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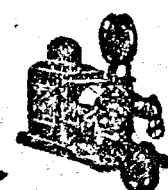
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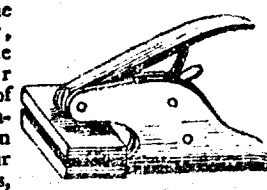
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Perhaps such a consciousness might be foreign to nationalities of an origin not quite so remote as the people of India. To this day the spiritual and moral sustenance of the Indian Womanhood is drawn in no small measure from the teachings and example of those Women Sages.

Today, Srimathi Pandit compels us to look back to those great and revered memories by what she has been striving to achieve for her Motherland.

Born on 18th August, 1900, brought up in a family where Culture, Intellect and Patriotism reached their highest peak, no wonder the young lady should have been inspired by a fervid love of her Motherland which set patriotic service and sacrifice above all human inclinations.

Three times she was sent to prison. Her treatment in prison which she narrates with a simple naivete, bereft of all bitterness, is a remarkable chapter in our Country's History. Forced to live in dark cells, infested with deadly reptiles, on an almost impossible allowance of annas six per day, when she asked for a small enhancement in her allowance, she was given the taunting reply that those who wished to work for their Motherland must not complain but prove their patriotism.

That was the reply of the Jail Superintendent in the days of the rule of the British people.

The times fast changed; the trodden-down began to rub shoulders with the erstwhile rulers. We may be sure that India will not only not bear any ill-will, but will meet all the Nations with sincere goodwill.

It is in that spirit that Srimathi Pandit has taken the Presidential Chair of the U. N. General Assembly. Nor has she overlooked, in her anxiety for peace, "the legitimate urges of rising nationalism." She calls upon the U. N. O. to find solutions for racial frictions and battle against organised and legalised discrimination.

All these days Srimathi Pandit was helping to mould the Destiny of her own Land; from today she will be helping to make and shape History in a global sense and on a global scale.

All Good and Glory to Srimathi Pandit.

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THE PRIME MINISTER'S SURVEY

PANDIT NEHRU'S statements on India's foreign policy in the House of the People and the Council of States have cleared many obscurities and dispelled wrong impressions entertained both here and abroad. Taking up the Korean question first, he said that the presence of some neutral nations besides the belligerents would definitely help the two groups at the political conference.

It was not to thwart America or back up China against the former that India wanted to participate in the conference. Her one and only aim was to promote the cause of peace. The Prime Minister pointed to the anomaly that an analysis of the voting on the issue of India's membership showed up. While the whole of Europe and nearly the whole of Asia solidly plumped for this country, the small nations of Latin America which had nothing directly to do with the Asian question did not want us at the conference table. It was preferable that Asian problems were settled mostly by Asians themselves because they had a deeper insight. "It is not realised by many of the great Powers of the world," he declared, "that the countries of Asia, however weak they might be, do not propose to be ignored, do not propose to be by-passed and certainly do not propose to be sat upon."

We have, however, to make the sad admission that the shape of things that the Prime Minister envisages may take some years, if not decades, to materialise. Many Asian countries are, of course, politically independent but they are not economically strong. They have to seek foreign (European or American) aid to keep the wolf from their door. It is

this aspect that must engage the Prime Minister's attention.

Turning to South Africa, Pandit Nehru remarked that the question of racial discrimination had become one of the major tests for the world. If some colonists and settlers from Europe played the role of a master race and presumed to dominate for ever over the populations of Asia or Africa, that challenge would be taken up by other forces in the world and there would be a fight to the bitter finish.

Speaking feelingly about China's representation, the Prime Minister stated that this issue had bedevilled the politics of the United Nations. To be precise, the question of China's admission did not arise at all since China was one of the founder-members. Did Peking represent China or the island of Formosa? Clearly, the latter could not speak for China but it was bolstered up by the Big Powers.

Tracing the developments in Kashmir that led to the Delhi Agreement, Pandit Nehru warned that if the Kashmir dispute was settled on the basis of the discredited two-nation theory, the tragedy and disaster that followed partition in 1947 would be repeated, millions in India and East Pakistan would be uprooted and many of the wounds that were healing would be ripped open again.

On the future of foreign pockets in India, our Prime Minister made probably the most important announcement. In the event of war breaking out anywhere, India would not allow these footholds to be converted into war bases. It is gratifying to note that the Government of India is now alive to the threat of our integrity and security, presented by these danger spots.

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NEWS AND NOTES

Fair Deal for Nurses

Addressing the third annual conference of the Trained Nurses Association of India, Madras State Branch, Sir A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar said that in South India the nurses had shown by their example and by the work that they had turned out that they were indispensable links in the chain of the personnel needed for the promotion of public health. There were loud complaints that there was a dearth of nurses but the fact of the matter was that those properly trained were not given opportunity for suitable employment by the State, by philanthropic organisations and by other bodies.

Dr. Mudaliar pointed out that while there were 21,932 beds in the State's medical institutions, the number of nurses employed in the State was 1,870. In many institutions, particularly in the rural areas, and in the remoter urban parts, the nursing staff was quite inadequate to meet their demands. And in several places no nurses were available at all. Doctors could perform their duties efficiently and effectively only when there was a trained nursing staff to co-operate with them. "If a hospital was to serve its proper purpose, and if the patients were to be properly looked after, the need for properly trained nurses would be stressed by any medical officer who has had experience of treating complicated cases."

The speaker expressed his considered view that a trained nurse could effectively reduce the cost in regard to the treatment of a patient in hospital and ensure his or her early convalescence. The implication would seem to be that the State should not begrudge more expenditure in this direction.

Dr. Mudaliar emphasised that trained nurses should undergo refresher courses for short periods to specialise in surgical technique and keep abreast of the advances of modern therapy by having a thorough knowledge of modern

drugs, their good and adverse effects.

About male nurses the speaker was, however, not very enthusiastic. While he appreciated their good work, he was conservative enough to believe that the bulk of the nursing work should be entrusted to women.

Dr. Mudaliar concluded his speech with an appeal to authorities to improve the service conditions of the nurses, to provide good living accommodation, better food and more recreational facilities.

In her presidential address, Miss A. Jacob, Nursing Superintendent of Vellore, drew attention to the fact that many nurses who had graduated from the hospitals were facing unemployment today. If other States required their services, they must not hesitate to go to any distant place to serve. Some nurses preferred marriage to a career and perhaps this trend was inevitable. But an alarming sign was that many fully trained nurses were prepared to seek for situations in other fields.

Miss Jacob said that they must all agree that "the amount and quality of nursing care given to the patients in their wards was very unsatisfactory. Steps should be taken by the nurses themselves to improve the position." That would appear to be the view of a large part of the public also. Nurses in wards can afford to be more sympathetic; patients would certainly rally round more quickly if to their daily round of duties nurses imparted a more human touch. Superintendents would do well to drive home this simple truth to their younger charges.

Medical Exhibition

The amount of ignorance that prevailed amongst the people about health and hygiene was colossal, and it was up to the medical men to dispel it. So said Sri Sri Prakasa while presiding at the opening of the Medical Exhibition at the Madras Medical College. Doctors should also guide people

who came in contact with them in regard to the nutritive value of the food they ate.

Dr. Rm. Alagappa Chettiar who inaugurated the Exhibition praised the student organisers for their zeal and interest in public welfare and expressed his approval of the various sections of the Exhibition that were instructive and non-technical and could easily be understood by the layman. The section dealing with family planning was appropriate as also the one about accidents. The growth of population was alarming, he remarked. Every day India had 14,000 additional mouths to feed. People must be taught how to avoid risks on the road as traffic had increased of late and was taking a heavy toll.

Culture Vs. Communism

In his presidential address to the annual conference of the Indian Committee for Cultural Freedom, held at Madras, the other day, Dr. Sampurnanand, U.P.'s Minister, aptly remarked that our culture should be based on the finest elements of Vedanta. In India, according to him, the bugbear of Communism "had made secularism almost synonymous with anti-religion, and all reference to Hinduism was looked upon with suspicion."

Sri C. Rajagopalachariar who also addressed the gathering was even more forthright in his condemnation of the outrages perpetrated by Communist countries in the name of culture and freedom. The Communist ideology, he said, sought to sacrifice moral values and everything sacred. Neither the slogan of freedom nor that of State regulation could solve the difficulties of humanity. He contended that the right slogan was self-control and that was the message of Indian philosophy and culture. The Upanishads and the Gita had laid all their emphasis on this vital truth and Mahatma Gandhi had preached it with the whole force of a political revolution behind him.

In The News



PANDIT JAWAHARLAL NEHRU, who inaugurates the new Andhra State.



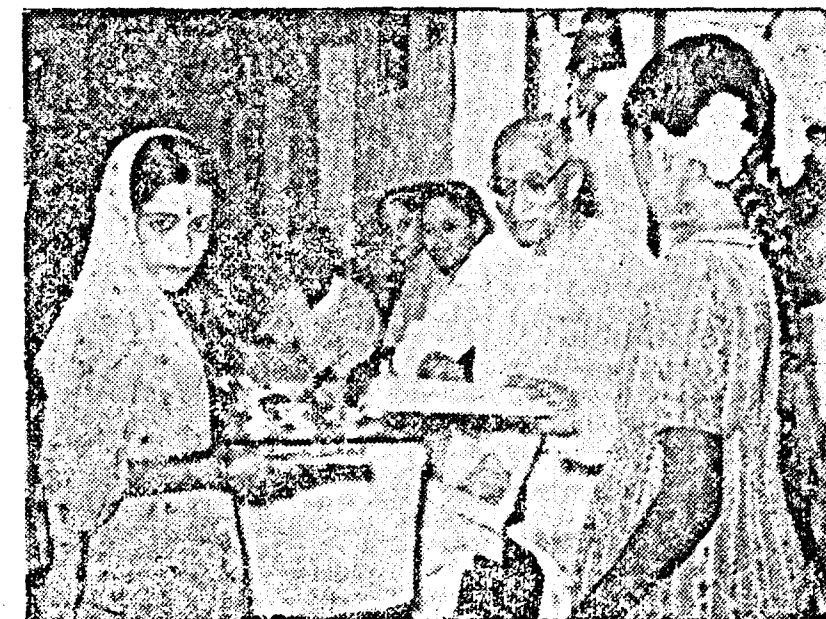
SRI CHANDULAL TRIVEDI, Governor of the new Andhra State.



