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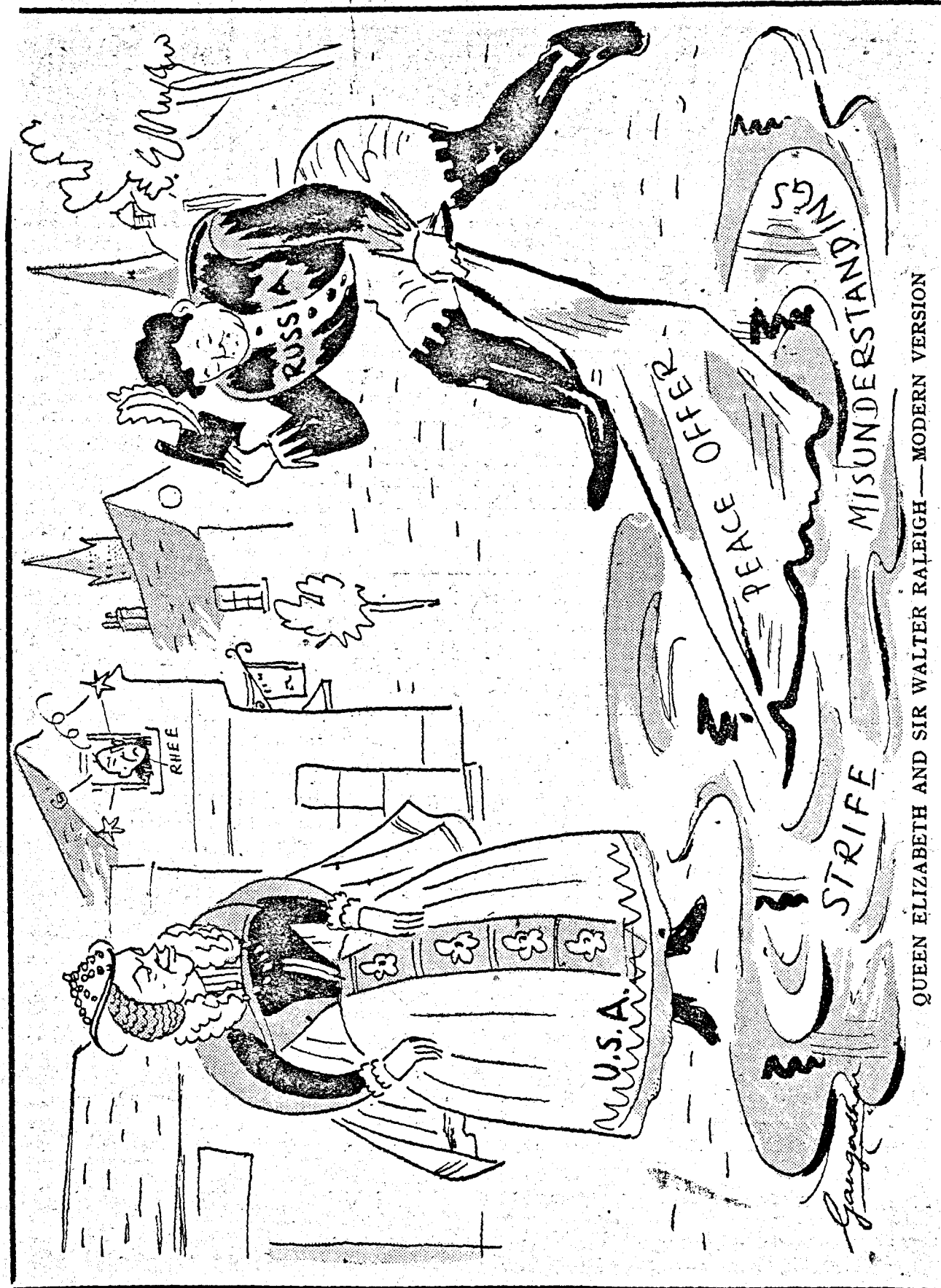
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SOVIET RUSSIA under M. Malenkov's lead has stunned the Western nations with surprising changes and reversals of Marshal Stalin's policies. Inspired obviously by the Kremlin, China's Prime Minister, Mr. Chou En-lai, came out with proposals for an exchange of sick and wounded prisoners in Korea. Luckily, the United Nations readily agreed to the scheme and the prospects of an armistice and subsequent peace on this front have brightened up. Those Korean prisoners of war who are unwilling to return are to be kept under the care of a neutral Power until the issue is finally disposed of.

On disarmament, Soviet Russia was only too ready to endorse the U.N. resolution but suggested just two "minor amendments." These, however, were not accepted by the U.K. or the U.S.A. and naturally they were defeated. But Sir Alvary Gascoigne, the British Ambassador to Russia, has left London for Moscow, at the instance of Mr. Anthony Eden, to discuss Russian plans for peace and explore further avenues.

And, again, expressing concern at the shooting incidents over the Berlin corridor, Russia hastened to convene an air-lift conference and discussed measures to assure safety in the skies.

As if to pacify the world of Jews in general, and the State of Israel in particular, the Soviet Government ordered the unconditional release of the fifteen doctors charged with the murder of Zhdanov and other leaders. For the first time the Kremlin openly confessed to an error of judgment and made quick and honourable amends.

The Russian leaders themselves have decided to tear down the Iron Curtain and let

the outside world have a better glimpse of their country's resources and achievements. They gave a band of astonished American editors to tour their country and inspect their factories.

There has also been a perceptible change for the better in the internal conditions of Russia. Large numbers of prisoners have been set free and more civil liberties are to be granted to the people. There is no doubt that the new Government is making these magnanimous gestures to consolidate its position. Some critics hold that Stalin's policies have been reversed in the belief that Soviet expansion has over-reached itself and that the territories won so far have become unwieldy.

But Washington still continues to suspect Soviet intentions. It refuses to believe that these conciliatory moves can be the result of a change of heart. Mr. Dulles clings to the view that Russia is a grave danger to the world. All these blandishments, according to him, are designed to weaken the N.A.T.O. and drive in a wedge. He apparently believes in giving more generous aid to the Western European nations and bolstering up the defences against the "common" enemy. But Europe appears to be deeply impressed by Malenkov's peace initiative. It is perfectly aware that, in a clash between the giants, the weaker members of N.A.T.O. will be the first casualties.

Reverting to the subject of disarmament, Mr. Vyshinsky told the U.N. General Assembly's Political Committee last week that the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation was a stumbling block in the path of peace. The countries in this group constantly brought up conditions which rendered the question of disarmament more and more difficult.

NEWS AND NOTES

Welcome Move

While even the prices of staple foods have registered a fall, coffee prices still tend to go up. Several were the appeals made to the Coffee Board to release more stocks and afford quick relief to consumers. In 1951-'52 season, there was an increase in the production of coffee — 2,500 tons more than in the previous year. But, all the same, coffee prices showed a marked rise. While Government attributes this phenomenon to the spread of the coffee habit, the Board suggests that exports of coffee are responsible for this.

To us, it seems, the Board is not without blame. There were charges of manipulation of prices which were not satisfactorily explained. It was even reported that the Board had made huge profits in previous years. "In reply to questions in the House of the People, the Commerce and Industry Minister, Mr. T. T. Krishnamachari, complained that there was a kind of rigging up of prices in the coffee market and said that the beneficiaries happened to be the Indian Coffee Board."

The Commerce Minister stated further that there were no indications of the coffee price trends returning to normal. Whatever its earlier policy, Government's decision not to allow exports from the 1952-'53 crop is welcome and we are glad that the present Commerce and Industry Minister is evincing a keen interest in this question. As we have been repeatedly urging in these columns, the Board must be compelled to suspend its activities for some years and an open market must be

allowed for coffee. At the same time, Government must ensure that no middle-men step in to exploit the situation and that no hotel owners corner the stocks.

Asaf Ali

In the death of Mr. Asaf Ali, India's Ambassador to Switzerland, Austria and the Vatican, both Congress and the country have suffered an irreparable loss. In his early days, he threw away a lucrative practice at the bar and gave his single-minded devotion to the freedom struggle. Several times he courted imprisonment that seriously impaired his health. It was even said that he was one of the few marked men (on the list of the British Bureaucracy) whom the C.I.D. shadowed ceaselessly but their records were burnt the moment Mr. Asaf Ali entered the Interim Government in 1946!

He had the unique honour of being appointed India's first Ambassador to Washington in February 1947. So great was the trust that Pandit Nehru had placed in him. When he returned in 1948, he was appointed Governor of Orissa and he set about his gubernatorial tasks with smoothness and efficiency. But the climate of Switzerland where he went last year as Indian Minister proved fatal. It may be recalled here that another of our Ambassadors to Switzerland, Mr. Dhirubhai Desai, came by a sudden end.

Tall and lanky, Mr. Asaf Ali had a grand air of the scholar and philosopher about him. Loyal to the Congress, he proved himself as great a fighter for freedom before

1947 as he was a statesman and diplomat after Independence.

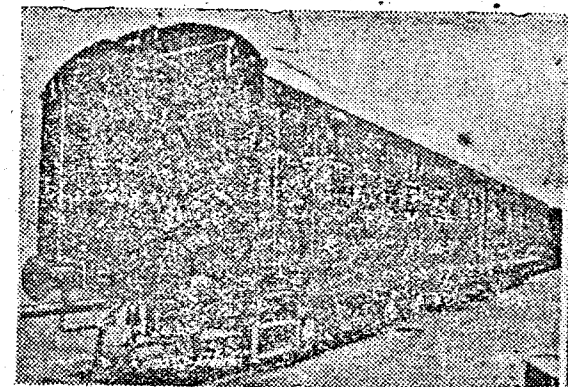
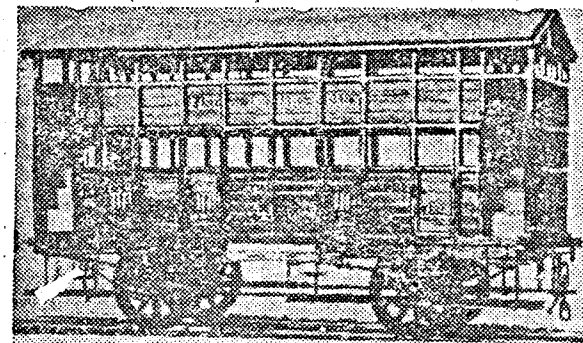
Estate Duty Bill

The Select Committee, reporting on the Estate Duty Bill, has recommended an exemption limit of Rs. 50,000 for Hindu joint families and Rs. 75,000 for individuals. These are surprising changes and many will find it difficult to reconcile themselves to these lower limits. People with property worth less than two lakhs should have been excluded from the scope of the measure.

It is hardly five years since freedom has been won. And economic stability can arise only from a feeling of security among the people and their faith in the future. The Bill, we concede, may be necessary to reduce inequalities of wealth but it is most inopportune at the present moment. Even Government has recognised the necessity for, and expansion of, private enterprise, but if the Bill is passed, capital may become more shy.

Launching a measure like this without gathering sufficient data about the number and size of estates that may be affected by it is like putting the cart before the horse. Government can well afford to wait for the report of the Taxation Inquiry Committee. There is, also, pending for consideration the Hindu Code Bill whose sweeping changes bid fair to alter the joint family system beyond recognition. And in between is the inexorable fact that estates vary in value from State to State. But, generally speaking, land has become highly inflated in value and there is every case for raising the exemption limit.

IN THE NEWS



The Indian Railways Centenary (1853—1953) was celebrated recently and an Exhibition was held at Delhi in this connection. Pictures on top show a double decker carriage put in service by E.I.R. in 1864 (left) and (right) an all-metal light weight third-class carriage recently placed in service between Bombay and Delhi.



Mr. Asaf Ali, India's Minister to Switzerland, Austria and the Vatican, who died of a heart attack recently.



Our Prime Minister, Shri Jawaharlal Nehru and U Nu, Prime Minister of Burma, watching a Burmese dance recital, during their recent visit to Singkaling (Burma).

And why the rates of duty should vary from year to year passes one's comprehension. Perhaps they are to be fixed according to the needs of the Exchequer. But one may be sure that the rates will not be less than in the previous year. Herein lies an element of great uncertainty and wild speculation. Is it desirable?

The Select Committee's exemptions in respect of insurance policies and funeral expenses could have been more liberal. Rightly or wrongly, even a poor middle-class Hindu spends over a thousand rupees on a funeral. He even runs into heavy debt on this score and quietly accepts the liabilities if only to discharge the conventional obligations. It must naturally follow that the owner of an estate—to wit, a well-to-do man—has to spend double this amount at least to receive his numerous relations and do his duty by them and thereby please the soul of the departed. There are certainly other ways of curbing the ruinous extravagance of the Hindu on such occasions but certainly not through the present measure. There are our leaders and social workers to go about and do enlightened propaganda.

It is true that several other countries are levying death and inheritance duties. But Britain, often cited as a model, took centuries to evolve from feudalism to socialistic democracy and began to impose death duties when freedom (for the individual) became assured. India has a long way to travel before reaching that goal of stability. As one member of the Select Committee has remarked in his minutes of dissent, appended to the Report, "This complicated piece of legislation is being rushed through when India's economic stability is uncertain."

In the light of these considerations, it would be wise on the part of the Union Government to put the Bill in cold storage at least for some years.

Amazing Performance

At the inaugural meeting of the National Week Celebrations in Madras City, Congress leaders explained the significance of the Five-Year Plan and appealed to

the people for more vigorous support and co-operation.

Sri Rajaram Naidu pointed out how for 200 years India had been fleeced under foreign rule and the Plan was calculated to bring about quick economic rehabilitation. The speaker was confident that when the river valley and the other schemes were completed, employment could be provided for five million people. In 1956, when the scheme would be executed in full, electricity in Madras State would be doubled.

Sri G. Narayanaswami Naidu said that with the separation of Andhra, the food problem would perhaps loom more prominently and there was greater need, therefore, to put through the Plan and increase food production. Tanjore was the only surplus district in food, he warned.

Answering Communist critics, Sri Kamaraj Nadar stated that their clamour for division of the wealth of the country among all classes of the people was stupid and baseless. We needed to have wealth first before thinking of dividing it. What was there to divide now, he asked sarcastically, except poverty, ignorance and illiteracy? The people must create wealth first through the Five-Year Plan, he declared.

It appeared as if all these speeches were an indirect answer to the wild assertions of Dr. J.C. Kumarappa of the All-India Peace Council that the Five-Year Plan

was no plan at all. "It was a list of schemes put together with no philosophical conception behind it." The gravamen of the Doctor's charge would seem to be that India had sold herself economically to the United States.

Indeed some of the latest performances of Dr. Kumarappa are amazingly dramatic, to say the least. In a speech at Madurai, he said that the social order in Russia today very much approximated in certain respects to Gandhian ideals. It should not be forgotten that Gandhiji attached the greatest importance to the means by which an objective is achieved. There can be no permanence in a social order brought about by a bloody revolution, conscription of labour by uprooting masses of humanity and deporting them to factories in far-off areas and by large-scale slaughter of unwanted and rebellious elements.

What if India has borrowed a little from America to implement the community projects? Dr. Kumarappa says that we are in danger of becoming victims of American domination! He fears, moreover, that the import of foreign goods into India would create foreign interests and warns, after citing the example of the East India Company, that foreign rule will become inevitable. It is a patently absurd argument. Britain today imports most of her food—including meat—from foreign countries. Has she lost her independence thereby?

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Ending A Nuisance

In a letter to *The Statesman*, a foreigner who spent many years in Calcutta draws attention to the unmitigated nuisance of beggars in that city. Stationing themselves in front of hotels and restaurants, they harass people and pursue them for alms. "Some of those who importune are disfigured by disease," he says. "Women with new-born infants in their arms pester passers-by with a shrill persistence which becomes unendurable."

Almost similar is the problem obtaining in Madras City. The only difference, perhaps, is that the number of those seeking alms here is rapidly multiplying. The correspondent goes on to suggest that either the police must be given special powers to remove them from the roads or the Corporation must build beggar homes. It is, however, gratifying to note that the Mayor of Madras has taken a commendable initiative in the matter with proposals for the creation of a Beggar Relief Trust. Funds are to be collected and administered with the object of organising beggar homes and work centres here.

The City can never be clean or healthy so long as beggars wander on the streets and squat on the pavements and public places. In any drive for sanitation and cleanliness, organised beggar relief must be the first major step. Sri Chengalvarayan rightly described it as evangelical work and appealed to the public for generous support and co-operation. More propaganda is, of course, obviously necessary for capturing public imagination through 'charity weeks,' exhibitions and benefit performances. That way, much of the money that beggars snatch directly from the citizens can be diverted for use by the Relief Trust and the City can quickly be rid of a real menace.

Service Of Humanity

Inaugurating the Parliament of Religions at Rishikesh, Sir C.P. Ramaswami Iyer said that despite seeming diversity all religions united in the common quest for the ultimate. The main function

of the Parliament, according to him, was to lay proper emphasis on this essential unity. He agreed that variety was inevitable. "The world is not made to a single pattern," he added, "and variety is as important as unity. Those who would like to have dull uniformity are doing as great a disservice to religions as those who emphasise meaningless differences."

H. H. Mahamandaleswar Sri Swami Sivananda observed that if mankind grasped the true spirit of religion, the way to peace, brotherhood and self-realisation would automatically be opened.

It was significant that the Deputy Speaker of India's Parliament, Sri Ananthasayanam Iyengar, attended the concluding session of the Parliament of Religions. Service of humanity, he said, was service of God. "We are all one," he declared. "We all believe in the existence of the spirit. To a man of large heart, the whole world is a family. Humanity is our God and its service our worship."

Queen Mary

Queen Mary, grandmother of Queen Elizabeth II, died, the other day, full of years and honours. The span of her lifetime (of 85 years) covered more interesting events than any other period in British history. With her husband, King George V, she came to India to attend the Coronation Durbar when the British Empire had reached the height of its might and power. The Queen also lived to see the day when India became a full-fledged Republic.

She also outlived two disastrous World Wars but she kept up her dignity and poise under the most adverse circumstances. And she was unremitting in her efforts to help the sick and the wounded and earned the undying affection and esteem of her people through selfless devotion and personal example. She had her full quota of sorrows as a mother who loved a quiet home and her children. King Edward VIII's abdication for the sake of the woman he loved and his subsequent voluntary exile shocked and surprised the Queen as much as her people. The death of the Duke of Kent during the

second World War and the untimely end of King George VI's life were indeed cruel blows that the old lady bravely endured.

In brief, Queen Mary in a large measure symbolised the understanding spirit and the remarkable adaptability of British Royalty to the changing times. As a well known British writer says, she was the living embodiment of the momentous centuries of monarchy. We need only to remember that she was the great-granddaughter of George III and the great-grandmother of Britain's Heir Apparent!

Monkeys Demonstrate!

In Rudyard Kipling's *Jungle Book* there is a story about the monkey tribe—the *bhandar log*—settling down in an old, ruined city as their permanent home. They smuggle in a small lad—a manling of the wolf pack—in the hope that he will become their leader and compel the admiration and respect of the jungle folk for the tree-top denizens. A panther and a bear go to the rescue of the manling but the monkeys in their wild fury severely maul them. It is a python that saves both the beasts and the man cub in the end.

The reported attempt of the Tezpur Municipality recently to deport hundreds of monkeys, living in the Mahabhairab temple, to the Dharikati jungle in the Bhutan border gave rise to an unexpected sequel. The ire of the deportees was roused. They ransacked the aboriginal villages, damaged the crops and pulled down the villagers' huts.

Now the assistant political officer of that tribal area, so goes the report, has appealed to the Chairman of the Tezpur Municipality to stop further repatriation of monkeys. The newspaper story would describe the laudable effort of the Municipality as 'rehabilitation' of the tribe. But the latter are resentful. They seem to be lost in the jungle—like displaced persons in an unwanted area. Their angry protests would appear to imply that modern men engaged in ceaseless war are regular savages and would do well to go back to the jungle if they cannot live in peace with the tailed ones.

