work and waste of public money."

Sri K. Ramadoss called for an increase in the rate of advertisement tax to augment the Corporation's revenue and emphasised that Rs. 5 lakhs more could easily be added if a proper assessment of houses were made.

But unless the State Government and the Centre come forward with liberal assistance, no improvement either in the Corporation's financial position or the City's

health can ever be brought about. Sri Radhakrishna Pillai spoke of the Mayor's efforts to secure a big grant from the Union Government for the work of clearing the slums. The State Government also should not grudge a share in the proceeds of the City Bus Service. Finally, the Chairman dwelt on the need for a Five-Year Plan for the Corporation's capital works to finance which a consolidated loan could also be floated in the open market.

Roads And Accidents

In the course of a recent lecture on roads in the City of Madras, Sri M. Meeran predicted that in the next fifty years the number of motors in the metropolis alone would increase tenfold. It is an appalling thought. Already, the number of accidents on our roads has been steadily mounting. Even well-laid-out pedestrian pavements do not seem to assure safety as the gruesome bus accident in Mylapore last month demonstrated.

And what of roads like Popham's Broadway, for instance, where there are no pavements for pedestrians and the roar of traffic is at its loudest? Either there must be one-way traffic only or the Corporation must construct pedestrian pavements at any cost, belated though the step may be. The City Engineer stressed the need for the elimination of slow-moving traffic from busy and congested roads and said that steps to that effect would be taken shortly here. Most of the hand-carts, it must be admitted, do obstruct traffic and sometimes cause accidents of a very serious nature. Cars parked in wrong places and almost near the centre of the road are another source of hindrance to the smooth flow of traffic.

Apparently, more precautions and regulations are necessary; more so are policemen to regulate the increasing traffic.

The Illusion

SSEKAR had read the news item a thousand times and still he was chuckling. As he read the name of Amirdanandam, blood ran to his face. The report read: "Among those killed in the air crash near Nagpur was Amirdanandam of Palur."

Sekar could hardly believe his eyes. That grim-faced Amirdanandam, usually called Anand, who frequently troubled Sekar with threats of suits, was no longer on earth; for all his wickedness, he had received a nice reward and no longer would he visit his house and talk all sorts of nonsense. Such thoughts shot up through Sekar's mind as a flash. He got up from bed for his coffee only after getting by heart that 'great' news. And as the vigour of the hot liquid was passing through every vein of his body, his mind began recalling the events of the past.

Sekar was a born writer and also a born debtor, for his father, Sundaram, had acquired extraordinary skill in the art of borrowing. Everywhere, Sundaram had earned the name that he should, and just when all the creditors had been tapped, this Anand appeared on the scene. Sekar was about twenty then. Sundaram, long experienced in his profession, began to approach Anand who was reported to have been bequeathed good property and a large 'bank balance.' In a few months, the cash was transferred from Anand's hands to Sundaram's in the name of capital investment in business, fundi, pawn-brokerage, etc. And foolishly, Anand allowed himself to be deceived. Only a year later, when not a pie of the money, given to Sundaram, was returned, did Anand discover that there was business without a businessman and that there was pawn-brokerage without a broker or pledger. When questioned, Sundaram gave vague answers (and sometimes no answers). This annoyed Anand a good deal. Finding that Sundaram had swindled all the money out of him, Anand turned in desperation to



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Sekar. And here the troubles began.

Anand was aware that Sekhar had a great love and respect for his father. Taking advantage of this, Anand threatened him that

unless he (Sekar) promised to pay back the debt in instalments, criminal action would be taken against his father. This frightened Sekar greatly, since his good mind thought only of the consequent punishment and not of his father's

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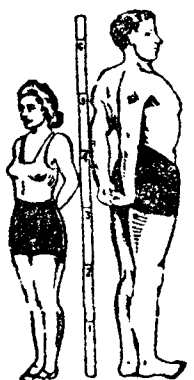
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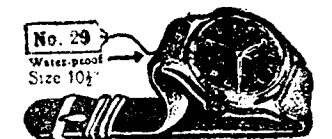
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bad habits. Of the small pay he was receiving, how could he return even a portion of the debt? But the idea of his father being convicted and made to undergo rigorous imprisonment, forced him to frequent Anand's house and finally Anand agreed that Sekar should pay the debt back in small instalments after a period of two years, when Sekar's salary would be increased. Anand left the place and went to his native place Palur only after obtaining a fresh promissory note from Sundaram and a guarantee letter from Sekar.

A YEAR passed. Sundaram left his son and hid himself in his native village. Sekar was residing in a room in the first floor of a hotel in the city. It was at that time that Padmini entered the scene. She began to write new lines in the life-pad of Sekar. How they met each other was a mystery but soon they felt they were inseparable and when next year he got a good increment in his salary, he forgot all about Anand and began to use his surplus income to please his beloved. But Anand who was counting the days, was not to be deceived and he brought back Sekar from his ideal world of love and happiness to the terrain of this earth. The trouble started all over again.

Sekar, however, could no longer endure it and decided to dodge his creditor. One day when Anand appeared at the door in the early morning, Sekar, affecting a slight headache, turned around and walked away briskly. Anand grew very angry and cried, "Naughty fellow, I will see you are well rewarded for this." Sekar was not to be taken aback by this for he decided to spend his income in favour of his Padmini only (and whenever he thought of her, he smiled to himself) and give the slip to his creditor.

A few days later, Anand wrote to Sekar that he was flying to Delhi on a short tour and that the case should be decided before he returned.

It was at this juncture that Sekar read in the papers that Amirdanandam of Palur was killed in the air crash near Nagpur. Indeed, it was good news for him

and, for a few weeks, he forgot himself.

ONE day, before he started for the office, he received a letter. When he opened it, he almost fainted, for that letter was in the hand writing of Anand. Sekar felt like being pushed downwards into the earth below. He felt hot and perspiring and everything seemed to go round and round him. In a feeling of horror and terror, he fell down over the chair. After all, the letter said that he should meet Anand in ... Park on that night at 9, for a settlement.

Sekar satisfied himself that that letter was written by Anand. "Then ... it means that the letter comes from the grave," he told himself, "that is, a spirit has written it." This thought made him tremble. In a mood of craziness and filled with an inexplicable fear, he closed the door and went out. Each step he made seemed to echo the step of a moving, advancing ghost.

He could not do his work properly at the office and started for his room quickly in the evening. In the bus, he heard his name being called and he felt he was called by Anand, so he imagined. He perspired heavily and bought the ticket three times, in a state of confusion.

He decided not to go to the... Park. Why risk himself the sight of the "unseen"? He was invited by his next room neighbour to a night show but he refused though an entertainment would have kept his mind occupied otherwise. All the other rooms were locked as the inmates were not in town.

It struck nine and he lay down on the bed and covered himself fully with a military rug though he was sweating severely. He could not sleep, however.

It struck ten and all the ten strokes coincided with soft sounds of steps outside. He heard through the keyhole of the door a soft voice calling him by name and how well it resembled Anand's! Sekar covered his face with the rug and was engulfed in a world of darkness. But his ears were sharp for he could hear the door being slowly

opened and then he heard foot-steps approaching him. He guessed something was walking to and fro but his ears became sharper though every other sense of his was at a standstill.

After sometime, the figure went out. In a rebellious mood, Sekhar jumped out of the bed and ran to his neighbour's room and knocked on the door till it broke, forgetting for the moment that his friend was enjoying a picture in the theatre.

But his attention was immediately diverted back by a loud uproar and turning back he wondered what was that was standing before him! Anand ... or his spirit? Sekhar got the fright of his life. His head reeled while his limbs froze. With a fixed eye over that gruesome figure that represented nothing but awe, Sekar tottered back and back ... and the next minute, he was rolling down the stair case and his head dashed against a sharp-edged point. In a flash as it were, the soul left the body which had witnessed little happiness in its career.

BUT truth to tell Anand, who had cancelled the trip at the last moment, was alive and kicking and read the news of his own death in the paper, at which he could not but laugh. The next day, when he read the news of the untimely death of Sekhar he murmured, "Probably this is also only as true as that of my own death!"

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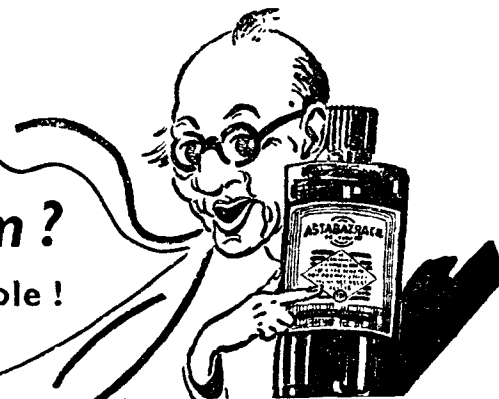
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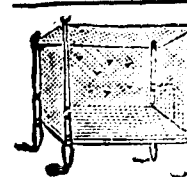
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LAST month Dr. Nesan went to preside over a scientific conference and a social service conference at Bombay. Though the Goddess of Fortune frowned on him all through his life as she did on me, the Goddess of Speech and the Goddess of Fame smiled on him though they frowned on me. By some inscrutable dispensation of Providence, I have been a backbencher — nay, the seniormost veteran among back-benchers all my life.

One great advantage of a back bench is that you can doze and sleep there unobserved and uncriticised — a privilege which rouses the envy of the sitters on the Tressary Bench and makes their mouths water. Dr. Nesan insisted on my going with him to Bombay. I tried all my powers of persuasion and dissuasion in vain. This was how we were launched into Bombay last month.

As a President of two conferences he was lodged in the best of

hotels. It was a vast many-storied building with all modern conveniences and gadgets. After its construction the innumerable cold weather tourists of India from the land of the almighty dollar have been less patronising in their attitude to India than before.

I WONDER what it is that makes a person living in a big palace look down upon a person living in a hut. Both the men may be of the same height but the height of the palace is in some mysterious way added on to the height of the dweller in it!

We went up in a lift in the hotel to the topmost floor because Dr. Nesan was given two rooms there. Even though we went up in a lift I found it to be tiresome to walk up to the far-off two rooms which had been reserved for us. I am an Indian villager living in a primitive sort of thatched dwelling which consists only of the ground floor. It has

got a *koradu* and a pial each 6 to 7 feet broad, where all and sundry could come and have rest for tired limbs and shade from the noonday sun.

The idea of walking up all round with bricks and iron bars is an original occidental idea which is now in full and bewildering occupation in India. The new *modus operandi* in house construction keeps out harassed and weary human beings but gives full scope for flies and mosquitoes and squirrels, rats and cats to get in and get out as they please.

I wanted to bathe and found that I had to get into a tub. One pipe brought hot and another brought cold water. I could mix them suitably so as to be pleasant to my body. But I prefer to plunge into a river or tank or pour over my head with my own hands cold water drawn from a well. In that way I get a thrill which no amount of lying down in a tub can ever give me.

I ASKED Dr. Nesan to ring up and find out if there was a well. He laughed loud and long and said: "Ram! You are like a child asking for the moon. How can even God dig a well or a tank for your holy and orthodox self in the fourth floor of a hotel?"

I said: "I am willing to go down this horrid lift again if there is a well somewhere."

Dr. Nesan replied: "But there is no well there. The *chataka* bird thirsts for rainwater to drink and sometimes has its desire gratified. But this Ramu-chataka will never have its wish fulfilled in Bombay!"

I resigned myself to the inevitable and went into the tub and bathed in a miserable mood in a horizontal position. I then looked round for a granite stone to beat my wet cloth and clear the dirt from it. But there was no tub of

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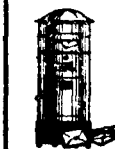
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water for that purpose and no granite stone.

Dr. Nesan understood my difficulty in a trice and said: "The washerman will come in now. He will wash and dry our cloths, iron them and bring them."

I RECONCILED myself to the inevitable and looked round for a plank whereon I could sit and utter my morning *sandhya* prayers. I had by a strange freak of memory forgotten to bring my silver *dubba* (small size box) of holy ashes and asked Dr. Nesan for some ashes. But he had none with him — not even tooth powder because this is a toothpaste age. He showed me a very neat porcelain wash-basin which had a pipe in it. For the first time—and I hope the last time—in my life I sought the aid of the wash-basin and finished my morning prayers without any spiritual concentration of mind but in a savage mood.

Dr. Nesan then rang for coffee. The steaming liquid came up.

But he and I who had been accustomed to imbibe Mrs. Nesan's fragrant delicious beverage stood aghast at the new concoction. I have been reading in the daily newspapers about the virtues of chicory as a mixer with coffee. In every hotel we get a combination of both in a sort of Siva-Shakti union. In smaller hotels we get another combination, i.e. one of coffee and chicory and *siyakkai* (soap-nut) powder, the last being the best flavourer of all — a sort of trinity in unity and a unity in trinity.

Dr. Nesan had to agree with me and share my disappointment. But he soon forgot the irritation in the pleasure of the soothing smoke of goldflake cigarettes. He offered some to me but I was a non-smoker and so had no chance of a great happiness to drown a small unhappiness.

Dr. Nesan and I settled down in comfortable well-cushioned spring chairs to read the daily morning newspaper which is the modern counterpart of the Valmiki Ramayana *parayana* (ritualistic daily reading).

What caught my eye was a reference to a hundred-storeyed skyscraper in the U.S.A. I asked Dr. Nesan: "Is this true or is it a kind of Jack and the Beanstalk or Alice in the Wonderland romance?"

Dr. Nesan said: "It is a real, solid fact. America is the land of skyscrapers. One of these days they will build a house so high that from its topmost terrace you can step into the moon. Ramu, I shall tell you a queer story."

"When I was lodging in one of them, the manager said to me: 'This skyscraper is a world in itself. You can buy here all that you want. You have got shops here. You can play tennis. There is a cinema. Whatever you need is here.' I asked in a spirit of mordant humour: 'Suppose I die here, can I be buried here?' He replied: 'That cannot be. You must get out for that purpose.' Ramu, you must learn to accept modern civilisation. This hotel is a paradise of comforts."

I REPLIED: "What you tell me reminds me of an old story in our land. You know that our houses do not go up vertically. Nowadays people live in hotels and have no homes and have become the artificial nomads of civilisation. But in former days rich people used to build dwelling-houses with many compartments. A rich man who had a lot of surplus cash built a house with seven compartments. In Indian houses of the old types whatever be the number of compartments, the *pial* would be in front and the bathroom and the kitchen and the dining hall would be the last.

"The rich man gave a feast at the time of the house-warming ceremony. He was boasting about his house the like of which in beauty and vastness could not be found in the whole Kingdom. An irritated friend who had a flair for untimely and misplaced sarcasm and irony said: 'You have made provision for everything. But supposing you die of heart failure when you are at your meals, how is the corpse to be taken out?' Another friend replied: 'A hole

can be knocked out in the back wall for that purpose.' The rich man literally gasped and collapsed — but fortunately did not die — when he heard these cruel and inauspicious words. Is not the old adage true that god should save us from our friends?"

Dr. Nesan roared with laughter.

He then took me down for breakfast. I found food placed on tables in cups and saucers. There were already a hundred people there feeding like animals in a zoo. I told Dr. Nesan: "This is the unkindest cut of all. I am accustomed to eat from a plantain leaf sitting on the floor. Please have food brought up to our room."

He agreed and gave the necessary directions and we went up by the lift.

I DIPPED in to the daily newspaper again in a mood of idleness and suddenly lighted upon a curious bit of news. Dr. Nesan asked me what it was when I loudly gasped. I read out that news para. Quite recently three Siamese elephants, on a flight from Calcutta to Karachi in a B.O.A.C. plane, went on hunger-strike, because some monkeys were sharing accommodation with them. They felt disturbed and annoyed by the chattering of the simians, and refused even to sniff at sugarcane and other fodder so long as the simians were close by.