MAHATMA GANDHI, Father of the Nation, whose Birthday will be celebrated all over the country on the 2nd of this month.



THIRU V. KALYANASUNDARA MUDALIAR, well-known scholar, poet and politician, who passed away in the City recently.



BHARATHI DAY was celebrated at the Sri Sarada Higher Elementary School, West Mambalam, Madras, recently. Sri C. Rajagopalachari, Chief Minister, who presided, is seen distributing prizes to the children who had done well in the competitions held as part of the celebrations.

The Chief Minister went on to elaborate this point. Our culture consisted in our respect for truth and unfailing regard for moral values which were deemed inviolable.

Where Communism ruled, God was dethroned and, then, Truth became the next casualty. He suggested that instead of making freedom the banner of our struggle against Communism, we should adopt self-control as our battle-cry. "Not freedom which may deteriorate into licence, and anarchy, not State regulation which may deteriorate into tyranny but self-control is the right slogan." This was, he said in conclusion, what the Gita preached and what was solemnly voiced forth in the Upanishads. And this alone would stem the tide of anarchy and rescue the world from the danger of totalitarianism.

Andhra State

The new State of Andhra starts functioning from 1st October. A grand, history-making event almost coincides with Gandhi Jayanthi. Fellowmen from all parts of the country are bidding Andhras God-speed. Like brothers in a joint family Tamils and Andhras have been living amicably all these days, and, with all our good wishes and co-operation, Andhras are setting up a separate home. Tamils more than any others share in their neighbours' pride and sense of achievement.

Indeed, Madras has laboured hard to enable the new State to find its feet. Many of the offices will continue in the City until the Andhra Government is in a position to shift them. And several of our officers have gone there to set the new machinery in motion. With Mr. C. M. Trivedi as Governor, the Andhra State has a bright future before it.

Shortcomings there may be but these can easily be overcome. The State may have started with a deficit budget but the Centre has promised liberal financial aid. As Mr. Ananthasayanam Iyengar has said, the Andhra State is full of potentialities. Rayalaseema has great mineral sources that have yet to be tapped. "When the

Thungabadra high canal and the Krishna Project are completed," the Deputy Speaker of the House of the People observed, "Andhra will become one of the most prosperous States in the country."

The new Government has also to tackle the growing Communist menace and root it out before the next general elections. Quite recently in a bye-election in a Godavari constituency, a Communist candidate had an easy walk-over. And there are several Red pockets like these which the Congress must recapture. But minor details can await attention later. We rejoice with our brothers next door in the great venture they have undertaken and wish them all success.

Srinagar's Challenge

The National Conference Convention which met in Srinagar endorsed the policy of the Bakshi Government and reiterated its faith in the Delhi Agreement which enabled them to preserve an autonomous status within the Union. Addressing the Convention, the State's Prime Minister said: "As long as blood runs in my veins I will not let the Pakistani movement take root in Kashmir or let any structure be built on those foundations."

He claimed that the people were with him and so it did not matter at all "what Eisenhower, Admiral Nimitz, Mohammed Ali, Truman or any other foreigner" said about the happenings in the State.

Mr. Ghulam Mohammed Sadiq, moving the main resolution relating to the Delhi Agreement, thundered that Kashmir had no place in Pakistan which he dubbed as mediaeval, feudal and retrogressive. "No power," he said, "can stand in the way of our exercising the right of self-determination, but we will not oblige any power for using that right for committing national suicide." He warned his fellowmen against foreign intrigue to subvert the State.

Moulvi Mohammed Anwar observed that Kashmiris did not want Pakistan to play the role of their champion and protector. They knew best how to take care of themselves. He asked Pakistan if four and a half crore

Muslims felt safe in India, why Kashmir should not feel safe.

The Convention also approved the economic measures undertaken by the Bakshi Government to ameliorate the lot of the people and hoped for their speedy implementation.

Arrest of Nahas Pasha

Rumour-mongering, is to be punished in Egypt. It reminds one of conditions in India during the Second World War when spies were on the look-out for those who spread rumours or indulged in whispers about the progress of the aggressors. Even those who tuned in their radio sets to enemy countries were clapped in jail. So great was the British fear about possible danger to morale.

We do not think that conditions in Egypt today are so bad or that the country is on a war basis. But the Army under President Naguib is stamping out all opposition. The old parties have been dissolved and their leaders have either been shadowed by spies or placed under arrest. Neither democracy nor the Republican spirit would warrant the total abolition of the party system, however imperfect it might be, but President Naguib issued such a decree.

And news of the arrest of Nahas Pasha, leader of the defunct Wafd Party, and his wife has caused surprise in the Muslim world and elsewhere. The reason for the arrest is stated to be that the old leaders of Egypt have been working secretly in collaboration with foreign powers and conspiring to bring back Farouk.

President Naguib made a magnificent start and captured the imagination of the people by banishing Farouk and declaring Egypt a full-fledged republic. But on the economic front the new Government's achievement is not much to speak about. We do not think that Naguib's predecessors were fond of the British. They scorned the foreigner more virulently than Naguib and his men. The President at least believes in settlement with the British by negotiation. It is time he turned his attention to the economic problems at home crying for a solution.

Thiru V. Ka.

Death of Thiru V. Kalyanasundara Mudaliar has removed a picturesque personality from our midst. The loss to Tamil Nad in particular is irreparable. A scholar, poet and politician, Thiru V. Ka., as he was generally known, rendered signal service to his fellowmen. A devoted follower of the Gandhian creed of Truth and *Ahimsa*, he was one of the few who practised what he preached. During the days of the Non-co-operation movement he was always to be found in the front line of the political struggle. Two journals of which he was editor — "Desa Bhakthan" and "Nava Sakthi" — built up his reputation as a great publicist and critic and made the masses politically conscious.

He was also the pioneer of the Trade Union Movement in our State and stood for amity and understanding between capital and labour. As the years rolled by, he was exploring new avenues of thought and tried to blend Gandhism and Marxism to suit the changing conditions of economic life in India.

Thiru V. Ka's interest in religion was as profound as his devotion to politics. Thrice he presided over the Saiva Siddhanta Samaj conferences and discussed with other leaders the various ways and means to combat the growing force of atheism in the land.

He was as great and forceful a writer as he was a persuasive speaker and the various works that he has left behind are a rich and creamy addition to Tamil literature.

Owing to failing eyesight, Thiru V. Ka. retired from politics in 1947, but the cause of Tamil which he held so dear often drew him back to the public platform and friends and admirers always sought his guidance and counsel. Only

recently was his 71st birthday celebrated in Tamil Nad with affection and rejoicing. Nobody knew that the light would go out so soon.

Honour to India

Srimathi Vijayalakshmi Pandit's election as President of the United Nations General Assembly is recognised on all hands as a tribute to India's greatness and growing importance in world affairs. Not only that. Srimathi Vijayalakshmi is the first woman ever to preside over the deliberations of this august body. Probably, the age of women has just begun with a young lady guiding the destinies of the Commonwealth and a daughter of this land trying to save the peace of the world.

Srimathi Pandit takes over charge from Mr. Lester Pearson of Canada at a critical juncture. There is an uneasy truce in Korea and an East-West understanding seems as far off as ever. The new President referred to the difficult nature of the task facing her. She hoped that the Political Conference would successfully solve the Korean problem. "We should continue to devise practical answers to the fundamental dangers threatening world security," she said. "We should find the right and satisfactory answers to meet the legitimate urges of rising nationalism, and not seek remedies which can only lead to greater frustrations and outbreaks of violence."

She was also frank enough to plead for eliminating weapons of mass destruction and directing the resources of industry and scientific research into the channels of peace. And all nations, she added, must co-operate effectively to safeguard peace and raise the standard of living of the people of the world.

Among the tributes pouring in from the various parts of the

globe the most quote-worthy is the one by Sir Mohammed Zafrullah Khan, Pakistan's Foreign Minister. "In electing Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit to the high office of President," he said, "the General Assembly has secured one who in her person combines not only the charm and grace that move with her sex but also great dignity and high intellect."

Gandhi Jayanthi

Gandhi Jayanthi comes off on 2nd October and the Nation, in a prayerful mood, recalls the great philosophy and achievement of the Master. Leading Congressmen will perform spinning *yagnas* during the week and processions and speeches will wind it up. But do we not miss something more essential? Do we follow the principles of Truth and Non-Violence that the Mahatma exhorted us to follow at any cost? During this year the political atmosphere has been surcharged with violence; there were ugly riots in several parts of the country. Mob law prevailed for days and the police had to take a back seat or use force to restore order. Calcutta provides one such instance.

When Congress was carrying on its struggle, its leaders often proclaimed in the press and on the platform: "Non-violence is the sheet-anchor of our faith." What is that great organisation doing today in the face of such a continuous wave of violence? What will become of the future of the country if the present-day leaders look on unmoved? Whither then are we drifting? If Gandhiji were alive, he would be the most distressed man today.

Is the Congress losing its grip on the masses? It is time our leaders paused on this solemn occasion to take stock of the situation and lead the country back to the Gandhian path.



[Baba Doodle passes in review the amiable and delightful Slips of the Great and the Mighty with his gentle and polite Slaps like the Laputan Flappers who respectfully roused the dreaming philosophers as it is authentically recorded in "Gulliver's Travels."]

EVERY Indian heart swells with pride that Srimathi Vijayalakshmi Pandit has been chosen to preside over the eighth session of the U. N. O.

But then is it not an honour to the U. N. O. itself as much as it is to India? Has not every member of this Lady's Family served, sacrificed and suffered in the cause of the Human Rights of their countrymen more than any other member of the U. N. O. for such a cause?

After this unique honour, would Srimathi Vijayalakshmi Pandit accept the first Presidentship of L. U. N. A. when it comes to hold its session?

(L. U. N. A. is the League of United Nations of Asia.)

Surely, as a schoolboy, you have read that the Duke of Wellington won the battle of Waterloo in the cricket field of Eton.

Does that mean that Pandit Jawaharlal is going to solve the Kashmir problem in the cricket field of New Delhi?

Cinema stars, Madras, think that Exhibition Cricket matches are their forte; this encroachment by the Central Ministers and M.P.'s is looked upon by them as undemocratic and unfair to the Fair.

Madras cinema stars say that the cheering and claps in the

cricket field seemed like the appreciation which, Thackeray says, is forced out from his children by the autocratic father who inflicts some ancient joke upon them.