MARY, MARY, QUITE CONTRARY!

"SHE was only thirty-six," Mr. Clayting said, his voice choked with emotion.

"Cut off in the prime of her life, you might say," remarked the undertaker commiseratingly.

"She'd still be alive today if she hadn't been so obstinate..."

"That's women all over for you," nodded the undertaker, for want of something better to say.

"I've never known anyone so contrary," continued Mr. Clayting, giving a hearty blast into his handkerchief. "If you said it was night she would be sure to insist that it was day. You couldn't open your mouth without the fear of being contradicted on some score or other."

"Was she always like that?" enquired the undertaker, biding his time.

"No, she was sweet as pie before we were married. It was only afterwards that she revealed herself in her true colours. I used to like her spirit, as you might say, in our courting days."

"Don't believe in them myself," murmured the undertaker "wouldn't do in our profession" you know," he added solemnly.

"What I mean was her, er, her contrariness, you understand, 'contrary Mary' I used to call her."

"Ah, yes, I see what you mean, sir. And afterwards I suppose the novelty wore off? Ah, yes, it would do. It's a solemn vow, is marriage. We cater for marriages as well, you know," he added as an afterthought. "Till death us do part," he amended, to bring the subject on the right track again.

"Yes, the novelty wore off," said Mr. Clayting reminiscently. "There's nothing so exasperating than being in the wrong all the time."

"She always put you in the wrong, did she?"

"Without fail," asserted Mr. Clayting feelingly. "I might chance to make some perfectly simple remark, such as the reason for some men going bald at an early age was that it was hereditary in their family. That would be her cue to correct me by saying that the only reason for it was that they would persist in smoking and drinking to excess. Or I might chance to remark that a third World War would see the end of civilization, now that the Atom bomb was so far advanced. Whereupon she would tell me not to be so silly. The Atom bomb, in her opinion, was just a propaganda weapon..."

"Some propaganda!" murmured the undertaker.

"I didn't mind her contradicting me in private so much, but I strongly objected to her refuting everything I said in public," resumed Mr. Clayting. "It's bad enough being made to look a fool in front of your friends, but she thought nothing of interrupting me while I was making an after-dinner speech in order to contradict me on some point or other."

"She sounded as if she was rather a difficult person to live with," ventured the undertaker.

"That's putting it mildly! If I suggested having chicken for

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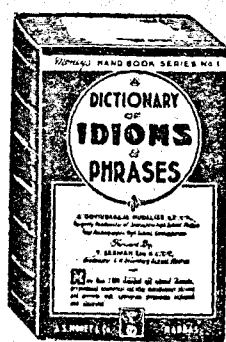
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dinner, we'd be sure to have beef. If I suggested going to the cinema, she would insist that I stayed at home and repaired the carpet sweeper. Should I invite some of my friends over to play cards, she would suddenly decide to drag me out to attend some concert or whist drive."

"Was she deliberately trying to be contrary, or was she just made that way?"

"I NEVER could make up my mind on that score," Mr. Clayting said slowly. "There were times when I was sure she was deliberately trying to be awkward, but other times I was inclined to give her the benefit of the doubt."

"I would have been more inclined to give her a darn good hiding!" the undertaker almost blurted out aloud.

"Any other man in my shoes wouldn't have stood for it," Mr. Clayting said, seemingly reading the other's mind. "But I am not the aggressive sort—and my wife was rather a large woman..."

"That would rather complicate things," the undertaker nodded understandingly. "Talking about size. I think I have just the right thing in stock. It's a fumed oak job, a really fine casket and..."

"Mind you I'm not saying I didn't toy with the idea of silencing her with a wet mop on occasions," Mr. Clayting said, having apparently not heard the other. "But I was afraid the matter wouldn't rest there, and so I suffered in silence, as the saying goes. Things finally became so bad that I dared not venture an opinion of any description in her presence. I did, however, finally devise a system which worked wonderfully well. I think the psychologists would call it auto-suggestion. I would, for instance, suggest the opposite of what I intended doing. Supposing I wished to stay in and read a book, for example. I would immediately suggest going out to the pictures. She fell for it every time; she would definitely insist on staying in on the excuse that she *must* get on with some needlework."

"Let's stay in tonight and have a game of cards," I would urge.

"The theatre and other places of entertainment are sure to be crowded and..." And that would be her cue to declare that we were going to the theatre."

"How did you contrive to see the particular show you had in mind?"

"That was simplicity itself. I'd simply insist that it was the worst show in town."

"There was only one occasion I recall on which my system failed to work; and that was when I told her I was contemplating signing the pledge. She was so amazed that she was rendered speechless!"

"Very smart move that!" approved the undertaker. "Oh, yes, and talking about moving, how many cars will you be needing for the funeral? You can have the choice of Daimlers or..."

"YES, but it wasn't good enough," Mr. Clayting went on. "There's a limit to that sort of thing, you must admit. I had to be constantly conniving, at the expense of my nerves. It might sometimes take a week of intensive planning and manoeuvring to wangle a visit to a football match or one of the club functions."

"Well, if I had been in your position I should have divorced her," the undertaker said, anxious to steer the conversation into more practical channels.

"That's easier said than done," Mr. Clayting said heavily.

"Well, you got rid of her in the long run," the undertaker was tempted to remark; instead, he murmured something to the effect that "Fate can play some funny tricks."

"Yes, indeed!" exclaimed Mr. Clayting. "Who would have dreamt that we were fated to be parted in such tragic circumstances? Mind you, she would still be alive today if she hadn't persisted in bathing in such a dangerous spot. I warned her that she should not go in swimming so soon after a meal, and that there was a dangerous under-current which even a first class swimmer would do wise to avoid."

"But she just turned a deaf ear to my pleas. She murmured something about, 'You're only jealous because you can't swim.' She'd just learnt, you see."

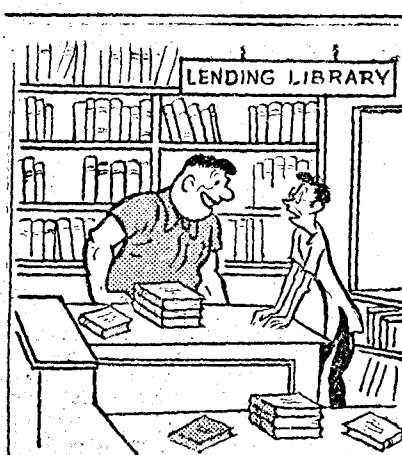
"She shrugged aside my suggestion that at least she should put on the water wings. I must say they were not very serviceable, though. They'd sprung a leak through her carrying them in her confounded knitting-bag."

"Let's hope that God in his goodness will provide..." began the undertaker.

"SHE refused to listen, of course. The leaky water-wings, plus the heavy meal, and the strong current, saw to it that she was drowned before my very eyes... The coroner seemed to think that in view of the circumstances I should have forcibly restrained her from taking her swim, but as I pointed out to him, she was a big woman, and accustomed to getting her own way in everything," Mr. Clayting affirmed with the most innocent of wide-eyed stares.

"Now about this casket," the undertaker pursued, laying a sympathetic hand on Mr. Clayting's shoulder. "I wonder what your wife would have wished."

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A few days ago I showed this letter to my friend, Dr. Nesan. It tickled him immensely and he broke into a loud guffaw and said: "Shaw was a truth-seeker and a truth-teller. No other would tell the truth in such a blunt and piquant manner. Others would temporise and hum and haw and utter pleasant untruths as they are sure that these would not be detected. But how many would be prepared to tell unpleasant truths?"

I replied: "You are correct. But the idea of a means to expose lies and reveal the truth has always appealed to the higher minds. Long ago in France there was a French novelist named Comtesse De Gentes (1746-1830). She wrote a tale named *The Palace of Truth*. Gilbert wrote a blank verse fairy comedy of the same name based on the French tale.

"In both of them the story runs that a palace is laid under a charm by a magician for the novel purpose of making everyone tell the truth. But in real life it is

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as if the world is laid under a charm for the purpose of making every one tell an untruth. It will be well if some one invents a lie detector which will make every one speak the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. Of course, all witnesses utter this formula in courts and add thereto 'So help me God' and many of them then proceed to speak the lie, the whole lie and nothing but the lie. What a world boon an effective lie detector would be!

Dr. Nesan said: "So it would. But you will be surprised to learn that I have got it with me. Last year I was travelling in the Himalayas and wended my way to Badari and finally wanted to reach Kailas and Manasarovar. A Sadhu was in my company. At Badari another Sadhu turned up. When I spoke to him about my desire to go to Kailas and Manasarovar, he told me that he had been there and began to give us a vivid and rapturous description of those places.

"Then the Sadhu who was my travelling companion held before his face a small pocket-mirror. At once the romancing Sadhu pulled himself up and said to me: 'Please forgive me. I never saw those places. I am only telling you what was told me by a person who went as a member of the party which accompanied the late Maharajah of Mysore when he made his famous historic pilgrimage to Kailas and Manasarovar.'

"Finally, all three of us went to those wonderful places. What a wonderful sight! What a heavenly vision! I must repeat to you a few lines from the poem which I wrote on the spot:

'Steeped in sunlight, rising heavenward, roved in might, reposing sweet, Stooping ne'er thy lordly head to weak presumptuous human feet, 'Midst thy sister hood of hills thou, throned in sovereign vestal grace Seest in thy bright lake-mirror witchery of thy wondrous face. Mount Kailasa robed in white and crowned with stars beloved shrine Of the God of gods, receive these ardent adorations mine.

Manas lake that in its sapphire depths reflects Kailasa's height Shines in beauty like a dream that in a bard's mind sees the light."

I thereupon replied: "I was speaking about a lie detector. You have suddenly spread your wings and soared away to Kailasa!"

Dr. Nesan said, thereupon: "I beg your pardon. I was bewitched by beauty and forgot myself. The Sadhu was pleased to give the lie detector hand-mirror and it is now in my pocket."

I FELT overjoyed: "Come! Unknown to all, let us put it to use in this wretched Kali age and watch the results."

Dr. Nesan said: "I must frankly tell you that I do not like such an adventure. When I was young I read a story about a young boy who got a flute from a magician who told him that if it was played the persons who hear its notes would confess their lies and speak the truth. The story had a melancholy sequel. The boy who showed up the villains had his head broken by them for his pains."

I replied: "But you and I are not boys. We are, further, too thickheaded to have our heads broken. And even if our heads are broken, the loss to the world will not be much."

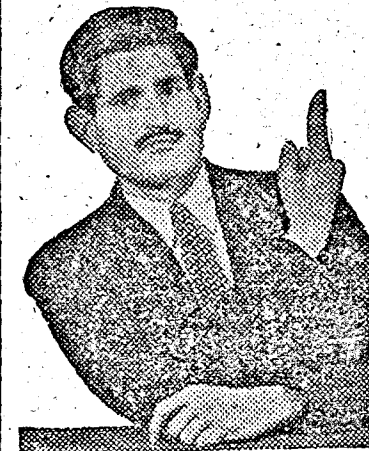
Dr. Nesan said: "Ramu, it is well that Mrs. Nesan and Mrs. Ramu are not here. Come. Let us go on a spree."



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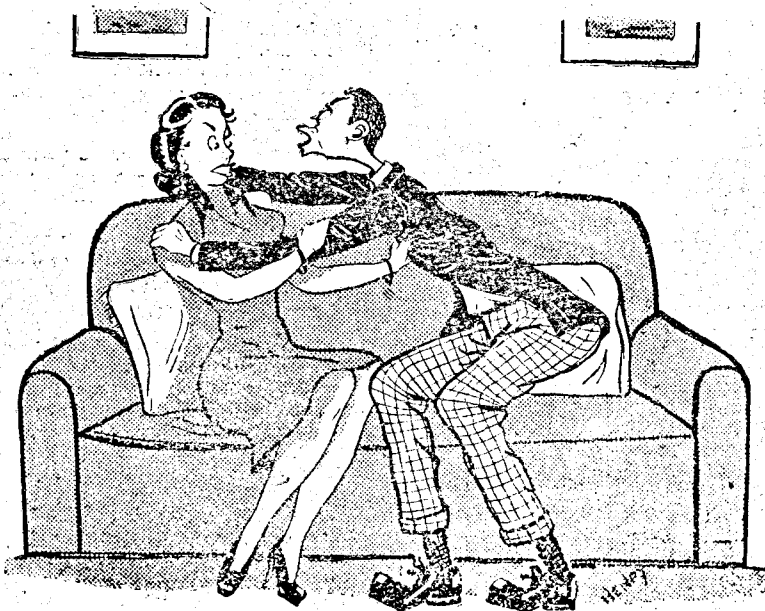
We grew long and respectable beards and disguised ourselves as Sadhus and mingled with the throng which attended the court at the time of the hearing of the case which was based on the forged document. When the great man was swearing to the genuineness of the document we kept quiet. But when his cross-examination began, Dr. Nesan stood right in front of the witness with his pocket-mirror held in his hand. At once everything went wrong with that very respected and respectable witness. He at first hesitated, then prevaricated, later bungled and finally confessed.

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Jeepay was even shocked. Mr. Bunkulama, one of the candidates for election, was found dead in his bed.

Two hours later, Detective Inspector Roy London arrived at Jeepay from Colombo. He was a tall Englishman, tough-looking with his tooth-brush moustache and square jaw.

The body was lying stiffly on its back and the hilt of a dagger whose point was in his heart was sticking out of his chest. There were bloodstains on the bedsheet, his arm and shirt.

Roy instructed the Jeepay Police to forward the dagger to the fingerprint expert for his report.

It was at the Jeepay Police Station that he met Sub-Inspector de Brummond who was the officer in charge. He was a young man of Dutch origin who had ambitions, so he was determined to make a good impression on Roy London.

"Can I be of any help, sir?" de Brummond asked.

"Yes. Who found Mr. Bunkulama dead in bed?"

"His cook, an old woman who comes to work every morning."

"I see."

A pause. Roy rubbed his moustache thoughtfully.

"Have you any observations to make, de Brummond?"

"Yes sir. It struck me as strange that the dagger was left sticking in his chest."

"It is a noteworthy point."

Roy rubbed his jaw.

"Who are the people who are contesting the Jeepay Seat?"

"Two more besides Mr. Bunkulama," de Brummond told him.

OF the two, Zule X. de Silva was by far the most popular man in Jeepay. He belonged to the Lanka Ahimsa Party which taught the doctrine of non-violence as laid down by Mahatma Gandhi. In fact he returned from India only recently after an extensive tour of the key-centres of non-violence.

The other candidate, Mr. R.M. Ratnapura, was a very rich and successful gem merchant. He, too, had been to India on a business tour recently. And as far as could be seen he combined business so well with pleasure that he returned with an Anglo-Indian wife, a remarkably beautiful woman.

"Did these two gentlemen meet in India?" Roy London asked.

"Well, it is difficult to say. But everyone knows that no love is lost between them. For Mr. Ratnapura remembers a land litigation his grandfather had with the Silva family."

Roy London visited 'Green Igloo', the home of Mr. Zule X. de Silva.

IT was a queer name for a house. And the house itself was unusual in shape. A rectangular passage led to the dome-shaped sitting-room. The outer walls were painted white in imitation of snowflakes. But the interior was green—cushions, hangings, furniture and all.

But the surprising thing was that the walls were littered with archaic lethal weapons. These in the home of a man with non-violence as his creed roused Roy London's suspicions.

When Mr. Silva appeared, Roy noticed that he did not look queer or eccentric. He was a tall lanky man nearly six feet in height, broad-shouldered and bony. His high cheekbones and big nose, however, gave him a rather severe appearance.

Roy London explained the purpose of his visit. Mr. Silva was civil and willing to help.

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"I'll do as you suggest!" Roy replied good-humouredly. "Was he known to you personally, Mr. Silva?"

"No, I have not met him at all."

"Are you sure of your success at the election?"

"I expect to win."

"But Mr. Bunkulama was a Communist, wasn't he?"

"He belonged to the Levelling Party."

"You're probably aware that Mr. Bunkulama was a

He stood up to go.

"You seem to collect lethal weapons, Mr. Silva? How does such a pastime go with non-violence?"

Mr. Silva smiled.

"Capitally, Mr. Detective! These are merely to show how the human mind has progressed from savagery."

"I see," said Roy London non-committally as he left.

He next paid a visit to Ratnapura Villa, the home of the other candidate. It was in a fashionable quarter of the town.

Roy was shown into the sitting-room which was beautifully



very eloquent speaker? He knew how to appeal to the masses. In fact, during that last election speech of his, he won over nearly the whole town. Your confidence must have been badly shaken, Mr. Silva?"

"Nothing of the kind. The masses had been worked up. When they cooled down, they would see things differently. Non-violence when it does take root has a permanent hold on their hearts."

Roy dropped his cigarette-case and let Mr. Silva pick it up so as to get his fingerprints.

arranged. The chocolate-brown furniture was of rich teak, finished and modern in design, not the usual old-fashioned highly carved kind you saw in an outstation town.

Roy was asked to wait. Mr. Ratnapura was at the shop with a party of tourists who wished to buy Ceylon gems. Mrs. Ratnapura was busy getting ready for a party she was to attend in the evening. She would be down in no time.

Roy London picked up a book and chuckled as he read the title,

Crime Does Not Pay. "Crime pays only the detective and the penalty," he laughed to himself.

WITH soft delicate steps, almost inaudibly, Mrs. Ratnapura came into the room. She was one of those dainty darlings of femininity—small, petite, and fragile—smiling her way right into your heart by the very charm of her smallness.

Roy London introduced himself. Mrs. Ratnapura smiled, displaying a pearly line of small perfect teeth.

"Won't you please sit down?"

"Thank you. Mr. Bunkulama's death must have been a shock to you."

"It was, although we don't know him personally. I'm really scared. I don't want Marx—Mr. Ratnapura—to contest this seat. But he won't listen. After all, it is not worth taking the risk of being murdered for just a seat in Parliament!"

Roy did not make any comment.

Footsteps sounded and a few minutes later, Mr. Ratnapura walked in. He was a short man with a fattish oval face, rather on the flabby side. He was dressed, however, in a carefully-creased, brown tweed suit.

When Roy was introduced to him, he studied him in a suspicious, business-like manner.

"I have nothing to do with Mr. Bunkulama," he said tersely. "Why did you come here?"

Roy smiled.

"I'll do you no harm, Mr. Ratnapura," he said diplomatically. "I only wanted to know whether you have ever seen Mr. Bunkulama in your shop?"

"No, he was a poor man. My shop caters only to the rich," he replied proudly.

"You know Mr. Silva, don't you?"

"No."

Mrs. Ratnapura broke into a laugh.

"I know Mr. Silva," she declared. "In fact Mr. Ratnapura

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quarrelled with me because I went to see him now and then."

Mr. Ratnapura turned red.

"You shut up," he flared. "Nobody wants to know all that rubbish."

"Why did you go to see Mr. Silva, Mrs. Ratnapura?"

"Mr. London! You came to see me," interposed the angry Mr. Ratnapura. "You have no business to question my wife!"

"I want to say what's in my mind, Marx. You never let me talk. But you could be unreasonably jealous when I went to see this man."

She turned red in the face and seemed to resent her husband's attitude.

"Mr. London, please listen. I met Mr. Silva at the Colombo Exhibition. His collection of archaic weapons were on show. He even gave a demonstration. It was thrilling. You can't believe it when you think of him as a non-violent man but he looked like a savage in the throes of a fanatic kill orgy. The blade of a dagger was only a silver flame in his hand. I, then, congratulated him; he, in turn, invited me to 'Green Igloo.' Till then I didn't even know he lived at Jeepay. Now, Marx, you know the truth. You have nothing to feel jealous about. He looked a savage and you are such a perfect angel."

But Mr. Ratnapura only frowned.

THE next morning the whole town was shocked to hear of the death of Mr. Ratnapura. He was found dead in his bed. The bullet had entered his heart. It was a painful sight for his face wore tragedy and struggle in its lines. Half his body had twisted off the bed.