The commander of the plane, went on the story, had them removed to another corner of the aircraft by way of concession to sentiment and prejudice. The pachyderms then began to crunch the piles of sugarcane, etc., had their feed and were happy.

Dr. Nesan laughed and replied: "Ramu, you are exactly like that elephant."

That evening I departed from Bombay without waiting to hear Dr. Nesan's orations at the conferences and went back to my *pial* and my plantain-leaf.

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GOPAL is four years younger than myself. We come from the same village. His house was in the corner of the street overlooking the village tank and mine in the middle. We always played together and studied together, for he and I were classmates and passed the examinations one by one regularly. Gopal was a little above average as far as could be judged from the results of the examinations, but potentially he was the most intelligent of our batch. He had an inherent knack of amassing all he could lay hands upon, and the field of his study was vast, though mostly scientific. He was indifferent to examinations and managed to get

through with ease, leaving the more hard-working students to bear away the palm.

AFTER Matric we had to drift apart. My limited resources compelled me to seek a job and after mastering the mysteries of shorthand and type-writing, I whisked off to Bombay where a relative of mine got me a 'footing' in one of the numerous companies. Gopal, on the other hand, shot his way through the Intermeditate and I subsequently heard of his having taken an Engineering line. However, I got an affectionate letter from him one day, saying that he had left Engineering for good and was coming over to Bombay to

study journalism. I was surprised, for the zest with which he wrote about his craving for the journalist's art contrasted sharply and strangely with his school-day indifference to anything to do with literature.

I met him at the station. I should say, I was pleasantly surprised at the change that had been wrought in him. He had developed into a very handsome young man — so handsome that any girl worth her salt could not help giving him a second or even a third gaze. His attractiveness consisted more in his virility and charm than his features. His very presence made one feel envious of him and curiously enough, at the same time, amiable. He had a rich, melodious, voice and he talked in a convincing manner, politely yet forcibly. His dark-brown eyes gleamed and his thin lips quivered as he argued, and sincerity was at once evident. He was neat without being in the least dandy. He was quick to help others and equally quick to accept one.

"You have changed a lot, Gopi," I told him one day. "You never were anything of a speaker or writer. You seem to have advanced by leaps and bounds."

"Maybe," he replied, smilingly. "I read a lot during my Inter. I really wonder what I might have been if I had not initiated myself into literature then. I might have been rotting in some firm, whiling away my time in terms of plans and elevations."

"You are no better now," I protested. "How much do you get, just tell me? Hardly a hundred! You might have touched three times the sum had you been an engineer."

Gopal fixed me with a look of extreme serenity.

"Money is not all, my friend," he said after a pause. "I like

my work. Time flies on like anything when I work. I feel exhilarated when I am able to put my thoughts together. There is nothing, I feel, that could give me such a kick as writing. I don't have to wait on anybody like you. I am my own boss. I do not have the monotony of fixed hours of work, as you all have. See what all advantages I have in my line."

"But what about your future?" I asked him with a touch of asperity. "Surely you are going to marry and that means family! You don't expect to become a great writer, do you? And you don't write what they require, but what you please! One in three might get published and that won't lead you a long way."

"My dear fellow," he replied, "I don't worry about what I may or may not become. I write for pure excitement. I care a row of pins if any one publishes or refuses. When I shed off my rambling thoughts into rolling prose, I feel as one whose overburdened stomach is emptied! My mind becomes so crammed with ideas that it is vain to try to ignore them. My mind cannot for one moment concentrate on any other work. I have tried it. I hope all writers must have felt like me."

HE stared into vacancy, his brows knitted and his lips pursed. Curiously enough, I felt a girl might like to kiss him in such a pose! He then filled his lungs and laughed mirthfully.

"I think I am in love," he burst out another day to me.

"You stupid boy, you are not worthy of love," I told him. "Woe to her who might wish you for a husband!"

He was unmoved. "God save me from the clutches of marriage," he said after a pause. "But she loves me genuinely, my boy, madly. What to do now? I think I made a mistake in falling in love! I like independence in everything and what is going to happen to that when I marry?"

Curious Gopi. I loved him for his frankness as much as I hated him for his way of life and the silly notions he nurtured.



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I HAD gone on leave and had to settle some properties at home. I could not correspond with Gopal, nor did he try to. When I returned to Bombay, I could not find him in his lodging. They said he had left Bombay a fortnight or so back and had left no address. A greater surprise was awaiting me when a few days later Radha came to my office, which was an unusual thing to do for her. Hers was a carved image of despair.

"You are the only man I could come to," she said in a voice scarcely audible. "He has left me for good!"

"What do you mean?"

"He said he was tired of life; he wanted to tour India and see places. I knew it was useless to argue. You know how stubborn he is. Well... well, he wrote to me from an Ashram in the far North that he intends to spend the rest of his life there and... and, he wants me to forget him!" she sobbed.

"If you don't take it amiss, I would strongly advise you to forget him," I said. "If you ask my wife she will tell you the same thing. What could you expect even if he did marry you? You don't know when the devil will take possession of him!" I said very bitterly.

"But I love him," she cried. "You are the only man whom I have known besides Gopi. And so I tell you this. I cannot possibly live without him. Father and mother are wild over this. I wish I could die. And how happy I was!"

"I don't understand how I could help you, Miss Radha," I said.

"It may be too much to ask you," she pleaded. "But I don't know what else to do. You must go to the Ashram and bring him back."

"But he is not the man," I protested. "He is so dogged!"

"Do try, please. You see how helpless I am!"

I told my wife. She tried her best to console Radha. It was all in vain. I felt very awkward indeed to act as a sort of messenger in a love affair. Further, I was quite inexperienced. But my wife insisted that I should go.

"Trial costs nothing," she said. "At least you can know what is in his woolly head."

So I set out, after hesitating for a couple of months.

I CAN never forget that meeting with him. I saw him with the permission of the Guru, a divine-looking man who diffused saintliness through and through. He told me that I was at liberty to take my friend away if the latter agreed to come with me of his own free will.

I at last met Gopal. His growing beard gave him the appearance of a mystic struggling to solve some great spiritual problem. He had run down a lot, but he was as impressive as ever.

He was too happy to see me. He wrung my hands with affection and embraced me with love. He took me to the dining room and pressed me with fruits, nuts and milk. He talked to me about yogic exercises in a voice convincingly melodious. He looked more imposing in his *kavi vastra*. His face shone with a peculiar brilliance that made you feel that he had attained at least some peace of mind.

"I know why you have come here," he said, smiling. "But I am afraid, you will have to return disappointed."

"Why did you come here?" I shouted. "What do you find here? You know how miserable you have made Radha."

"I could not help it. I was restless. I felt that I could not find an answer to my problems

in the life I led in Bombay. Every moment I felt I was drifting from my goal. I agree I made a mistake in courting Radha, but I am not in a position to make amends. Let her forget me—think I am dead and gone. She will get a better man than worthless me!"

"Don't you still love her?" I asked.

"Oh, I do. With all my heart. But I love her not as you think. I love her as I love you and anybody around here. She was the first woman I came across in my life and I am extremely interested in her welfare. I pray, she should lead a happy life."

"Not after you have trampled on her heart," I said acrimoniously. "To tell the truth, I have no regard for you now. You have run away from life like a coward."

"My dear fellow," he said smiling sweetly, "I am above all abuses. I have no feeling for anything earthly. I am in life and at the same time out of it—just like a droplet of water on a lotus-leaf."

"You don't feel you have wronged Radha? You don't repent for it?"

"No! I take every new development in life for the good. I am a tool in the hands of Him and He has chalked out a life for me and I cannot alter it of my own will. It is impossible."

"So you won't come back? She is prepared to live as you please. She will leave you to yourself."

"It is useless to tempt me, my good friend," he concluded.

HE compelled me to stay with him for a few days more. He gave me a collection of manuscripts he had written. But I cruelly refused all with a stern heart.

"I have no feeling for you," I shouted. "In my memory you are as dead as ever!"

"That may be. But I love you more than ever now. Now, goodbye and God bless you!"

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With a heavy heart I broke the news to Radha. I told her what had happened, omitting nothing. I told her that he was not worthy of her. I and my wife advised her to forget him. Radha only cried, like a small baby. I felt what a fool Gopal must have been to renounce such a charming thing on earth.

YEARS rolled by and I used to see Radha every now and then. She was now sullen and dejected. When she smiled, she did so ruefully. She had taken up teaching, was an efficient teacher. Her students adored her with devotion. She now looked to me as one who was awaiting the ultimate end, wishing whether it would not come sooner. Her parents called her silly, for she could with her beauty, culture and her heart, have become a fitting bride to any gentleman. Anyone could rightly be proud of her. Several charming offers came, but she rejected all with a stern heart. I wonder how much she must have silently suffered in overcoming her earthly desires.

Then she fell seriously ill. She was twenty-eight now. When I went accompanied by my wife, I saw her in bed, lean and haggard, her whiteness hardly distinguishable from the whiteness of the sheets on which she lay. Her parents were watching over her and her mother wept bitterly.

"God, that I should have lived to see such a sight!" she cried.

Radha opened her eyes. She gestured me to her bedstead.

"I want to see Gopi before I die," she said in a feeble voice.

"Don't be a fool," I said, hardly being able to control my tears.

"My last request," she pleaded, waving her thin hands in the air and fixing me with her watery eyes. "I would die in peace, once I see Gopi."

"But he may not come. Even if he comes, it will be a week and"

"No. I am confident I will live through till he comes," she said struggling with emotion. She sobbed, scarcely being able to do so.

I sent a telegram. I was sure he would not turn up. But he did. I can never forget that day. He ran to her bed with extended hands, like a mad man.

"RADHA!" he screamed. She opened her eyes and they gleamed. She struggled to rise up, but he took her in his arms. He caressed her shrivelled hair. Tears gushed down and drenched his beard. His lips trembled and his face quivered as he tried to control his surging emotion. Words stopped at his throat. She hid her head in his bosom, and drenched his *kavi vastra* with hot tears. The sight was so moving that even her father, the hard-boiled man, wept.

"Radha, forgive me," he murmured. "I have done you wrong. I am worthless. I am a beast... worse than dirt at your feet. Radha, do say you have pardoned me. We shall marry when you are all right, Radha. Please forgive me, please..."

She smiled genially and her face lit up in a last gleam. The excitement was too much for her feeble body. When Gopal raised her face towards him, he found that her life had flown, leaving the earthly cage empty.

I have never seen a man cry so much in my life. For days together he cried, burying his head in his hands and staring vacantly into space with dewy eyes.

HE did not return to his Ashram. He married a girl instead, and is living happily. Her name is Radha and she bears a very striking resemblance to Radha, the dead one. I do not know where he picked her up but this much I am sure, that he worships her as he would a goddess. ♦♦

The Usual Formula

They were giving a small dinner party, and for a special treat the little son of the house had been allowed to come down.

They had reached the dessert stage when he remarked in loud, confidential tones to his mother:

"Will dessert upset me to-night, mummie, or is there enough to go around?"

IT was at some silly student conference that I first set my eyes upon her. She stood out from all the other girls because her hair, instead of lying listlessly down her back in a black oily plait, was pinned up into a coiffure that surrounded her face like a frame. The waterfalls of Courtallam formed a singing background for her and my heart and soul rushed out to her in a flood of feeling that I have experienced again only lately. She sat with the other women students on a rock at the edge of the pool where the trees bent down to touch their toes. Her chin was cupped in her hands and she pensively watched us men students, or rather boys because most of us were still below eighteen, splashing about in the pool. An apple-green saree that fell about her in graceful folds and a bright red blouse made her seem a thing of the wild woods that surrounded the pool.

As all of us strolled back towards the gloomy conference hall the way she walked, tall and upright, her chin held high and not slouching along the head drooped in false modesty, etched itself in my memory so that in after years I vainly tried to detect signs of her walk in every woman who passed by.

After that, my ears were alert not for the steady drone of the lecturer but for her frank laugh, and my eyes were only for her smiling face. The other boys soon got scent of my feelings for her and started taking bets with me that I would not dare speak to her.

On the last day of the conference as the train that was to carry us steamed in, I summoned up sufficient courage to go and speak to her under the disapproving eyes of her angular warden. Sheepishly I stammered, "Are you going to Madras, Miss—er—?"

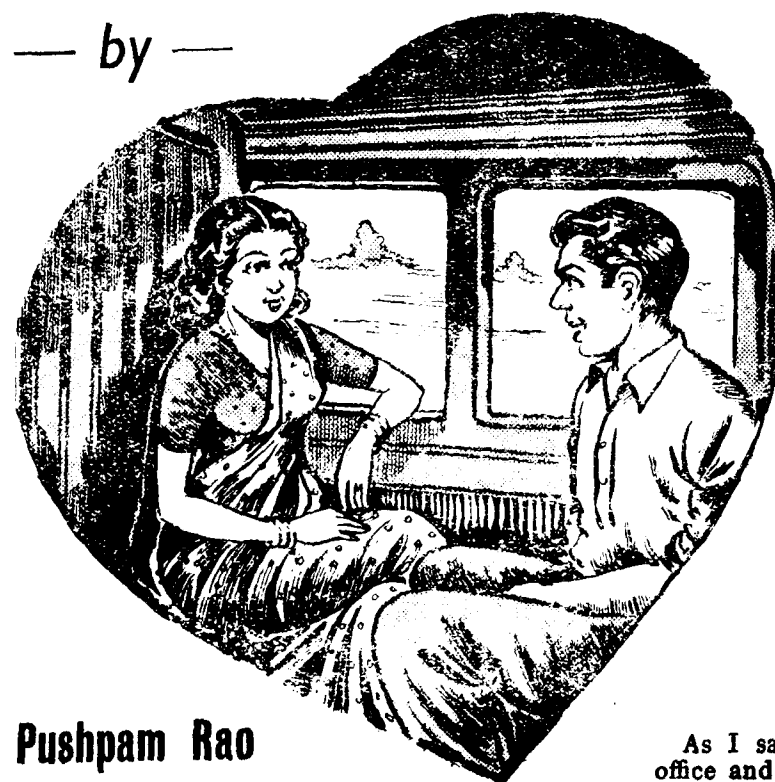
"Malini Vanar," she said with her sweet smile. "Yes, I am going to Madras. I suppose you're getting down at Trichinopoly."

That was where all the students were getting down.

Before I could answer, there was a rush of students towards the train and we were carried along into it. The girls sat in a row along one bench and the boys along another, and under the envious eyes of both those rows, Malini and I conversed near the carriage window. The fact that

LOVE'S YOUNG DREAM

— by —



Pushpam Rao

As I sat in my office and watched the long queue of patients file slowly past your desk, Koshy, I suddenly saw her. There was no mistaking that lilt-ing walk, that proud lift of her chin. I breathlessly watched her say something to you and then walk towards me. "Doctor," she began, then "Vijaya!" she murmured, and as I went forward to take her hands gently in mine, I knew that through all the long years she had tenderly guarded the memory of her love.

There were a few lines etched around her eyes but so were there on my face and the faces of those friends I hold most dear. A wing of white hair rose from the middle of her forehead, but there was grey at my temples, too. What was most important, however, was the fact that she was the same Malini I had cherished through the years and that her eyes held the same message for me they had held, it seemed, eons ago. So, Koshy old man, now that you know the reason for my happiness, don't wear that look of pained surprise as if I'm drunk or insane. You'll have to take over now that Malini and I are going on a honeymoon trip round the world. Well, perhaps I am drunk, but only with happiness. ♦♦

THEN, this morning, that lovely face did really appear never more to fade away. I don't deny that I haven't had a good life with Sosamma. She was the girl my parents chose and a dutiful wife till the end when death claimed her. I worked hard to drown the memory of Malini and eventually became a doctor and Superintendent of this hospital. But always through my life ran a vein of discontent as if Fate had offered me a lovely red rose and I had accepted instead a mundane daisy.