When our great patriots were sent to the jail, they gave us some valuable commentary on *Bhagavat Gita* or *Ramayana* or *Mahabharata* or their own life stories. *Tirukkural* has not been tapped. Is that why some of our Tamil patriots have gone to prison?

The formula is: Push in a Patriot and pull out a Commentary, like the penny-in-the-slot machine.

The first woman to reach the height of 23,410 ft. on the Himalayan peak of Nun Kun is Madame Claude Kogan, a French dress-maker. Surely Parisian or French fashion and dress making talent has now reached such an unprecedented height yet!

Summing up the World situation in the House of People, Premier Nehru said that he had no doubt that nearly all the people in every country obviously desired peace! and therefore it made him more doubtful of any permanent settlement in the future; the irresistible inference is: there would be a better chance for peace if only

the nations were somewhat bellicose or war-minded.

Dr. Radhakrishnan, the Vice-President, does not relish the idea of Ministers making pleasing promises on their tours — promises which may not be fulfilled.

But the learned Vice-President does not seem to be aware that, when in peril, sailors, soldiers and the sick make promises to Powers far higher than men just to escape, and then forget all about it like many a discreet debtor.

A man who was given punishment threw a chair at the magistrate. The magistrate, though severely wounded, felt deeply gratified at the vigilance of the police who did not let him bring lethal weapons or bombs into the court hall.

Evidently the magistrate is one of those who can read sermons in stones, books in the running brook, and good in everything.

Sri Sri Prakasa, Governor of Madras, seems to revel in riddles. Presiding over the entertainment and meeting at the Vidyodaya Girls' School, Madras, H. E. said, "I strongly hold the view that it is the business of those whose children get the benefit of a special kind of education, to pay for it. If they do not or cannot, I would request the founder to close the school."

However, as a token of appreciation of the work done in the school, H.E. gave a donation of Rs. 500.

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Poor chaps, they hardly know that, as the President of U. N. O. she rises above Party, above Nationality and above Sex Vanity!

"Minister's House Burgled": Better than houses of others, says the man-in-the-street.

This notorious person, the man-in-the-street, thinks that special steps will be launched against the burglars. But he is mistaken. In these truly democratic days, the Minister fares like any other citizen because the same news item tells us that a few days back also, there were stolen a wrist watch and some stainless steel things from the house of the same Minister.

Poor Sri T. Prakasam! What a storm over his "release"! The P.S.P. Executive will not "release" him, nor can any non-Congressman have ministership in the Andhra State with the Congress party support.

Sri N. Sanjeevi Reddi is more mum than even the Sphinx. Alas, the course to the Chief Ministership never does run smooth! Nor does it for him who is already Chief Minister.

Dr. Malan, Prime Minister of South Africa, presented his Bill for Abolition of Rights of the Coloured Voters, but it was thrown out for the present. But that does not mean that Indians in South Africa are safe.

Premier Nehru has given the warning. A persistent denial of human rights may not be quite

a safe game as men much stronger than Dr. Malan were made to learn.

"Illicit Distillation is a cottage industry." That is what Sri Palaniswami, Minister for Prohibition, Madras, discovered in his tour in Cuddapah Dt.

But the Minister need not rush to the conclusion that Prohibition brought about this new cottage industry.

It was always cheaper, much cheaper, to brew illicit liquor; such illicit manufacture has been there all along. Prohibition might have given the industry an additional kick.

"Drastic measures" may not take Ministers a long way.

"Pakistan was building up her forces entirely for her own defence," declares Mr. Ghulam Mohammed, the Governor-General of Pakistan.

But that is what Kaiser William, Hitler, Mussolini, Soviet Russia and U.S.A. said and say: all were or are for "war against war" to ensure peace.

"Still too low," is the warning which a Madras daily declares as a warning to those who think things are fairly good so far as the seasonal rain is concerned.

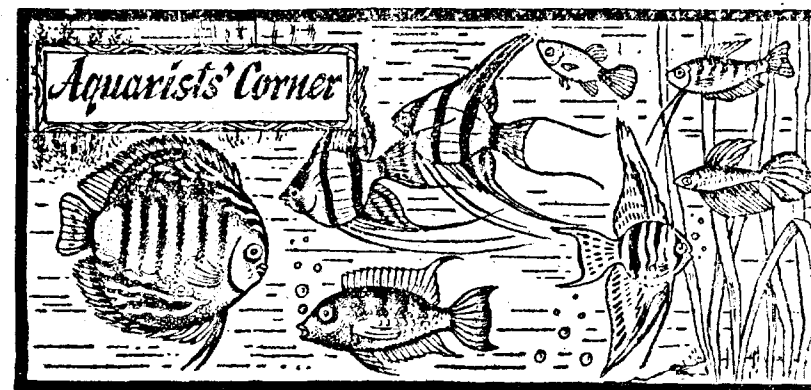
Let us hope that the warning will be duly noted by Powers that can help, one at least being the Meteorological Department which controls wind, weather and rain.

Boss was surprised to find that the clerk who availed himself of leave for fever had no signs of fever.

The clerk could not explain it.

The head clerk questioned the clerk and explained to the Boss the difficulty thus: "It is true, sir, the clerk has no fever; he pleaded fever as the cause because he could not spell diarrhoea."

— Baba Doodle,



OUR INDIGENOUS FISH—4

THE PANCHAX

THE Panchax is another aquarium fish that is commonly found in our country. This group is popularly known as the egg-laying "tooth carps" or "top minnows."

The Panchax is distributed largely in Africa, India and Malaya. There are three well known species of Panchax in our country. They are *Aplocheilichthys lineatus*, *Aplocheilichthys panchax* and *Aplocheilichthys blockii*. All the three species freely occur in waters in and around Madras.

All Panchax have a tiny triangular silver marking on the occipital region between the eyes, and it looks more or less like a third eye, and therefore these fishes are popularly known in Tamil as "Mundru kannu meen."

The Panchax is an attractive tropical and is much prized by foreign aquarists. The Indian aquarists always try to secure large specimens, introduce them in community tanks and soon come to grief. Consequently, the poor Panchax is abandoned and forgotten!

This is not a desirable fish for a community tank containing smaller tropicals, but it goes well with fish of larger size than itself. It is by nature a cannibal, and will swallow a fish up to the size of a male Guppy. That is the only disadvantage but in a tank by itself, it is one of the most interesting

and an ideal subject both for the beginner and the seasoned aquarist.

Identification of sexes in the adult *Aplocheilichthys* is not difficult as certain characteristics of fin-structure and markings denote the sexes in all the three species.

Aplocheilichthys lineatus is also known as *Panchax lineatus* and it is the biggest of all the Panchax attaining to four inches. This fish wears a dull olive green coat with a gloss of purple on the cheeks and along the abdominal surface. Each scale appears like a tiny mirror, and the horizontal lines of these metallic scales with a golden green spot in the centre of each scale earns it the name of *Lineatus* meaning stripes. There are also seven or eight dark vertical bands passing down the sides of the abdomen.

BOTH male and female may be of a uniform colour, but the female is easily identified by the darker vertical bars and very few red dots. The ventral fins of the male are longer, curved and pointed. The female develops a black spot at the base of the dorsal fin.

Aplocheilichthys panchax is the next biggest, attaining only about three inches. This fish is easily distinguished from the previous one by the oval structure of the tail fin which has a double border. The outer edge of the border is slightly black and the inner line is yellow

and orange. This fish also has the iridescent dotted lines along its body but there are no vertical bands. The female is rather not very colourful as the male and her tail fin has three round edges like a three-petalled flower.

Aplocheilichthys blockii is the smallest and the most handsome Panchax. It rarely attains two inches. The males are slightly larger than the females and can be distinguished by the broad tail fin with dark yellow edges. His anal fin is also broad and pointed. The female can very well be distinguished by the presence of an oblique dark bar in the base of the dorsal fin.

The Panchax are long lived and hardy fish, seldom contracting disease. Very often we receive complaints that the fish just disappear. The Panchax group of fishes are all very expert jumpers

By "BIVIOR"

and, out of sport or to grab a floating insect, they make sudden aerial dash throwing themselves out of the tank. Therefore, it is very necessary to keep the Panchax tanks always carefully covered.

ALTHOUGH they show their beauty to the best advantage in a comparatively larger tank, they may be successfully kept in a medium sized aquarium. The tank should not be too densely planted. A few blades of *vallisneria*, a long twisted sprig of *hydrilla*, and a fine tuft of *cabomba* bent under the surface of the water, all planted at the rearside of the aquarium, will present an ideal aquarium to fully appreciate this fish.

The Panchax appear more beautiful when direct sunlight is allowed to strike the front glass of the aquarium; the mirror like scales and the sparkling facets reflect the light in all splendour and a group of Panchax displayed in this manner is a charming picture. The tank should not be kept in light that is too strong for them as they make every effort to hide in the bottom behind the plants to be away from excess light.

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If these fish are fed with a reasonably varied diet of live food they will be kept in excellent health. They are always attracted by everything that is in motion. They seldom touch or examine dry foods or anything that is motionless. For this reason live food like blood worm (*Chironomus larvae*), mosquito larvae, etc., is more readily taken. But their most favourite food is the fry of other fish or even their own fry.

When it is desired to breed *Panchax* it is advisable to have a densely planted tank using such plants as *myriophyllum*, *cabomba*, *ceratophyllum*, etc.

THE courtship is not very elaborate. It consists of the male chasing the female. The males are vigorous drivers capable of courting several females at one time, which seems to be the best arrangement. After a prolonged chasing, the female now and then will stop for a while in the growth of the surface plants and drop a single egg, which is immediately fertilized by the male. That egg will fall through the water and get lodged on the first surface it touches, and the eggs which fall right to the bottom do not develop.

It requires a lot of patience to watch the complete breeding process as the female drops only one egg at a time, totalling, perhaps, twenty in a day. Experts have recorded that this is repeated for about a week and about hundred and fifty eggs may be considered to constitute full spawning. Usually the fish will not eat the eggs, but as soon as they hatch out and the fry move about they are gobbled up. So, when spawning is completed, the parent fish have to be removed.

The eggs are about the size of a pin-head and can be easily spotted out. The period of incubation is usually thirteen to sixteen days, and owing to the rather long period over which the eggs are deposited, hatching is irregular. The first laid egg will hatch out first and will naturally grow bigger than the subsequent hatches. The larger fry sometimes develop cannibalism and eat the small ones and therefore if the fry are to be

saved, they must be removed and sorted one by one and grouped in separate small tanks according to their size.