Roy arrived on the scene quite early in the morning and was surprised to find that Mrs. Ratnapura was not at home. Where she was none of the servants knew. She left home the previous evening. It was quite likely that she had had a quarrel with her husband. But the servants were not definite.

Roy examined the body. The bullet had been fired at close quarters for it had burnt his shirt.

In a corner of the compound, he found an old-fashioned revolver. It had six chambers but there were only three cartridges in it—two were alive, one had been fired. Putting on his gloves, Roy London picked it up and had it later sent to the fingerprint expert.

HALF an hour later a car came racing into the compound. Mrs. Ratnapura was in it. Her face was white as death and her eyes appealed to you in their speechless misery.

At the doorstep she broke down and wept. When she regained self-control, Roy questioned her quietly.

"Did you quarrel with your husband last evening?"

"No. He quarrelled with me."

"Over what?"

"He was angry when I refused to attend his meeting."

"Why did you refuse?"

"After Mr. Bunkulama's death, I was afraid that the same thing would happen to my husband."

Roy remembered that Mr. Bunkulama's death, too, took place the night after a meeting; the same thing had happened to Mr. Ratnapura after he went to a meeting.

"What made you leave home last night?"

"He said unkind things—that I was a woman of no character and that he had made a great mistake in marrying me."

"What made him say that?"

"When I refused to attend the meeting, he thought that I wanted Mr. Silva to win."

She further stated that after the quarrel she left the house in her car and spent the night at the Malwella Hotel, ten miles away from Jeepay. She left the Hotel at five o'clock in the morning, wanting to return to her husband. The Hotel Manager, Mr. Ponniah, saw her leave.

"But you reached here only after 7-30 a.m. Did it take two and a half hours to travel ten miles by car?"

No. She had a puncture on the way at Udayana. The motor-repairer was two miles away and a boy had to be sent to fetch him. She was held up for over two hours.

"How did you come to know of the death of your husband?"

"A Mr. Fernando, one of our election agents, recognised me as he passed along in his car. He told me."

The moment the tyre was replaced, she came home. As her nerves were shaky, she had begged the mechanic to drive the car.

Roy London left Ratnapura Villa and met the various persons involved in Mrs. Ratnapura's story. Their accounts tallied with hers. Mr. Ponniah said that Mrs. Ratnapura spent the night at the Hotel and left it only at five o'clock in the morning. Joseph, the mechanic, admitted that he attended to the punctured tyre and later drove her car home.

THAT evening Roy met Mrs. Ratnapura and told her that she was clear of all suspicion as the medical evidence stated plainly that Mr. Ratnapura must have breathed his last by 1 a.m.

When Roy London returned to the Jeepay Police Station, the report from the fingerprint expert awaited him. Mr. Zule X. de Silva's fingerprints on his cigarette-case were the same as those on the dagger.

Roy London instructed de Brummond to arrest Z.X. de Silva for the murder of Mr. Bunkulama.

He also telephoned the fingerprint expert and found out that the prints on the old-fashioned revolver were the same as those on the dagger. So Mr. Z.X. de Silva was the murderer of Mr. Ratnapura as well.

An hour later, de Brummond returned.

"I put Z. X. de Silva into the lock-up. He said that the police were making a big mistake in arresting him."



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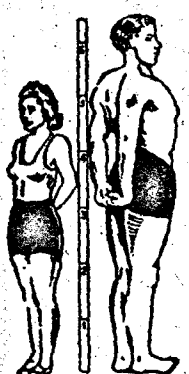
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"Good," Roy said. "Now I want you to arrest Mr. Ponniah and Joseph."

"On what charge?"

"Never mind all that. Arrest them."

Roy London went to see Mrs. Ratnapura. She was getting ready to leave for India.

"Have you any reason to believe that your husband took his own life?" Roy asked her.

"I THOUGHT that the Police held that the double murder was committed by Mr. Z. X. de Silva. Wasn't I amused to hear that he was practising non-violence in the Remand Jail? The newspaper had even a cartoon of it."

Roy pulled out a registered letter.

"I thought so till your mother-in-law sent this letter to me. It was unopened till yesterday as she was away. In this Mr. Ratnapura states that he was taking his own life as his married life was unhappy."

Mrs. Ratnapura turned pale.

"True, you left the hotel at five that morning but your car had no puncture. You went straight to your husband's bedroom prepared to murder him. But that was not necessary as he had already taken his life. So you merely picked up the revolver he had used and put in its place a revolver with the fingerprints of another man."

"This is all a lie — the product of a crooked and beastly mind!" Mrs. Ratnapura snapped. "How dare you — what proof have you?"

"Ample proof. You should know that Joseph, the mechanic, is no longer your accomplice. He's crown witness now and has divulged your secret to me."

Mrs. Ratnapura gaped wild-eyed.

"If you don't believe me, I'll tell you something more. Ponniah — the Malwella Hotel Manager — is the chief of an underground Party called the 'Himsa Ghar', whose avowed aim is to disgrace and then murder eminent cham-

pions of non-violence... But tell me, Mrs. Ratnapura, why did you obey this man?"

She broke into sobs.

"I WAS in his power.....he knew that I was it's so very humiliating to talk about itbut save me, please save me I'm not wicked....."

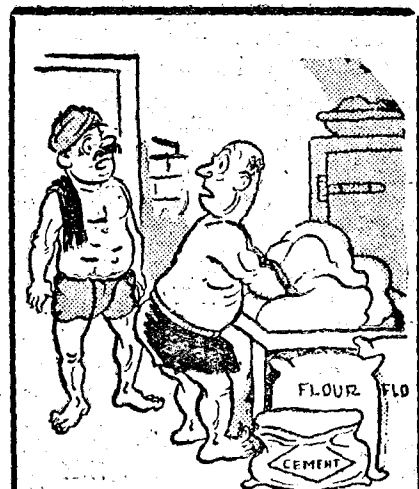
She buried her face in her hands.

"He knew that I was an illegitimate child.....and that my mother I have never seen her led an immoral life He threatened to tell people if I refused to do his evil bidding I had to."

She added that she had stolen the dagger and the revolver from Mr. Z. X. de Silva after a demonstration by him so his fingerprints were on them.

It was she who murdered Mr. Bunkulama and left the dagger sticking in his body, so that Mr. Z. X. de Silva would be arrested and disgraced.

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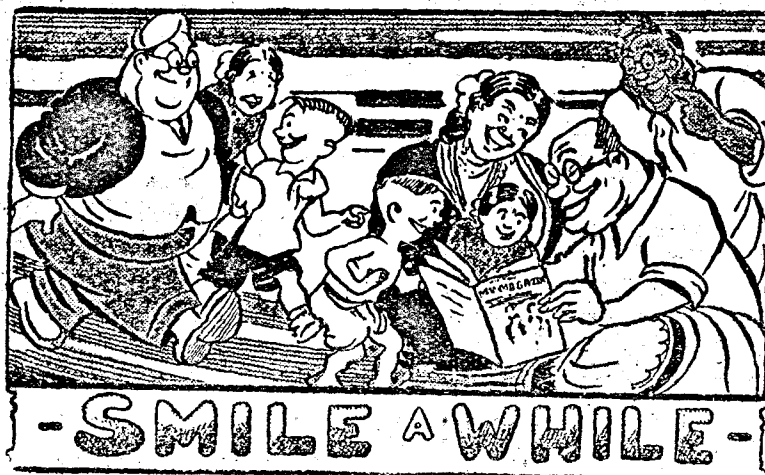
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As he spoke, the fragile platform collapsed in a cloud of dust, and the orator disappeared from view. The audience sat spellbound. After a few tense moments the speaker slowly emerged from the wreckage.

"Gosh!" exclaimed a voice, "it's missed him."

"What Row?"

An Irishman hurried into a bar and said to the bartender: "A pint before the row starts."

He drank that up.

"Another pint before the start." He had drunk that halfway when the bartender asked: "What row?"

"I don't have any money," said the Irishman.

Regret!

"So the electrical treatment has relieved your rheumatism, George?"

"Ay," said the old man, ruefully, "but I can't tell now when it's going to rain!"

Just The Same

He: "I've come to the conclusion that you are marrying me only because I have inherited a fortune from my uncle."

She: "Not at all. It would have been just the same if you'd inherited it from anyone else."

HE was a good workman when he was there, but he was often away. However, he always produced a certificate signed by his doctor. At last the doctor became suspicious. When the man came again, he gave him a blank certificate. The next morning the foreman called the workman aside.

"Now, look here, Bill," he said, "that certificate is no good. The doctor has simply put a stroke in the place which should show what you suffered from."

"That's O.K., boss," said Bill quickly. "That's what I had."

Easy!

The lorry took a corner too sharply and crashed into the kitchen of a cottage. "I'm sorry," said the driver, popping his head out, "but I really wanted the coast road."

"That's easy," said the housewife, carrying on with her cooking. "Just go straight on into the living-room and turn right by the sideboard."

A Bit Silly

The telephone rang and kept on ringing, but the new typist made no move to answer it.

"Why don't you answer the phone?" asked the boss irritably.

"Well, I will if you like," replied the typist, shrugging her shoulders, "but it seems a bit silly to me. It's bound to be for you; none of my friends knows I'm here yet."

THE police raided a private club where four men sat round a table playing poker. They sternly questioned each man. "You're playing cards for money in defiance of the law," they told the first of them.

"Not me," he replied. "I just sat down for a talk."

"You're gambling in defiance of the law," they shouted at the second man.

"You've got me all wrong," he replied. "I'm a stranger here."

"And you're playing cards, too," they told the third man.

"Not me," he answered, "I'm just waiting for a friend."

The police then stared at the fourth man, holding cards in his hands. "Well, anyway, you're playing cards," they exclaimed triumphantly.

"Me playing cards?" he said. "With whom?"

Explained

During the history lesson the teacher told the class that a surname often pointed out the ancestors of those who bore the name. He gave the simple examples of Smith, Taylor and Baker. Then he questioned one of the boys: "And what were your ancestors, Webb?"

"Spiders, sir!"

Fresh Light

"Why doesn't baby talk?" inquired the little girl, gazing at her small brother.

"He can't talk yet," replied her father. "Small babies never do."

"Oh, yes, they do," was the quick answer. "Job did. Nurse read to me out of the Bible how Job cursed the day he was born."

Touching The Sister!

While they were exchanging confidences over coffee the fair-haired girl asked: "What did Horace say when you told him you would be a sister to him?"

"You'd hardly believe it!" replied her companion. "He actually had the nerve to ask me to lend him five shillings so that he could take another girl to the pictures!"

ANSWERING a ring at his door, a man found an old friend and a large dog standing outside. "Come in!" he said.

The friend entered and sat down. The dog knocked over a standard lamp and several knick-knacks, and finally made himself comfortable in one of the best chairs.

When some time later the guest rose to leave, the host asked with a touch of sarcasm: "Aren't you forgetting your dog?"

"My dog?" asked the guest in surprise. "Heavens, I thought he was yours!"

Still Hopeful

"Will you marry me?" asked the young man hopefully.

"Why, you couldn't keep me in handkerchiefs," replied the girl.

But the suitor was not discouraged. "Well," he said calmly, "you don't expect to have a cold for the rest of your life, do you?"

Actor's Device

An actor married a wealthy woman and retired. One day he and his wife were out walking when they passed two actors who had known the husband.

"There goes John," said one of them, "with his labour-saving device."

Whither?

Miss Frost: "Before we drive any farther I want you to understand that I don't flirt, so don't try to hold my hand or kiss me. Is that clear?"

"Yes."

"Now that that's settled, where shall we go?"

"Home."

Precaution

The convivial husband had a friend to stay with him for the week-end. When the guest was being shown up to his room he noticed that there were faint crosses on several stairs. He asked why.

"Ah," whispered the host, "these come into operation after midnight. X means that the step creaks."

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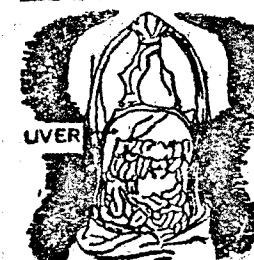
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Be happy and cheerful in whatever position the Lord places you; be contented, for contentment alone can give you peace and happiness. The Lord knows your need; and if you tenaciously stick to His Lotus feet, He will surely look after you. No wonder, for you are His child. You should withstand the many temptations that might assail you; stick to Truth, honesty, straightforwardness and nobility, and cultivate a magnanimous, forgiving heart. This will give you peace and prosperity here and will also pave the way for your quick march to your Goal — GOD.

Please do intense *sadhana*—*japa*, *kirtan*, meditation, *yogic* practices, introspection, reflection on the great utterances of the *Upanishads*, study of *Ramayana* and other religious texts. I shall guide you and serve you nicely. I shall take you onward to your goal. Maintain a spiritual diary and send it to me every month for review.

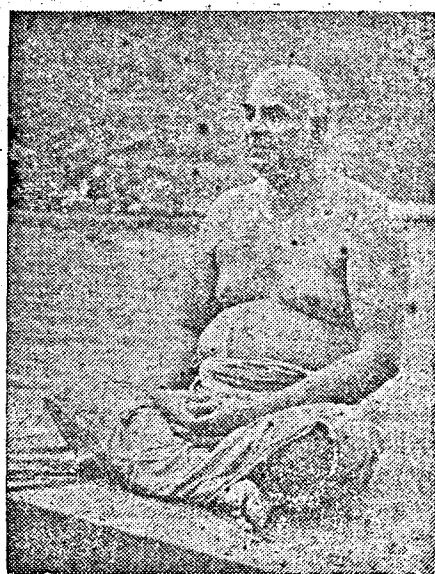
Collective *sadhana* helps progress in the spiritual path. Get together some of your friends who are interested in *yoga* and God-Realisation. Make everyone repeat *Ram Nam* with faith and devotion. Such service to His children will please Lord Rama a thousandfold and hasten His *darshan*.

The book *Practical Lessons In Yoga* contains abundant guidance and valuable hints to systematically take up *yoga abhyas*. Assimilate the theory well first. Then gradually take up practice, step by step.

Whatever *yoga sadhana* you practice, it must be purely *nishkamya* type and it should ever aim at the highest Goal — Self-realisation. *Svarodaya* too should be taken up only with this highest purpose in view. The Lord will shower His choicest blessings upon thee.

Precepts FOR practice

BY

His Holiness Maha
Mandaleswar Sri SwamiSIVANANDA
SARASWATI

All good and *adhyatmic* undertakings are recipients of His grace.

How can I forget any of the noble souls with whom I had ever the good fortune of coming into contact? Every devotee of Divine Life is dear to me; and I have great delight in serving them to the best of my ability.

Kindly devote a little at least of your time to vigorous meditation on the Creator! Remember Him throughout the day and thus inherit His grace! May He bless you!

No one is lost; nothing is really lost; it is all a point of view. Change your view and everything becomes bright and charming the very next moment.

First of all root out that meaningless thought from you that "you are doomed". You are not! You are as much a powerful dynamo as any other *yogi*. The power is lying concealed within you. I shall serve you nicely if you could co-operate with me sincerely and regularly. You must have patience and a firm determination to continue and stick to the spiritual path even at the risk of your own life. Then come to me!

A waterfall contains a powerful electricity in it but the ignorant sentimentalist would sit and pity the tiny water drops that tumble down and get splashed at the rock

heads below; the wise will employ it to yield its voltages. Similarly, if you are true to yourself and are ready to strive, I shall serve you and you would be a changed man in a couple of months.

I can myself give the most powerful talisman which will bestow on you all auspiciousness. That talisman is the name of the Lord, the greatest of all *mantras* — OM.

I will now tell you the *yogic* secret. Sit in any comfortable pose—if you know the *yogic* pose, *Padmasan*, well and good, or you can sit as you usually do — keep your body erect. Close your eyes, direct the gaze inwardly to the space between the eyebrows. Mentally repeat OM slowly and uniformly. Let each repetition take as much time as 3½ heart beats. If the mind runs here and there, do not worry but go on with the repetition of the great *mantra*. Visualise your own favourite deity through the mind's eye, or the form of OM itself. Do this especially early in the morning — between 4 and 6 a.m. and at sunset, too. If possible, take a quick bath before commencing this practice. Kindly go through my book *Concentration And Meditation* which will help you greatly.

Do not run after *yogis* with occult powers or talismans. Depend on your own Inner Self, the Lord within you. Repeat His

Name; meditate on Him and draw strength. You can also take a course of *Chyavanaprash*, which will improve your nerves. You can also practise mild *sukh purvak pranayam* along with OM *Japa* for half an hour in the morning. These practices will soon convert you into a Superman.

You are pure. Your heart is pure. The *Atman* in you is pure. Can you add to the purity of the crystal? It happens in tropical regions that a bright day is suddenly converted into a dark night by thick, dark clouds; but it does not mean that the sun has set. Quickly the clouds disperse, the sun shines once again with the same brilliance. Such is our life, too. Know it as an axiomatic truth that the Divine forces are infinitely more powerful than the undivine.

Therefore, take recourse to the Divine forces. The Commander-in-Chief of the Divine army is the Lord's Name. "Single-handed, this one brave soldier will annihilate hordes of devils. Ever repeat His name. Concentrate on your *Ishta devata* morning and evening and do *japa*. Have a *japa mala* always in your pocket and whenever you find any leisure do a few *malas*. All your sins will be washed away. Read my book *Yoga In Daily Life* and *Concentration And Meditation* and practise *yoga* from today.

Many new years have come and worn themselves out; to a worldly man they have no meaning except merry making on the New Year's day and spending the rest of the year in the same manner as the previous one was spent.

But to a thirsting aspirant like your goodself, every New Year, nay every new day, ought to mean a lot! Brightness, still more brightness, as the distant glimmer of *Atmic* knowledge grows brighter and brighter, drawing near the hour when the Sun of *Gyana* will rise throwing His rays of Infinite Bliss all round, enveloping your whole being in one vast light of knowledge and bliss!

Look upon all — animate and inanimate things — as the Lord or *Brahman* Himself. Greet everyone with a cheer of recognition: "Thou Art Indeed A Form Of The Lord." Repeat His name always, sing His praises often. Train your wife also in *yoga*; the bird cannot fly with one wing. By precept and by example, teach her the basic tenets of Divine life. It is easy; women have an inborn inclination to spirituality. They can realise God more quickly if only they make up their mind to do so. The path of *yoga* would be smooth, clear and easy if you both walk hand in hand.

Even the Lord in the *Bhagavat Gita* characterises the mind as uncontrollable like the wind. But it has got to be bridled, if you are to advance in the spiritual path. Steady practice, combined with a discriminative dispassion, will bring this monkey under complete control.

Daily practice of all *asans* will ensure your health and secure for you a good body and a healthy mind for onward march. Do not overdo *bhastrika*, especially in summer.

Sivanandaji To Tour South-East Asia

The Global Tour Committee have, for the time being, postponed the itinerary of H.H. Mahamandaleswar Sri Swami Sivananda Saraswati in the Continent and America. There are incessant and eager requests from several devotees in Malaya that His Holiness should, in the immediate future, undertake a tour in South-East Asia. The Mandali, therefore, have decided to visit Singapore, Penang, Kuala Lumpur, Rangoon, and Java, within a period of thirty days during the months of June and July, 1953. If proper arrangements could be made, the tour may also be extended to Hongkong, Tokyo and Australia, and Ceylon during the return journey. The Mandali will consist of eight members including His Holiness. A detailed programme with definite dates will be announced, in due course, in consultation with interested persons and organisers of different camps.