IN a film studio the property man was dressing a scene representing a room in a men's college dormitory. The walls were plastered with college pennants, pictures of girl friends, football players and dogs, while a litter of musical instruments, traffic signs and masculine bric-a-brac gave the place a cosy, lived-in look.

The assistant property man gazed speculatively at the scene of artful disorder. "Don't you think," said he, "that around here somewhere we should have a book?"

Respect To The Dead!

"Why are you raising your hat? The band is not playing the National Anthem."

"No, but they have just murdered a classic and I am raising it out of respect to the dead."

Good Reason!

"Oh, Mr. Pumpteduck, Mama wants you to play the piano!"

"I'll be delighted, my dear. Your mother doesn't often ask me to play."

"No, but she thinks there's mice in it and she wants to get them out!"

Compensation

"One of my hens has got into your garden and eaten the flowers."

"That does not matter—my dog has bitten your dog to death."

"That does not matter—my son has run over your dog."

"That does not matter—my daughter has become engaged to your son."

Going Down!

A passenger in a plane sat relaxed at a window drinking in the spectacle of the heavens sliding by. Suddenly a parachutist appeared and drifted by.

"Going to join me?" cried the parachutist.

"Thank you very much," replied the passenger. "I'm very happy just where I am."

"Just as you like," called back the parachutist. "I'm the pilot."



FOR the first time in his life he had been asked to make an after-dinner speech, and for days he rehearsed before his wife.

Finally the great day arrived, and on his return home his wife inquired how his speech had been received.

"Evidently I was moving, soothing and satisfying," was the reply. "Moving, because after the first few minutes my audience went out; soothing, because the other half then went to sleep; and satisfying because, when I sat down, the man opposite me woke up and said 'Well, we've had enough of that old fool!'"

Without It

"Do you know, dear, my husband says I look ten years younger in this hat."

"Really? And how old are you?"

"Thirty."

"No, I mean without the hat."

Must Wait

Customer's Letter: "Please cancel order immediately, cannot wait any longer."

Manufacturer's Reply: "Regret, cannot cancel immediately; you must take your turn."

Letter From Doc

The sweet young thing stepped up to the counter of the chemist's shop, blushed prettily, and asked: "I wonder if you would read this letter for me. It's from my fiancé. He's a doctor."

AN employee of a large firm approached the office manager. "Sir," he said, "I'd like a week off."

"What?" said the manager. "The New Year has only just started."

"But I want to get married," replied the clerk.

"Why didn't you get married while you were away last autumn?"

"Well, I didn't want to spoil my holiday!"

Neighbours' Desire

The woman brought a crying baby to the cinema and it annoyed all patrons round it.

Indignant Woman: "Why bring the baby to the cinema?"

Mother: "It was because of the people in the flat next door—they want peace sometimes."

No Help!

A psychiatrist asked his patient what dream she had had the previous night. She replied that she had not dreamed at all.

"Madam," he said, "I can't help you if you won't do your homework."

Pay And Trust

"Of course, I must ask you for a deposit," said the landlady.

"Certainly," replied the new tenant, handing over the required sum.

"Thanks. Now, shall we trust each other or do you want a receipt?"

THE minister, during a visit to a young mother in his parish, observed that the four-year-old daughter of his hostess was making herself quite busy, drawing a picture of him with crayons, eyeing his face closely all the while.

"And what are you up to, Mary Lou?" he asked.

"I'm drawing a picture of you," she informed him.

The minister sat very still, to help the artist do her portraiture exactly. But soon little Mary Lou seemed discouraged. She sighed and shook her head.

"Doesn't it look like me?" the minister inquired.

"Not so very much. But I know what," she said brightly, "I'll just put a tail on it and call it a donkey."

Jest In Fund!

The village skinflint, desperately ill, startled the local pastor by wheezing. "Help me get well, pastor, and I'll give the new church fund twenty-five thousand dollars." He recovered, but refused to receive the pastor on numerous occasions. The churchman finally cornered him in the post office, sternly reminded him, "You promised the church fund twenty-five thousand dollars if you recovered your health."

"I did?" said the skinflint in astonishment. "That'll give you a rough idea of how sick I was!"

Only Way

A half-dressed man was looking desperately up and down the hall in a prominent hotel in Detroit. Pathetically he called to a guest who was going by. "Can you tie a dress tie, sir?"

"Why, yes," he said very sombrely.

"Would you mind helping me out. These things lick me."

"Glad to do it."

They entered the room, and the passerby asked the other to lie down on the bed.

"Why do you want me to lie down?" the first man said. "Can't you tie it with me standing?"

"Sorry, sir. I can't. I'm an undertaker and that's the only way I can do it."

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When the Lord of Gopis ascended to His Supreme Abode, there was no "death"! The very word "death" was invented to stir up the ignorant and to awaken them to the real purpose of life. To the wise there can never be a "death". Eternal life is your very nature. You are indeed a *Chiranjeevi*! You can neither grow old nor change. Thou art that—the Unchanging *Satchidananda*.

A *Sadhak's* room should be in a solitary place, away from the hubbubs of active life, well-ventilated, without damp, spacious, neat and clean.

The world is fast realising today that intellect, the instrument of the scientist, is but a frail finite tool incapable of unravelling the mystery of the universe, and that it is the saint's heart alone that can accomplish the task. When the heart, through devotion to God, charity and service, expands to the maximum, in it flashes the Truth! May you realise that Truth in this very life!

Precepts FOR Practice

BY
His Holiness Maha
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If you really want God, do not run after material prosperity. Take everything as His gift—pain and pleasure! Surrender completely to Him.

Go on with your *japa*. One-pointedness of the mind can be achieved only by practice and *vairagya*. When the mind wants to get this or that worldly object, there can be no peaceful meditation.

Prarabha has to be worked out. It can be mitigated to a certain extent by *purushartha* and God's grace, invoked through *japa* and *kirtan*.

Maya is very powerful. It dupes man in various ways. Thoughts of various kinds present themselves to man's inner self under the garb of truth; please be vigilant and examine each thought as soon as it becomes manifest in the *Chitta*—in course of time, all thoughts will arise in a pure state.

When this *karma* is worked out, it breaks the tabernacle, to wend its way through to the goal of life—*Moksha*. Lead the Divine Life and become immortal.

God, the all-merciful father of all of us, is always bent on looking after us. What more shall we need? Even then, *prarabha* or the effects of past actions, has to work itself out, though the evil effects can largely be mitigated

by resorting to the practice of *yoga*.

Relative existence is not cancelled at the time of death. Death is but change of physical sheath. Emancipation is cancellation of relativity. Death in this relative world is birth in another relative world, so much so relativity persists and emancipation becomes impossible through a relative death. Individuality does not die at death. It is only the physical sheath that is cast off and the binding *ego* persists through many births and deaths until Self-realisation. Self-consciousness is individual awareness. It is originated with the ignorance of objective imagination. Absolute *Pranayama* culminates in mental poise and not in physical death. *Atma-nivedan* is surrendering of consciousness and not the body. One can practise "*Sarva-dharman parityajya*". Such a person has no duty towards anything of the world. Self-surrender is the way to Truth and not the Truth itself. *Sakshi bhav* leads to knowledge of the Self and not to self-surrender. *Prarabha karma* is destroyed through spiritual practices.

Study spiritual lessons with one-pointed mind. Work hard. Obey and revere your teachers as God himself. Above all, have full faith in the Lord and His infinite mercy. Pray to Him morning and evening with *sraddha* and devotion. You will surely attain *param*.

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The scene of the struggle broke into view as I threw myself into the compound. I was much too alarmed and upset to notice details, but I saw Marcelle stretched half-way across the wall of the well, her feet off the ground and kicking the air. She was apparently trying to pull her husband down with her while he was holding her and, at the same time, trying to beat off her murderous attempts to stick him with the knife which she clutched with venomous fury and which dazzled devilishly in the moonlight.

"Let me go! Let me go! Murderer! You bloody murderer! I hate you!"

I could have slapped the woman across her face then because her voice grated on my nerves and brought the devil into every limb of mine. I rushed madly ahead in order to hold Ray back so that he might not fall in with her and, at the same time, prevent her from going down those dark depths. But I was too late. Even as I laid hold of Ray, I saw the woman wriggle out of her husband's grasp. She screamed as she hurtled down the well and hit the water which swallowed her. She died instantaneously.

SILENCE brooded again, but it was a silence fraught with that unbearable calm which descends when violence has spent itself out. Ray bent over the edge of the well and wept like a child: "Marcelle! Marcelle! Oh, God!"

I could not tear him away from where he cried his heart out because I was still in the dark as to what had actually happened. I let him be till he was restored to some semblance of his usual self. Then I said, "Shall we go in?" and he allowed me to lead him away while he rested his head on my shoulder, too grieved to walk unaided.

The inquest took place the following day. Ray was in a jam, as might well be imagined, but, being the only witness, I confined myself to a relation of bare facts as to what I had actually seen out in the compound, beginning from the moment I had heard Marcelle's

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scream. It was found that Mar-
celle's mother had died insane in
a mental hospital and a verdict of
death due to an unbalanced state
of the mind was recorded.

A WEEK later, while Ray and I
were seated in the verandah, he
asked me, apropos of nothing:
"Well, have you seen your heart
specialist as yet?"

I found myself fumbling for a
reply, noticing which he laughed
for the first time since his wife's
death, saying: "I knew you were
bluffing me, Fred, because there
aren't any heart specialists here
for one thing and, for another,
you couldn't get better heart
specialists anywhere else than you
could in M—". But, tell me, what
really brought you here?"

I did not know what to answer,
but he looked directly in front of
him and observed: "Marcelle?"

"Yes, Marcelle wrote me a
rather alarming letter, Ray," I
told him, "but it gave me the
impression that it was you who
were...."

"Insane?" he prompted.

"Yes, insane. Hell! Sorry, old
boy, but I just cannot understand
what it was all about. Can you
tell me anything?"

"Listen, then," he replied, as
he took out his packet of cigarettes.
"You did not know until the
inquest that Marcelle's mother had
died in a lunatic asylum? No, I
guessed that. You must have
heard of her father's death and all
the gossip connected with it.
Actually, he died because Marcelle
was beginning to show signs of
madness. However, that was after
I married her so it was poor me
who should have been pitied. It
was too late, though. Besides, I
loved her. There is no need for
me to tell you that. You know,
even if I had known of the cause
of her mother's death I would have
married her and loved her none
the less.

"I never wanted Marcelle to
have a child. That, too, you will
be able to understand. But she
got one and perhaps because of
that I loved my child all the more.
It was a girl, Fred, with her
mother's eyes and her mother's
hair. It pained me to think of
that child growing up and then
going — well, I needn't mention

the word. But I loved her — that
much is certain.

"Marcelle, however, never
believed that. Judy — that was
our baby's name — was six months
old and, one day, I took her out
into the compound, near that
accursed well. Stupid ass that I
was, I leaned over for her to look
down and then Marcelle screamed
just behind me. Judy took fright
and wriggled. I do not know
what really happened. I felt
Marcelle's fingers digging into my
ribs — she was trying to tear me
to pieces — and, between holding
Judy and trying to defend myself
from Marcelle, I made a mess of
the whole thing and baby hurtled
down. Immediately, I ripped my
shoes off and jumped down to save
her, but it was too late. Judy was
dead. And there was Marcelle
screaming down the well: 'Mur-
derer! Murderer! Why don't you
die where you are? You threw
her on purpose. You killed her.
You will pay for this!'

"STRANGELY, however, Marcelle
was against my reporting the
accident to the police but, since
that day, she swore that she would
kill me. I noticed a rapid change
stealing over her. I had long
begun to doubt her sanity, but
Judy's death precipitated matters.
At certain times she looked at me
as if she meant to do me harm;
otherwise, she was as loving and
affectionate as I had ever known
her to be. Thrice, she came into
my room with that ghastly dagger
in her hand and then, when I
awoke, almost by intuition, she
laughed and said: 'Not now. I
am not such a fool to be caught
so easily.'

"Well, to cut a long story short
(I really have not the mind to tell
you everything) you arrived, and
when you told me that you had
come to see a heart specialist I
guessed that it was Marcelle who
arranged for you to visit us. Now,
what I want you to realise, Fred,
is her extraordinary sensibility
about this whole business. She
knew how upset I was becoming
on her account. She knew that
you would easily fall for her story
that it was I who was going insane.

"That night, when we were
seated in this very place, you
observed that I suddenly stared at
the window and you became

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A.—Certainly not. It will continue to be part of the state jewels kept in safe custody in the Tower of London. It will remind our countrymen of how our forefathers were zealous in expressing their gratitude to those who enslaved them and how we as freemen would not honour our own selfless leaders in a similar manner.

B. D. Jena, P.O. Bhagwan

Q.—What is this Five Year Plan?

A.—Bureaucratic blue-print for the betterment of our brethren in Bharat.

T.R. Sreekantaiah, Bangalore 4

Q.—Is there any dividend for one or two points scorers in the Consistency Bonus Scheme of MYWORDS?

A.—No. It will be a pointless proposition.

N.R. Pahilaj, Bombay 2

Q.—Why are the things what they are?

A.—So that they may not be otherwise, fortunately!

H.R. Makhija, New Delhi

Q.—When will love become vulgar?

A.—When it assumes quadruped qualities.

R.V. Seshadri, Madras 12

Q.—When does romance become a blackmarket job?

A.—When a fool with funds gads about with a gold-digger.

Sidhunath Verma, Tehta, Gaya

Q.—Can you advise me to marry during my student life?

A.—Yes, if you want the object of your study to be made of flesh and blood.

N.A.P. Menon, Trichur

Q.—Please, can you tell me what is this thing called "Karma"?

A.—Deserts of divine dispensation.

M.N. Joseph, Bellary

Q.—What is "life-partnership"?

A.—Joint-stock enterprise.

Miss Pushpa B. Sujan, Ajmer

Q.—What is your personal opinion about the efficacy of prayer?

A.—Whether the object prayed for is obtained or not, prayer is good in one respect. It makes the man realise that he is certainly not the master of his fate. It brings to him a humility and a recognition of his dependence on Him which certainly brace his mind and create confidence in his heart. Its efficacy should be judged this way only.

T.P. Verma, Raipur

Q.—Can you describe the career of a scandalmongering bully?

A.—Fiction, Friction, Court-action, Conviction.

R. Srinivasan, Park Town, Madras

Q.—According to Mahatma Gandhi, the modern girl "likes to be a Juliet to half a dozen Romeos." What is she according to K.R.S?

A.—She strives to be the strip-tease siren stepping straight out of the sizzling silver screen.

Miss K. Susheela, Nagpur

Q.—What is a flying saucer?

A.—Domestic disharmony going round in circles.

G. Rama Rao, Ahmedabad

Q.—Which is the dynamic centre of the Korean war?

A.—The unmoving hearts of the leaders of the two blocs.

S.A.N. Moorthy, Madras 12

Q.—What is money?

A.—The Great Barrier.

Miss F.A. Florence, Calcutta

Q.—What is meant by "femme fatale"?

A.—Gender that engenders danger.

Mrs. P. Nanjappa, Murugalli

Q.—Which is the best thing in the world?