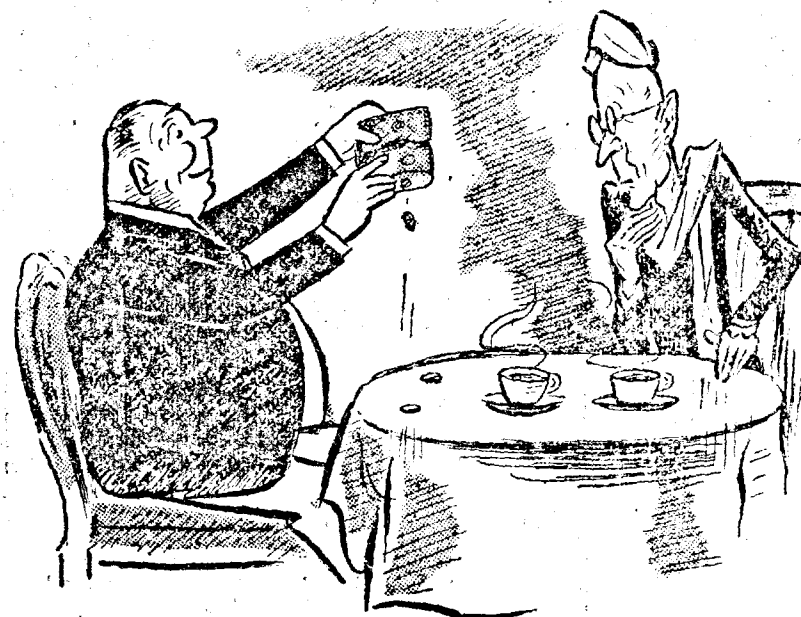
The fry are of good size when hatched out, and for the first two or three days, they remain suspended at the surface. As usual in other egg-layers, the yolk-sac is gradually consumed and they become free-swimming, and begin to feed on micro-organisms.

The young fry must be fed first on infusoria and later as they grow, *daphnia* and *cyclops* must be given. The young grow very rapidly on this diet and when they are three weeks old they are about an inch long, and at this stage they can start eating mosquito larvae. When the fish are nearly six months, they put on their true colours and the sexes can be identified.

A PART from its aquarium value, *Panchax* has been responsible to a great extent in saving humanity from the depredations of malaria. As early as 1900, the *Panchax* was chosen as the best of all the small fishes for larvicidal purposes. The *Panchax* possess all the requisites for such work. The most important thing is that it is a surface-feeder, preferring a diet of mosquito larvae. The flat dorsal, its streamlined body and its wide mouth enable it to gain sufficient motivity, attacking the larvae and devouring them in large numbers.

Before introducing *Gambusia*, the exotic live-bearing tropical larvicidal fish, *Panchax* played an important part in Madras City and districts. I may specially mention here about Sri R.K. Ragavendra, Malaria Officer of the Madras Corporation, who fully recognized the usefulness of biological control of mosquitoes by employing the *Panchax*. During 1913-14, a terrible epidemic of malaria broke out in the City and all the wells were found to be breeding malaria-carrying mosquitoes. That officer organized a city-wide introduction of *Panchax* in all the wells and in one section, to mention, he achieved the remarkable result of controlling breeding in 716 out of 788 wells with the help of *Panchax*.

New Professions



H. S. Ramaswami Sastri

ONE fine morning, Dr. Nesan came to me with a long doleful face and said: "Ramu! You know I believe in linear progress and hold that bad becomes less bad and good becomes more good with the process of the sun. I know that you believe in the cyclical law of progress and think that we are in *Kaliyuga* or the iron age when Nature is getting more and more adverse to Man and Earth is becoming more and more sterile of harvests. You also hold that man is getting worse and worse while the human population is increasing by leaps and bounds.

"The concept of progress and the concept of the *Yugas* can never agree. But, of late, I am coming round to your way of thinking, because the facts of life are inescapable and are destructive of my view."

I could not believe my eyes or ears and said: "Dr. Nesan, do I see and hear aright? Or are

my eyes affected by cataract and have my ears become deaf?"

Dr. Nesan replied: "You see and hear all right. But I am not all right. You know that I am on the lookout for a suitable match for my daughter, Jaya. She is such a sweet, nice girl!"

I replied: "Of course! God bless her for her bonnie looks and golden heart! Did you fix a suitable bridegroom?"

HE said: "I have. Jaya also has given her consent. But the boy's father, who is an old bandicoot, wants ten thousand rupees down in cash. You know that I have not even as many copper coins. Where am I to go for so many silver coins?" He suddenly took out his purse and emptied its contents—a dozen coppers! "This is all that I have today!" he said.

I said: "I am sorry. But such a splendid chance may not come your way again. Dr. Nesan, it is a

pity that though Goddess Saraswathi has smiled on you and to a lesser extent on me, Goddess Lakshmi has frowned on both of us. But you must make up the amount somehow."

Dr. Nesan observed: "Ramu, what you say is easier said than done! I am going to carry on a tearing campaign against *Varadakshina* (bride-groom price). What do you say?"

I replied: "Yours is no doubt a brilliant idea. All other forms of *dakshina* (free offerings of money gifts) have vanished.

"*Varadakshina* was not known to our ancestors. On the other hand, the young man or his parents or guardians had to go seeking for a bride. In Tamil Nad bride-price (*parisam*) was known but there is no word for the bride-groom price. I dislike the word 'price' which is indicative of an act of purchase of property. Can human beings be like 'dumb driven cattle' or vegetables or grain? Go ahead, Dr. Nesan.

"But there is a snag; generations of modern reformers have thundered from the platform against it. Anti-*Varadakshina* Leagues came into existence. There was even legislation against it in some States. But it continues to flourish in its unabashed pecuniary form or in one or other of its innumerable protean forms such as diamond ear-rings and gold and silver vessels and costly garments and motorcars. One of these days an aeroplane may be demanded as *Varadakshina*.

"We have all heard of Sri Vinobha Bhawe's remarkably successful *Bhoodan* movement. It is now followed by the *Koopdan* movement, *Drishhtidan* movement, etc. But the earliest *bhoodan* was successfully achieved by the unique endeavours of bridegrooms.

"Dr. Nesan, it looks as if, like Don Quixote, you are going to tilt at a windmill."

Dr. Nesan said: "Windmill or no windmill, I am going to seek election and bring in a bill into our Legislative Assembly and place an anti-dowry bill on the Statute book and see that it is vigorously and rigorously enforced."

On many occasions Dr. Nesan has had the laugh against me but here was an occasion for *vice versa*. I said: "Dr. Nesan, I sympathise with you. But though you can fight bad social customs successfully in the name of reason, you will find that you are up against a stone wall when you try to combat economic forces generated by human cupidity."

Dr. Nesan said: "It may be as you say but surely it is only in our benighted country that we have these ugly customs."

I REPLIED: "Customs? It is not a custom but a new profession. Do you think that the demand of bridegroom price is indicative of a crude type of culture and a primitive type of society? Take an up-to-date progressive, civilised, refined, tip-top country like Britain. I suppose you know that there has emerged there a new profession in quite recent times. The coming out of debutantes into Society (Society with a capital S) has taken a new turn."

"The charming debutantes have to be presented in court and have to shine as the stars of fashion and have to be accepted as such by Society and described as such in the journals of fashion. They will be described as persons in the public eye. Their jewels and garments will be meticulously and enthusiastically described."

"Whenever and wherever they appear, cameramen will pursue them and take and publish their photographs. You can escape a machine-gunner or a bomber but you cannot dodge or escape photographers. But all this celebrity is damned costly. A new profession of lady sponsors of debutantes has come into existence in Britain. Some of these advertisers of youthful beauty and charm demand payment of sums running into four figures. Dances have to be given to launch the debutantes suitably upon the world. Parties have to be given to eligible bachelors who, after all, may act like the elusive Pimpernel and refuse to be caught in the matrimonial nets spread for them."

"These very eligible young men, who belong to the progressively impoverished upper classes and upper middle classes, have

got subtle and secret ambitions of hooking heiresses and getting at money-bags by shortcuts. The fact is that poor middle-class girls have, under the stress of modern western life, to seek jobs to keep body and soul together. But rich middle-class girls whose fathers have made millions by soaps, biscuits and what not, try to hook not jobs but rich and eligible husbands. They have to invest lots of money in charming, seductive and alluring dress and jewellery."

"But the biggest and most staggering item in the new bill of expenditure is the payment to debutante sponsors. In our country we have marriage brokers called *tharagars* in plenty. Sometimes they are astrologers-cum-marriage brokers or marriage brokers pure and simple. But they are only the dawn that heralds the sunrise. The eligible bachelors have terrific tariff rates, the I. A. S. heading the list. Dr. Nesan, I sympathise with you. But you can never abolish these new and lucrative professions. Who says that matrimony is a sacrament? It is a profession."

Dr. Nesan's face became longer and his bright eyes filled with unshed tears. "Ramu," he said,

"I came to you for a way out and not for a lecture on modern economic trends in India."

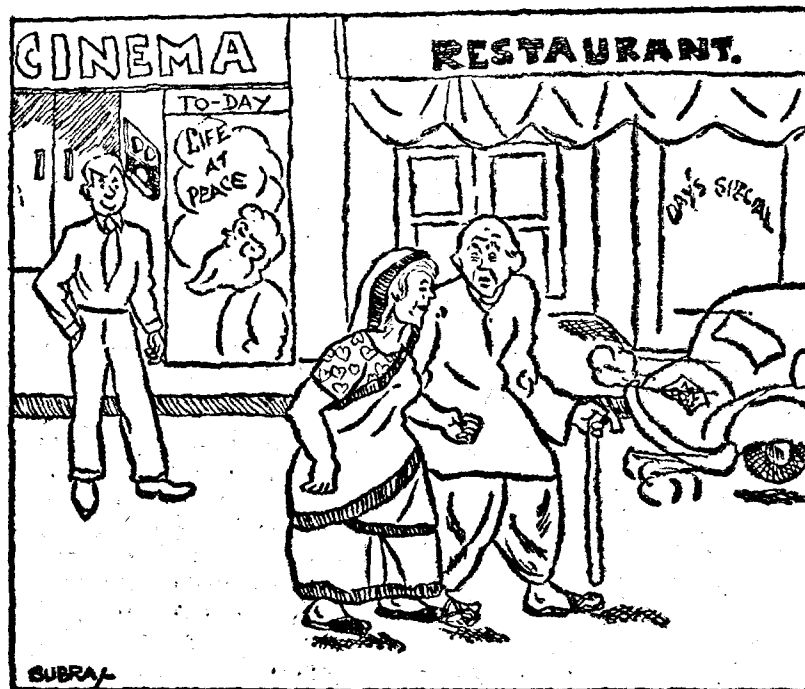
I thought over the matter for a while and said: "Dr. Nesan, you must meet the terrific demands of a new profession out of the tremendous profits of a new profession. You know that the four lucrative new professions in India are running buses and lorries, running hotels, producing and exhibiting cinemas, and black-marketing. Try these."