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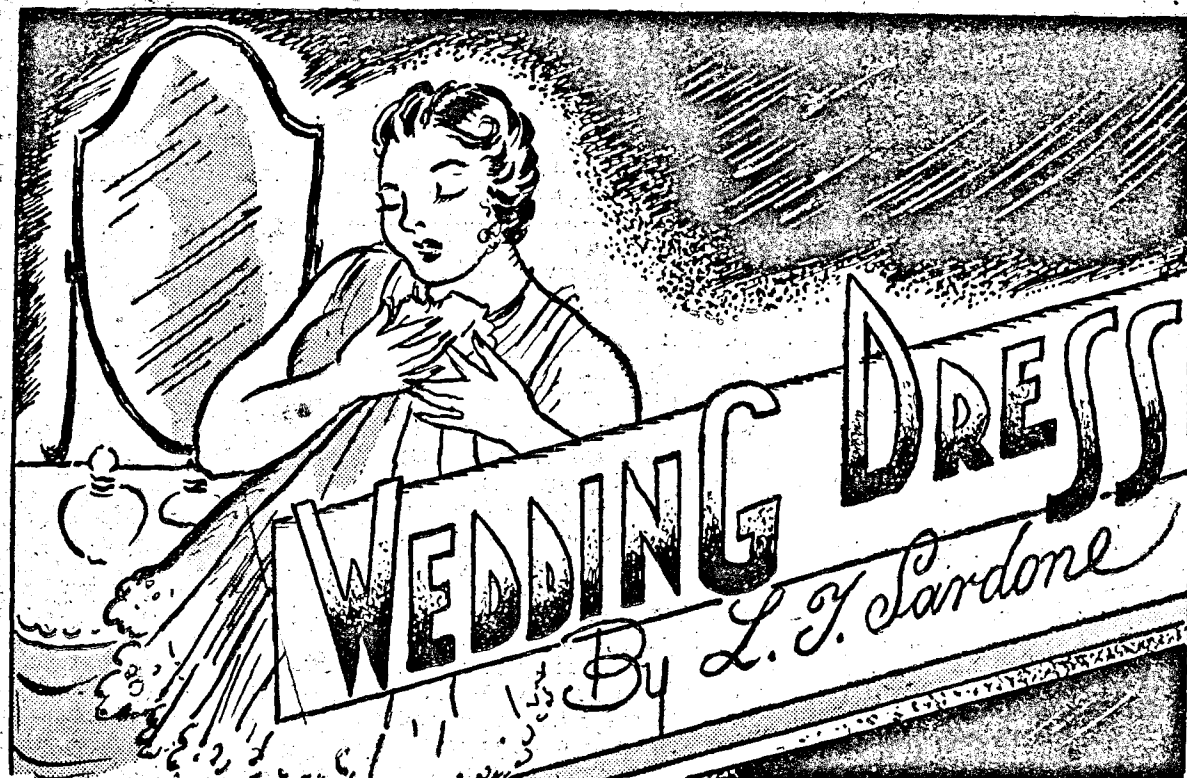
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IT was her own fault, she decided. If she hadn't been so insistent, right from the start, Myra would never have gone in for white. She was such a sensible girl, just like her father.

But for once, Mum had insisted. Myra was her only child; they could afford a slap-up wedding, and she wasn't going to have the neighbours saying they were too mean to give her one. She would make the wedding dress herself.

Mrs. Wicklow took another pin out of her mouth and jabbed it into the hem of the chalk-white satin gown her daughter was to wear on the morrow.

All in white. White dress, white veil, white roses on her head. White gloves, even a white prayer-book that was to be the "borrowed" thing every bride should have. It belonged to Daisy, Myra's chief bridesmaid.

That Daisy! She had started it all up again—the almost forgotten yearnings, the vain regrets. It was Daisy who had jerked the question at her that first afternoon.

"What did you wear for your wedding?" Daisy had simpered.

"Did you have a white wedding, Mrs. Wicklow?"

Then the other girl, Peggy. "Yes. What did you wear, Mrs. Wicklow?"

Indeed, what did she wear? Why did she wear it? Why, for that matter, did she get married at all?

But all that Mrs. Wicklow had said, her eyes suddenly smarting, was: "I wore a suit."

"And very nice she looked in it, too," said Perce Wicklow. "Very nice, very trim. It was navy blue, I remember, and she had pink carnations in her bouquet and a navy hat with pink ribbon."

VERY nice, very trim. That's how a wife should look, ran the thoughts of Mrs. Wicklow. A wife, but not a bride. Not, surely, a bride?

Then that pert little Daisy started her again.

"I thought everybody wore white in those days, Mrs. Wicklow. I know my Ma did. We've got a picture of it at home."

Yes, I expect you have, thought Mrs. Wicklow. All brides keep pictures of their weddings. Real brides, that is. Nobody would believe her if she told them she'd burnt the photograph taken on her wedding day.

SHE had come across the photograph one day, turning out an old trunk. It was a bit yellow, but clear enough to see them both standing outside the church, him in his best brown suit, and her wearing navy, with a bunch of carnations. It might have been the bride's parents, she had thought, and, in a sudden moment of distaste and disgust, she had torn it to shreds and put it in the boiler.

Next year would be her silver wedding—next April, twenty-five years, nearly, she'd been married, and she had been a good wife. Obedient. She never argued. Not with Perce.

It had been like that right from the start. They'd been courting for eighteen months—she was in service—and her mistress, Mrs. Denton, had said:

"Well, Mattie, I suppose you'll be leaving us one of these days to

get married? Have you made up your mind when it's to be?"

Mattie had blushed and whispered: "Well, M'm, I can't say for sure. He hasn't spoken, yet."

Another two years had passed, and she was still with Mrs. Denton, before Perce had decided.

Then, one night, after they'd been to the pictures, Perce had said, "Well, Mat, how would you like to be married?"

THEN he had put his arms round her and given her a smacking kiss, so that she thought they must have heard it in the house and it was all settled.

All, that is, except the wedding dress—that was her affair. She had added up her savings. There was £17/- in her cash box, and £9/15/- in the bank. It was quite a bit of money.

On her half-day, she had gone into the town and there, filling a whole window, was a bride, in white satin with a white veil and orange blossom. It said: "For the Easter bride," and beside it was a price ticket: £6/16/6. Dress only.

That evening, when Perce met her at the bus stop, she had started to tell him about the dress.

"Ho, ho! So we want to dress ourselves up, do we? Fancy yourself in white, dusk? Why not? Just for an hour or two, I suppose it's worth it. Only get married once in a lifetime—we hope!" he had said. And at once she felt as silly as could be.

The next Thursday Perce came with her to the shops, and she had led him to the window, where the bride still stood in all her glory.

Perce had slapped his thigh and roared with laughter. "I can just see you walking up the aisle in that, can't you, Mat? A fair picnic!"

Even then it wasn't really too late. If only she had made him see how much she wanted to be a real bride!

She did try, over tea.

"Mrs. Denton's coming, Perce," she said. "And cook Mary's

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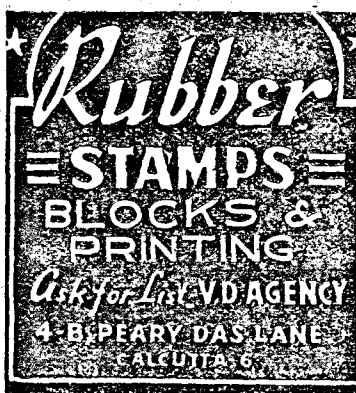
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changing her day, too, so she can come."

Mary was parlourmaid to Mrs. Denton's brother's wife, and the two had sometimes spent their time off together.

"We'll have quite a party, then," said Perce. "What with Mum and Dad, and Harry and his girl."

Then she had said, the colour mounting to her eyes: "Wouldn't you like to see me all in white, Perce?"

She hadn't dared to look at him, had spread her bun with meticulous care and cut it into tiny fingers before he had answered: "I like you as you are, Mattie. Just your own sensible self. No nonsense. All that dressing up, just for a few hours—all right for the flighty ones."

Then his mouth full of bun, he had added: "You please yourself, Mat. It's your money."

MRS. WICKLOW sighed and stuck in the last pin. She selected a long needle, filled it with tacking thread and began to stitch with feverish speed.

All that day she'd thought of nothing but herself in a white wedding dress, with a long white veil and orange blossom. She must pull herself together. It was silly.

The tacking was finished. Now just the hemming round, with real silk, blind hemming, so as not to show a single stitch.

She rose to fetch the sewing silk, and the smooth satin slipped from her hands. On a sudden impulse she caught it to her face, and for a moment its cool softness caressed her cheek. She murmured to it: "Lovely, lovely!"

The house was quiet. Myra was at Daisy's, making last minute arrangements. Perce had retreated to the pictures and was to call for his daughter at half-past ten. It was nearly nine o'clock. She'd have all her work cut out to get the dress finished and pressed by the time they came in.

She stood for a moment, and, half-closing her eyes, she saw

herself again in that shop at Portsmouth, the day she'd gone to buy her wedding gown. Oh, yes, she'd asked to see the white satin, had touched it, held it, just as she was holding this one. And then, to the indignation of the shop assistant, she had laid it down and said:

"I think I'll look at the suits."

AN idea suddenly struck her, so that her whole body tensed, and the blood rushed up to her ears. She did not hesitate but, gathering up the whiteness in her arms, she sped up the lined stairs, into her narrow bedroom with the heavy mahogany furniture.

She laid the dress carefully on the bed, drew the blinds before switching on the light. Trembling, she tore off her clothes, left them heaped on the floor.

She could not glance at the reflection in her wardrobe mirror. Her mind sheered off the picture of the thickened body, the bony knees, and the toughened feet. Stubbornly, she forced instead the memory of a neat, trim figure, with its nineteen-inch waist, its rounded arms and full, warm thighs.

Hastily, she took up the wedding dress. Slipping it over her head, she found the sleeves, drew them carefully over her arms, then, breathing unevenly, managed at last to draw together the zip fastener. She faltered for an instant, then, turning, saw in the hazy mirror, the whiteness and the glory of the bride.

Wait! Something is missing. The veil! I must have the veil. Every bride has a veil. Hurry, hurry, hurry! They will be here to stop me. They will stop me being a bride. They won't let me wear white. Where is my veil? Where is my veil?

Mrs. Wicklow, flurry of white satin, ran to the steep staircase, ran, tripped, slipped and fell.

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P.T. Venkatesan, Madras

Q.—In spite of all the criticisms levelled against our Congress Government, I think that they alone can effect peaceful and progressive changes in our economic and social order. What is your opinion?

A.—Ditto. If members of other parties are slinging mud at the Congress, it is not because their patriotic blood is boiling but because they are missing the opportunity to make their own gains. No other party can ensure even this much of social stability, I tell you.

Miss Pushpa B. Sujan, Ajmer

Q.—Do you think that the large scale employment of the fair sex has contributed in any way to the growing unemployment of men to-day?

A.—It isn't fair to say so about the fair sex. If women replace men, then it must be remembered that when men worked in the office women were at home only. Now that women work, men are idle (not "at home," I think!) or are also employed. Quoting Archimedes in a different way, I might say that this apparent unemployment measured in terms of the number of men jobless is equal to the number of Eves at the desk.

Kota Deva Prasad, Vizagapatam

Q.—What would be the state of India by this time if late Mahatma Gandhi were to be alive now?

A.—It would be a blasphemy to indulge in such speculations about one who was a visible god to millions of us.

Miss N. Ramani Sheila, Lucknow

Q.—What is a society woman who is fat and fifty?

A.—An established figure.

Vishwanath Mehra, Ganguwal

Q.—Are Lata Mangeshkar and Asha Posle, the playback singers, sisters?

A.—Sisters in the trade and not by blood.

Gollamudi Rama Rao, Amaravati

Q.—To which kind can the picture *Jhansi-Ki-Rani* be said to belong?

A.—To the colourful category in the usually dry book of our film industry's progress.

S.A. Kumar, Hazaribagh

Q.—What is the function of kisses in love-making?

A.—They serve as ladders for climbing on to the greater heights of emotional-cum-physical rapture.

S.N. Swamy, Salem

Q.—What is the difference between Kashmir Government and the "Azad Kashmir" Government?

A.—Ever heard the story of the wolf that cried because the lamb was getting soaked in the rain? The "Azad" or "Free Kashmir" government is that which is attempted to be established in Kashmir by Pakistan's political pirates. The Kashmir Government with Sheikh Abdulla as the Prime Minister is an all-Kashmir affair for the benefit of the Kashmiris.

Ramanathan S.K., Pratapgarh

Q.—Where does Dev Anand live?

A.—In the hearts of his innumerable fans.

Miss Susheela Verma, Ahmedabad

Q.—If "M" is for Mangeshkar (Lata), what can "N" mean?

A.—Nargis, Nalini (Jaywant), Nimmi, Nirupa (Roy), Nutan to mention a few only.

N.V.N. Iyengar, Madras 17

Q.—Why is it that a moustache sprouts on the male upper lip and not on that of the female's?

A.—It used to be so, because Nature differentiated the two sexes in these minor details also. But Nature seems to have relaxed the rule in favour of Eve these days because you can see many women having fine specimens of moustaches!

K. M. Kabra, Jaipur

Q.—What is the reason for the increasing popularity of MYWORDS in spite of its prize offer being so low?

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S.A.N. Moorthy, Madras 12

Q.—What is the difference between the stars on this earth and the stars in the sky?

A.—You won't say in respect of the latter: "How I wonder what you are!"

Nand Lal Mukherjee, Chapra

Q.—What will happen if the film industry is nationalised?

A.—We will have to see some other source of entertainment to get 16 annas' value in the rupee.

Maruti Vittal Nayak, Kumta

Q.—Have you ever seen a ghost?

A.—I see several in saris these days!



A PEEP INTO BAGHDAD!

As a man gets along in years, most of his youthful dreams are bound to fade, but I suspect that almost everyone, no matter how advanced his age, upon hearing the word "Baghdad"—the city that is now the capital of Iraq—still thinks of minarets and mosques silhouetted against a turquoise sky, sinister figures slinking furtively up twisting alleys, and, of course, harems pungent with incense and inhabited by concubines lolling on overstuffed divans, writes Joseph Wechsberg in *The New Yorker*.

Airports are the same everywhere, and even in Baghdad one would hardly expect to see a control tower shaped like a minaret, with a wind-sock flying from its peak. But as my friend drove me from the airport, and we were caught up in a traffic jam in which camels and donkeys were plentifully represented, I saw no mosques and minarets but plenty of petrol stations and soft-drink stands and small white houses looking like those in the less fashionable suburbs of a Western city.

In their midst, however, stood a low modernistic structure, and my companion told me that this was the government's latest architectural achievement—a combination hotel and air-and-rail terminal.

"The Iraqis are very proud of it," he said. "They hope it will make Baghdad the stopover place in the Middle East. They're jealous of Lebanon's new airport at Beirut, which now holds that distinction."

Link With West

Across from the big hotel-and-terminal was the old railway station. As we passed it, I saw a train with two royal-blue *Wagons Lits* and a dining-car—a reminder of the Berlin-to-Baghdad Railway originally envisaged by Kaiser Wilhelm before World War I—the Taurus Express which runs twice a week from Baghdad by way of Mosul and Aleppo to Istanbul, where it connects with the Simplon-Orient express for Paris.

"It takes approximately a week from here to Paris," my friend said.

To the younger Iraqis, the line symbolizes their country's link with Western civilisation, and the Europeans and Americans in Baghdad feel a little more secure at the thought of those *Wagons-Lits*.

By now we had reached the centre of the town, an area of wide tree-shaded avenues lined on both sides with open-air cafes such as one sees in the shabbier districts of French industrial cities. Yellowish clouds of dust hung over the street. "The dust never settles here," my friend said.

It seemed quite hot to me; but he assured me that it was a pleasant afternoon for Baghdad.

Sometimes during July and August, he said, the thermometer goes up to a hundred-and-twenty degrees in the shade. In those months the few well-to-do people who don't leave town sleep on the roofs of their houses, under mosquito nets, and the poor sleep in the streets.

Hardships In Winter

In winter, it gets so cold that the rich shiver in their inadequately heated houses, and a good many of the poor freeze to death. In the spring and autumn, moreover, the rich and the poor are drenched by rains, harassed by floods, blinded by sandstorms, bitten by mosquitoes, and tormented by locusts.

I had become pretty well resigned to Baghdad as it is when my companion announced that we were entering Al-Raschid Street, named after the famous old caliph.

However, it proved to be just another dreary thoroughfare, with neat but ugly houses, hotels, department stores, arcades, and semi-modernistic office buildings.

None of the beautiful white, red, blue, and gold found in Arabic mosaics was to be seen; instead, the prevailing colour was a dirty yellow—colour of the River Tigris which runs through the city.

Queer Facts

Eighty-seven new, high-quality wrist-watches have been imported into Britain—just to be thoroughly smashed up. The mutilated remains will be used to test the ingenuity and skill of British watch repairers. Anyone who can build up one of the watches like new again will earn a certificate of merit from the British Watch and Clock Makers' Guild.

Two cats were sent to a Twickenham (Middlesex) rubbish disposal works twenty years ago to keep down rats. Now the place is rat-free—but the Council wants to know how to cut down the 200 "wild" cats there.

Jesse Whitehurst, 20, out-patient at two hospitals seven miles apart, went to one for a pit injury to his RIGHT hand, had to go to the other when his LEFT hand was bitten by an Alsatian dog at Morley (Yorks)!

The terraces of the cafes were crowded with men—only men, and thousands of them. (Like other Moslems, Iraqi men feel that the place for women is in the home.)

They were sipping coffee or soft drinks and carrying on vigorous arguments, probably about local politics. The river was full of boats, and on one of them some men were holding a *muzgoof*—an open-air fish roast at which quantities of *shabbul*, a Tigris fish that is highly rated locally, are consumed.

Terrible Beating

The only architectural remains of Baghdad's great days are the partly restored palace of a caliph, the Mustansiriyyah, which was a famous college nearly a thousand years ago; and two ancient mosques, surrounded by tombs.

In the light of the city's history, it is a wonder that even these few vestiges of the past still exist. Over the years Baghdad has taken a terrible beating at the hands of its enemies, and it has also suffered from the fact that while in Syria and Egypt most of the ancient edifices were made of stone, the favourite building material in Mesopotamia was sun-baked mud brick, which is hardly as durable.

Today, Baghdad, with its new business districts and residential suburbs, is an unpretentious city that is lacking in at least the more shocking contrasts between extreme poverty and ostentatious wealth one finds in, say Egypt.

Place Of Women

There are well-to-do people here and very poor people, but I noticed fewer beggars and fewer palaces than elsewhere in the Middle East. Some of the bigger houses are occupied by two or three families. Occasionally one hears that a sheik has been shopping in the local French-operated department store and spending perhaps 5,000 dinars (£5,000) on silks and jewellery, presumably for some pretty dancing girl, but it happens rarely enough to attract attention.

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Baghdad residents who can manage to get away actually live in the city only a few months of the year, spending their summers and winters in the better climate of Beirut or the south of France.

Throughout Iraq as throughout the Moslem world, a male society prevails and the women have little say. In a typical house in Baghdad, the women's rooms are at the back, separated by a corridor from the front rooms, where the men carry on their lives, the idea being that the men of the house and their visitors don't like to be bothered by having the womenfolk around, putting away at their interminable chores.

Under these circumstances, I've been told, the women aren't particularly interested in making their homes attractive.

Rough Justice

Once outside Baghdad and its suburbs, most signs of Western civilization disappear. By far the greater part of Iraq is inhabited by tribal groups, whose members live as they did a thousand years ago.

Some of the tribes are semi-nomadic; others are pretty much settled. In the countryside, a man never leaves home without his rifle; even while squatting in the dust for a sociable chat he keeps his gun resting on his thigh. Justice is rough. If a man feels he has been wronged, he takes the law into his own hands; the government seldom intervenes.

A typical Middle East country, Iraq is rich in undeveloped resources, full of unusual and unused opportunities, corrupt and unstable. For the Western world it is a potential source of both wealth and trouble.

Malaria's Toll

Currently, there is a minor construction boom in Baghdad, but outside the city one sees little but poverty, disease, and misery. Over a million of Iraq's five million inhabitants are thought to be suffering from malaria, and at least fifty thousand of them die of it every year.

Iraq's incidence of illiteracy is formidable even for the illiterate Middle East. It is estimated that only fifteen per cent of the city dwellers are able to read and write, and in the country the figure is perhaps three per cent.