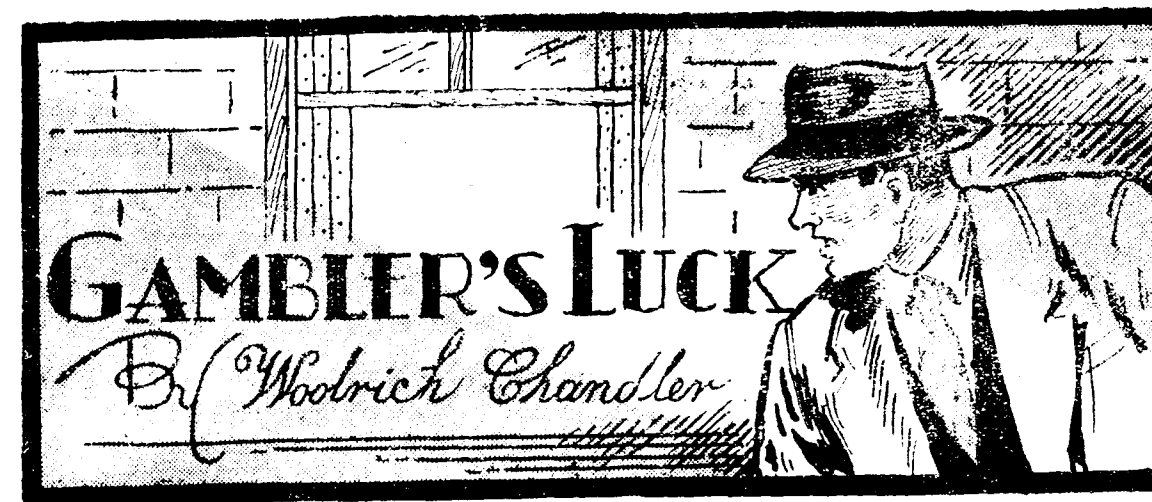
A.—Contentment.

S.M. Basha, Nellore

Q.—Can love at first sight be possible?

A.—It should certainly be, provided the pretty-piece is not in purdah!

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AH, yes, he was going to do this real smart. Murder! To get away, you had to think. And he had plenty of time to think in. First, he was going to have a fool-proof alibi no police could break. Not just 'I was in bed reading or I was out slumming.' This was going to be so; there would be independent witnesses. And what more can you ask than this to prove you were some place else than at the scene of the crime?

What had brought this thing on, this planning of murder, were phone calls! Phone calls are to give you joy. That was what Alexander Graham Bell had in view anyway when he invented the telephone. But his phone calls were different. And every fresh one was more sordid than the last. One said: "How about the money you owe me, Sam?" The next: "Are you going to string me, Sam, or are you going to come through?" And then finally this: "You'd better, Sam, or else!" He knew what "else!" meant. He wasn't dealing with plain creditors who could be put off by phony promises. He was dealing with gamblers and possibly death!

Why they'd given him this much time at all was because they knew he had money coming to him, loads of it, by rights, but they couldn't possibly wait any longer. If they could they would. But they couldn't, really. His month to month allowance, and it was pretty stiff at that, Rs. 650/-, could no more cover 1/10th or 1/15th or 1/25th of what he owed.

The money they knew was coming to him was from the Will

his old man had left. But the snag was his dad had left the trusteeship to his uncle. Sam'd inherit only when the uncle died. And from what he could see of his uncle he didn't seem to be in a hurry to die!

So this was it now, the first step to murder!

THE nearest theatre to where his uncle lived was "Acme." They were showing "Adventure" with Clark Gable and Greer Garson. Good. He'd seen it before, knew the story by heart. He went there at 6-15, planked down the money and took the seat he was offered. Then he went back and asked that his seat be changed. The man in the window was not a decisive man. "Sorry," he said, "you'll have to take it up with the manager."

"But it's such a small matter," Sam remonstrated, "just change the ticket with some other buyer."

The ticket-seller looked at him hard. "So you're telling me my job, huh? C'mon, get moving, you're holding the line!" he snapped harshly.

Sam moved. It was enough for that man to remember him, identify him, later on. He'd won his objective. He went to the door, presented his ticket, took the torn half the usher gave him back and settled in his seat. Then the lights went off and a beam was shot on the screen.

Half an hour or so afterwards, he ambled towards the exit, got out and walked fast towards his uncle's house. When he knocked on the door his wrist watch showed

7.15. His uncle opened the door, then asked him inside. Not with cordiality, though.

THERE was tenseness on both the sides. On Sam's side, it seemed to him his brain was on fire. He could almost hear the fire brigade. His uncle was talking with bitterness: "So they've got you where they want you, correct?"

Sam asked: "Who?"

"Yes, you can ask me who. But that won't fool me any. Your friends, that's who! They even had the nerve to phone me and warn me of the consequences if you didn't come through." Then, softly he asked: "What's happened to you, Sammy? Why don't you quit gambling? You've blown Rs. 50,000. Isn't that enough?"

Sam knew he had to do it now. He got up and asked: "Well?"



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Gleanings

DETECTIVE AGENCY WITH A HEART

FRED MAXWELL walked out of his home thirty years ago, and now he wants to rejoin his family—but where are they, and will they have him back? Mrs. Dorr, years ago, offered her baby Ellen for adoption, and now that Ellen's grown up, she'd like to find her. Warren Elber's parents abandoned him in babyhood, and he wonders what's become of them. Tom and Betty had a lovers' quarrel, then lost track of each other by the time they regretted it—now Tom wants to locate Betty and can't, writes Abraham Segal in *Woman With Woman's Digest*.

The names aren't correct, but all these people are real and these things really happened to them. And each of them has found the persons he's been looking for, or at least knows where they are and how they're getting along.

The organisation that traced Fred's family, and Ellen, and Warren's parents, and Betty, is the Salvation Army, which has been solving such problems ever since 1880. Its Missing Persons Bureaus all over the world—four of them in the United States—will conduct a friendly manhunt for anyone with a true need and without the money to hire private investigators. You can't just feel idle curiosity about an old friend, or use the Missing Persons Bureau to help you get even with an old enemy. And you can't, like one frantic woman, call on the Bureau to locate your missing doll.

How It Starts

Besides sincerity and good will, the bureau asks for a dollar registration fee and a detailed description of your missing person. In return, you get the services of thousands of Salvation Army workers and officers in a hundred different countries. Locating your man or woman may be as simple as leafing through phone books or directories, or it may take ads. in a hundred periodicals in eighty-some languages. Or it may come after checking the millions of people who turn up at Salvation Army stations, shelters, food depots, hostels, homes, workshops, hospitals, prison missions, schools, camps, clinics.

One of the New York bureau's most challenging hunts began with a telegram a couple of winters ago. Could they find Jim K.?—his mother was dying in a hospital across the country. Bureau workers starting with Jim's last known address, traced him from lodging to lodging, just as their last lead was petering out they found some Bowery vagrants who knew Jim and said they'd watch out for him.

On a bitter cold night, Senior-Captain Elsie Van Pelt, director of the New York bureau, got a phone call from her Bowery "volunteers." "We found him," they told her. "He's got a bottle of whisky and he just wants to lie down in the snow and sleep. He'll freeze for sure. What'll we do?"

Deathbed Reunion

"Keep him moving," ordered Captain Van Pelt. "And keep phoning in." She rushed to the spot, but by then everyone had disappeared. She phoned back to her office, found another message waiting, hurried to the new place where Jim had tried to bed down—again too late. It took hours, with Captain Van Pelt just a move behind the group, to catch up with them. But finally she did. Jim was half-frozen and half-conscious, but he was rushed to his mother's side in time for a deathbed reunion.

The Missing Persons Bureau also uses volunteers, along with its own regular staff and the entire personnel of the Salvation Army. One New Jersey school-teacher gives her Saturdays to following up leads in her area. A New York telephone operator has a split-shift twice a week and takes assignments in her off-time—from one to five in the afternoon. Captain Van Pelt complains about her—doesn't eat either lunch or supper, she gets so engrossed in the job.

Fills A Big Gap

The Missing Persons Bureau is the oldest of the Salvation Army's many social services. It fills in a big gap left by other tracing agencies. If you're lost or confused while travelling, Travellers' Aid takes care of you. Police will hunt for you if you're a minor or a criminal or the probable victim of a crime or not in your right mind. But suppose you just pack up your clothes and walk out—on purpose?

Most disappearances, according to bureau records, happen just that way, after a family quarrel. And most of the time it's the man who walks out. Often, too, behind a voluntary and conscious disappearance there's an overwhelming burden of debt or drunkenness or just plain wanderlust.

The missing person himself may turn up at a Salvation Army station and ask to be "found." Like Murray P., a down and out in a men's home, who had abandoned his wife and baby daughter many years back. "Find out how they are," he begged, "but don't tell them anything about me—not till I'm fit for them!" The bureau located the two women in a country halfway across the world. Without their knowing it, the bureau brought back to Murray a full report of their lives and activities. Murray is working now to straighten himself out, and some day he'll let the bureau tell his family about him and ask if they want him back.

Care And Tact

Teen-age runaways are frequently reported to the Salvation Army in the spring-fever season or with start of school. On minors the bureau leaves the actual tracing to the police and spends its time calming the parents.

The bureau never indulges in wide-spread publicity and seldom broadcasts photographs. Until they've talked to the missing person himself they've heard only one side of the story, and can't be

Queer Facts

Violin student Valerie Daw, 19, travels 224 miles from Skipton (Yorks) to London each week for a day of violin lessons at the Royal Academy of Music. Reason: London landlords, she says, throw her out for practising five hours a day.

Mr. George Smith, 91, only surviving contributor to a funeral fund wound up at Ibbotck Colliery (Leics), has been presented with the balance of the fund—£5.

To save wear and tear on hotel doors and furniture, a special hotel key ring with a bottle-opener has been patented in the United States.

When her bicycle tyre went flat six miles from work, a Bristol factory girl finished the trip on a borrowed pony.

Rush for "smoking cures" by women and young girls is reported in Nottingham — "apparently to help them keep their New Year resolutions," said a chemist.

Mrs. Sidora Wilson killed herself and her three small children by driving her car on a level crossing in front of an approaching train, say police in Los Angeles.

A private in a U.S. Division in Korea was rebuked for having a "pin-up" picture over his bunk — then he managed to explain that the bathing beauty was his wife.

Members of the Boys' Athletic League in New York have made a New Year resolution—not to draw any more moustaches on posters in trains.

sure their hunt won't do him more harm than good. So care and tact are the watchwords.

Dangerous Manhunts

Manhunts, even friendly ones, can be dangerous at times as well as difficult. Many a trail has led investigators through prisons and criminal hangouts, and they found one man after trekking through 2,000 miles of South American jungle.

Each year the New York office accepts about 1,500 cases and locates about 500 of them. Time limits are unheard of and no case is ever really closed for good. Once the bureau was ready to give up after a four-year hunt. Only eight months earlier Dave B. had been seen alive and well, but now he was absolutely unfindable. On a chance, and because it's tough to close that warm a case, Captain Elsie Van Pelt took a last look at Dave's description—and caught one little point everybody had missed so far. Dave had once worked briefly at processing raw-hide. That clue started a brand-new investigation among rawhide firms, and sure enough, they found Dave working again for one of them.

Bridging The Years

Even after a person has been found, and is willing to come back, there's usually a lot to be done. Long-parted relatives can't easily bridge the years of separation between them. Often the real problems—financial aid, medical aid, spiritual aid—actually begin when the missing person is found. Salvation Army social workers stay with such cases as long as they have to and as long as the people concerned want them to.

Which is just one more evidence of the real purpose of the Salvation Army's Missing Persons Bureau—not so much to find lost people as to help them rebuild their broken homes and broken lives. It's one detective agency with a heart.

Pocket Receivers

Physicians in New York who carry special pocket receivers can quickly be reached in an emergency.

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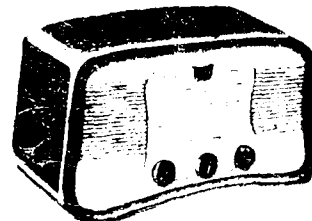
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Beauties Became Nuns

A few years ago, a piece of the late Earl Baldwin, Miss Monica Baldwin, emerged from the seclusion of one of the strictest Orders after twenty-eight years as a nun.

She became a novice at an age when girls are often in a state of emotional turmoil. Most conversions take place between the ages of fifteen and twenty. Hers may have been such a case.

But the point is this. Though Miss Baldwin, free again in the world, wrote a book of her experiences in a nunnery and did so with complete frankness and honesty, she failed in one particular.

She told her readers that she had secured Papal consent to return to the world because she realized that she had no more vocation for life as a nun than for life as an acrobat — her own expression. But she does not make it clear just why, as a young and uncommonly beautiful girl, she turned her back on the world for a life of devotion, for which nature had not adapted her, writes George Godwin in *Tit-Bits*.

That is the mystery of this particular example. One which portrays what appears outwardly to have been a terrible error of judgment, the cost of which was husband, children, and the natural self-fulfilment of womanhood.

Her case is by no means unique.

Had Many Lovers

Raquel Meller, beautiful, feted favourite of the Continental stage, made many songs world-famous. She was one of those gorgeous butterflies of which the late Gaby Deslys was a glittering and exotic example.

Raquel Meller had many lovers. She had wealth, beauty, talent — everything, you might think, to hold a woman fast to the world of life and love. And then the bombshell!

One day she announced her intention never to sing or dance again. Her friends did not take her seriously. But they were wrong. They simply failed to understand what strange motives impelled her to make her decision.

The beautiful Raquel had suddenly become religious. From the lights of Paris, its intoxicating atmosphere of love and gaiety, of champagne parties, jewels and the adulation of adoring men, Raquel Meller vanished behind the walls of a convent. She became a novice and then a nun; and she remained one for the rest of her days.

Some twenty-five years ago, a small item in the French press announced the death of Eve Lavalliere. The name meant nothing to the younger generation of Parisians, but to the older it summoned up memories of a sparkling and glamorous figure of the stage.

Most Glamorous

Eve Lavalliere was a very beautiful woman. She had blue eyes, a fair skin

and masses of corn-coloured hair. She sang and acted with grace and charm. But it was her beauty that carried her to the dizzy heights of popularity, in a city where men are connoisseurs of feminine loveliness.

And then, just as in the case of Raquel Meller, Eve Lavalliere turned her back on love and life and passed for ever from the sight of men. She became a nun ... and a nun she died.

Strange Resolve

Why did she do it? There can be no answer to that question. Only guesses — satirists, perhaps, a sudden conversion, realization of the shallowness of a life lived at that level? Who can say?

Few stranger partings have ever stirred human heart-strings than that of Prince Paterno, of Biscari, and his lovely wife, the Princess Angelina Autin. Husband and wife, they said farewell as each went from the world of love and life into what some would regard as the living death of an enclosed Order.

The Prince and Princess had lived for years the carefree lives of rich aristocrats, in Paris, on the Riviera, about the playgrounds of Europe. And then this strange resolve. Normally, convents and monasteries open their doors only to the celibate. Determined on their course, the Prince and Princess went to Rome and had audience of the Pope. They were told to think the matter over for two years.

Couple's Sacrifice

During those two years, these devout converts to the life of self-sacrifice and piety worked among other poor of Catania. The end of the probationary period found them both of the same mind. They returned to Rome.

It was arranged that their marriage was not to be annulled, but that they were to go to nunnery and monastery respectively and, after taking the final vows, were never to see each other again.

Prince Autin then surrendered his entire fortune of £270,000 and became Brother Ignazio, while, as Sister Lucia, the Princess disappeared for ever behind the high walls of the Convent of Monsa.

During German Invasion

When the Germans were smashing their way towards Paris in 1914, the Count and Countess Claude d'Elbec swore that if their beloved capital were not destroyed by the enemy they would devote the rest of their lives to the service of God.

Both faithfully kept their vows. The Count became an ordained priest; the Countess a nun.

There are, no doubt, many other cases like these. But the memory of the world is short. To-day, some dazzling figure holds multitudes transfixed. It passes ... and a decade later people ask: "Who was this Lavalliere?"