Dr. Nesan said: "I have neither the inclination nor the capital for these."

I THEN had another brain-wave and said: "Why not try your hand at Guindy races or the Derby sweep? You have to come into ample and abundant money in a short time."

Dr. Nesan shook his head and said: "These are not moral ways of making money."

I looked at him for a while and said: "Dr. Nesan, I have indicated to you many ways. You cannot or will not pursue them. In that case you have only the ancient, time-honoured professions to turn to—begging, borrowing or stealing!"



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"JUST a minute," she said and left me.

We were on the grounds of the Industrial Exhibition. Miss Subhadra, who is in love with fairs and exhibitions, was keen on seeing almost every stall that had something to do with ribbons, pins, cosmetics, imitation jewellery and the like.

We had entered the large gate at seven when the coloured lights of the stalls were requesting the pleasure of the company of everyone to romance. We had then strolled leisurely, stopping occasionally to see the exhibits and buying them, if to our taste.

In the amusement section, she had shown enthusiasm of a silly and, at the same time, becoming nature. She had insisted on riding the camel and that too not without me. I had tried to explain to her the complexities of modern society but was easily persuaded by her innocent carefree logic.

After the ride on the camel she had taken a fancy to the merry-go-round, to the giant wheel and then to the magic mirrors where we had laughed at the strangeness of our figures in the mirrors and where I had tried indirectly to flatter her by saying that she was as different from that form as the sky is from the earth.

Coming out of the amusement section, we had again wandered off and were standing before the Art Gallery, asking each other if we had enough time to see it. And then a handsome young man had come out of the Art Gallery and Subhadra had suddenly gone over to him!

Looking at them from a small distance, I was beginning to under-

stand why Rama had waged war against Ravana, the reason behind Majnu's madness and the cause of the Trojan war.

I looked at my watch. She had left me half a minute back. Again I began staring at them. She was looking lovely in her rose-coloured saree and he in a grey gaberdine suit with a multi-coloured tie.

They continued to talk. She looked at me occasionally and once or twice pointed me to him and he began to laugh.

I felt like a fool and to console

gusted and probably long for a Blue Bell.

ON the second day of my introduction to Miss Subhadra, we had met quite accidentally in the coffee house. But for this meeting we could never have become so friendly. In the coffee house we talked of everything. As people of taste we had started with poetry and, passing through novels and romances, came to pictures. And then we had nothing to talk about. I knew the time had come to make an appointment.

"Would you like strolling a bit on the tank bund tomorrow evening?" I asked her.

"I don't mind," she smiled, "but I think it would be a bit chill."

"The warmth would come from the heart," I said becoming romantic. When my tone adopts a romantic note, I begin to feel silly. I

like to think all men are like that.

By Md. Azeemulla Baig

myself I began thinking of the fine day a week back when I got to know Miss Subhadra.

I WAS first introduced to Miss Subhadra on a Sunday in the Sun Rise Talkies. It was very good of Miss Meena to have acquainted me with Subhadra. I am thankful to Meena for the introduction but I am sorry I couldn't stick to her. Astrologers have told me I am one of those who believe in "off with the old love and on with the new." Perhaps they are right. Perhaps such is my nature. But I think it only good taste to have variety in one's life; even with a full-blossomed rose one may be dis-

"Oh, that's all right," was the answer, "but let us try to be early."

"Of course," I put in.

The next evening on the tank bund we had strolled about, talking of every little thing in the world that is feminine—from bob pins to plastic sandals. The cool breeze was caressing us and the little waves were singing us a song. And to me it seemed that there was in Subhadra art, beauty and love. That was an evening I will never forget. It was then that the valley of love was green and the day of romance sunny.



And there she was, after four days of that delightful evening, standing away from me and talking to that handsome young man. "Ah, why had I met her?" In my heart I began blaming Miss Meena for having introduced her to me. Then there started a quarrel between my heart and mind.

"I wish she comes back soon," my heart said.

"Forget it, you fool. She won't come back," my mind answered.

"But then she came with me to the exhibition!"

"So what?" my mind retorted. "She has now got a smarter young man to talk to."

This quarrel made my faint hopes of returning home with Subhadra vanish into thin air. I stood there looking at the pair. She had left me two minutes ago. It was already nine. The exhibition was full of life. All sorts of persons were there in all their finery. Every man who had a wife in his hand tried his best to protect her as he would protect any other glassware. Young men pretended to stand leisurely like me but their eyes were always roving and in search of someone worthy of such a search.

AND now Subhadra was returning to me but not alone. That detestable young man was with her.

I wished I could knock him down with a blow and lay him flat on the ground. But they were quite so near to me and I felt as timid as a deer.

"You must excuse me," Subhadra began, "I was talking for quite a time!"

"That's all right," I said, "but"

"Oh, I am sorry.....Meet my friend Sunder. And this is my brother Mohan," she said.

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THE CRUCIAL TEST!



By P. Sankaran

YOU could have felt it in your bones, thought Chandru. Silence on your left. Same on the right. Solid and colossal. Something answering to a similar description in front of you and behind you.

The physics paper was simply awful. Chandru did not bargain for this at all. He expected a different set of questions. Somehow or other, it never is the same set of questions in these cases! He made some abortive attempts to write something relevant, but the bally mind was very sluggish. It had reason to be. He should not have gone to *Double Life* the previous night. But could any rational young man in a reasonable state of mind resist Ronald Colman and Signe Hasso?

He let his eyes wander a bit. There on the extreme right was that cursed Gopu scribbling furiously. He was sure to get a class. Why not? Everybody was confident of that. The sort that collars medals and distinctions, the breed with protruding teeth and adenoids. On the left was

Ramanan, a bosom friend of Chandru, blinking at the question paper. He seemed to have some trouble with his eyes.

Looking at Ramanan, one could easily see that he and his eyes did not see eye to eye in the trivial matter of not falling asleep in the examination hall. A nice chap. Capital fellow. Fellow worth having at your side in case of trouble, especially in a rough house. He was Chandru's friend, roommate and desk-mate. Enough if we say that he witnessed *Double Life* with Chandru the previous night.

JUST in front of him sat Krishnan. He was working at the paper like a beaver. No doubt, a splendid chap on other occasions when he was not interested in his books. But Chandru could not remember to have seen Krishnan without a book in his hand. He was a veritable bookworm, apt to turn nasty if you happened to disturb him in his study. In the past Chandru had always given him the cold shoulder. Chandru looked behind him. He caught the imploring eyes of John.

Evidently, John was in trouble. It would be a wonder if John was not in trouble at any given time. He had it in him. But Chandru, himself in deep waters, could not give succour to the stranded John. Frantically John began to send "S.O.S." in other directions. One could wish only good luck to such a marvellous chap! Chandru spent a few minutes contemplating the freaks of the fellows about him. Strip John and insert him in a pair of shorts and a sports banian and unleash him on a football ground. You would be a dumb duck if you did not applaud his manoeuvres. John took to football as ducks take to water. But in the hall he was a spent force. You could see it on his face!

THE bell went with a startling clang. The superintendent, a heartless chap with a horrid pair of spectacles and a fishy expression, announced that half an hour had gone by. The Cerberus did not give a guy a chance. He was ever on the alert. Now here, now there, always everywhere. A lust for wandering seemed to be his predominant characteristic. Chandru sorely wished for a static superintendent. Somehow or other you always got the wrong sort of persons and things in such times.

The awful truth that he could not have a sporting go at peeping into his neighbours' papers dawned upon him with appalling lucidity. He again looked at the question paper. There was a mention about a railway train in the seventh question. Chandru could not at first understand why the dickens should a railway train be mentioned in the question paper. Then after looking at the paper squarely for a few moments, he shifted his eyes to the top. There in block letters the word "DYNAMICS" was found. Then he understood.

But the words 'Railway Train' started another train of ruminations. Chandru had always liked trains and railway journeys. Slowly the question paper faded from his eyes and in its place, the Trichy Railway Junction took shape. The Trivandrum Fast Passenger had already steamed in. Chandru who was bound for Tanjore had secured a convenient corner. Chandru really liked railway journeys. He

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wanted to be an officer with a good
number of opportunities to go on
extensive tours. But his fussy
father insisted that he should step
into his shoes and carry along as a
measly lawyer. But Chandru never
liked that prospect. He had had
several trying experiences with his
father's clients. He knew he could
never stand badgering clients.

PERSONALLY, he would like to join
the I.A.S. and lead a luxurious
life. Always having a flair for dress-
ing like Robert Taylor and posing
as Clark Gable, he thought that the
I.A.S. alone would suit him. But
the conceited ass of his brother, a
medico, wanted him to be a doc., a
chappie who couldn't call his time
his own. An alluring prospect!

He must prevail upon his uncle
to wait till he came out successful
in the I.A.S. examination for
which he would eventually sit since
he had no doubt that he would
stand Presidency First in the B.A.
Degree examination. He had
done especially well in the physics
paper. The mean-minded exami-
ner wanted to perplex Chandru.
But that silly fellow did not know
that he could as well have tried to
confuse Einstein. Was he not
Chandran, the prospective I.A.S.,
at the sight of whom officers would
shiver and tremble?