The national government makes a show of being concerned with education, but it leaves the job of building schools to the provincial governors, who don't take much interest in the matter. Iraqis outside the towns display an astonishing ignorance about the world.

Iraq's destiny is tied up with its two great rivers, the Euphrates and the Tigris. In the summer they are quite low, but in spring, when the snow melts on the mountains, the rivers rise rapidly. There is always either drought or flood in Iraq.

The farmers raise grain, rice, tobacco, sorghum, and cotton, but they do it listlessly, paying almost no attention to fertilizers. Many cultivate date palms, because it is so easy—just a matter of growing trees.

Few Iraqis ever get a chance to eat meat. The customary diet consists of dates, vegetables, bread, and goat's milk. Iraq has thirty million date palms, representing 350 varieties, and is responsible for eighty

per cent of the world's date exports. The palms are grown mostly along the banks of the rivers. For 120 miles the Shatt-al-Arab, which is the name of the Euphrates and Tigris after they converge above Basra, flows through one enormous palm grove.

Palm wood is used as fuel, and palm fronds as roofing material. Dates are a staple food of hundreds of thousands—often their only food, but this does not mean that those who live on them are in danger of suffering from malnutrition.

For dates provide the elements of a balanced diet—sugar, fat, protein, and a pound of dates contains over 1,300 calories. A date palm appears on Iraq's coat of arms.

The Oil Problem

Plans for an irrigation system may soon materialize, provided several ifs don't work out the wrong way. The needed money will roll in, it is hoped, in the form of oil revenues. Iraq is one of the richest countries on earth in oil resources, but efforts to cash in on this asset have, in the past, led to its becoming the victim in a mess of international intrigue.

If everything goes according to plan, between now and 1955 Iraq should get something like £190 million in oil royalties, considerably more money than most Iraqis have ever dreamed existed.

Russia is separated from Iraq only by Persia; jet planes could fly from Soviet airbases to Iraq's biggest oil fields in two hours. If Persia should become a Kremlin satellite, Iraq would be sharing six hundred miles of frontier with the Soviet Union.

But the powers that be in Baghdad don't like to think about that. This is the Middle East; and so in Baghdad, as in other cities in these parts, the big concern is the "Israel threat," not Soviet Russia.

Girls Who Married Murderers!

When pretty Ellen K—married her handsome, audacious Irishman, she noticed that he never said a word about his past life. But very soon she found he was none too good to their children. And she herself had to go out to work. Then he was convicted of theft and other crimes and out came his dreadful secret.

For six years she had been innocently wedded to a man once condemned to death as a murderer!

The death sentence was commuted to life imprisonment and he had been released after serving seven-and-a-half years. When he asked Ellen to be his wife, how could she guess his terrible record? "I don't know whether I shall ever be able to forgive him," she said. But would she ever have married him had she suspected the savage truth?

Circumstances no less frightening occurred in the recent case of James John Alcott. Only his kith and kin knew that as a soldier four years ago he had been sentenced to death for the murder of a German night watchman, writes Evelyn Vaughan in *Tit-Bits*.

In his case, the court-martial finding and sentence were never confirmed and he was set free. For four years he moved through the world of men like a dark and evil shadow. Then, quite recently, he was

charged with another murder and sentenced to death a second time.

Astonishing Fact

It was Alcott who slashed an Aldershot railway booking clerk to death. For the paltry £100 or so in the till. If only he had been branded with "M"—as in medieval times—the booking clerk would have been warned and his life probably saved.

These two cases dramatically reveal a terrifying flaw in our penal system. Most people imagine that a convicted murderer is either hanged or placed permanently where he can do no further harm. The astonishing fact is, however, that the Home Office has modern records of over 400 murderers who have watched the grim ritual of the black cap and yet have at last been freed.

In a Manchester factory, girls and young men work amicably alongside an elderly man, unaware that he once cut a woman's throat. In the East-end of London children run to meet a popular street hawk. Would the fond mothers beam such approval if they knew he once committed a brutal strangulation?

Not long ago Victor Carasov was released from Broadmoor, ostensibly sane and harmless. Yet he soon faced an indictment of robbery with violence against an elderly widow and was perhaps fortunate the charge was not worse. Before the authorities are the details of five reprieved murderers who have been released only to commit other serious offences, including murder.

And can they be sure that others, benefiting from experience, have not successfully concealed their second crimes?

Although it is commonly thought that a legal life sentence is twenty years, eighty killers have been released after less than five years. Only eleven actually completed a full twenty-year term.

Holds High Post!

Among the freed murderers who survived the shadow of the scaffold are names that once made us shudder. There is the man who was sentenced to death for the ghastly slaying of Nellie Trew on Eltham Common, the cosh boy concerned in the Indian club murder of an Oldham shopkeeper, and the Chatham naval steward—now in his middle fifties—who killed his wife with a razor.

Their names need not be repeated here, for they have since made good, proving that even murder is a crime that can be lived down.

Reprieved on the eve of his execution, a Brighton man came out of jail after fourteen years aged only thirty-seven and married a twenty-year-old cinema usherette. At least one killer now holds a post of high responsibility in the Commonwealth.

Even from Broadmoor at least 200 inmates have been released in the last twenty years. Once certified fit to leave, they need do no more than find a guarantor who will promise to supervise them for only six months.

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THE BRIDEGROOM

by
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"DOES the bridegroom think that there is a pagoda tree in our backyard?" asked Kamalabai bitterly.

Ramakrishna, reclining in an easy-chair, holding aloft the letter which he was reading for the third time, said: "Or a Kamadhenu or Kalpataru?"

"Yes, you will jest at all times. Now, who has all this money? And why does he want Rs. 100 for travelling expenses? A mere four rupees will fetch a ticket. Even if Gopal is coming, the expenses both ways will not come to more than twenty. And he wants Rs. 100. Look at that!"

"Well, you have to pay for the tne. You called the piper, didn't you?"

"As though it is not our custom to invite the son-in-law for the Deepavali!" persisted Kamalabai.

"As though for Deepavali fathers-in-law don't spend!" rejoined her husband.

"Well, if you want to give all your property to your son-in-law, what do I care? Am I not anxious to see that my daughter is well-settled and started in life?" Her voice quivered.

Round the corner, Ramakrishna perceived, tears were glistening.

"No doubt, our bridegroom is a bit headstrong. But you see, it is

not he who wrote the letter. It is Gopal."

It had long been a sore point with Mrs. Ramakrishna that Gopal, a young ne'er-do-well, should mediate between them and the son-in-law.

"Why all this humbug?" she cried. "Why can't he write himself? A bridegroom first in Honours in your white man's language perhaps does not know how to write a letter?"

"Perhaps letter-writing is not part of the curriculum!" Ramakrishna joked.

"Not even good manners, I think," added Kamalabai acidly.

"Perhaps he needs the money for other expenses," explained Ramakrishna.

"What other expenses? Is he buying new clothes and bringing bags and parcels here? We have been asked to purchase the clothes, too, and that they must be silk, too. Is that not the command?"

"Perhaps he is afraid we might present him with Khaddar as I am so fond of it. Anyway, don't worry. He is only young, you know. He will be all right as he gets older."

On the important morning, Ramakrishna selected the best-

sprung bandy of his and drove to the station to receive his son-in-law and Gopal. The train, as usual, took its own time arriving but arrive it did. As soon as Nagesh and Gopal got down, Ramakrishna welcomed them and inquired about their welfare.

Out of the station, catching sight of the bandy, Nagesh's face clouded.

"Rotten, coming to these God-forsaken holes, Gopal. That's why I refused to come at first."

"You can't expect a blooming Rolls to be waiting for your lordship—not in these out-of-the-way places. Let us make the best of what we have. Come on, my boy, we shall make a move," replied Gopal.

WITH knit brows and a dark face Nagesh sat in the cart. No doubt it did seem a bit incongruous that a man so suited, tied and shoed, should squat in that unseemly way as perforce he had to in that bandy. The bandy bowled along over a road which was not so much a road with potholes and ruts in it as patches interspersed in between! A car would surely have played leapfrog with its passengers. But the bandy in its comfortable speed was not any too bad. Nagesh's mind was not in the mood to appreciate this fact. He kept a gloomy

silence over Mr. Ramakrishna's questions about himself and his parents. Gopal kept on an incessant chatter in the hope of relieving the tension but only succeeded in jarring on their nerves.

The bandy pulled up. When they got down, little Krishna ran forward and cried, "Oh, bridegroom, we have great pleasure in welcoming you. Mother is bringing the *Harathi*. Just one minute."

WHILE Ramakrishna and Gopal waited Nagesh murmured, "I don't believe in all that," and swept majestically in. Unfortunately he couldn't proceed very far with the same majesty. An obstinate chair refused to move out of the urgent way of the important bridegroom. A stumble, a fall and a deep-growled curse, and Nagesh disappeared into the room made ready for him.

Now, as was to be expected, Nagesh was all thunder and storm. It rumbled in the distance but did not burst.

Meantime, Gopal took Ramakrishna aside. "You know, Mr. Ramakrishna, our Nagesh is a very sensitive chap. He is, excuse my saying it, short-tempered. You saw the way he flared up when he saw the bandy at the station. I hear the ex-Taluk Board President has a car," he said.

"Yes, he has. But I don't go abegging. A bandy is good enough for me on these roads."

"Never mind that. What is past is past. I hope you have purchased good silk clothing. He was awfully keen on that, you know."

"Yes, I got your letter. I have bought silk clothing."

"That's right, Mr. Ramakrishna. What is the use of offending the son-in-law unnecessarily?"

The dinner that night provided some diversion.

"Oh! There are people who eat stuff such as this, too! One lives and learns, Gopal," scoffed Nagesh, though in a whisper. "No, Gopal, you are wrong. It is not too much salt in the *pachadi*. It is too little *pachadi* in the salt."

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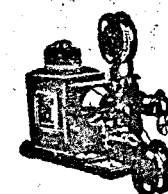
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RAMAKRISHNA took it all placidly. The little girl, round whom the functions centred, was nowhere in evidence—save behind creaking doors, a shuffle of feet, a rustle of sari.

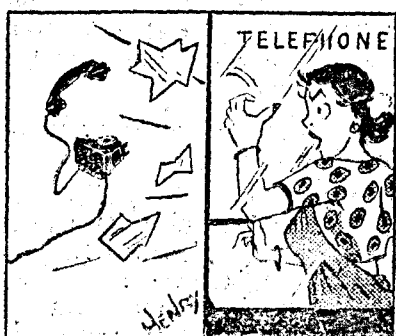
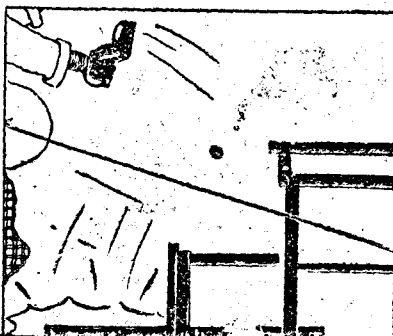
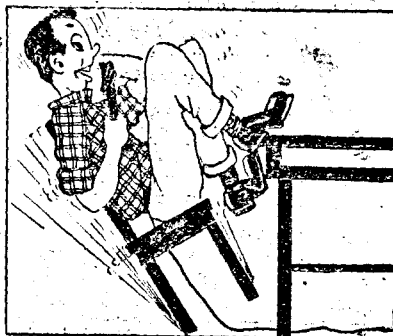
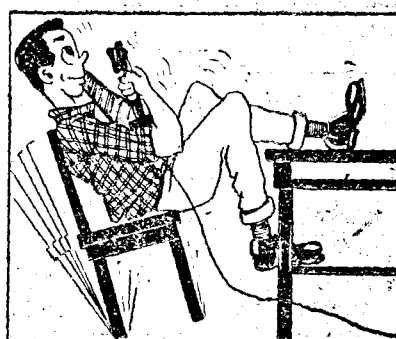
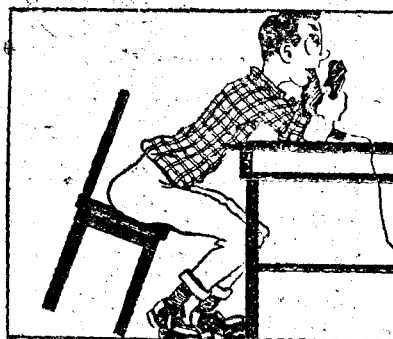
Next morning they woke to life early. The day started well, as the bridegroom had finished his

bath without anything untoward happening and without a grumble.

AS he emerged from the bath-room, Krishna handed over the new clothes. An anxious Ramakrishna—he was a little bit anxious then, it must be admitted—watched from a corner of the next room. Nagesh received them gracefully, felt them, cast a look at them—by all rights that look should have destroyed the clothes—and fled into his 'retreat.'

"Sweetmeats have been ready for the last half an hour. Will the bridegroom come out to partake of them?" queried Kamalabai.

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Suddenly they heard a crash! A sharp scream rang in the air—then they heard a thud!

Ramakrishna rushed forward and pushed the door open. There she lay, the apple of his eye, his beloved daughter—sprawling on the floor, her nose bleeding profusely. The tray was flung far away, its contents scattered all over the floor. The new clothes lay in the corner. He took her up tenderly.

NAGESH slipped out—past them all without a word. He could not face the parents of his wife after what he had done.

"Oh, what has he done? What has he done? Good God! To strike a young, defenceless girl..."

"No, Gopal, please, no... I want to walk alone. I don't want you. I have things to think over." He rid himself of the unwelcome attentions of Gopal and walked on, his dark and seething thoughts his sole company.

"Perhaps she is dead. Dead!" he thought. His body trembled like an aspen leaf. His knees wobbled. Oh, how she bled from the nose! Little one, his own darling—how sweet and dear she was—how demure and eager she looked as she came in for that first chat with her husband and he, the brute that he was, had struck her,

Struck her...! It became a burden. His mind took up the refrain. "Struck her, struck her!" it repeated helplessly.

And why? For whose fault? To punish her for her father's sins? And what had even that father done? Given him khaddar silk, and he lifted it up and hit her with it. May his hands burn for that offence. Not alone that. Had he not in his fury sprung upon her and felled her down to the ground, madly hitting her? "Oh, Lord, oh, Lord," he exclaimed, "punish me. I am not fit to live."

WANDERING along aimlessly, he presently found himself wedged in among a gathering of people. What was it? Some one was addressing the people there—poor folk, looking as if they had gone without a decent meal for months and months.

Ah, he understood who he was—a social worker. What was he saying?

"To-day, on this festive occasion, you who are gathered here have gone without a bath, without a meal—how can you have a bath and money to purchase things with? And they, they up there, living in palaces and bungalows, fatten on your labours and lead their lazy lives in luxury. They have all they want. Why, why are you poor? You spin and weave, you and your women. But what's the good? Who is there to buy your clothes? Who cares to? The khaddar which you make is praised on platform and in the papers and sung about. But when it comes to paying cash and to wearing the clothes you make everyone turns away—sack-cloth, they call it to themselves. They sneer at you behind your back and still you trust them."

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THE DOUBLE-CROSS!

By R.S. MANI

VAIDYA shouldered me aside the counter and paid the bill. He would not allow me to pay the bus fare. He pressed cigarettes upon me. He shared his umbrella respectfully with me, keeping me protectingly inside and bearing the brunt of the monsoon on his own well-pressed silk shirt.

Well, I smelt a rat. Vaidya was not the sort of man who suffered inconvenience and gave vent to obliging ostentations, unless he had a profitable axe to grind as an outcome.

I expected he would ask for a fiver or whether I could kindly introduce him to Mr. So and So, the college principal, and secure admission for a distant cousin of his, whose father, I bet, had been obliging him with frequent reinforcements of fivers and tenners.

"I wonder how long we've been friends," he began enthusiastically.

"Six years and seven months," I answered promptly, "since I parted with my first rupee note to you."

"Curious to think of it, isn't it?" he continued, unmindful of my acerbity. "There are friends and friends, but there are few who are friends in need, if you know what I mean."

I immediately assumed a standoffish attitude.

"What are you driving at, boy?" I demanded sternly. "If it's money you require, you'd better leave me at once before you waste a few more cigarettes on me."

"What a suspicious fool you are!" he chided amiably. "Is money everything? Believe me, Mani, I've only a couple of rupees with me now, but I'll gladly spare the whole lot if you need it. I just felt a little sentimental when it struck me how you have never let me down till now! That was all."

The waters ran deeper, I concluded.

"When I'd been in trouble, I've always come to you!"

"Is it?"

"And believe me, I've never returned without a remedy. You've always been so helpful. I hope you'll be the same old chap this time also!"

"Vaidya, it's getting late," I said. "If your trouble can wait till 10 a.m. tomorrow, I'll push off." I shot out of the umbrella like an arrow and headed towards the bus-stand.

"I say, just wait!" Vaidya shouted and rejoined me. "I would be glad if you can manage to come to my house just now. We can have a nice cup of coffee and then a chat."

"Your trouble?"

"We shall thrash it out in the train."

He strategically diverted me from the bus-stand and soon we walked cheek-by-jowl along the platform.

VAIDYA'S trouble, stripped of a good lot of lengthy preamble, boiled down to this. It seemed, his darling partner-in-life, Vasanti, had taken it into her obstinate head to purchase a gaudy-looking, ill-becoming type of saree, supposed to be the fashion of the day, and invariably worn by film stars outside the sets, and that Vaidya was beside himself. His purse simply could not afford this fancy, in spite of the lingering love he had for his beloved, and that I was the only man capable of keeping the saree from the hungry eyes of Vasanti and his purse. Being a student of psychology, he knew that the only way to prevent one from wanting a thing is to make one dislike it. He had his plans all ready. I should, over a

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Glasgow Mull and 13,000 rupees' worth of crackers and fireworks were sold, and that, in this small place. Now I ask you, are not these thousands of rupees literally burnt off? What earthly good has it done to anyone? And the entire amount goes to foreign countries, save for a small fraction of profits. And our national leaders are in jail for telling this truth."

Nagesh was dumbfounded on hearing this speech.

His mind was in a whirl. After all, after all ... wasn't there something in what the social worker said? Wasn't it substantially true — what he said? Yes, true and tragic, too. Were not those men, on whose faces suffering was writ so large, part and parcel of us, did they not belong to our land? He saw light. He attained a peace he had not known till then. He rushed home ... his mind was made up.

REVERENTLY he picked up the new clothes he had spurned a short while ago. He took them up tenderly, affectionately, those khaddar clothes. He felt he would have loved them the more if they had been coarser — for should not one wear sack-cloth and ashes doing penance for one's country? In the new clothes, the prostrations he made to his parents-in-law were the first step in the transformation of our bridegroom, now the well-known selfless worker in the cause of "Buy Indian", a man who lives, moves and has his being in the national campaign!

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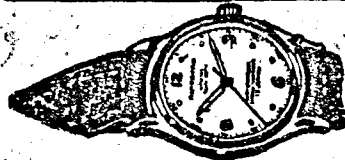
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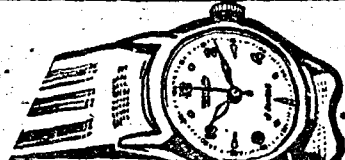
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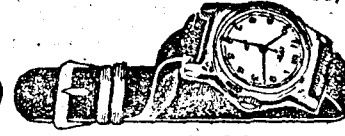
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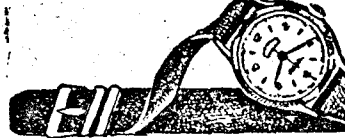
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cup of coffee, casually mention what all types of sarees are not durable and are, in the name of fashion, dumped on the heads of fashion-crazy females. And that I should reinforce my statement with a moving example.

WE perched ourselves in the rickety chairs and Vaidya's beloved brought us the refreshing cup. As she turned round to tune in the radio, Vaidya pinched my bicep.

Like a gramophone record, I began.

"I say, Vaidya, did the steno tell you how she was duped with ..."

Vaidya eyed me threateningly. So the existence of the alluring Miss De Costa and her abounding faith in Vaidya's advice regarding matters of feminine interest had not yet been broken to his jealous wife, I concluded.