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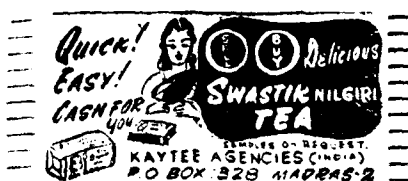


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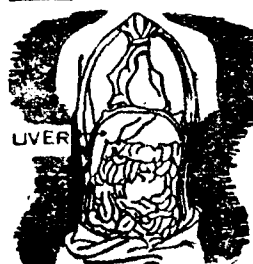
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This formidable creature is exceedingly well protected, one thirty feet specimen revealing a skin four inches thick, with a solidity and toughness resembling hard rubber. Experimental shots fired from a shotgun at this whale just bounced off the armoured hide like peas off a sheet of steel. Dr. William Beebe describes how he has seen harpoons strike a whale shark and bend as if they had struck the side of a destroyer.

A ship which has the misfortune to collide with such a creature is in serious danger if it happens to be a small craft. Such an experience befell Captain Klebein-gat when his vessel, the *Navigator*, was struck on the starboard side by a whale shark. What followed is best recounted in his own words.

"The wheel was wrenched out of the hands of the steerman. The tail of the fish rose eight feet above the water-line. The engine stopped as the fish struck the propeller. The shark, distinctly seen when it went astern, was of a mottled colour and at least thirty to thirty-five feet long. After going into dry dock, the ship was

found to be considerably damaged about the hull and rudder."

The basking shark, next in size to the whale shark, is a peaceful creature. The fish often reaches a length of 40 feet, and he is hunted for the valuable oil found in its liver. A party of hunters succeeded in hooking a basking shark off the coast of Scotland, but they had not managed to disable it. True to form, the shark made no effort to attack. Instead, he made off at tremendous speed, pursuing a zigzagging course just beneath the surface of the sea.

THERE was little the men in the boat could do, except to try, by careful steering and constant dragging on the tow-rope, to control the course of their prey. Their efforts, of course, proved of little avail, and the running contest continued for twenty-four hours. The dinghy was pulled out of sight of the parent ship, and the hunters were not located until three planes had been sent out to search for them. When they were eventually discovered, the shark had dragged them a distance of more than a 100 miles.

Such huge creatures are avoided whenever possible, even by liners, but there are several instances on record of vessels colliding with them. The Oriel Line steamer *Oroya* impaled a large shark on her stern, and could only free herself by going astern. The

French steamer *Armand Behic* lost an hour clearing her bows of a thirty-four-foot man-eater she had ploughed into, and the steamer *Rosetta* ran down a thirty-foot shark near Aden.

Although sharks are now known to be less dangerous to human beings than was at one time imagined, the carcharodon is the most vicious and hostile of the whole species. It attacks any living thing that has the misfortune to cross its path. This shark develops a length of 40 feet and a weight of eight tons. This is tremendous, but biologists claim that fossil remains reveal that its ancestors attained a length of 70 feet, and are of the opinion that there are carcharodons 75 feet long living in the tropics at this moment.

The Greenland shark is another unfriendly member of the family, and it attacks whales fearlessly.

THE most remarkable thing about all sharks, however, is their incredible digestive powers. They have been known to swallow sacks of coke, biscuit tins and even a crate of beer bottles. Indeed, although the creature is equipped with the most efficient set of teeth imaginable, it seems that it uses them more as weapons than as masticators.

When a shark was killed and cut open, a horse's leg was found in

its interior. The hoof was on its way to a pulpy condition, and the iron was in an advanced state of corrosion. It seems that the shark's digestive apparatus is equal to all occasions.

When the late Captain J. W. Jennings found a copy of a recent issue of the *London Illustrated News* in a shark's interior, he saw that it bore the address, "Captain Jennings, Earl's Court Terrace, Kensington, London." The magazine had been thrown overboard only the day before, though not by the Captain himself.

IT was a shark which was responsible for the conviction of the crew of the *Nancy* in 1799. The brig was captured by a British warship as a suspected slaver. It seemed, however, that the court at Jamaica would have no alternative but to release her, although everyone felt certain of her guilt. The necessary incriminatory documents were missing, which was not surprising as they had been thrown overboard.

Unfortunately for the *Nancy* and her crew, the officers of the *Avergavenny* hooked a shark in the neighbourhood, and when it was cut open it was found to contain the papers which established the guilt of the *Nancy* and her crew beyond doubt.

Sharks, obviously, snap up anything and everything. They are not as partial to the human being as most people imagine, but it is still wise to give a shark a wide berth, for if it is hungry it might decide that even a human being will serve as a passable meal until something more palatable happens along!

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It seemed rather a shame to shatter her pretty dreams, but to tell the honest truth I couldn't see that happening in a hundred years. What my wife didn't know, and somehow I could never bring myself to tell her, was that dear Aunt Winifred once caught me in the act of booting her precious 'Tiddles' round the room. It may not seem such a terrible thing to you to kick a mere cat, but 'Tiddles' was no ordinary cat: he was Aunt Winifred's cat, and that was a very special thing indeed as you will soon understand.

The unfortunate incident occurred one pleasant summer afternoon when my wife and I were visiting dear Aunt Winifred, pleasant that is to say until the two ladies went out of the room, leaving me alone with Tiddles. We had taken an instant dislike to each other on being introduced. I considered him the ugliest black cat this side of a refuse dump, and he plainly showed that he didn't think very much of me either.

Left together we eyed each other balefully, but I would have tried to ignore the beast if he hadn't made a completely unprovoked attack on me, digging his claws deep into the fleshy part of my leg. Not only was the pain excruciating, but I happened to be wearing a brand-new suit. I ask you, what would any man do? I used my boot to very good effect

Michael Hervey

on his shaggy hide, and of course Aunt Winifred had to choose that precise moment to re-enter the room, her housemaid trailing behind.

She didn't say anything, but I watched her expression change from astonishment to tight-lipped rage. It didn't take a mind-reader to guess what she was thinking. I knew that any explanation on my part would be quite useless. Aunt Winifred wore the implacable expression of a woman planning to slip some rat poison into someone's tea at the first opportunity, and of course that someone was me. And the way Tiddles ran to her crying and cringing as though I were the bully made me feel furious.

I HOPE all this won't give you the idea that I don't like animals. Actually, I'm extremely fond of our dumb friends. We keep a dog ourselves, a dear old fellow, and a canary too. I dote on my pets and on most other people's too, but Tiddles was an exception. Animals are said to reflect the temperament of their owners, so perhaps it was merely Tiddles' loyalty to his mistress that made him dislike me so much: he may have sensed that I was not exactly fond of Aunt Winifred. But I was in no mood then or now to make excuses for him. To me he was a bad tempered, vicious animal and I never really regretted those satisfying kicks which I had planted on him before Aunt Winifred had interrupted me, even though I and my wife were not invited round to the dear lady's place for a long time after that footballing incident.

My wife was upset about her Aunt's coolness, and since I daren't tell her what had really happened, knowing she'd be furious with me, she was also more than a little mystified. I remarked innocently that I was unable to

understand it either, but I could not pretend I was sorry, and added that so far as I was concerned I didn't care if we never set foot in the great, luxurious house again, money or no money. My wife said I was not being practical, and I said she was mercenary—but I won't bore you with details of the quarrel which followed. I must get back to the story of Tiddles and me.

AS I have said, my wife and I were not invited over to dear Aunt Winifred's for several months, and did not in fact hear from her at all until two weeks ago, when she suddenly came chasing round to our humble little flat to ask us to do her a favour!

It seemed she had just received an urgent call from her sister in Newcastle. The poor dear was dying, and Aunt Winifred had less than an hour in which to catch the train. We would have to look after Tiddles, she said, thrusting the little horror into my wife's arms.

"I don't particularly want to leave him here with you," she added, treating me to a very black look, "but I've no alternative. I shan't be away more than a week. See that he gets his pint of milk a day, and three helpings of the best red salmon, and if he should still be hungry after that you can give him some liver..."

"We don't seem to be able to get any liver lately. Would a little fried chicken do instead?" I asked, heavily sarcastic. I just couldn't resist making the remark, though I carefully avoided looking at my wife as I did so, sensing her disapproval as she endeavoured to cover up the awkward pause that followed.

"It's going to be a little difficult with Rover in the house," she put in quickly.

"That's easily got over," Aunt Winifred retorted. "Rover will have to be chained up in the yard. I want nothing to happen to

Tiddles!" she added warningly, before rushing off in a swirl of silks and furs, her jangling lockets, bracelets and lucky charms making her sound like a shelf of iron-mongery being knocked over. Even my wife admitted that her taste in clothes and jewellery was atrocious.

I didn't like the idea of having to chain poor old Rover, but in the end I was compelled to do so for his own protection, Tiddles having clawed half his hair off and chased him out of the house for a start.

We didn't get very much sleep that night, what with Tiddles roaming about inside the house howling like a caged hyaena, while poor Rover yelped his head off in the back yard. Towards morning Tiddles suddenly became strangely quiet.

"You'd better go down and see if he's all right," my wife said levering me out of bed with her foot.

I FOUND dear Tiddles curled up in my best hat with a smug expression on his face. Scattered around were a number of yellow feathers. I dashed over to the canary cage. It was battered and bent, and the canary was conspicuous by its absence.

"That does it!" I raged, going to grab Tiddles by the scruff of his villainous neck, thinking to throw him out of the nearest window, irrespective of whether it was open or closed. Tiddles ducked with all the ease of a trained boxer and retaliated with a straight left, with the result that I lost several inches of skin, my pyjamas offering little protection in that respect.

"Just you wait, you black devil!" I hissed, nursing my wounds. "I'll fix you, even if it means calling in the Army, Navy and Air Force!"

I don't know whether it was the thought of having to contend with the armed Forces, or the fact that I laced his milk with a goodly measure of castor oil, that caused him to make himself scarce later that morning, but he was suddenly not to be found anywhere.

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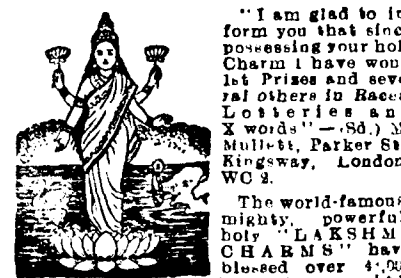
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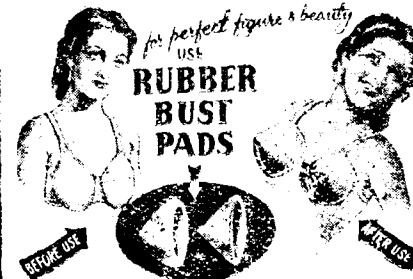
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I spent most of the day scouring the neighbourhood, hoping against hope that I wouldn't come across the little monster. I almost got arrested in the end, one old dear telephoning the police to say that I was obviously a cat thief, for she had seen me stalking several cats up and down her road in a most suspicious manner and with a villainous expression which plainly proved that I was no cat lover.

"We'll have to put an advert in the paper," my wife insisted, when I told her what had transpired. "We offer a big reward!"

THE advert proved remarkably successful. Altogether three hundred and fifty-nine stray black cats were brought round for our inspection. They came in a continuous stream from the first thing in the morning to the last thing at night, until I began to see cats in my sleep.

A week went by, and I was beginning to hope that the shaggy brute was lost for good, when some stupid clown spoilt everything by claiming the reward.

"We're going to reverse the procedure," I told my wife. "We're going to chain dear

Tiddles up in the yard, and keep Rover in the house!"

"But..." she began.

"No arguments!" I said firmly.

AUNT WINIFRED returned on the Saturday. It was as well that my wife spotted her through the front window.

"You'd better unchain Tiddles!" she called urgently. "Here comes Auntie!"

"Not me!" I retorted. "I haven't got room for any more scars on my anatomy. You bring him in while I entertain Auntie."

"How's Tiddles?" dear Auntie snapped, the moment I opened the door to her.

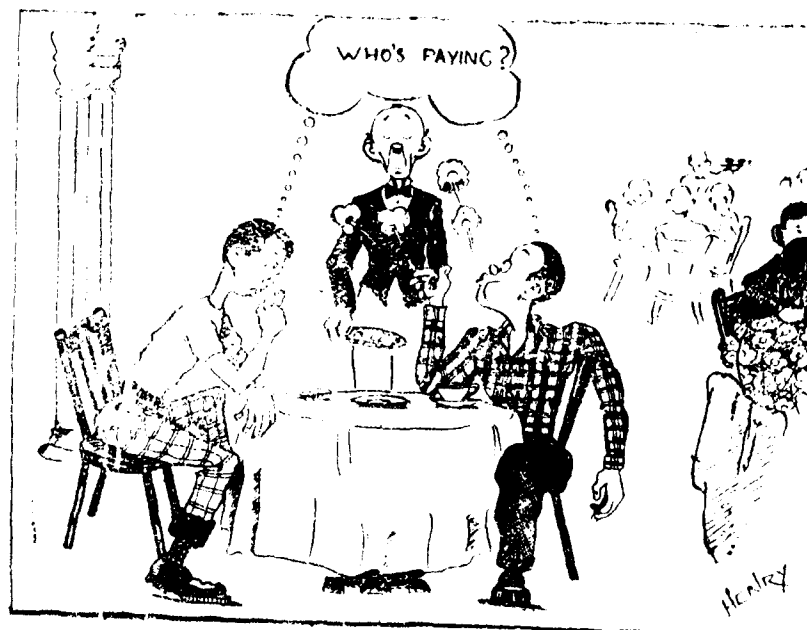
"He's fine, Auntie," cooed my wife, charging into the room bearing the bundle of spite.

"Did my itty bitsy Tiddles miss his mumsy wumsy?" crooned dear Auntie, bending down to implant a kiss on the dear little thing's nose.

The cat unleashed a left hook that would have done credit to 'Sugar' Ray Robinson.

"That's not Tiddles!" shrieked Auntie, clutching what was left of her ear. "What have you done with my poor darling?"

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He does not pretend that all the films in which he has given music have been hit films. He does not shut his eye to his own shortcomings and failures. But he can always explain them scientifically, writes D.P. of the B.P.F.S.

"When film music succeeds from the popular viewpoint, it does so from a variety of causes," he says. "The extent of the appeal of its story to the music director, the co-operation offered by the song writer, the ability of the director to picture it properly, the moods of the singers and orchestra hands and so on. Anil candidly confesses that, lacking these conditions, he is not above turning out music that is later referred to as indifferent. "But if I am in the right gang and favourable conditions are assured, I am not entirely unknown to have produced appealing music."

He considers Khwaja Ahmad Abbas's camp one such gang. "I'm always pleased to read or hear a story by Abbas. It is never

without flashes of brilliance and superb craftsmanship."

He was given the first treatment of *Rahi* in September last year, with the writer-director's comprehensive description of an important song situation. It tickled him so much, he felt so challenged altogether that, snatching a few minutes from each of his multifarious engagements, he made a sizeable daily pool of leisure to sit with Abbas and song writer Prem Dhawan and discuss the *Rahi* music.

The conferences resulted in two never-to-be-forgotten songs recently recorded at the Kardar Studios—one a solo by Lata Mangeshkar, the other a fifty-person chorus in which a number of well known male and female voices participated. No fewer than seven music directors of note lent their services either in the orchestra or in the singing: Mohammad Shafi (on the sitar), Pannalal Ghosh (playing the flute), Abani Dasgupta (drum-range), Sailes and Hemanta Mukerji (vocal), among them. The extremely large variety of instruments used was all Indian and the chorus derived its inspiration from "Bidesiya," a popular folk tune sung in the borders of Bihar, from where the

workers of the Assam tea plantations are usually recruited.

"One of my best works up to date," said Anil at six in the morning with a feeling of delicious fatigue after having accomplished something worth while. The lines of tiredness on his face deepened a little as he added: "I would like my work to be judged from *Rahi*."