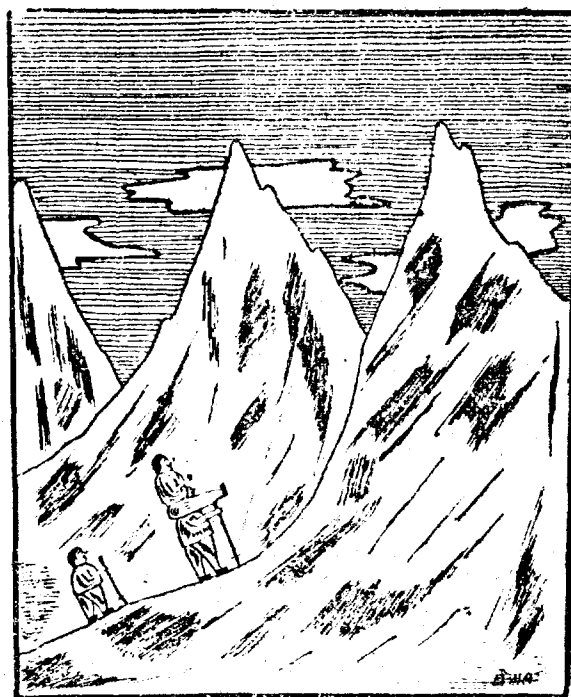
Bewilder him?
Ha! Ha! Ha!
"Silence!" barked
some one. Pro-
bably some zealous
underling warning
an offending party
who had been bold
enough to laugh in
the presence of
M.R. Chandran,
I.A.S. He would
not brook this sort
of disrespect.

"Half an hour
more!" cried a
dismal voice out of
the void. Perhaps
for Mayavaram.
There would be
many officers wait-
ing on the platform
to receive M.R.
Chandran I.A.S.
He was sure that
his uncle also
would be there.
He must make it
a point to be a

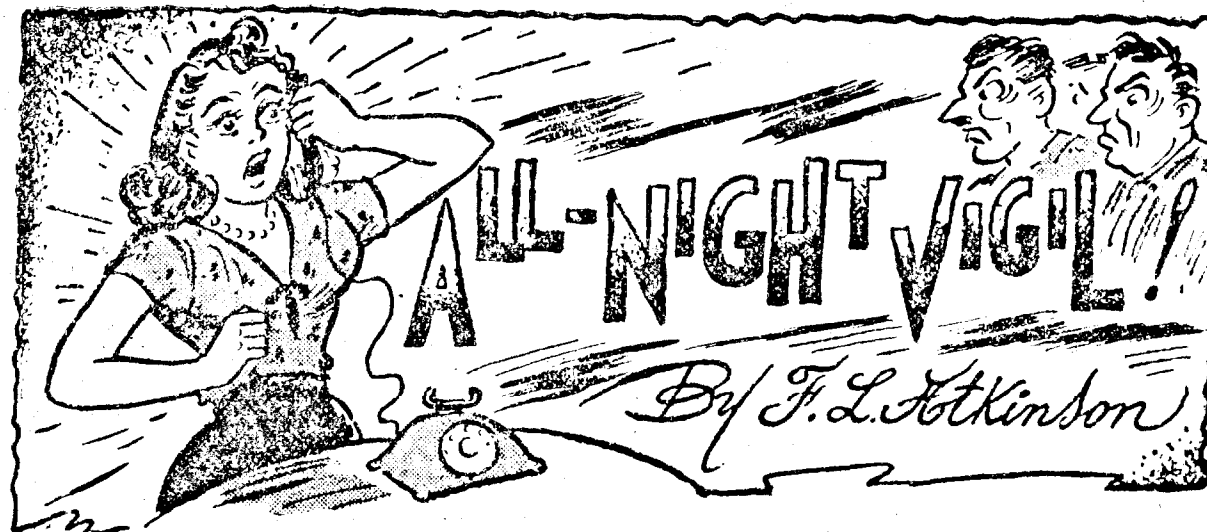
little haughty with him. Treat
him distant like. Much as he
liked to wed Renu, his cousin, he
wanted to raise the dowry to a
tidy bit and add to it a "Ford
Monarch."

"Five minutes more!" cried
a dismembered voice. Perhaps
for the curtain to go up? He
wondered why the devil the
theatre people were very puncti-
lous. Were not Mrs. & Mr.
Chandran, I.A.S., waiting in the
balcony to witness *Notorious*?
He must teach the manager a
bitter lesson. He promised Mrs.
Chandran (none other than the
delectable Renu, his former cousin,
his present half of wish and half
of fear) that he would take the
manager to task.

"**TIME** over! Stand up! Stop
writing! Fasten your answer
books carefully!" were the cries that
banged on his ears with startling
clarity. Chandru stared around
him. Chandru—and not M.R.
Chandran, I.A.S.—was in the
examination hall staring at the
unfinished answer paper or with
paper winking at his drawn face,
as you would have it, the pen with
clotted ink in his hand still poised
as if just ready to put his thoughts
in black and white!



HIMALAYAN CLIMBER (astride porter's shoulders):
"Porter! When you reach the peak's summit, you
should let me step on it first so that I could be the
first man to really reach it."



WE had travelled, non-stop,
with the dust, heat and
flies for over two hundred
miles. We were at the stage where
nothing mattered except the feel
of clean, cool sheets and a soft
mattress.

It was in this state of mind that
we first saw the hotel in which
we were to spend the night. It
was just a one-storey, ramshackle
place surrounded by miles of fruit-
less brown earth. But to us it
looked like heaven.

We were surprised, on arrival,
to find a number of guests already
installed. However, we were deter-
mined not to allow this to interfere
with our night's rest.

The Manager showed us to our
rooms with the aid of a candle,
the electricity having failed a day
or two earlier. Our explorations
revealed later that the electricity
had never been connected!

Undeterred, we decided to in-
dulse in the luxury of a shower
before having a late supper. As
there was only one bathroom
available, we took turns. There
was no hot water, and the water
service was in need of repair.
Our showers consisted of half a
dozen well-distributed drops.

Supper was served by candle-
light, and due to the inadequacy
of the lighting we were not quite
sure what we supped on.

In fact, the only convenience in
the whole establishment was a
Telephone Exchange. This was
operated by the Manager's wife,
who was also the Postmistress.

Everybody retired early, mainly
because there was no alternative.
The mosquitoes made outside ex-
cursions unpleasant, the lighting

facilities made reading or any
other form of entertainment im-
possible, and the battery on the
radio had run down.

It must have been about ten
o'clock, when everybody was in
the dozing stage, that a woman
decided to use the telephone.

Due to the smallness of the
hotel, and the utter stillness that
surrounded it, it was impossible
not to overhear her conversation.

SHE put a call through to Wash-
ington and said she wanted
to speak to Major Sandison who
was in the War Department. She
didn't know his number, and seem-
ed hazy about his Christian name.

Presently she got through to
Washington, and when the Opera-
tor informed her that she couldn't
trace the Major, she flew into a
rage and said that everybody
knew Major Sandison. It was very
important, she said, and she had
to speak to him.

She was cut off and in a few
minutes tried again. She tried
every ten minutes. She abused
the Manager's wife. What sort of
a one-horse dump was this? She
abused the Washington Operator.
By this time everybody was awake.
She made more and more noise.
Nobody could go back to sleep.
Indignant guests sought out the
Manager. He tried to quieten her.
We listened to her angry replies
to his mild expostulation and
when, defeated, he left her she
started once more to ring. She
rang and rang. She shouted.

Furious men in their dressing-
gowns, dishevelled women in
wrappers, went into the passage
to where the telephone was situat-
ed. They told her to stop making
so much noise. She told them to

go to hell with such a variety of
language as to excite the outraged
indignation of everybody.

The Manager was again appealed
to. Meanwhile she rang and rang,
screaming obscenities at the Wash-
ington Operator. She screamed that
she must get Major Sandison; it
was a matter of life and death.

Finally, as the clock struck
one, we spoke to the Manager's
wife and requested her to close
the Board. She said she couldn't
do that as she was under strict
instructions. We then asked her
to close the woman's line.

She refused to do this on the
grounds that the lady in question
was the wife of a high official.

Dejectedly we stumbled back to
our rooms wondering what the
wife of a high official was doing
in a place like this.

The half a candle allotted to us
had burnt itself out, and on appli-
cation we were informed that there
were no more lights to be had.

Near delirium, we adjourned to
the verandah with the woman
still screeching, and the mosqui-
toes harmonizing between stings.

THEN at four o'clock, with our
bodies covered in lumps and our
heads splitting, the Washington
Operator managed to trace Major
Sandison.

"Have you got Major Sandi-
son?" she asked the Operator.
"You're quite sure that you've
got him? Is he on the line?"

Then, with concentrated fury,
spacing out her words to make
them more emphatic, she said:
"Tell—Major—Sandison—that
—I—don't—want—to—speak
—to—him!"

With that she hung up!

A WOMAN customer rushed into a London chemist's the other day.

"I've been trying for hours to telephone you, to get you to send up another bottle of my medicine, and you never answered," she complained. "I know, I have one of these dial 'phones and I sometimes get it wrong, but I couldn't be wrong all the time. I tried dozens of times and couldn't get anybody."

The shopman was aggrieved, but was madam sure she had dialled the right number?

"Why, of course I am," she replied. "I took it from off one of your own bottles — EST. 1883."

Too Affectionate!

Mother-in-law: "My dear John, it's not necessary for you to see me to the station. I'll get there in time alone."

Son-in-law: "Let me go with you, mother dear. I wouldn't like you to miss the train."

Filled!

One: "Did you fill your date last night?"

Bored: "I hope so. She ate everything in sight."

A New Definition

As a little girl was reading a book she suddenly looked up and asked her father: "What is a diplomat, dad?"

"Why," he replied, "a diplomat is a fellow who can steal your hat and coat and explain it so nicely that you give him your watch and chain as well!"

So Large!

"Our theatres," said the American, "are much larger than yours."

"Oh, but we have some very big ones," replied the Englishman. "At Drury Lane, for instance, if a man threw an egg from the back of the stalls it would probably fall short into the orchestra."

"Indeed!" said the American. "Now, if a man threw an egg from the back of the stalls in our biggest theatre it would hatch before it got near the orchestra."



Better Off!

A: "Only in the city can one be sure of living according to one's proper station in life. When I first went there I hadn't a cent in my pocket."

B: "And now?"

A: "Now I'm £500 in debt."

Prudent

Father: "Tommy, what is that cigarette doing in your pocket?"

Tommy: "I am keeping it there until I am old enough to smoke it."

Frank Enough

Dobbey married a newly rich wife.

Dobbey: "Tell me frankly, what do you think of her personal, outside appearance?"

Friend: "Her outside appearance?"

Dobbey: "Yes."

Friend: "Oh, a rank outsider."

Like Water!

Mrs. Smith: "How'd you like my new dress?"

Mrs. Jones: "Like water!"

Mrs. Smith: "So transparent?"

Mrs. Jones: "No—so tasteless!"

Not Now

"Our grandmother used to come and see us every year. It was lovely."

"Doesn't she come now?"

"No, she has come to live with us now."