I assiduously began another line of attack. One should not let one's friends down, once one put one's foot down to help them.

"Nowadays a lot of worthless stuff is sold, Vaidya," I said airily. "You see, a board of good-for-nothing sarees have come in that Fashion Mart and those beggars are so clever you know, they are able to sell them like hot cakes. One must not go by these advertisements. You are warned."

I happily noticed through the corner of my eyes that Vasanti had fallen into the trap.

"Only the other day," I followed up, "Ramnath bought a pair of the so-called 'Duniya pattern' and just one wash is not over ..."

"Did you say Duniya pattern?" demanded Vaidya seriously, straightening himself up in the chair.

"I did."

"From the Fashion Mart, in ... Circle?"

"Yes. Don't say you've bought one!" I put in, affecting an alarmed attitude.

"My! It's good you've told me, Mani! Vasanti is about to buy that much-advertised stuff. Aren't you, darling?"

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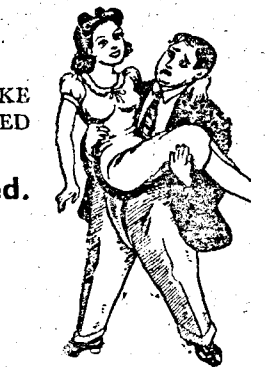
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"If you don't want to believe me, you can go to hell! I just told you casually. What do I care if you waste your money on some rot!"

NEXT morning, Vaidya bustled gaily up on seeing me and extolled me profusely at my success in the campaign.

"You've been so obliging," he said melting in his sincerity.

"Oh, don't mention it, my boy!" I replied loftily. "After all, it's just a trifle, isn't it? If one doesn't do even these things to his friends..."

"You are so modest, Mani!"

"Leave it, man, it's all right!"

"So kind of you!"

"Oh, nothing Vaidya!"

"I don't know how to thank you!"

"Don't worry, old chap!"

Like Alexander the Great, when the brave king Puru thanked the former when all he had lost were given back to him, I was so proud of my gallant act. I walked swaggeringly, whistling a sweet tune.

Susie was so respectful. Unlike other days when she used to welcome me with a frown, today she wore a melting smile. The towel was ready the moment I stepped out of the bathroom after the wash. The pyjamas were just ready to be stepped into. The coffee greeted me much sooner than usual. Her unusual blandishments foreboded a catastrophe for whatever remained of my bank-balance.

"Vasanti had been here, you know!"

"Eh? Had a pleasant chat I suppose?"

"Very. It seems your Vaidya had bought her a saree..."

"What? Vaidya bought your Vasanti a saree, is it?"

"Yes. It seems she does not like the colour. So she..."

"Duniya pattern, is it?" I demanded with much uneasiness.

"I say, how on earth did you know?" Susie raised a pair of appreciative eye-brows.

"Did she bring it with her?" I demanded.

"Of course! And asked me..."

"If you would like to buy it, is it?"

"I say, you are again correct!"

"You refused of course, didn't you?"

"Refuse it, indeed! Such a lovely one! If the colour doesn't suit Vasanti, it's because she is darkish. But you know..."

"That you are a fool!" I completed with much acerbity. "You've not paid the cash, I hope?"

"I have paid," she replied lugubriously. "I dare not lose such an opportunity..."

"M.O. from your father, eh?" I queried, hoping for a silver lining.

"M.O. INDEED!" she shouted. "I borrowed from Prem in yonder house. Told her I'd return it in a week. Such nice stuff does not come often, you know! Why, we can easily repay it!"

"What do you mean?" I shouted.

"It seems you can take loans from some Provident Fund or some such arrangement in the office. You never tell me these things, you know. Well, Vasanti told me when she'd been here. Her husband told her that you've about three hundred standing to your credit at the moment. Is it not a fact, dear?"

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SIXTH INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

The Sixth International Film Festival, the biggest film event in the world, will be held this year at Cannes from 15th to 29th April. The inaugural projection will take place on Wednesday 15th, in the evening. The list of prize-winning films will be announced on Wednesday 29th after the last projection. There will be no projections on the 23rd.

The following countries have responded to the invitation of the French Government and will participate in this Festival. They are: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, France, Germany, Great Britain, Holland, India, Israel, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Mexico, Peru, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Union of South Africa, United States, Venezuela, Yugoslavia.

The eleven-member jury for full length films will be chosen among the most qualified French personalities; two foreign personalities chosen among the main film producers who were the recipients of awards in the preceding festivals, either the Grand Prix of International Festival or the Special Prix of the Jury, will join the French members of the jury. This jury will award the Grand Prix of the 1953 International Film Festival and 6 other prizes, the character of which will be determined by them according to the nature and the quality of the films presented, and a Special Prize for the Best National Selection.

The jury for short films will be comprised of five French and a foreign personalities. This jury will award the Grand Prix of the 1953 International Film Festival and two other prizes, the character of which is to be determined by them, another Special Prize for the Best National Selection. These two juries, meeting at Cannes 10 days before the Festival, will see previously all the films sent by the participating countries. The prize of International Critics created by the French Associations of Film Critics will be awarded this year at Cannes by the critics' delegates from all countries.

The annual general meeting of the International Federation of the Associations of Film Producers and the Congress of the International Federation of Cinematographic Press will be held during this Festival. The Cinderella

Club of Madame Sonika Bo will give two shows for children, the first on Thursday 16th and the second on Thursday 23rd April, with films of Charlie Chaplin. It is very likely that television will be associated this year with the manifestations of the International Film Festival.

3-Dimensional Hindi Film

It is understood that Sir Alexander Korda will be producing his *Taj Mahal* as a three dimensional film. This means *Taj Mahal* will be the first Hindi three dimensional film. This film is to be produced in association with Hiten Chowdhary, the Indian producer. Sir Alexander Korda is also reported to have signed up Mrs. Indrani Rehman (Miss India) to play an important role in the film.

40 Lakh Film

Sippy Productions' *Shahensha*, starring Kamini Kaushal, will be the first full-length film in Gevacolor to be shot and processed in a studio in Bombay. The studio is Minerva studio. Ranjan plays the hero while K. N. Singh and Achla Sachdev lead the cast of supporting roles. Sarpotdar, who was trained in England and was associated with the shooting of *Jhansi-Ki-Rani*, will handle the camera. Music is by S. D. Burman and direction by Amiya Chakrabarty. When completed the picture would have cost near about 40 lakhs of rupees, states a report.

Story And Team Spirit Spell Success

"There are innumerable reasons why a film clicks," says Director Bimal Roy. "It may be the music, it may be the dialogue, sometimes histrionic excellence and now and then the personal pull of a star, a director or a producer. But I've never so far known a film to fail that had a good story to tell." In the near dozen films which he has so far directed, Bimal Roy has concentrated mainly on the story: first its preparation and then its picturisation, and subordinated everything else to its needs.

15th April 1953

In Ashok Kumar Productions' *Parineeta*, he has once again applied himself to the great Saratchandra Chatterjee's story and transformed it into a screenplay of power and virility. But at the same time, producer Ashok Kumar, determined to give his new company a grand start, has not failed him in other departments. The result of all this care has been that *Parineeta* has come to have practically all the ingredients of a successful film: a good story, first rate direction, excellent music, top-class star-pull and production values of a high order.

"The only component no human being can incorporate with certainty in a film," says Ashok, "is the clemency of Providence." But there are indications that even the gods will bless this film with success. "We have achieved in working in this film one of those rare things so many films founder for the want of: a team spirit that nothing can shatter." As to what team spirit is, here is what a great Hollywood director once said about it: "I regard nothing as more important to the success of a work of art in which many participate than their ability to pull hard, pull together and pull in the same direction."

Nina Maker Passes Away

Nina Maker, who was one of the runners up in the Kardar-Kolynos Contest, got her first contract from Omar Khayyam films and made an impressive debut in their picture *Anudata*. Since then Nina was signed for a number of other pictures for leading roles. Nina, whose age was reported to be seventeen, had been ill for some time. She died after an operation. W.H.O. experts performed the operation at St. George's Hospital. Death has cut short the promising career of a young aspirant to stardom. May her soul rest in peace.

Academy Awards

The following were given the Academy Awards of Hollywood. *The Greatest Show on Earth* for being the best picture produced; John Ford for the best direction, the picture being *The Quiet Man*; Gary Cooper for being the best actor (for his role in *High Noon*);

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Dear Sisters

I am neither a nurse nor a doctor or an Ayurvedic Physician but simply a domestic lady like most of you. Only a year after my marriage, unfortunately, I fell a prey to Leucorrhoea and periodic disorders. Menses were irregular, restricted and painful. My health was deteriorating and I was getting pale day by day. I felt no interest in my domestic duties. I always felt giddy and exhausted. I suffered from a severe back-ache. My husband tried so many costly medicines on me for this disease but with no effect. Thus I suffered for full two years and was actually disappointed.

One day fortunately, a Mahatma came to our door for alms and on seeing my pale face questioned the cause of my ill health at such a young age. I narrated to him the whole story of my trouble. He called my husband at his hermitage and prescribed a medicine for me. Only a fifteen days use of the medicine proved a panacea for all my internal troubles. By the grace of God now I am the mother of four children. I have cured hundreds of my ailing sisters with this medicine. I am distributing this wonderful medicine for the benefit of my sisters at cost price. I do not want to make money and profits out of it as God has already given me much.

If any of my sisters is suffering from this fell disease she should write to me at once. I shall prepare the medicine with my own hands and despatch the same per V.P.P. Medicine for a course of fifteen days costs Rs. 2-14-0. Postage extra.

IMPORTANT NOTE: I know only this prescription. None of my sisters should write to me for any other disease.

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In Twentieth Century Fox's *The Star*, Bette Davis gives an extremely moving and memorable performance. She is seen above in one such situation with Sterling Hayden.

Shirley Booth for being the best actress (for her role in *Come Back Little Sheba*).

Two More "Muhurats"

Vijay Bhatt performed the muhurat of *Chaitanya Mahaprabhu*, Prakash Pictures' worthy successor to *Baiju Bawara*, at Prakash Studios. While a renowned saint was the chief guest of the occasion, the muhurat was attended by a large and distinguished crowd of film celebrities. The cast will be led by Bharat Bhushan and Meena Kumari.

During the same week, Hiren Bose launched his new picture *Romi Dhobai* (and not *Chandidas*, though the story is the same) with Kamini Kaushal in the title role and Abhi Bhattacharya as Chandidas at Central Studios, states Delhi's *Rup-Bani*.

"Nanhe Munna" For Moscow Film Fare

Alhad Chitra's *Nanhe Munna* has been selected for exhibition at the Film Festival in Moscow to be held in July. The selection was made by the films division of the All Union Corporation of Russia, runs a Bombay report. It is also understood that 9 more Hindi films will be selected and four out of them would be exhibited on a commercial basis throughout the Soviet Union.

Money Value of Star Signatures

The most valuable signature in the world is that of the great playwright William Shakespeare. Only two or three of his letters are still in existence and they are each valued at 40 lakhs of rupees.

Film stars' autographs have virtually no standing in the market. In order to keep their public happy, the idols of the film would send their autographed photographs to all and sundry, so that the country is flooded with them. There are, of course, some exceptions. According to the U.S. National Society of Autograph Collectors, a possessor of Greta Garbo's autograph could get Rs. 40 if he cared to sell it. On the other hand, Betty Grable's signature would only fetch about Rs. 2, Bing Crosby's signature is valued at Rs. 2-8 and the signatures of

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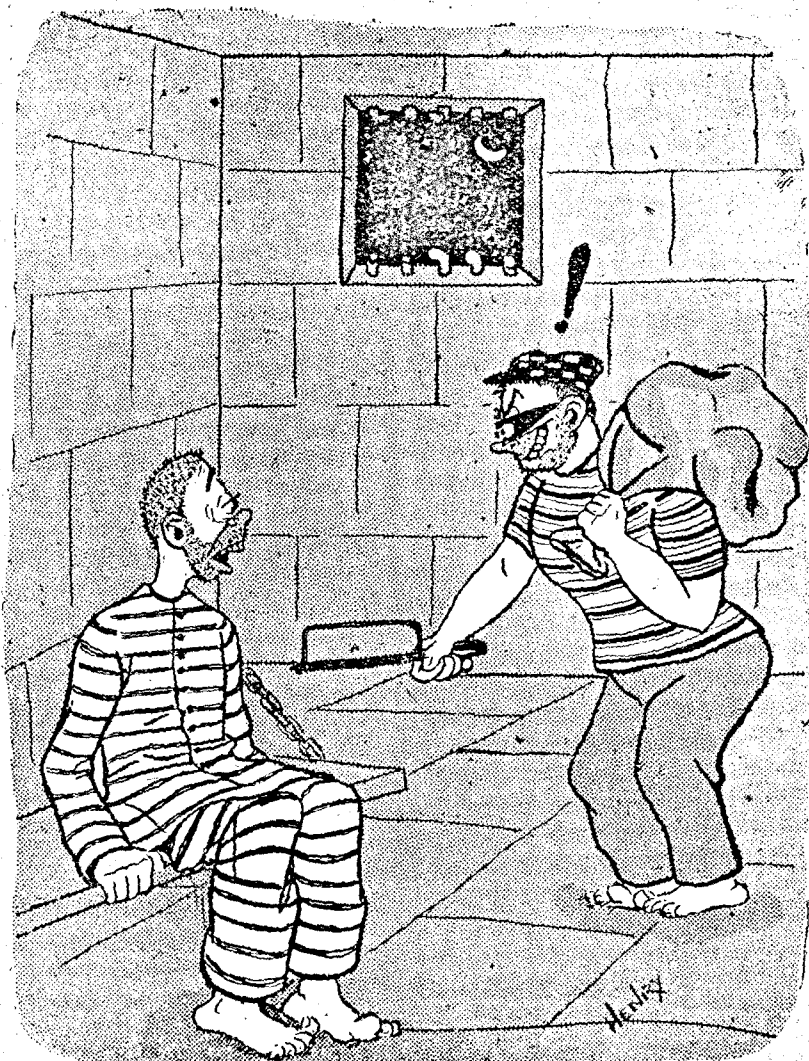
Quite An Adventure!

Films seem to be getting back to the epic adventure, with everything flung in for good measure. 20th-Century Fox have just produced an opus entitled *The Thief of Venice*. Its sales-points, the studio claims, are: "The race of the galley slaves for Venice under the cruel lash of the whip-master! The revolt of the rabble against Prussian mercenaries! Medieval torture! Tina—tortured on the wheel! The thief—broken on the rack! The thieves against the might of the Chief Inquisitor! Marriage parade of the Doge's daughter—tens of thousands on

the screen! Angel's Roost—fabulous hideaway of the cut-throats of Venice—where all law ends! and the innocents swinging from the gallows—for the secret crimes of the Masked Assassins!"

High-speed Film Permits Movie-Making In The Dark

Moving pictures made in the dark are possible with a new infra-red film possessing ultrahigh "red speed." For use in total darkness with invisible infra-red rays or in extremely dim natural light, the film takes successful pictures in a room dimmed to 1/70 of normal. Originally designed for industry, the film is now available to all owners of 16-mm. and 35-mm. movie cameras, states the American *Popular Mechanics* magazine.



"But I just can't come, Joe. My conscience won't permit me to do so."

COMPETITORS' CORNER:

CHALLENGE RESULTED IN FIRST-PRIZE WIN!



Dear Sir,

I felt extremely thankful to you at the receipt of your congratulatory letter informing me of my success in MYWORDS No. 19 and I write to you to express the same.

I feel glad to inform you that I am a passed Intermediate candidate with sufficient knowledge of six languages, four to read, to write and to converse and the rest two to talk in fluently. I am neither a Government employee nor an employee in any private firm. I am a shareholder in one of the private companies managed by a friend of mine at Vijayawada.

I am a bachelor and my age is 28. I have a brother who is married and who is the father of three children. Though I am young in age, I have got a marked inclination to study philosophy and psychology and possess a great liking to go through any number of books on the two subjects.

My regular hobby is to study the biographies of great people like Gandhiji, Tagore, Bernard Shaw, Ramakrishna Paramahansa, Swami Vivekananda, etc., and to practice regularly *Asanas* and *Pranayama* to keep myself fit physically as well as spiritually.

I was once introduced to your MYWORDS Competition by a friend who, in a joking manner, challenged me as to whether I could solve the Clues. Though I am a regular reader of the Journal I had no idea of solving the Competitions prior to this incident. Since then I began to solve the Clues as a challenge, in spite of being discouraged by many a friend that I would never win a First Prize in these Competitions. However, I have not invented any special method to send an All-Correct entry. Though I am quite familiar with permutation charts, I cannot completely rely upon them as they only help to score points for the Consistency Bonus. In my opinion, the best way to send an All-Correct entry is to fence up the wily Compiler with all the possible alternatives well tackled.

The following, in my opinion, are the main reasons for MYWORDS gaining popularity day by day.

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I would strongly advise sincerely the retired elder brothers and the unemployed younger brothers to go through the Clues of MYWORDS Competitions carefully in their spare time and try to send some Entries (according to their financial capacity) to MYWORDS Competitions regularly. If they get accustomed to this regular habit I can dare say one day or other they are sure to hit at the target and thus obtain a substantial addition to the insufficient pension or income they get. I feel extremely glad to notice some of our sisters also taking part in solving these pleasant Clues, thereby coming forward to exhibit their reasoning power.

I thank once again you and the staff of *My Magazine of India* for managing MY-

WORDS in such an encouraging manner. I am extremely grateful to my favourite journal *My Magazine of India* and wish it growing popularity. I also wish MYWORDS to march ahead triumphantly and grow as a strong and equal rival to other Competitions in the near future.

Thanking you,

16/857, Satya-
narayanapuram, } Yours faithfully,
VIJAYAWADA-2. } (Sd.) K. CHANDRA-
SEKHAR.

Dear Sir,

While acknowledging your letter with thanks, I request you to kindly excuse me for the delay in replying because I was out of headquarters.

No doubt the success brought by the Almighty in MYWORDS No. 19 will be very much useful to me. I was rather sure about the success. MYWORDS Puzzles are simple and very easy to solve. The particular puzzle did not take even half an hour for me to solve. I try other Crosswords like Squarewords, etc, regularly but this was the first attempt at your MYWORDS.

I am 34 and am working with a contractor. Interest is naturally created towards solving the MYWORDS puzzles, as I got the First Prize in the first attempt itself.

Thanking you once again,

Ganesh Kunj, } Yours sincerely,
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HUBLI.

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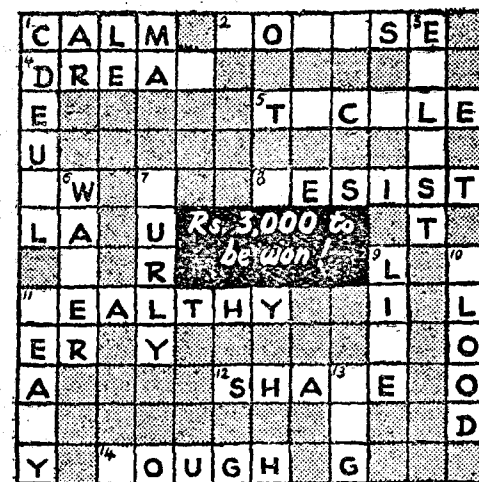
ACROSS

- 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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DOWN

- Jumbled spelling of the word CUDDLE.
- To enrol, to employ.
- That which ruins many racegoers is their tendency to — too much when in the enclosure.
- It is always advisable to think twice before getting involved in an argument with a — man.
- Instead of bemoaning Fate for his thorough failure, wise man would immediately embark on a new — altogether.
- Bad — can cause considerable damage.
- To a — mind, nothing can be as good as a long sleep.
- Man who is this is not likely to have cordial relations with his neighbours.