"It is much more than a song," said Abbas, now picturing these two songs at the Modern Studios. "It is a musical creation in the real sense of the term: a real contribution to Indian music. Its words tell the story of the pain and pleasure between which the Assam tea worker alternates and its tune unfolds a saga. Anil has truly given us a masterpiece of creative music for which I am grateful."

Aid For Cyclone Victims

According to a bulletin issued by the Secretary of the Tamil Nad Cyclone Relief Committee (which was organised by the Motion Picture industry and its artistes), a sum of Rs. 18,287 was received from various donors. Several articles received were printed voiles, sarees, shirting cloth, dhoties, towels, bedsheets, banians, etc. Mention must specially be made of Sri B. Nagi Reddi (of Vijaya Productions and Vauhini Studios) and A.V. Meyyappa Chettiar (of A.V.M. Studios) who gave Rs. 5000/- each. Actor M.G. Ramachandran donated 1,260 yards of voile and printed cloth. The amount and the articles were handed over to the Madras State Cyclone Relief Fund for proper distribution to the victims of the recent cyclone.

Back After Long Break

After a long time, Shanta Apte will act in pictures again. This will be welcome news to those who have seen her in such mighty hits as *Amar Jyoti*, *Duniya na Mane*, *Gopal Krishna*, *Aapna Ghar*, *Savitri*, etc. She will play in Aryan Pictures' *Tai Telin*, a Marathi historical. K. P. Bhavde directs the picture whose screenplay was handled by Prabhakar Gupte from the original story by Nanasahib Sirpotdas. The musical score will be by Master Krishna Rao.



Kumari Malathi

Dance Debut of Doctor's Daughter

Kumari Malathi's dance debut on the stage at Rasika Ranjani Sabha at Mylapore in the City was witnessed by an appreciative audience recently. Though nine years old, she surprised and pleased everyone with her fine footwork, exquisite expression and enviable ease with which she executed the various Bharathanatyam and other pieces. She is the daughter of Dr. S. V. T. Chary, the popular doctor of Thyagarayanagar who was well-known as a cricketer a decade ago. The Hon. Sri S. B. P. Pattabhirama Rao, Minister for Rural Welfare, presided over the function. Sri Relangi Venkata-ramiah, the ace Andhra actor, spoke highly of the artiste's talents. Several leading figures in filmdom were also present. Kumari Malathi was trained in Bharathanatyam by Srimathi Dhana-manickammal and in Oriental Dances by Sri C. Ramamurthy.

Another Gevacolor Venture

Premnath launched his Gevacolor venture, *Prisoner of Golconda*, without the benefit of 'Puja' at Famous Cine Laboratories and Studios in Bombay, runs a *Rup Bani* report.

Bina Rai, who plays the heroine, faced the camera with directorial instructions from Premnath, who also plays the hero. Rajendra Nath, Premnath's younger brother, makes his screen bow in a supporting role. Screenplay is by Prem Nath's father, Rai Sahib Kartar Nath, dialogues by Hari Pratap and Kidar Sharma's lyrics are tuned to the combined music of Jagannath and Bhatta.

Out-door location scenes will be 'shot' at Agra, Banaras and Aurangabad in May, immediately after completion of P. N. Films maiden venture, *Shagoofo*, starring Premnath and Bina Rai. During location work the *Prisoner of Golconda* will be staged at Aurangabad with the same cast to judge public reaction. Before releasing *Shagoofo* Premnath has decided to note audience reaction by having it previewed before select audiences at various centres.

New Releases In City

Released and running in the City are Gemini's *Mr. Sampat* (the Hindi version of their *Miss Malini* in Tamil), Krishna Pictures' *Marumagal* and Jupiter-Mekala's *Naam*.

Shantaram-Sharar's Scintillating Screenfare

Director V. Shantaram and story writer Dewan Sharar have succeeded splendidly in offering to the fans a rarity in Indian film fare—an enjoyable entertainment. While the credit for producing a laugh-a-minute humorous picture should go to Vijaya Productions' *Kalyanam Pannippar* in Tamil (*Pelli Chesu Choodu* is the title of the Telugu version), the credit for producing a rib-tickler in Hindi should go to Rajkamal Kalamandir's *Teen Batti Char Rasta* ("Three Lights and Four Roads") which was released at Bombay. Sharar's story, however, scores over Vijaya Productions' story in that it is not only a satire on society of today but also conveys a message of much significance.

The story concerns a Punjabi Lala (Dewan Sharar) who marries a belle from Banaras (Meena). Later, five of his six sons marry Gujarati, Maharashtrian, Bengali Sindhi and South Indian heartthrobs. The sixth son falls in love with and wants to marry the maid-servant of the family who speaks not only the various languages of the members of the house-hold but more also because she is the daughter of a Maharatta father and Tamilian mother and was brought up by a Punjabi step-mother and had lived in Bombay, the town of several tongues. There is naturally much opposition to

Santoshi's "Pagalkhana"

Producer-director Santoshi is now in the last stages of completion of his most ambitious undertaking *Pagalkhana*. In this picture, this talented writer-director will spring a surprise upon his myriads of fans. Known for his frothy entertaining musicals, Santoshi this time has woven a powerful emotional drama which will wring the hearts of audiences. Suraiya plays the best role of her career while Bharat Bhushan lends a good support. Others in the cast include Mumtaz Ali, Majnu, Mirza Musharaf, Murad, Ranjit Kumari and Radha Krishna. The musical score is handled by Vasant Desai of *Jhansi Ki Rani* fame, runs a Delhi report.

this proposal but all ends well with the two becoming husband and wife.

Thus the story is not only a satire on the language controversies and confusions of the present-day society of our country but also offers a solution to the problem of purblind provincialism—inter-provincial marriages. It is not irrelevant to draw the attention of readers to the plea made for such alliances by Chief Minister Rajaji as a solution to overcome provincial prejudices.

The sons are portrayed by Karan Dewan, Shankar Das Gupta, Surendra Bahadur, Vikas, Mohan and Jogendrabar. The five daughters-in-law are played by Nirupa Roy, Shashikala, Smriti Biswas, Meenaxi and Sheila Ramani.

Sandhya plays the role of the maid-servant-cum-sixth daughter-in-law. Karan Dewan is the six son. Lata Mangeshkar and Talat Mahmud have given their voices for the songs in the picture.

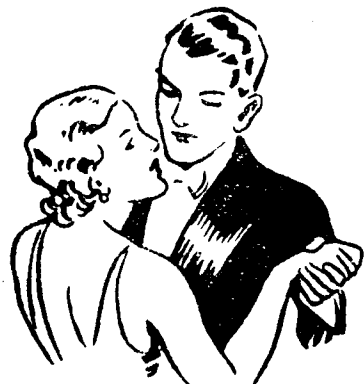
Director-producer Shantaram has undoubtedly put another feather in his cap in presenting something entirely novel and nice and Dewan Sharar has met the challenge for original screen stories by giving the fans this film fare of fun and frolic.



Intensely intriguing incident in New Theatres' *Yatrik*. Above are Arundhati Mukherji and Vasant Choudhury.

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"Transfer Film Censorship To The Industry"

The view that censorship of films must be transferred to the industry itself was expressed by Sri K. Srinivasan, the Madras Regional Officer of the Central Board of Film Censors, recently during a party got up the other day to bid him farewell on his transfer to Calcutta. He will be succeeded by Sri S. A. Ayyar, who was the Propaganda Minister in the Azad Hind Government of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

The party was got up at Vauhini Studios by a Committee of Hosts consisting of about 51 producer concerns in the State. The function was presided over by Sri S.S. Vasani who paid glowing tributes to the sympathy shown and help given to the industry by Sri Srinivasan. Sri H.M. Reddi presented a farewell address to him on behalf of the Committee of Hosts. In his reply, Sri Srinivasan said that this country cherished a tradition of power and authority of which every one was keenly conscious. If during his term of office in Madras he had earned the approbation and love of the producers and the public alike, it was largely due to the members of the panel who were ever conscious of their duty and due also to the proper understanding of the producers themselves. Mr. Srinivasan described the producer, coming with his film to the Board to get his Censor certificate, as a pregnant woman going to a maternity hospital and said, "It would be extraordinarily inhuman if I put any undue obstacle in the way of the 'safe delivery' and I will be guilty of a very serious and heinous crime." The prime work of the Censor Board had been to inculcate a sense of social obligation in the producers themselves and after his fairly long experience with the industry he could say that the task of censorship might now be transferred safely to the industry itself.

Sri A. Ramiah, President of the South Indian Film Chamber of Commerce, proposed a vote of thanks. Sri Nagi Reddi of Vijaya Productions and Vauhini Studios was responsible for the arrangements of the function. The party

came to a close with a dance programme by Kumari (Baby) Kamala.

Also speaking at a farewell party got up by the Film Fans' Association of South India, Sri Srinivasan said: "A producer, though he often transcends the limits placed on him by customs, decency and moral codes, is not a criminal and we should have that in mind before judging a picture. When I took charge of this office, I felt that a change in the outlook of the film industry was a pre-requisite to the establishment of cordial relationship between the industry and the Censors and, when I am leaving Madras now, I can proudly state that this change has taken place as time advanced. With the support of the public, on behalf of whom the Censor Board works, we have been able to clean the stables to a great extent. But the major factor that has contributed to achieve this transformation is the dawning sense of social obligations on the part of the film producers themselves."

Kiss Sent Her To Hospital!

When a new film thriller, *City Beneath the Sea*, reaches our screens, keep your eyes open for a fierce kiss between that alluring new star Mala Powers and Robert Ryan. It landed Mala in hospital. She felt herself getting hotter and hotter while the scene was being shot. Black spots danced before her eyes. She nearly fainted, and a few minutes later was being hurried off to hospital.

The embarrassed Robert Ryan thought it was his fault. But Mala took some of the blame off his shoulders (or his lips) by explaining that while on a recent tour of Korea she contracted a strange recurring fever. It happened to hit her again during the scene — though she had to admit that maybe the kiss had something to do with it. Robert Ryan had an additional reason for being embarrassed. His young son was on the set that day!

COMPETITORS' CORNER!

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Well then, it is apparent from the above that MYWORDS excels all the other Competitions in all respects. Hats-off to MYWORDS and also the creators of MYWORDS, the Compiler, Competition Editor and the staff of *My Magazine*!

Yours faithfully,

(Sd.) P.V. SUBRAMANYAM.

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Dear Sir,

I thank you for your letter congratulating me on my success in MYWORDS No. 18. The Prize is a welcome boon as it comes to me at a time when I am badly in need of money.

I take a keen interest in every Competition of this kind and very rarely do I miss to solve them. However, my entries have been few and far apart as I do not send my entries unless I am thoroughly satisfied with my solutions. My regular work at the Competition and "Spotter's" views as published in *My Magazine* help me a great deal to arrive at the correct solution. Above all, a careful and detailed study of the Clues themselves should help one to get at the correct solution. I believe in chance and luck more than in ability and as such I do not wish to attribute personal ingenuity for my success in this Competition.

I like MYWORDS for the simple reason that it is simpler, easier and cheaper than many of its kind.

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P.V. Subramanyam

As my brother's marriage is to take place during this month, I will be celebrating my success also along with the family function.

Yours faithfully,

(Sd.) V. RAMADOSS.

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ENTRY FEE—Re. 1

As the Government of Bombay do not allow Competition Promoters to offer Half Fee Squares and Free Squares, under the Bombay Lotteries and Prize Competitions Control Act, we have been forced to deny our Competitors the benefit of a Free Square as such. The Entry Fee for MYWORDS will hereafter be, with effect from MYWORDS No. 21 and onwards, Rupee ONE for Three Entries. Even if one or two entries are sent, the Entry Fee will still be Rupee ONE. That is to say, Rupee 1 is the minimum Entry Fee to be sent. Competitors will please note that they can still send 3 Entries for Rupee ONE as before. They cannot, however, now send one entry for annas eight as before. Remember! Rupee ONE for one, two or three Entries.

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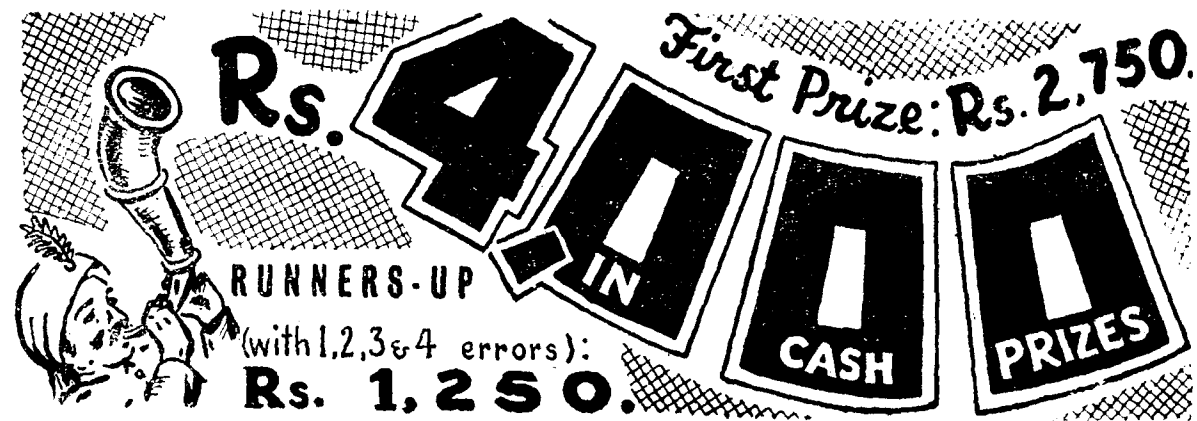
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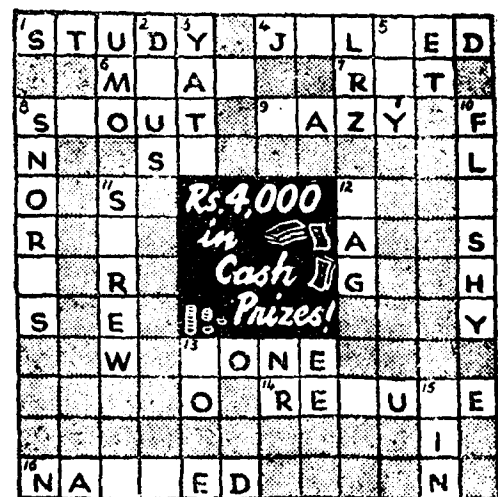
- Careful — of Clues alone will help to win First Prize!
- The more sensitive one is, the greater will be the shock when —
- When guest eats — reluctantly, it is because he doesn't have the appetite for it.
- To putrefy, decay.
- Men who — most of the time rarely realise how unpopular they are.
- Psychological 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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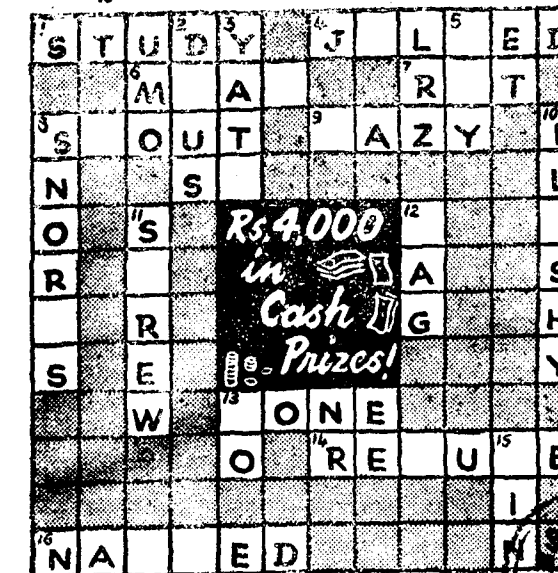
Down:

- Jumbled spelling of the word DUES.
- 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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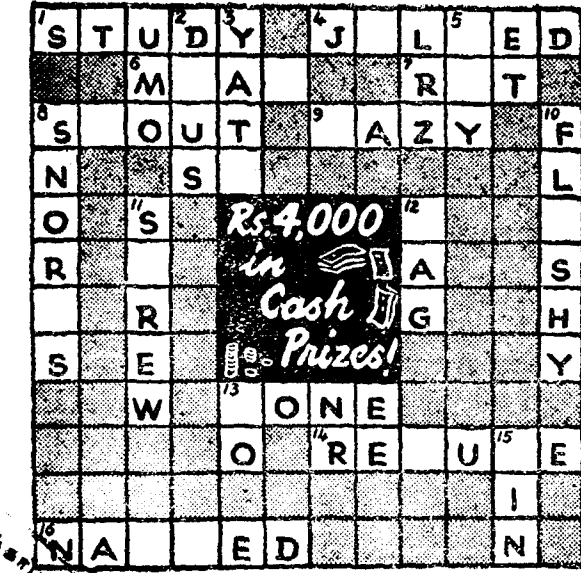
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"MYWORDS" COMPETITION

ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE'S

VIEWPOINT

ACROSS

2. "Lover's enthusiasm is apt to get — when he discovers sweetheart's parents are quite overbearing!" DIMMED, Damned, Damped?