Time?

Love-sick Swain (in the late hours): "How can I leave you?"

Tired Father (poking his head round the door): "Bus No. 49, tram No. 7 or taxi-cab."

AN Aberdonian on a visit to a friend in London overstayed his welcome. It was getting towards Christmas and his host thought a kindly hint would have the desired result.

"Don't you think," he said, "that your wife and family will want you to be with them at Christmas?"

"Mon," replied the Aberdonian, "I believe you're right. It's rare thoughtfu' o' you. I'll send for them."

No Idea

"What's the matter with you?" asked the chemist. "You seem excited."

"Heavens!" cried the assistant. "I sold Mrs. Smiley strychnine instead of potash."

"Well, if you aren't the most careless idiot I ever saw. You seem to have no idea of the value of strychnine."

Car or Pearls?

"My wife wants me to give her an auto for Christmas, but I think I'll get her a pearl necklace instead."

"Why, surely that would be even more expensive?"

"No. You see, they don't make artificial autos!"

How Thrilling!

Mrs. Timid: "Did you ever find a man under the bed?"

Mrs. Buff: "Yes, the night we thought there were burglars in the house. I found my husband there."

Full-Time Occupation

Mike: "I haven't seen my uncle Pat for ten years. Tell me what he's been doing all that time."

Ike: "Ten years."

On the Mark

Wife: "Do you know, doctor, I believe that my husband's trouble arises from his nose, and his nose's trouble from his excessive drinking."

Doctor: "I guess you've hit it!"

Wife: "You bet I have, many times!"

THE poor man was effusive in his thanks to his rich friend. "This five pounds will help me over Easter. I'll send it back to you next week. By the way, what is your address?"

The rich man looked solemn. "Fairview Cemetery," he replied.

"Hang it all, that's not your address!"

"It will be, I expect, by the time you send this five pounds back."

The Real Trouble

Psychiatrist (to wild-eyed man who has rushed into his office): "What's the trouble, young man?"

Young Man: "It's the cabbage leaves I keep buying for my turtle. I buy them every day."

Psychiatrist: "Well, I can't see anything wrong with that?"

Young Man: "Oh, but you see I haven't got a turtle."

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Which Lawyer?

Client: "I fear that I will lose this lawsuit."

Lawyer: "Have no fear of that. Some years ago I myself brought such a case and won it."

Client: "Really? Which lawyer did you employ?"

Patience!

Diner (sniffing suspiciously): "Waiter, never mind my order now. I can't eat where there's a smell of paint."

Waiter: "If you'll wait a minute, sir, those two young ladies will be going."

Tragedy

Clown: "Please, sir, I'm afraid the Talking Ape won't be able to perform at tonight's show."

Circus Proprietor: "Why not?"

Clown: "The ventriloquist has 'flu."

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OH, MAN! The knowledge and experience that you have at present should reveal to you the essential values of life and bring before your mind huge vistas of future progress. The bitterness that usually introduces itself together with all enterprises in the world shows that something is not well with the ordinary methods of approaching things. Suffering, disease and death are indications of a severe want in the scheme of life. How chivalrous is he who runs after his own shadow! Such, indeed, is the nature of the attempt to obtain true happiness from the things of the universe. The great error of the world is the faith which is cherished in regard to things that perish. The heavens shall pass away. The earth shall pass away. The solar systems shall pass away. It is unwise to seek refuge in such unstable appearances. Yet, you cling to them with great hope. The result is disappointment and dissatisfaction. Nothing that is not real can promise true happiness.

What do you see and hope in the world? Endless ambition to achieve enormous power and happiness. The ambition is really praiseworthy. But you have not learnt the exact method of the correct solution of the problem. You wish to build bungalows, purchase motor-cars, grow vegetables in your own garden. You become a householder and try to maintain a big family. But, with what effect? You are not happy. You want, and again want, more and more. And what do you really want? What is your wish? Man! Be not duped by the false show that is kept up by this universe. Open your eyes. You really do not want bungalows, do not want cars or estates, wife or children. You want happiness, you want joy, satisfaction, delight that is unadulterated and nothing else. And where is happiness?

No one can be really happy unless one first becomes good.



H.H. Mahamandaleswar Sri Swami Sivananda Saraswati, whose 67th Birthday was celebrated at Anandakutir and all other centres in India and abroad, had issued a Birthday Message to his disciples, devotees and admirers for their inspiration and observance. This Message is reproduced here for the benefit of our readers.

— The Editor.

None that lacks character can be truly prosperous. Without right conduct there is no joy. You must know that there is a divine relation among things here. Unless you know, recognise and assert this in your life you cannot succeed in your pursuit of real happiness. He who does not abide by the fundamental spiritual basis of existence will not find it easy to be truly good and righteous, to be really

selfless and virtuous. Joy shall elude his grasp who is wanting in these noble qualities. The Supreme Sovereign of the universe, God, is the storehouse of eternal bliss. Devotion to Him alone can save you from misery. If you forget Him and neglect Him, you are really running away from the Fountain-head of Bliss and walking on thistles and thorns to fall into the river of grief. O, son of the immortal! Why do you cringe and beg? You have forgotten that you are the heir-apparent to the Throne of the Supreme Lord of all existence. Why do you run here and there and drown yourself in misery? Are you not tired of this fruitless pursuit of the mirage of earthly joys? Wake up! Arise, be bold and hearty! Fear not! There is no fear in the domain of truth and righteousness. Bliss is the law of the Divine Kingdom. Be wise and you shall be happy!

Turn homeward. Enough of your wanderings in the desert of Samsara. There are a few oases in this desert, and they are the saints. Drink deep from them and march to the Source, your original Home. Mistake not the burning sands for satiating waters. Learn wisdom from the saints. They are your saviours. They will help you, guide you and lead you to your destined Goal. The blind man cannot walk without the help of one who has eyes. Worldly men are blind to the eternal truth. They grope in ignorance. Only the saints and sages can give

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May success attend upon your glorious effort! May the Lord bless you! *Om Tat Sat.*

At Arogya Ashramam

The 67th birthday of Sadguru Swami Sivananda Saraswati was celebrated on Sunday the 30th August in Arogya Asramam, Gandhi Nagar, Adyar, Madras, with Maha Mrityunjaya Homam, Sadguru Puja, Veda Parayanam, Sagunopasana, poor feeding, etc., in the morning and lectures on the life, mission and teachings of Swamiji Maharaj, besides a music performance by Sri S. Visvanathan of Kalakshetra, in the evening. The speakers were: Sri K. S. Ramaswami Sastriar, Sri Venkateswarananda, Dr. T.M.P. Mahadevan, Prof. N. Vaidyanatha Sastri, Sri Asuri Srinivasacharlu, Sri V. T. Rangaswami Aiyangar, Sri T.M. Yelumalai Chettiar, Sri S. Satchidanandam Pillai, and others.

The celebrations continued in Arogya Asramam daily in the mornings and evenings till the 8/9th September 1953.

H.H. Sri Swami Sivananda Saraswati has, as the Chancellor of the Yoga Vedanta University (Rishikesh), conferred the title of S.D.L.S. (Star of Divine Life Society) on Sri Venkateswarananda, the director of Arogya Asramam.

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SOME of us are in the habit of forgetting things. Not necessarily always, however, the really important things. These, of course, we take good care to remember. On the other hand, it is the little things that often give us the slip. Here are a few instances.

First, there is the man who has left his Railway Pass behind. He and the Ticket Collector at the gate seem to have a difference of opinion on the subject. Between them, they so block the passage that the valuable lesson of the instructive sight may not be lost upon people like you and me who want to get out in a hurry. So, he stands, the T.C. stands, and we stand. He also looks unhappy and tries to say something. He had not done it before. He will not do it in future. He works for Messrs. So and So. He has an unquestionable place in a society which would never dream of travelling without its Season Ticket in its pocket!

I admit these are not the exact words he uses, but I dare say they form the gist, the sum and substance of what he wishes to plead. The T.C. fumes. He has heard it all before. If not the same story, similar stories. They all tell the facts of their lives. He is not interested in the facts of their lives. What he is concerned with is the Season Ticket.

Then there is the man who catches the wrong train because he omits to read the indicator. Not the simple-minded suburban dweller who ventures into the city and finds the process of going back full of complications. Nor the portly upcountry visitor who, of course, is not safe within miles

of Victoria Terminus unless he is towed by a guide. The man I speak of is by no means a novice. On the contrary, he is an expert. You have only to look at the effortless ease with which he gets up and down the foot-board of the running train! That, I bet, is an accomplishment not given to many of us! Unfortunately, when he sets foot inside the Terminus on some evenings his mind happens to be elsewhere.

PERHAPS under the soothing influence of a radiant smile that a girl accidentally threw him from the top of a moving bus, perhaps fagged with overwork in the office, without looking to right or left, up or down, he hurries to the train, and drops down in a corner seat. Four stations after he half-emerges from his brown study and says, "This train goes to Bandra, isn't it?" "No, Kurla!" you say cheerfully, and half a dozen voices confirm your intelligent remark. The other struggles to grapple with the truth. Suddenly he springs up, snatches his hat and throws himself out.

On the fast trains you come across more of his kind. Their behaviour runs on slightly modified lines. This type, a few seconds off his station, prepares to depart jauntily, his face lighted by agreeable thoughts of wife and tea, especially tea. The train, instead of slowing down, gathers speed, and the station, wife and tea flash past. He has to be held back by strong restraining hands for fear he may throw himself out, too.

And then there is the man who dashes out of his flat on a morning at a steady pace as if he were

competing in an obstacle race, but forgets his purse at the starting point. Later when he discovers its absence, say in a restaurant, his stunned faculties can only infer that it has been spirited away from his person by a pickpocket. He is wild against the pickpocket. He is sore at the thought that somewhere the thug is laughing at him, taking him for a poor sort of fish who went about as an open invitation to the pickpocket.

He somehow makes up with the proprietor, and walks out looking years older than when he walked in a few minutes ago—that is what money does to us. He decides sternly—a noble, self-denying resolve—to cut down his out-of-pocket expenses. Stop smoking. Yes, stop it! Won't touch it—until friends press tins of it on him, seeing him dying for a smoke. Give up his tea as well. Won't drink a cup—until friends literally pour it down his throat, seeing him drop down in sheer exhaustion for want of tea. Happily, the anguish of the self-imposed restrictions comes to an end when he goes home and sees the purse.