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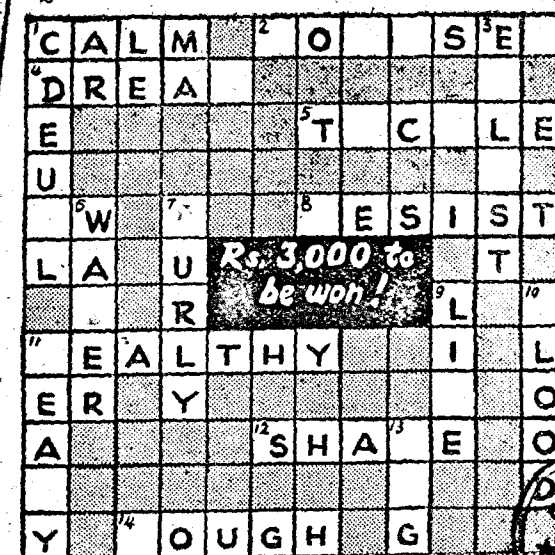
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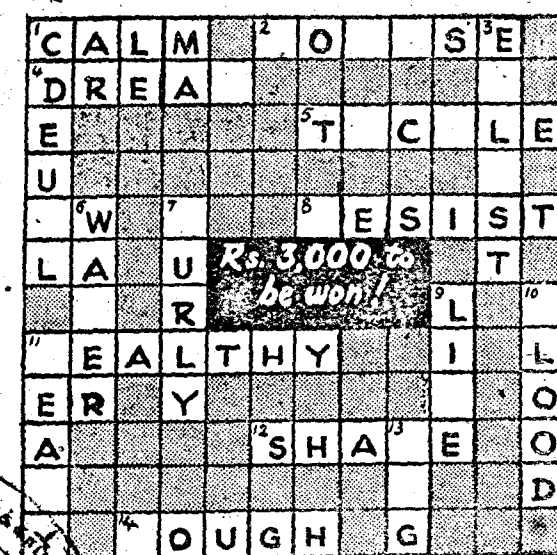
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"MYWORDS" COMPETITION

MYWORDS No. 19

ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE'S

VIEWPOINT

ACROSS

2. "We can get the better of our — if we don't worry too much over them." WOES, Foes?

Foes are of two kinds — one who remain merely hostile and the other who are ready for retaliation and eager to cause harm even if there is no provocation. It was felt that it would not only be understating the case for Foes but underestimating Foes' capacity to harm if it is recommended that we should not worry too much over them. When Foes are known to be of the spiteful type, abundant caution and the consequent worrying are inevitable. Hence, they rejected Foes. To worry too much over our Woes, vexing problems or maddening situations in which we find ourselves would only add to the physical and mental exhaustion. The best way to overcome our worries or Woes is to let things develop and take their own course. Such a philosophical outlook is a sound remedy for the wretched disease of worrying. This view won the vote for WOES here.

4. "Employee who is this would find it difficult to concentrate on his work." SEEDY, Needy?

It was argued that even employees who are not Needy are also likely to be guilty of not concentrating on their work due to other reasons. An employee who is Needy always, due to being low paid or having to maintain many dependents or due to sheer extravagance, would necessarily fail to concentrate on his work all the time. That is the logical argument. But such an employee would get the sack in no time. An employee is likely to feel Seedy, worn out, thoroughly wearied in body and mind. On such occasions, he would certainly find it difficult to concentrate on his work. The choice of SEEDY was quite quick.

7. "Wives who complain that their husbands have become suddenly this little realise they are the cause of it." DIFFERENT, Diffident?

Diffident means lacking in faith, distrustful of one's self, not sure in one's own abilities. This diffidence may be due to internal factors like physical disability, sickness, a dull mind, etc., or due to external factors like discouraging persons, environment, etc., or both. It will, therefore, be clear that it is wrong to assert that wives who complain that their husbands' becoming suddenly Diffident should realise that they are the cause for such a change. The change that is nicely hinted at is in

the relationship between husband and wife. If a loving, cheerful husband suddenly becomes indifferent, gloomy, irritable, then the wife has definitely said something or behaved in a certain way to bring about such a change. But the wife little realises that she is the cause and blames the husband the more for the change. DIFFERENT thus scored.

10. "The more exacting his — the more self-centred would a man tend to be." WIFE, Life?

"Exacting life" means a life that is full of troubles, difficulties, trials, responsibilities, etc., unrelieved by any of the usual pleasures. It would, therefore, be obvious that the more exacting his Life, the more broad-minded, sympathetic and helpful a man would be and certainly not tend to be self-centred, selfish. When a man has an exacting Wife, a life partner who takes up all his time, money and thoughts, he is bound to become self-centred for he has no time for others. Even if he has, he wouldn't utilise it for such a purpose lest his wife should misunderstand him or upbraid him with being not quite attentive to her. Hence, it follows that the more exacting his wife, the more self-centred would a man tend to be. WIFE scored.

17. "Wife who has — notions of how house should be run is likely to prove sore trial to husband." NEW, Few?

If wife has only a Few notions on how to run the house, the husband should feel immensely relieved. If she has New notions, no notions that is, then he ought to feel quite overjoyed for he has the opportunity to teach her his ideas of how house should be run. It is when the wife has New ideas of running the house that the husband is in for a headache. The even domestic tenor would get disturbed, hubby will have to adjust himself to the new set up and schedule, etc. All these would undoubtedly be a sore trial to the poor husband. NEW was unanimously voted as the apt word.

DOWN

11. "When industrious worker becomes slack in his job, it is invariably due to his being quite — about it." SORE, Sure?

Sure about what? queried the Members. Sure about his continuing in the job, Sure that the slackness would not be detected, Sure in his own abilities to adjust things or what? This vagueness led to the rejection of Sure. When an industrious worker

becomes slack in his job, it invariably means that he has ceased to be interested in the job. It may be because his work has not been appreciated or because he is continuing to be underpaid or because he has been unnecessarily otherwise teased by his superiors, etc. This sore feeling is definitely translated into action — the industrious worker becomes slack. The choice was SORE.

12. "Sensible persons should not be this even though circumstances press them to be so." SILKY, Silly, Sulky?

It would be rather difficult to explain why sensible persons should not be Silky even when circumstances force them to do so. It is one of the easiest and most sensible of ways to discourage an unwanted person! If a man were to be Silly, it would be due to his own desire to be so and not due to external factors forcing him to be so. Silly had to be ignored on this score. To be Silky is to be full of flattery. This flattery is always done in selfish interests. While such flattery might bring some immediate gains, it would, however, cost the person his reputation. He would be regarded as a mere flatterer, a sycophant. That is why sensible persons should not be Silky even though circumstances press them to be so. SILKY was quickly approved.

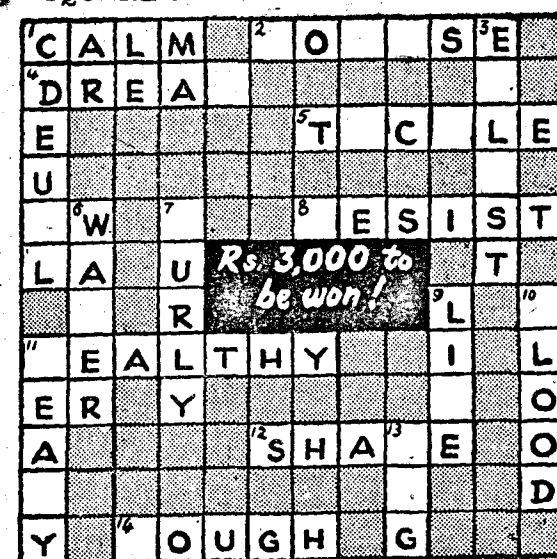
13. "Sparkling this adds grist to the mill of a man's ambitions and endeavours." WINE, Wife, Life?

A sparkling or vivacious Wife would no doubt be a spur to an ambitious man but Wife was discarded on the ground that the word cannot be applied to all men. Surely, the unmarried are not all devoid of ambition! A Life becomes sparkling only after a man's ambitions are achieved. So it cannot itself be said to add grist to the mill of man's ambitions. Wine is very good for stepping up a man's feelings. Sparkling Wine, really excellent wine, would surely add to the mill of a man's ambitions and endeavours by making him do things which he would not if he had not been under the influence of Wine. The Committee felt WINE was the aptest word here.

14. "Parents who find their children distressingly prone to — should resort to psychological rather than physical methods to achieve good results." TEARS, Fears?

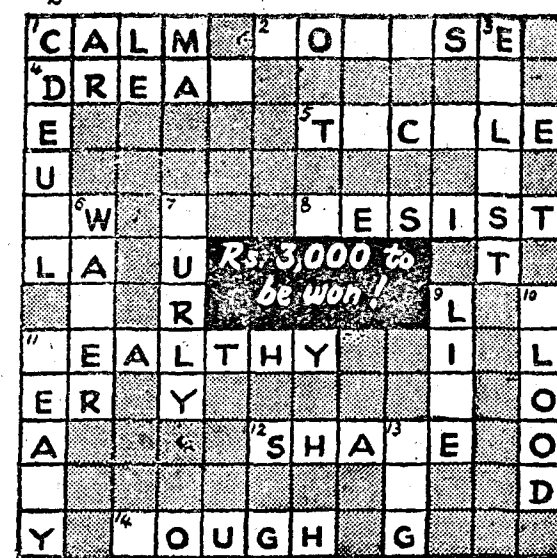
That Fears can never be got rid of by mere physical chastisement is everybody's knowledge. Parents normally don't beat or thrash their children just because they have certain Fears, fears of darkness, some type of beggars or dogs or cats, etc. Such Fears do not get on the nerves of the parents. But children who are distressingly prone to Tears, crying all the time, will upset the parents. And they usually thrash the children to stop crying, stop shedding Tears but only succeed in making them weep and howl the more. So, what the parents should do is to resort to the psychological method. They should find out the cause for such crying and try to remedy it in an intelligent way. TEARS was, therefore, preferred.

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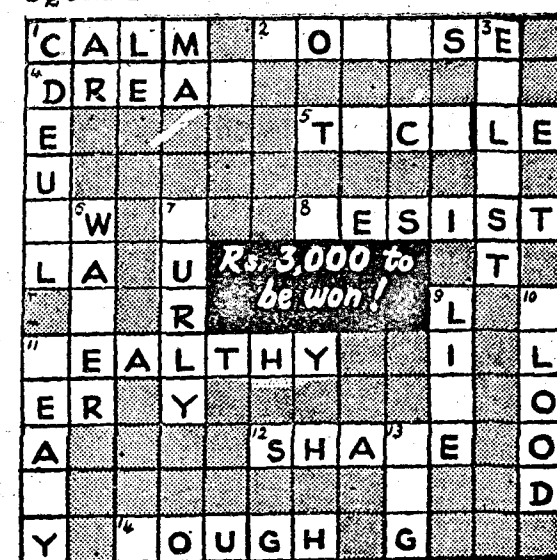
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“MYWORDS” COMPETITION

INTERLOCKERS

Across: 9. "Frivolous girl will soon regret her association with lover who's excessively —" GRAVE, Brava?

Down: 8. "More than average — is necessary for man before he decides to take part in a tournament!" AGILITY, Ability?

If a frivolous girl moves with a man who is equally frivolous, then she might not regret such association. If her lover, however, happens to be a man who is excessively Grave, serious, she will certainly regret her association with him and that too quite soon. Her frivolousness will not be liked by him. His serious nature would not tolerate her frivolousness. He would try to force her to change her ways and be equally serious, Grave. But the frivolous girl need not at all repent her association with a Brava man. A Brava man might be frivolous himself. It is only the contrast in their natures, the lover's Grave nature and the girl's frivolous one, that brings about the discord and final break-up. GRAVE was held to be the apter word.

The only kind of games that do not require Agility so much as Ability are those like chess, carroms, cards playing, etc. But other games played in-door like table-tennis, billiards, etc., and all out-door games certainly call for much Agility. Hence, not average Agility but an agility that is more than the ordinary is necessary undoubtedly for man who wants to take part in tournaments. AGILITY was therefore preferred.

Across: 16. "Many who imagine they can easily — a story find it isn't so easy when they actually make the attempt!" TELL, Sell?

Down: 16. "Right kind of — is bound to ensure good return." TOIL, Soil?

To Sell a really good story written by a famous author is no achievement. Even if the story were one's own and it is well-written and interesting, it would be easy to Sell it to the editor of any journal or to any publisher. The selling depends on the story itself. Story telling is a fine art, which is acquired or is a natural gift. Homer's tales were thus narrated, Aesop is believed to have taught wisdom through this art. But ordinary men think or imagine that it is quite easy to tell a story. They would, however, find it is no easy task to do so when they actually make the attempt. TELL was judged easily as the better word.

For a good return from the Soil or land, it will not be enough if the soil alone is right. Even the best soil cannot yield good returns if the seeds sown are of poor quality or the attention to the crops is wanting, or the rains fail, etc. The right kind of Soil is bound to ensure good return only if the other conditions are fulfilled. The Members held that right kind of Toil, sincere, honest and industrious toil or work is certain to ensure or bring good reward. TOIL won the vote, therefore.

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FIXED WORDS

Across: 1. OALM.
Down: 1. ODEUDL. 3. ENLIST.

ALTERNATIVES

Across: 2. COARSE, HOARSE, MOROSE.
4. DREAD, DREAM.
5. TACKLE, TIOKLE.
8. DESIST, RESIST.
14. COUGH, ROUGH, TOUGH.

Down: 6. WAGER, WAVER.
7. BURLY, SURLY.
9. LIFE, LINE.
10. BLOOD, FLOOD.

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Across: 11. HEALTHY, WEALTHY.

Down: 11. HEAVY, WEARY.

Across: 12. SHAME, SHAPE.

Down: 13. MUG, FIG.

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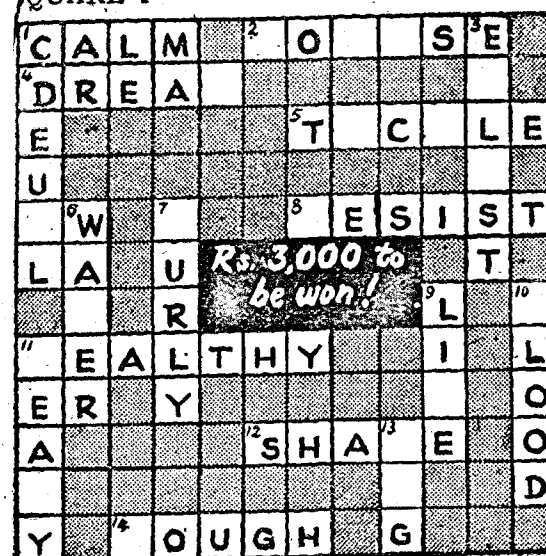
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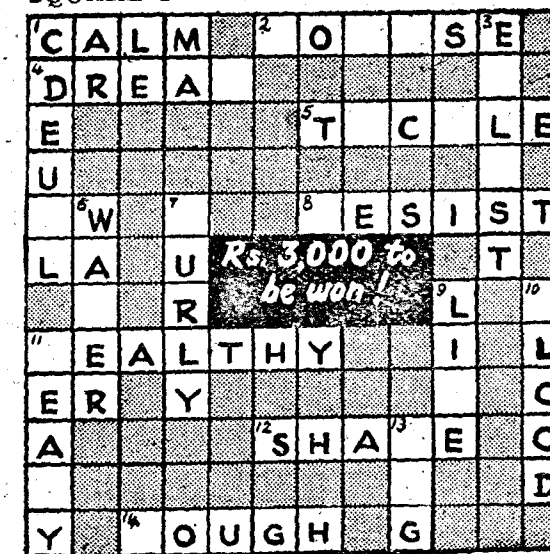
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DOWN: 2. REBUT 4. LASSO 9. OVERT 10. SLIPS, SNIPS 11. BRUISER, CRUISER 12. CHANCE, CHANGE 13. HUNTER, PUNTER 14. CLASHES, CRASHES 15. CITY, PITY 18. THEN, THEY 19. DEAL, MEAL 20. LOSE, LOVE.

ACROSS

3. "Where printing is concerned — letters usually stand out best." BLACK, BLOCK?

If the Black letters are printed along with letters printed in blue or red ink, then they will stand out best. It is also equally true that red or blue letters printed along with other letters printed in Black ink will also be prominent. Reject Black on this ground of insufficient data. Block letters are capital letters. It is a fact that all Block or capital letters would stand out best, appear quite prominent, than letters printed in any other combination. Display printing can be considerably helped by using Block or capital letters. Enter BLOCK.

5. "Prudent people usually — something for rainy day." HAVE, SAVE?

Even those who are not prudent do occasionally Save some money for the rainy day. At times they feel the pressing necessity to put some amount as so much savings every month so that it can be useful to them later on when they might require the money. But the difference between the prudent and the non-prudent is this. The prudent do Save money for the rainy day and Have it during such an occasion. The non-prudent may save at first but eventually they will spend the savings and will Have nothing when the rainy day does come. It is this difference that is attempted to be shown as the contrast between the prudent and the non-prudent. HAVE wins.

6. "Confirmed flirt will naturally be familiar with — of admirers!" ARMS, ARMY?

We must draw a necessary distinction between a woman who is just a flirt and a woman who is a wanton. The former indulges only in a little harmless romancing while the latter goes much farther than that. It can, therefore, be safely assumed that a flirt, whether she is the confirmed type or only the casual type, will never have gone to the length of knowing well, be familiar with, Arms of admirers. "Familiar with Arms" means she has allowed a dangerous intimacy. Being a confirmed flirt, a woman will naturally play Juliet to a thousand male admirers. She knows how to keep all of them waiting and hoping. Hence, it is quite true to facts to state that a confirmed flirt will be familiar with Army of admirers. Back ARMY.

This Square below is for practice only



By "SPOTTER"

7. " — can often be recognised by their distinctive marking." BADGES, BARGES?

Barges are flat-bottomed freight boats, with or without sails, used on rivers and canals. If Barges are to be distinguished from other vessels, then it is by the difference in appearance rather than by the marking that we can do so. And it is not so easy to differentiate one barge from the other by the marking on them, if any. Badges are those metal discs worn by scouts, watchmen, postmen, drivers, conductors, etc. These Badges can easily be distinguished, one from the other type, by the marking on them like the lettering, shape, etc. Bet on BADGES.

16. "Most little children seem to find — an irresistible attraction." BAND, SAND, WAND?

The only Wand that can prove an irresistible attraction to children is the wand of the magician. It is, however, questionable how many magicians are being seen by children to justify the use of "most" in the Clue. Band also has to be viewed in this sense. Not only "little" children but all children would be irresistibly attracted by a Band. But this attraction would only be a passing one for little children. Sand would not only provide an irresistible attraction but also be a source of delight for any length of time. All of us have seen how little children run on and play with Sand with great gusto. Enter SAND.

21. "In her heart of hearts, wife often feels contempt for husband easy to —" RILE, RULE?

Just because a husband is easy to Rile, boss over, manage, how can wife come to have contempt for him? Some husbands love their wives so much that they allow their wives to manage all the affairs of the household themselves and also allow their own time and activities to be controlled by them. Even though the wives do so, still they will love their husbands in the same manner as before if not more than before. If the husband is one who is easy to Rile, vex or annoy, abuse, then the wife often feels contempt for him really. This contempt may cause the riling or the riling and its meek acceptance by the husband may cause the feeling of contempt. Anyway, wife does feel contempt for husband who is easy to Rile, vex, annoy or abuse. Vote for RILE.

22. "Big poultry-farmers must be prepared to spend a lot of money on —" DENS, HENS, PENS?

The word Dens can be ignored. Pens are coops, boxes or cages for keeping fowls. It will be easy to see that any poultry-farmer will not have merely Hens but cocks as well. Otherwise he cannot have eggs and additions of more fowls to his farm. Whether it is a small poultry-farmer or a big one, they have to have not only hens but cocks also. Hence, reject Hens. Small poultry-farmer need not spend much money on Pens but the big poultry-farmer must, so that all his fowl may be safeguarded from any harm. PENS wins.

DOWN

10. "As a rule, the more the — the faster the bowler." SLIPS, SNIPS?