The Members felt that Damned would not only be an exaggeration of the case but would also not be being fair to the parents of the girl. Damped, it was felt, would merely indicate an immediate reaction whereas Dimmed refers to a process that is continuous for a period. If the lover were to meet the parents for the first and last time and finds that they are overbearing, his enthusiasm for the girl's hand would no doubt be Damped. But it is a poor lover who would give her up so quickly. A real lover would try to find out if he could soften the overbearing nature of the girl's parents and each and every time he fails, his enthusiasm becomes Dimmed till finally it disappears altogether. This view was held to be true of a true lover and DIMMED was thus preferred.

3. "Guilty husband is apt to — when questioned closely by suspicious wife." FUMBLE, Mumble?

To Mumble is to speak indistinctly. Fumble is to speak in a halting manner, to speak in a nervous manner. The "guilty," it was argued, did not specify that the husband is a seasoned liar of the hardened variety. If he is so, he would neither Fumble nor Mumble. "Guilty" could refer to one who has been either unfaithful to the wife or has committed some action or said something to humiliate the wife. But the "suspicious" qualifying "wife" clearly pointed to a moral lapse on the part of the husband. This lapse could be either unfaithfulness, drinking or gambling. When confronted by the wife, the guilty husband would not be able to give a convincing explanation. He would thus clearly Fumble for words and expression. Even to Mumble he has to Fumble. Thus the vote was entirely in favour of FUMBLE. The all-male Committee had no trouble visualising the scene, surely!

7. "We can easily judge how much of refinement men have by what they —" FEAR, Hear?

Howevermuch a man might be disinclined to Hear conversation that is vulgar or malicious, he cannot help hearing it if he is forced by circumstances beyond his control to be in the company of such people. It would, therefore, be unfair to say that such a man lacks refinement exactly because he has heard

things he ought not to have. It is easy to see that the more refined a man the more finer are his tastes and manners. Such a man would, therefore, Fear society. They wouldn't talk or dress or behave in a certain manner because they Fear social criticism. Those who lack such refined feelings don't bother what they say or do. Hence, it was felt that it is correct to say that we can easily judge a man's refinement by knowing what they Fear. The vote was for FEAR.

11. "Designing woman's — glances are sure to fool inexperienced male!" SLY, Shy?

The man here is described as inexperienced. He would, therefore, be Shy himself. Of what use would it be to the designing woman if she were to be Shy herself? She would bestow Shy glances only if she knows that the male would like such shyness. Sly glances are those looks which convey a "come-hither-for-pleasant-company" meaning. When a man finds a woman casting such looks, he cannot fail to note the meaning. If he is an experienced person, he would ignore those looks. If he is inexperienced, he will make a fool of himself for the designing woman would exploit him to the utmost. SLY thus scored.

DOWN

4. "Modern youth's tendency to — parental authority is deplorable, indeed." DEFY, Deny?

To Deny parental authority is altogether different from defying it. Youth who denies parental authority may in fact be absolutely under it! He may deny such authority more for the sake of effect than anything else. Even if his denial is serious, it wouldn't be so bad as defiance. Denial of such authority is due to a longing for freedom but he may still have love for his parents. Defiance, however, shows lack of love and also an insolent attitude which are unworthy of any young man or woman. This defiant attitude that is becoming common to most youth of today, it was felt, was quite deplorable undoubtedly. DEFY thus won.

5. "Man whose — is quite selfish will usually try to shun company." LIFE, Wife?

Selfish wife, it was conceded, wouldn't like husband to keep company with his friends either because she might feel he would be made to spend money on them or because she might like to have him all for herself. But it was argued, if the husband himself is not of the selfish type himself, then he would only tend to avoid company of friends in her presence and not avoid them

altogether. But if his Life is a selfish one, if he is of the type who think that it is waste of time and money to have any company whatever, then he will avoid company even if his wife were not hostile to his having company or were even to encourage his having company. It is the selfish nature of the man himself that is emphasised. The choice was LIFE.

5. "Relatives are apt to be much prejudiced against man who is —" CRANK, Drunk, Frank?

It can't be said that all the relatives would feel prejudiced against man who is Drunk because some of them might themselves Drink occasionally or habitually! Can the pot call the kettle black? If man is Frank, forthright in expressing his opinions, it might wound some relatives. But some are also likely to appreciate his frank nature. Man who is a Crank, eccentric, will naturally speak and behave in an odd manner and his relatives are bound to feel prejudiced against him. There is no possibility of any relative appreciating him, for stupid eccentricity can merit only condemnation. CRANK was thus preferred.

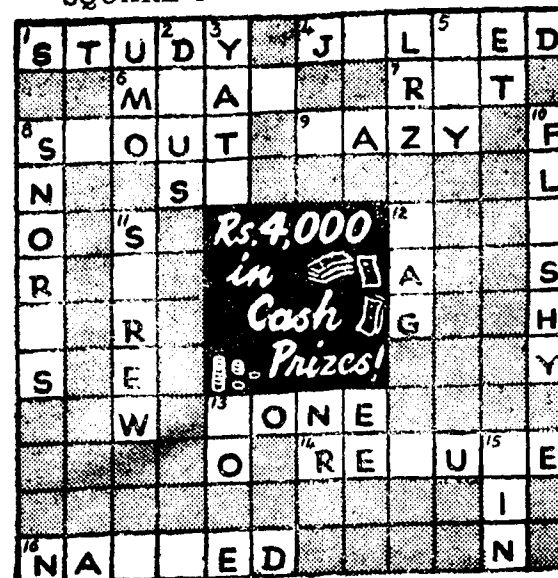
8. "It would be wrong to sympathise with friend who becomes this over a worthless girl." SAP, Sad?

If friend were to become Sad gloomy, over worthless girl, it may due not so much to his love for her but due to disinterested sympathy. In such a case, we should admire his selfless feelings for the bad girl. Even if he were to feel Sad over a worthless girl due to his love for her, it wouldn't be so bad as his becoming a Sap for the same reasons. If he becomes Sad, he suffers mentally only. But his becoming Sap means he makes a fool of himself and there is no doubt that it is really silly of him. If the girl is of the desirable type, then the friend will not only have our sympathy but even active encouragement also. As the girl is of the worthless type, it is purposeless and therefore foolish of the friend to make a fool of himself over her and so it would be wrong to sympathize with him. SAP thus scored.

14. "Man who always tries to have his own — in office matters is seldom popular among his colleagues." SAY, Way?

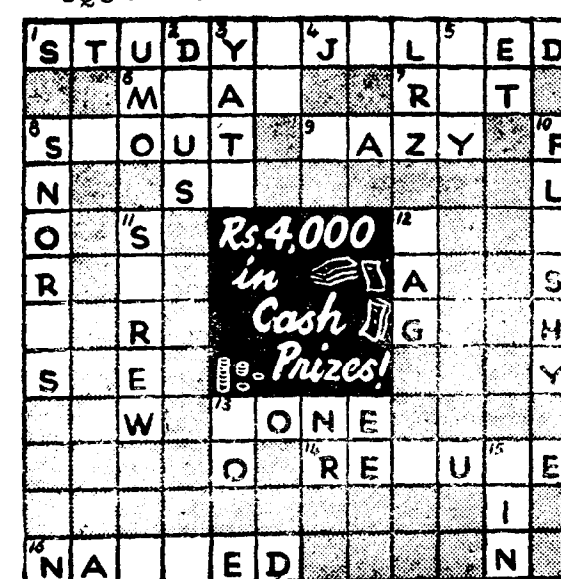
It was held that it is not possible for an employee to have his own Way, manner of doing things, in office matters. He must conform to certain rules and procedure. If he doesn't do so, he will have to clash with his superiors. In case of such a thing happening, colleagues would watch him with interest and his success would make him very popular with them. Whenever colleagues discuss office matters or are asked about office and they say one thing and one man among them has his own version or view, it may not be liked. This habit of having his own independent view would make him unpopular among them. SAY was, therefore, preferred.

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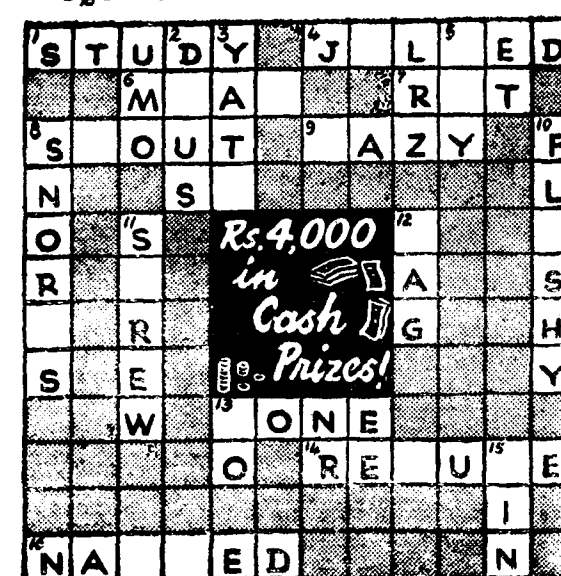
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"MYWORDS" COMPETITION

INTERLOCKERS

Across: 12. "Right kind of this will help as an incentive to ambitious youth." PRIDE, Bride?

Down: 12. "Some intelligent persons being — need not cause much surprise!" POOR, Boor?

The Members felt that while the right kind of *Bride* will herself no doubt serve as an incentive to ambitious youth, she would bring in her wake other things that would only hamper him. Responsibility, children, etc., would seriously curtail his ambition. He would also not like to leave her behind if he has to travel to distant places. Nor will he be in a position to take her. The net result is his not travelling at all! But the right kind of *Pride* is bound to be a good incentive. Wrong kind of pride on his being more blessed by nature or by his abilities would only bring about a superiority complex. Right kind of pride, like the feeling that he will bring name and fame to his family and country, will spur him on. *PRIDE* was unanimously preferred.

The exception made by "some" led the Members to the rejection of *Boor* here. It was held that intelligent people would never be boors for they know that it will not pay them to be so. Hence, it cannot be conceded that even "some" at least do so. If they do so, it will cause much surprise. As modern conditions are so deplorable that a man is judged not so much by his abilities as by his status or riches, intelligent persons do not at all succeed in life. Hence, when we find that some intelligent persons are *Poor*, we do not feel surprised for we know how things are in the present day world. Their choice was *POOR*.

Across: 13. "When politician, to convince audience, has to give facts and figures they tend to make his speech —" FLOW, Slow?

Down: 13. "Villager who's back from first visit to town will have plenty of stories to tell his cronies about how — he had to be while in town!" FLY, Sty?

The Members felt sure that politician's speech would tend to be *Slow* only if the giving of facts and figures is done by referring to notes he has with him. Otherwise, it would definitely not be *Slow*. If the politician is already well posted with the facts and figures about the subject on which he is speaking, then it would tend to make his speech *Flow*. It will be delivered in a quick and fine manner. *FLOW* scored.

The personal experience of the Members led to their quick rejection of *Sty* here. Mere cunning will not do for the villager. To make his boasting more impressive, he will have to tell his cronies how attempts were made in the city to cheat him and that those attempts were all foiled because he was *Fly*, wide awake, alert. The unhesitating choice was *FLY*.



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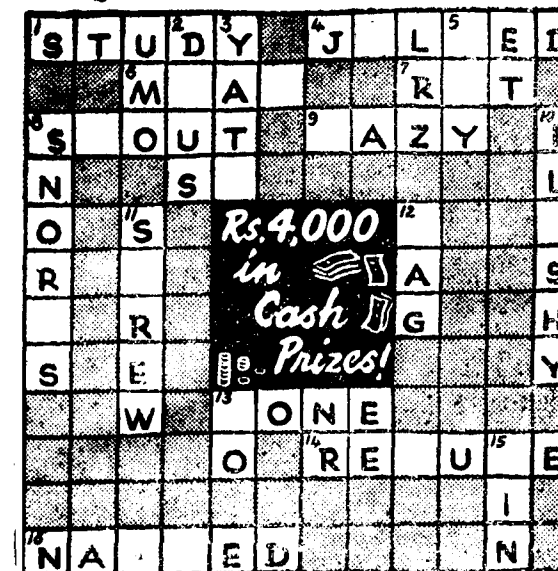
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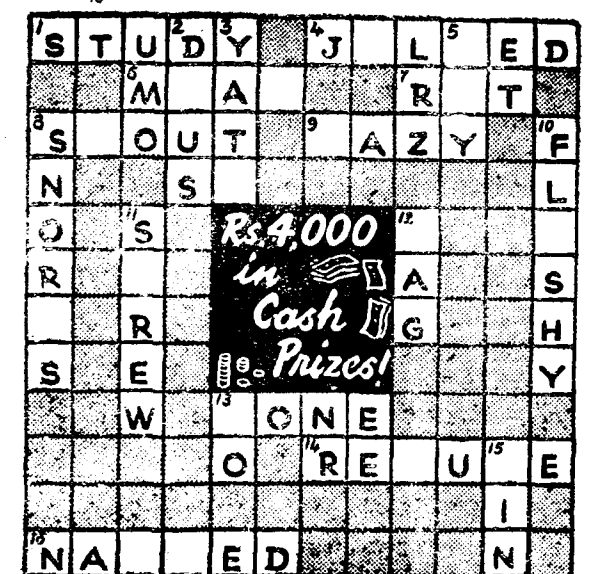
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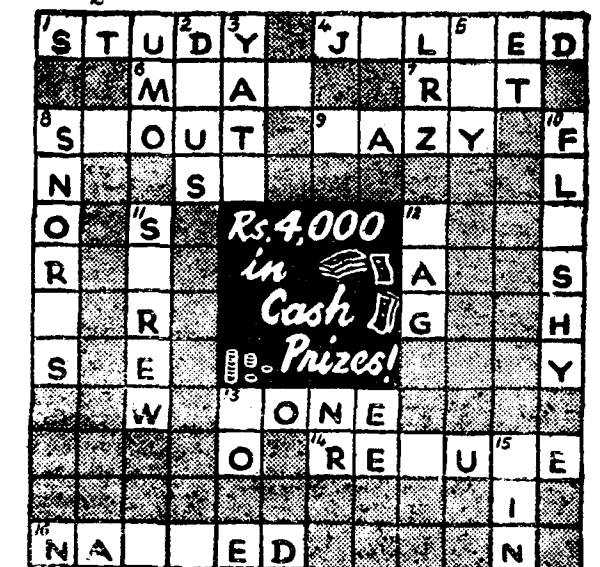
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Down: 8. SNORES, SNORTS. 10. FLASHY, FLESHY. 11. SCREW, SHREW. 12. GAG, HAG, RAG, WAG.

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DOWN: 2. PIRATES 4. WRENCH, WRETCH 5. LADS, LAGS, LASS 7. LIVELY, LOVELY 8. ADMIRER, ADVISED 10. ENDURE, ENSURE 11. HASTY, NASTY, PASTY, TASTY 12. JEALOUS, ZEALOUS 15. DIET, DIRT 16. BEAR, FEAR, HEAR.

ACROSS

6. "Hostess usually likes her guests to be —" GRACEFUL, GRATEFUL?

"Hostess" is one who is throwing out a party or giving a dinner for the sake of celebrating something or merely to get a name as an entertainer. What she shows off is not very vital for other people. It means she is trying to make herself a social asset. Why should her guests, invitees, feel Grateful to her? They are not all starving to feel such gratitude when allowed to eat a lavish dinner. The more fine the dishes, the greater is the interest taken by hostess to be praised for her arrangements. If guests do not know how to behave properly when eating or talking, then the party will be a failure for some of the other guests may feel annoyed. Hence, the desire of a hostess that her guests should behave gracefully is understandable. Back GRACEFUL.

9. "School-boy who has many — is apt to be looked down on by his mates." DEFEATS, DEFECTS?

The Defects of the school-boy may be his failures in studies, in games, etc. How far his mates would tend to look down upon him for such defeats would depend on the nature of the mates themselves. If they also have such defeats, they will not look down on their friend. It must be remembered that birds of the same feather flock together. When a school-boy has many Defects, undesirable traits, it is only natural that he should be looked down upon, treated slightly, by his mates. Go in for DEFECTS.

13. "Ungenerous man can seldom be accused of — in giving away his money!" HASTE, TASTE, WASTE?

Reject These. Generous or ungenerous, a man cannot be accused of Haste in giving away his money. If a man is in urgent need, only quick help would bear fruit and not otherwise. Haste thus makes no sense here. A generous man is usually quick to help those who seek help to the best of his ability, and ungenerous. His generosity becomes an indiscriminate one for all and sundry

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to exploit his nature. Such a man is usually described as one who is generous to a fault. He is said to Waste good money. When an ungenerous man, a miser, gives away his money, it certainly means that he is trying to atone for his past miserliness or that the man's heart has been so moved for the first time that he gives without realising it. When the miser gives money to one who does not deserve it, even then we will not call his help as a Waste for we like the fact of the miser, ungenerous man, parting with his money! WASTE scores.

14. "We tend to be resentful when acquaintance acts as though we lack —" SANITY, VANITY?

Vanity can never be an asset. Hence, to speak of having it is bad. "As though" definitely goes against Vanity here. When we talk or behave normally and discover even acquaintances behave in a manner clearly indicating that they doubt our sanity, then we will certainly tend to be resentful. Enter SANITY.

17. "The more servants a woman has the more likely we are to regard her as —" LADY, LAZY?

To have more than the absolutely necessary number of servants, domestic help, is an undoubted sign of affluent

aristocracy. But we cannot straightaway rush to the conclusion that we are more likely to regard a woman as Lazy the more the number of her servants. There are women who do not have any servants but are the very source of laziness! The poor class cannot afford servants. The middle class people can have only one or two servants and not more. The rich can and do have many servants. Hence, it is not wrong to say that we are more likely to regard a woman as a Lady, the more servants she has. LADY scores.

18. "We usually take big responsibility when we — a young person's calling." DECIDE, DERIDE?

Parents would never be so foolish as to Deride, laugh to scorn, the profession of their own sons or daughters. If outsiders were to do so, they would only be guilty of being foolish. They cannot be said to be taking big responsibility. When we parents or relatives or friends, have to Decide a young person's calling, we are taking a big responsibility, for it may make or mar a career. I am for DECIDE.

19. "Usually, the more intelligent a man the less frequently he is —" ABUSED, AMUSED?

It is unnecessary to stress the fact that even unintelligent persons can be Amused. That being so, the intelligent and the more intelligent should often feel amused. The "less frequently" goes ill with Amused. Here, "intelligent" should not be confused with education. A man may not have university degrees to his credit, but he may be more intelligent than any treble degree-holder. The more intelligent a man is, the more would he know what and whom to avoid, when, why and how. Thus he would not be Abused so much by others as it would be in the case of a man not so intelligent enough. Go in for ABUSED.

20. "It's apt to make us feel — when we're convinced that insult we've suffered was unjustified." BETTER, BITTER?

Just because the insult was justified, that can be no ground for one to feel Better. On the other hand, he ought

to feel more *Bitter* at the entirely unmerited, unasked and undesirable insult. A case for *Better* arises only when the man who has insulted in haste finds out that he had been wrong and comes back to apologise. Otherwise, *Better* is certainly not better than the other word. Back BITTER.

21. "Business man is usually contemptible who says rival firm is — when he knows it isn't." SHADY, SHAKY?

When the business man makes the allegation that rival firm is *Shady*, conducting dishonest business, or is *Shaky*, in a financial muddle, he does so merely to lure the customers of the other firm to become his patrons. His motives and methods are bad, contemptible. It is immaterial whether he characterises the firm as being unsound or dishonourable. Permute both SHADY and SHAKY.

DOWN

4. "Pet-lover is apt to feel — when poverty makes him sell his pet." WRENCH, WRETCH?

Between the *Wrench* and the *Wretch* there is a lot of difference. To feel a *Wrench* is to have an emotional stab. To feel a *Wretch* is to feel miserable and unworthy. Extreme poverty compels the selling of the pet. The real pet-lover would and should not only feel the wrench at the parting of the beloved pet but also feel a *Wretch*, a thoroughly contemptible person, for having ever allowed

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such a state to come. The latter emotion is true of the real pet-lover. Back WRETCH.

5. "Often slow to forgive disloyalty in friends." LADS, LAGS, LASS?

On what grounds can we say that boys are more slow to forgive disloyalty in friends than the girls and vice versa? The "disloyalty" referred to may itself mean different things to different boys. What one may consider as disloyal may not be felt to be so by another. Hence, discard both *Lads* and *Lass*. *Lags* are ex-convicts. To them disloyalty of friends can only mean their betrayal to the police which had led to their serving in prison. Hence, they are often slow to forgive such disloyalty among those whom they treated as friends. LAGS should win.

7. "People in poor health are seldom — Lively, LOVELY?"

Because a man enjoys perfect health, it does not automatically mean he is a *Lively*, active person. Some sickly people work a lot. Here "poor health" does not necessarily mean a sickness that puts them on to the bed. It means a run-down condition, a lean appearance, etc. sheer necessity to earn may compel even those in poor health to be *Lively*, very active. But they will not be *Lovely* to look at. Back LOVELY.

8. "Women would often rather be — by men than by women." ADMIRE, ADVISED?

If a woman wouldn't like to be *Admired* by women but prefer to be *Admired* by men, it is because she knows that women have an extremely jealous nature. If a woman looks lovely in a gown or a sari, still other women would tell her of some defect or other and persuade her to change it! But men are frank. If she looks lovely, they will tell her so. *Advised* has to be rejected because even men can be as guilty of wrong advice as much as the other women also. Back ADMIRE.

10. "The poorer the wages the harder it is to — strict discipline in office." ENDURE, ENSURE?

The choice of the apt word would depend on how we view the problem— from the boss's point of view or the employee's point of view. The proposition that the poorer the wages the harder it is to *Ensure* strict discipline is silly. Work in office calls for discipline and it cannot be flouted in a way that would increase with decreasing wages! If the rules of the office are strict, the work heavy and leave days rare, still employees would put up with it if they get good salaries. But the moment the wages are cut then they would not like to *Endure* such discipline. Only the wages alone determine how far employees would endure strict discipline. Bet on ENDURE.

11. "It doesn't often make much difference to glutton whether his food is — HASTY, NASTY, PASTY, TASTY?"

A glutton is one who eats his food with a zest. He is the man who lives to eat. If his food is *Tasty*, it would undoubtedly make much difference to him for he would eat more of it. So reject *Tasty*. It is not correct to speak of food being *Hasty*. It might be prepared in haste and eaten in haste but that does not justify using the word after "food is" in the Clue. Even a glutton is human after all and so it will make a difference if the food happens to be *Nasty*. He will certainly eat a lesser quota of it! Even if the food is *Pasty*, like paste due to improper cooking, still it would not make a difference to the glutton for he will finish off his quota in a trice. Go in for PASTY.

12. "— employee is often easily exploited by unscrupulous boss." JEALOUS, ZEALOUS?

The *Zealous* employee will finish his job to the perfect satisfaction of the boss. If he is flattered a bit in the right manner, he would give his very best to the firm. This encouragement is not meant by the Compiler as is evident from the use of "unscrupulous" in the Clue describing the boss. When a boss finds that an employee of his is having a *Jealous* nature, he would be too quick to exploit it to his advantage. This he can do in a number of ways. Thus, by setting one against the other he'll be getting all the information about his employees that he would not otherwise get. This exploitation is rightly described by the "unscrupulous" in the Clue. JEALOUS wins.

15. "Ill-health of many backward people is largely due to their indifference towards — DIET, DIRT?"

The "backward" is the pointer here. Many people of the so-called "advanced" countries like America and England also suffer from ill-health. Backward people are certainly poor in knowledge of *Diet*. Even if they know about it they are indifferent to it. The same is true of the people of "advanced" countries also. But they are not indifferent to *Dirty*. Their notions of personal and public hygiene are high. The backward people, however, are altogether indifferent to *Diet* and much of their ill-health can be traced to this appalling condition. Vote for DIET.

16. "Usually, the less blame-worthy your life the less you have to — from scandal-mongers." BEAR, FEAR, HEAR?

To *Bear* means to put up with. If a man were to put up with scandal-mongers, it means he has to lend them a very patient ear. To do so is bad. Man who can be said to be leading a perfect life can still be said to be blame-worthy if he listens to scandal-mongers. *Hear* has to be rejected on the ground that no one ever hears directly from the scourge called scandal-mongers. The less blame-worthy a man's life is, it automatically follows that there is less scope for scandal-mongers to put their fingers in the life of his reputation. So he will have to *Fear* them correspondingly less. Enter FEAR.

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DOWN: 1. GIFT, GILT 2. NOISOME 3. CURB, CURE 4. BLEED 5. SOME, SORE 10. PENS, PINS, PUNS 12. TIME, TOME 13. SNOB, SNUB 14. CONVEYS 15. HOME 17. EVEN, EVER 19. LAKE, LAKH 20. DOL 22. RAMP, ROMP, RUMP.

ACROSS

4. "Cautious motorist usually slows down when he comes across — in the road." BAND, BEND, BUND?

We will have to take *Band* to mean not merely a band of people but a company of musicians playing instruments. Such a band is invariably followed by a procession of people. Any motorist, more so a cautious one, will not just slow down but stop altogether when he sees this *Band*. A *Bund* is an embankment or causeway. Any motorist will have to slow down only if the *Bund* is narrow or not in good condition. As nothing is said about *Bund*, reject it. A *Bend* in the road is a short turn, a twist in the run of the road. Usually, motorist will take the *Bend* without slowing down. But the cautious motorist will usually slow down, sound his horn, look behind and then only take the *Bend*. This is true to everyday observation. Bet on BEND.

7. "One who carries on — struggle often feels inordinately proud when his effort is crowned with success." LONE, LONG?

Long struggle's final success is no doubt matter for feeling inordinately proud of the achievement. But *Long* struggle does not mean that the man has struggled all by himself. He might have had the benefit of the help and sympathy of his friends. Such a man's success, though achieved after a terribly protracted struggle, is less grand than the *Lone* struggle of a man who finally achieves success. Whether his struggle has been spread over a short time only or over a long period, still the fact that it was a single handed fight makes it worthy of being unique. No wonder if such a person feels inordinately proud of his unaided achievement. LONE wins.

11. "Those who are — usually do something out of the ordinary." DAFT, DEFT?

Daft is used to denote not lunatics so much as those who have queer ideas or behave in a queer way. So what the *Daft* do is necessarily something that is out of the ordinary. *Deft* people are clever persons. This deftness may be purely pertaining to the mind as in the case of writers, composers, etc. It can be both of the mind and the body as in the

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case of boxers, swimmers, etc. Even those who are *Deft* should necessarily do things which distinguishes them from the ordinary people. Otherwise, how can they be known as being *Deft*? The "out of the ordinary" in the Clue thus describes both types of people. Hence, permute the words DAFT and DEFT here.

18. "Father who buys — for naughty youngster is probably asking for trouble!" BALL, BELL, BULL?

Bull should be rejected straightaway. Here, we can take *Bell* to mean one of those small things the noise of which delights children to an astonishing degree. The giving of a *Bell* to naughty youngsters can only mean hell one way only. They will create a tremendous lot of din. If a *Ball* were to be given to them (be it a small rubber ball or even the foot-ball), then it is certainly asking for trouble. The youngsters will not only create a din but kick the ball everywhere causing much damage and even physical injury. They might also be all the time quarrelling about it! Back BALL.

23. "True friends usually try to help men who is — and helpless." ABED, AGED, AWED, AXED?

true of *Abed*, meaning in bed, sick, as also of *Axed*, meaning retrenched from job. How then are we to select one from these three alternatives? When a man is *Aged* or *Abed*, friends will give him physical help. When a man is *Axed*, retrenched and is helpless, he will require financial help. Really true friends will not shirk this duty. I am for AXED.

24. "Parents are apt to feel delighted when they see young offspring trying to — TALK, WALK?"

This is another difficult nut to crack. The Compiler has been so clever in the construction of this Clue that he has made both *Talk* and *Walk* appear equally apt. There is not even the faintest hint to help us in a choice of one of the two words. When one's offspring tries to *Talk*, it utters strange noises and to the ears of the parents it would be the purest melody. In the same way, when one's child attempts to *Walk* for the first time, it would totter and fall and crawl and again get up, etc. All this would delight the parents to a great extent, surely. Better permute TALK and WALK.

27. "Fashionable ladies are generally inclined to — when they see attractive dresses on display." SHOP, STOP, SWOP?

Swop in slang means to exchange one thing for another. However fashionable a woman might be, she will not be so crazy as to exchange what she is wearing for the dresses on display in a shop however irresistibly lovely those dresses might be. When they see the attractive dresses on display in the shop window, fashionable ladies will certainly *Stop* to admire them. They will do something more also, they will *Shop*. That is to say, they will enter the shop, and ask the salesman or proprietor to show them those dresses so that they can actually feel them and thereby know all about those dresses. They may even buy them or come back later to do so. *Shop* conveys all this. Vote for SHOP.

DOWN

1. "More often than not, cynic will be highly suspicious of lavish — GIFT, GILT?"

Gilt is a thin layer of gold put or laid on any article. It also means to make something spurious appear as if it were

Parents may call their grown-up sons and daughters as "children." But we

We will necessarily have to think of children all over the world and not of those only in a particular area. How can we then be justified in making the assertion that most of the healthy children are Roxy? It is ridiculous to expect that the children of African negroes could ever be Roxy. The climate of each region has a definite say in the matter. If we take Roxy to mean cheerful, even then it won't be apt here. Most

However impecunious or bankrupt a man might be, he cannot possibly gain any consolation from seeing plenty of money in other people's hands. To see much, plenty, of money would, indeed, be a sight for him. But I suggest dropping *Lakh* for the simple reason that seeing a *Lakh* alone would not be a sight. It would be a miracle! To see a few thousands, and in some cases even a few hundreds, would be a sight! Why a *lakh* alone, then? To a man whose eyes are tired of seeing houses and streets in a city or merely the vast expanse of land all the time, the sight of a *Lake*, a vast sheet of shimmering water, would be quite a visual feast. This is greater the reality of everyday life. Vote for *LAKH*.

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