The word Slips means "the part of the cricket field occupied by short-slip and long slip." The Slips cannot be longer or smaller, less or more. A definite area is referred to as the Slips. If we take Slips to mean the lapses or mistakes by the batsman, then only can this mean anything. The more the batsman fails to hit but is not bowled but is very nearly that, the bowler gets more spirited and so would bowl faster, with greater speed and vehemence. Snips here means just cutting the ball with the bat. I don't feel this word is better than Slips. Back SLIPS.

11. "A lot of damage can be expected when powerful goes into action!" **BRUISER**.

A *Cruiser* is a speedy warship. The powerful guns it has can smash and blow into pieces enemy ships. It is thus clear that when a *Cruiser* goes into action, begins bombardment on an enemy ship or place, it will cause much destruction and not just damage. There is a great amount of difference in this distinction. A *Bruiser* is a boxer known for his powerful fist work, his hammer-like hits. When a powerful boxer, *Bruiser*, goes into action, begins the fist fight in feverish earnestness, then we can expect a lot of damage. Here "damage" should be taken to mean the injury and damage to the reputation of the opposing boxer. Go in for **BRUISER**.

12. "Most of us feel we would do better in life, if only we could have a—!" **CHANCE**.

It is not so much due to want of a *Chance* that we don't do better in life. The chance to be better off is always there before everybody. The actual position is that most of us have been forced to go in for jobs not because we had a liking for them but because they were the only ones available. Being caught in the inescapable routine of our jobs and allied responsibilities we are unable to do anything which would make us be better off than we are. If only we had a *Change*, either from the job or from the environment or from the thousand and one things that suffocate our initiative or abilities we would definitely do better. Vote for **CHANGE**.

13. "A cool head and lots of patience are usually essential to become successful—!" **HUNTER, PUNTER?**

Punter is a professional gambler, one who backs horses at the races. To become a successful punter, a man must have the ability or knack for spotting the winning horses or numbers. This depends on sheer luck rather than on any method. So a cool head and lots of patience cannot be held to be the essential things for one to become a *Punter*. To be a successful *Hunter*, shikari, it is not enough if a man is good at shooting. He may be a perfect marksman but this can of no use to him. The object of his hunting is to always oblige him by bringing for him at the desired distance! may suddenly come across the game or actually stumble on to it. What is required is a cool head, the ability to clearly and act. And he also has lots of patience. He may have to be hunted on a thin spiky branch, on the treetops and other insects crawl all the time. Still, he has to be very patient. It is clear that a cool head and lots of patience are usually essential to become a successful *Hunter*. Bet on **HUNTER**.

14. "— in busy thoroughfares are likely to lead to considerable loss of life." **CLASHES, CRASHES?**

"Busy" thoroughfares are those roads where there is bound to be plenty of pedestrians and vehicular traffic. It is not likely that *Clashes* would even take place at such places. If they do, all vehicular traffic will stop and those who *Clash* would get injured at the worst. Loss of life is rare, indeed. When there are *Crashes*, collisions, in busy thoroughfare, it means some vehicles and a few persons are involved. As

they are thoroughfares and busy ones at that, innumerable vehicles would be plying and so some vehicles and persons would be involved and considerable loss of life is quite likely. **CRASHES** scores.

18. "When people are rich and — suddenly become poor, life is often hard to bear." **THEN, THEY?**

This Clue is quite a headache for the Competitor who is determined on making a choice here. *Then* here means "after having been rich". "They" merely serves as a pronoun. Anyhow, both the words convey the exact meaning — final poverty. If we view it as one sentence, surely *Then* is apt. If we view the Clue as having two sentences, then *They* is the proper word. I will certainly look forward to the explanation the Adjudication Committee will give in support of their choice of the apt word for this Clue. For submitting entries, please permute both **THEN** and **THEY**.

20. "Women who nag their husbands very often — them!" **LOSE, LOVE?**

If the nagging indulged in by the wife is of the very nasty type then she is likely to *Lose* her husband. If she does not lose him, she will at least have a husband who cares not at all for her. With *Lose*, the mark of exclamation becomes purposeless. If the nagging is awful and therefore unbearable, the husband deserts her. She will *Lose* him. What is surprising about this? Women who nag their husbands usually do so not because they hate them or wish them ill but because they love to tease them. The most surprising thing is that women who nag their husbands very often and very much *Love* their husbands. **LOVE** is a winner.

INTERLOCKERS

Across: 15. "We're apt to relish seeing parasite wanting big sum — off with a shilling." **CUT, PUT?**

The "parasite" referred to need not necessarily be a relative. "Cut off with a shilling" is an expression usually used to denote what is left to a relative not in favour with the maker of the will. In the absence of anything to show "parasite" is a relative, we have to ignore *Cut* here. A "parasite" described here is a man who pesters one unceasingly for financial help. The "parasite" may or may not be a relative. When such a person is *Put* off with a shilling, given a token amount and dispensed with, we're likely to relish or enjoy the way the "parasite" has been dealt with. **PUT** scores.

Down: 15. "Broadly speaking, the more the slums the greater the —" **CITY, PITY?**

It would not be safe to assert that we can know whether a *City* is big or not according to the greater or lesser number of slums it has. Some great cities may not have slums while some small cities may have any number of slums. Reject *City*. The more the slums in a city or town, the greater will be our *Pity* for the slum dwellers, for their miserable living conditions will certainly move our hearts. **PITY** wins.

Across: 19. "The present generation has seen wonderful advances made in the treatment of — troubles." **DENTAL, MENTAL?**

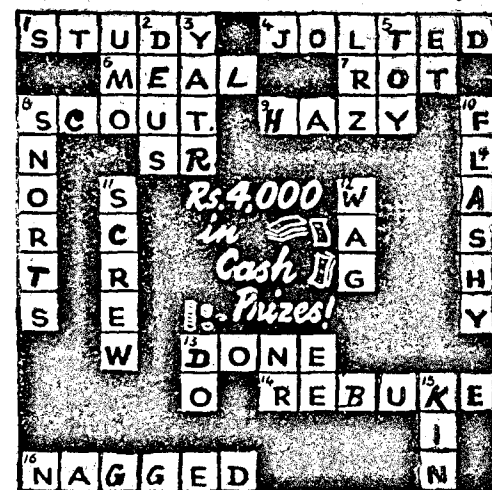
While the study of psychology and psychiatry has helped medical men to treat *Mental* troubles with greater successes than ever before, the progress cannot be claimed to be such as to merit the description of "wonderful advances." In the past *Dental* troubles were treated in a rather crude way. Teeth extraction was an extremely painful, bloody and even fatal affair. Nowadays, it is not so. Modern appliances and medicines have made the treatment of *Dental* troubles easy, painless and safe. The dentist is no longer an object of terror. The progress has been a wonderful advance, surely. Bet on **DENTAL**.

Down: 19. "We get rather tired of visitors who seem to expect a good — every time they come to see us!" **DEAL, MEAL?**

Visitors are not guests. When guests expect a good *Meal* everytime they come, it is because they have sound reasons for such expectations. But visitors can never expect any *Meal*, let alone a good meal. They may expect coffee or tea or some such drink but not a *Meal*. When visitors expect a good *Deal* from us, lots of things like financial help or moral support or temporary accommodation and such things, surely we will get rather tired of such visitors. **DEAL** wins.

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ACROSS

7. "We're apt to resent being told we make too much fuss when we — cold of ours." **CURSE, NURSE?**

There is no human being in the world who has not known what it is to suffer from a cold. Hence, when we *Curse* a cold of ours it is obvious that we are suffering a lot from it. This cursing can never be mistaken or ridiculed but would even evoke sympathy. When a man catches a cold, he is apt to *Nurse* it, attend to it, in an extremely careful and elaborate manner. He may take periodic doses of medicine, wear woollen muffler, refuse certain drinks, stick to a particular diet, etc. All these things certainly merit being called fussing. But when the man who does so actually is told he is making too much fuss, he will certainly tend to feel annoyed. Back **NURSE**.

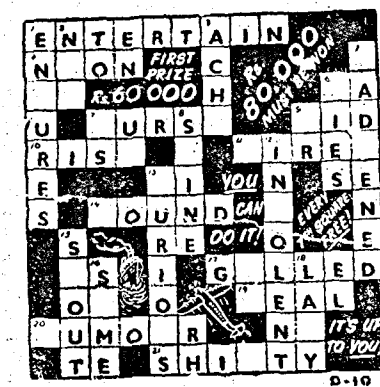
9. "We're often exasperated when servant takes advantage of fact that we — him occasionally." **AID, KID?**

To *Kid* is to play jestingly with, to tease in a jocular way, to make fun of. It is not unlikely or unnatural for an employer to *Kid* his servant occasionally. He may do so either because he deliberately wants to humour him to get more work out of him or because he is himself in high spirits on that particular day. Just because he kids the servant, it does not follow the servant would be foolish enough to do so. The "often" in the Clue certainly goes against *Kid*. To *Aid* is to help, to come to the rescue of. We can be said to *Aid* our servants when we give them something more than what is due to them — for example, extra tips, used shirts or dhoties or such like other clothing, part of our tiffin, etc., etc. The servants, instead of appreciating this gesture, are foolish enough to ask for more as though they expect it as a matter of right. The fact that we are "often" exasperated at such a behaviour is understandable. **AID** scores.

10. "His having wife and family is apt to make worker more concerned about —" **RISE, RISK?**

Worker with wife and family would not only be keen on his *Rise* in pay but would be keen on getting a good job with attractive pay. The word "concerned," however, does not sound well when read with *Rise*. "Concerned" hints at a certain mental anxiety and cautiousness. If a worker has no dependents, like a wife and children, to support he would tend to be quite independent and fearless. If the job

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does not suit him or he is not treated properly, he would immediately resign and seek for a job elsewhere. He would also tend to be careless in his work. But a worker with wife and family would be quite cautious. He would hesitate to do anything which would mean running the risk of losing the job. He will be obsessed with the idea of security for his wife and family. So he will be more concerned about the *Risk* he would run by doing or saying anything wrong than one who doesn't have dependents. **RISK** scores.

11. "That rival firm has — unusual number of workers tells much to shrewd businessman." **FIRED, HIRED, TIRED?**

Tired can be ignored. If a firm has been able to expand its business very well, then there is nothing surprising in that firm's hiring or employing an unusual number of workers. Just because rival firm has done so, shrewd businessman will not automatically employ more workers himself. Being shrewd, he will see if his own business condition can warrant such hiring of extra hands. If rival firm has *Fired*, dismissed, an unusual number of workers, then it would tell shrewd businessman much undoubtedly. He would immediately understand that business in rival firm is slack and that the firm is incurring losses. So he would undoubtedly take necessary steps to safeguard the position of his own firm. Enter **FIRED**.

14. "His criticising them a lot is apt to make new employees think boss —" **HOUND, SOUND?**

Sound in what respect? Would it be taken as an indication of the boss's business

capabilities or financial reliability or as an indication of his impartial nature? *Sound* does not appeal to me. *Hound* means in colloquial parlance one who is a slave-driver, a thoroughly despicable person, a mean cur. The old employees of the firm may know why the boss criticises them a lot and may not dislike him on that score but the new employees, not yet aware of the real nature of the boss, would be quite apt to think that boss is a *Hound* because he criticises a lot. Vote for **HOUND**.

17. "It often pays to keep quiet about it when you are —" **GALLED, GULLED?**

When we have had the unfortunate experience of having been *Gulled*, we would naturally tend to speak about it to others. By doing so, no further harm is likely to be caused to us. If we had been cheated, *Gulled* in a ridiculous manner, we would cut very foolish figures. But that cannot be such an important reason to warrant the use of the expression "it often pays to keep quiet." If we are *Galled*, annoyed or enraged, we would naturally give expression to our feelings and may even occasionally resort to direct action. So, it often pays to keep quiet: even though we have been *Galled*. Silence is golden, in other words. **GALLED** wins.

19. "Zealous housewife is often resentful when her — is not appreciated." **DEAL, MEAL, ZEAL?**

Deal is a bargain or transaction. If the *Deal* is foolish or not advantageous, why should it be appreciated? The word "housewife" in the Clue suggests something more than a mere *Meal*. If the housewife is to be appreciated for *Meal* only, does it not imply that other things done by her are not quite good? A housewife may carry out or supervise all chores except cooking. How can the question of appreciating *Meal* then arise? Any housewife will ordinarily be very careful in attending to the many domestic chores. A zealous housewife will be even more enthusiastic. It is only natural for her to expect appreciation from her husband and others. Bet on **ZEAL**.

20. "Alas! people often seem unable to recognise mere — for what it is." **HUMOUR, RUMOUR?**

If persons fail to "recognise," appreciate, *Humour* it may be due either to their lacking in humour themselves or because they are otherwise preoccupied. Besides, in my opinion, the "mere" in the Clue does not suit *Humour*. "Alas!" also adds strength to this view. The normal tendency for the average man is to believe what is actually merely a *Rumour* as the truth itself

When we hear a report, we should find out from a little thinking whether it can be the truth but we usually fail to recognise it to be mere Rumour only. This is stressed by the "Alas!" in the Clue. RUMOUR, should score.

21. "It's usually most embarrassing when we try to make friends with stranger and he becomes —" SHIFTY, SHIRTY?

It is the probable reaction that should be taken into account. If we try to make friends with a stranger, we would try to talk to him about general things and later on about particular things. To do so we would open the conversation by asking for the time or about the stranger's native place or some such thing. How would the stranger react? He might either co-operate fully or try to discourage by polite means or put an end to all our efforts by a show of unmannerly surliness. The first does not arise for our consideration here. If the stranger adopts the second, becomes Shifty, evasive or vague, in his replies so that this polite discouragement might stop further conversation, we would take the hint and leave things at that. If he, however, becomes Shirty, ill-tempered, it will not only put an end to further conversation but also prove highly embarrassing. SHIRTY should win.

DOWN

1. "Indulgent boss often — inefficiency." ENDURES, ENSURES?

No boss, however indulgent he might be, would tolerate inefficiency on the part of his employees. He may allow a certain amount of inefficiency or slackness but not allow it to such an extent as to let his business interests suffer. Endures means puts up with. Why should he do so? The word Endures suggests deliberate intention on the part of the boss which can never be true to the facts of our experience. If the boss is a strict disciplinarian and extracts the maximum amount of work from his employees, then there can never be any inefficiency on the part of the employees. If, he happens to be of the indulgent type, then he unconsciously, Ensures, makes possible, inefficiency in his office or firm. ENSURES should score.

2. "Few self-made men believe that the struggle facing ambitious youth is — sterner than a generation ago." NOT, NOW?

We may safely presume that "few" here does not mean "a few." With this certainty, we may evaluate the claims of both Not and Now. Whether it was in the past or now, the struggle facing ambitious youth is a struggle against odds. Being themselves self-made men, those who have known what it was to start from scratch and fight against odds to achieve success, the self-made men know that circumstances have not changed so much as to make the struggle facing ambitious youth Now sterner than was the position when they were themselves young and fighting their battle in life. To concede that it is sterner Now would also mean that the struggle they faced was not so stern. This the self-made would never concede, even if it be a really correct statement. All that they would do is to state or believe that the struggle facing ambitious youth is Not sterner than what it was before and continues to be equally as less stern. NOT wins.

5. "Ambitious worker is apt to be — when he is passed over for promotion." MADDENED, SADDENED?

An ambitious worker will not remain contented merely day-dreaming about how he would progress in life. He would be full of zeal and turn out the maximum possible work so that the boss or his immediate superior would notice his enthusiasm and reward him with a deserved promotion later. When he finally finds that he has been overlooked, passed over for promotion and others less efficient have got it, he will no doubt feel Muddled. This would, however, be only the immediate reaction. What is apt to be a later and more lasting reaction is for him to feel Saddened, unhappy, cheerless. This would make him feel that it is not worthwhile to strain so much and the erstwhile ambitious worker is changed into a listless automaton. I feel we should take the more lasting effect into consideration. Back SADDENED.

6. "Probably average man little realises how much they are a part of political life." LIES, PIES, TIES?

Pies can be rejected without regret. Lies are sheer falsehoods, untruthful statements. While it cannot be denied that politicians have to be occasionally untruthful, it cannot be right to assert that they are quite an essential part of political life. The "how much they are" definitely states that. Ties here should be taken not in its general sense of personal ties or family ties, but in its narrow and significant reference to the Ties of a politician. It is rare, indeed, that a politician makes a mark and ends as an independent. He has got to belong to some political party or other. Even if a politician starts as an independent, he will end as a party man or a party man may eventually end as an independent. Anyhow, the party Ties remain. How much these Ties of the party to which he belongs mean to the political life of a man is rarely realised by the man in the street. TIES scores.

8. "It's sometimes workers who make boss —!" SHINE, SWINE?

It is true that a very able assistant or personal secretary has helped many a boss to Shine in public or in business circles. But such a credit cannot be given to "workers." One or two of the "workers" may so help but surely all the workers or most of the workers cannot jointly do so. What the Clue clearly means is that the workers alone are responsible for boss being a Swine, obstinate and ill-behaved. This may not be true of all bosses and all workers all the time. Some bosses behave in a beastly way because their nature is such. But what is meant here is that even a normally well-behaved boss is made to behave like a Swine by the workers themselves. They would so conduct themselves and turn out a shabby work which would naturally make even a good-tempered boss behave like a Swine. This is quite true to facts. Enter SWINE.

12. "It's usually bad for morale when — worker is promoted." INDOLENT, INSOLENT?

A worker is likely to be Insolent because his work has not been appreciated. And it must be remembered that he will never be insolent towards his superiors but only towards other workers. If he were insolent towards his boss or immediate superior, he

would be dismissed. No boss would ever think of promoting an Insolent worker. The question of morale does not arise. An Indolent, lazy, worker is likely to get promoted. He might get promoted due to other considerations. Even though he is Indolent, he may know how to catch the boss's eye. But he can never deceive his co-workers into thinking he is not Indolent. Hence, when he is promoted the other workers who are industrious will feel upset and resentful at the unjust discrimination. And those who are indolent will continue to be so. Thus the morale of the entire lot of workers will be affected, will be bad, when the Indolent worker is promoted. Go in for INDOLENT.

13. "We often give ourselves away when we're —" CURIOUS, FURIOUS?

What do we normally do when we are Furious? We will shout and may also beat others. Where then is the chance for us to "give ourselves away" as stated in the Clue? If we are Curious to know something about a person, we will not simply wait to learn about it. We will ask that person himself by direct questions or try to know by slyly turning the conversation to the very thing we want to know. By our own behaviour and questions or conversation we will give ourselves away, betray or expose our eagerness or curiosity about a particular thing or person. CURIOUS wins.

15. "Alas! people with little to say that's worth hearing are often apt to —!" SCOUT, SHOUT, SPOUT?

To Scout is to reject with disdain, sneer at. To Spout is to speechify. "Little to say that is worth hearing" means they speak plenty of nonsense. This goes against Spout. When they speak so much, it can't be said that they Scout also. Even though all that they say has not any substance, importance, still those who do speak a lot usually Shout, speak in a very loud manner, so that others can hear them. In fact, much of what they say is useless. Enter SHOUT.

16. "To fill post that was held by experienced worker, boss usually seeks worker of — experience." SAME, SOME?

When an experienced worker resigns or retires or is dismissed, it would be desirable to fill the post held by him with one who has the Same experience. As it is not always possible to get such an equally experienced person, boss will seek to fill up the post with one who has at least Some experience of that job so that the new worker can soon become equally experienced and capable. To make a choice between the two is to run the risk of committing an error. So, permute both SAME and SOME.

18. "Such a woman usually has a way of getting things done for her!" LADY, LAZY?

A Lady, a woman who is aristocratic by birth or one who has such airs, does have a way of getting things done for her by her servants or admirers. There is nothing surprising about the Lady doing so. Hence, the mark of exclamation becomes purposeless in this context. A woman who is Lazy cannot do the things she has to. But the surprising thing is that the Lazy woman knows how to exert herself in a way by which she can get things done through other people's help! LAZY scores.

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