FORGETFULNESS to post letters is a speciality with some people. A notable example in this line is the forgetful husband who is charged by his wife to post her letters (I must say, my sympathies are wholly with him.) If a woman necessarily must write a letter to her parents, let her take the entire responsibility for it. After all, it is bound to contain nothing more important than the stale news that her dear husband was ill-treating her and had reached that stage of cruelty when entreaties, tears and threats had no effect on him whatsoever.

However, let us leave the argument. The relevant point is that no sooner does he drop the letter into his pocket than it slips out of his mind. Not until days afterwards, when she begins to wonder why she has not heard from her parents and asks if he is quite sure he posted the letter, does the whole thing come back to him. And here, as it appears to me, he bungles. He takes a false step. He confesses to his guilt. The sentence is passed. The worst part of it is, she thinks that he does it on purpose to read the contents and blackmail her.

BY far, the most I admire in this list is the cool devil who borrows little sums of money from people and forgets all about it. To borrow without stuttering and stammering and on the whole feeling miserable is an art to be acquired through long study and constant practice. If you grant that, then, to be able to brush it aside almost instantaneously from your mind without leaving so much as a trace can be said to be its masterstroke. Be that as it may, you may find him in your office. You may come across him among your acquaintances. He may reside near you. He may live far away from you.

Imagine yourself buttonholed by such a man, his voice hissing in your ear urgently, "I say, my dear fellow, just pass on five rupees. Yes? You will? Then make it ten!"

You are simply mesmerized. You just hand over the rupees and come very near adding another ten to it to make it a round twenty. In the bargain, you feel hugely flattered. You thank him profusely. You pat him affectionately. You almost clasp him in an embrace, as if you were glad to be relieved of the money. Only afterwards you happen to realize that when the crisp currency note changed hands, you saw the last of it!

Now, I don't mind confessing that I forget to take my railway pass on three days in the week, catch the wrong trains on the remaining four, my purse and I are frequently parted, I am not to be trusted with letters, and when it comes to paying back small sums of money, well, you are welcome to have a shot at it! ☺

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By Padma Latha

THE shrill, piercing ring of the alarm woke Ashok from his deep slumber. He yawned, stretched himself and got up from his bed, looking at a picture of innocence, with his dark mass of hair falling before his eyes. He opened the blinds and peeped out. The sun touched the tops of the still trees and splashed his golden radiance all over, and while drinking in the early morning beauty, Ashok hoped that the events of the day would be as fair as the weather. For today his boss, Mr. Nath, was lunching with him, and on this occasion Ashok meant to so impress him as to win his favour and secure a promotion.

There was a vacancy at his office upon which he had long cast covetous eyes and now at last his opportunity had arrived. With a certain amount of style and show he hoped to achieve his end.

He pulled down the blinds and walked to the bed adjoining his, upon which lay his wife Asha. He gazed at her fondly and thanked his stars for having a wife upon whose assistance and help he could always rely. Asha, her bare arms and legs exposed, and her beautiful black tresses making a halo round her shapely head, looked so angelic that Ashok felt a great reluctance to wake her up. But considering the innumerable little tasks that lay ahead of them, he gently laid a hand on her arm.

A pair of sleepy eyes looked up and Ashok, instead of receiving her accustomed smile, was met with a series of groans. He touched her forehead and, to his horror, he found it burning hot. Asha tried to speak but was caught in a fit of violent sneezing, from which she emerged with a red nose and swollen eyes.

Ashok was desperate. That of all days, Asha should be down with fever and cold to-day was just a bad stroke of luck. Fervently praying that she would get well soon, he covered her bare limbs with a sheet and forced some drugs down her throat to abate the cold and fever. Asha, tucked in between cool, milky-white, sheets soon fell asleep, leaving poor Ashok in utter confusion. Gathering together his wits and summoning all his courage, Ashok decided to commence his morning ordeal of preparing breakfast. No sooner had he reached the scrupulously tidy kitchen than he heard the cries of his children—his five-year-old son and three-year-old daughter—of whose existence he had clean forgotten, in the midst of his worries. He rushed to the nursery where his two impish kids had just risen from their sleep and were determined to see their mother.

ASHOK told them that she was asleep, whereupon they said they were hungry and demanded food. Ashok, trying to remember from which side he had got up, ran back to the kitchen and meddled noisily among pots and pans. The only maid they had was down with 'flu for the past few days and he cursed her with all his heart, for it was she, he was sure, who had given his wife this terrible fever and cold.

Anyway, he was thankful to his bachelor days when he had learned to prepare his own food and had acquired the reputation of being a good cook. But that was six or seven years ago, and now he wondered how much he remembered. Somehow, after a certain amount of careful thinking, he prepared some pudding which he thought was not too scorched. With a great deal of persuasion and the telling of many tales, he managed to feed his two little ones, after which he dismissed them with a friendly pat on their heads and a warning to be good.

OFF they scampered, with eyes full of mischief and many ideas which they now did not hesitate to put into force, as "Mummy" was in bed and would not be there to scold them. Oblivious of the designs of his children, Ashok ate his frugal meal, took a cup of hot steaming coffee to his wife and set to work to tidy his tiny flat. With broom and duster in each hand he cleaned and polished each article till every speck of dust disappeared and his flat shone with an added brilliance. He thought of the contempt his fair wife had for him regarding his ability as a cook, and he now vividly remembered her scornful face as she said that their house would turn topsy-turvy if for one day he had to manage it. This gave him an added impetus to work, and after a great deal of scrubbing and polishing he stood back to admire his achievement, with an air of complete satisfaction.

But some of the animation disappeared from his face as he thought of the lunch he had to prepare not only for himself and his two kids but also for his boss who might drop in any time before one o'clock.

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Nanak Singh, Akola

Q.—Is there a God?

A.—Even the scientists who refuse to believe in anything that cannot be tested in the laboratory do admit the existence of what may be called the "Hidden Hand." It is this Unknown but not Unknowable that is God and we humans often fail to realise this great truth except when we are in trouble.

S.N. Dhar, Srinagar

Q.—What are the requisites of a short story that go to make it acceptable for publication in *My Magazine of India*?

A.—It should be short, should be a story, have narrative interest, be original and unpublished.

V.N. Panikkar, Ottapalam

Q.—What are you doing?

A.—At the moment I relax to marvel at the many types of human beings, including your kind.

V. Markandeya Rao, Vizianagaram-7

Q.—What is true love?

A.—Enduring affection, having a tinge of self-sacrifice.

Valluri Rama Rao, Masulipatam

Q.—What is the last resort if wife says to her husband that marrying him is her fault?

A.—As her admission is the beginning of a battle royal, silence is the best means of replying to the rude retort.

S.K. Sharma, Agra Cantt.

Q.—What is there in the filmdom that attracts young blood?

A.—Bewitching belles, glitter of gold, emotional excitement, undeniable urge to find fame, etc.

P.R. Prasana, Mercara

Q.—How is it that in American crime pictures we see people killed so mercilessly as if they are so many rats?

A.—This killing being so much movie make-believe, don't waste your tears or entertain wild fears.

K.E. Reddy, Sahdol, V.P.

Q.—On the front cover page of the 1st Aug. issue of *My Magazine of India* it was printed that comments on I.W.X.-Word No. C-12 and Squareword No. D-15 are inside the pages. In the hurry of catching the train, I had no chance to see the inside pages before purchasing it. Imagine then my disappointment to find no such comments inside the Journal. Why is this so?

A.—The Management really felt helpless in the matter. I am not revealing any secret if I give you a peep into the printing side of its production. The Cover Pages are always printed in advance and mention of comments on certain Crosswords is made in the faith that the material for it would reach us sufficiently in time. When we are let down by the people at the other end, that is the Crossword Dept. of I.W.X.-Words & Squarewords who don't send the Advance Pulls, we are forced to disappoint the readers. It is to make amends for this that Second Thoughts on the relevant Competitions are published. The omission is thus a forced and not a deliberate one.

N.R. Sami, New Delhi

Q.—What is meant by Box-Office?

A.—Continuous clinking of coins at the counter.

V.P. Palmer, Mangalore-3

Q.—What is Madras without Rajaji?

A.—Hotbed of jobbery and corruption.

Ram Narain Vyas, Lucknow

Q.—How will Sheik Abdullah be feeling right now?

A.—Rather shaken.

T. Lakshminarayanan, Bombay

Q.—What is great about Gemini's *Avvaiyar*?

A.—The satisfying sight of seeing men, women and children come out of the theatre in the same way as they would come out of a temple after participating in an important *pooja* is the greatest achievement a film producer can hope for.

Gurcharan Singh, Ambala

Q.—What is a film beauty?

A.—The producer's booty!

CALLING IT A DAY!

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After taking a final peep at his wife to see if she was comfortable, he rushed off to the bazaar to buy the necessary provisions. A score of friends detained him on the way, enquiring after his health and that of his family's, and it was an irritated and disgusted Ashok who at last reached the shop. Time was marching on and he had to make his purchases as soon as possible. When the salesman came round to enquire as to what he required, Ashok stammered a little and then came to an abrupt stop, for he had absolutely no idea as to what to buy and what not to buy.

OH, HELL! If only he had not embarked on this foolish move to invite his boss he would never have suffered so. And after all the trouble, his boss would only be so unimpressed as not only to deny him the promotion but to demote him. The bespectacled young salesman, pitying Ashok's state of exasperation, helped him to choose the essential commodities for a good lunch; and with all these safely packed and paid for, the young hero proceeded home. There, to his profound amazement and horror, he saw his two children seated in the midst of the drawing room with a mass of rubbish—sand, bits of paper and a variety of other odds and ends—strewn about the room. One was mischievously perched upon the sofa, whilst the other dangerously balanced an old china vase on the tip of his nose.

Bitter rage possessed Ashok, but thinking of the mild tactics his wife would have employed in similar circumstances, he controlled himself and gently scolded them for their mischief and marched them off to their room with explicit orders not to move from there. Once more he went through the laborious process of tidying up and was again gloating over his thoroughness when the clock reminded him that it was already ten o'clock and that it was high time he had thought of preparing lunch. With a pounding heart, he rushed to the kitchen, and mechanically set to work. On

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a piece of paper, he wrote down the menu, which included some of the tasty dishes he used to prepare in his bachelor days.

WITH everything jotted down on paper, he found it easy and as time advanced he was glad to find that he had not completely forgotten his old cooking. Just as he was getting absorbed in the meal he was preparing he heard a low wailing emerging from his wife's room, and thereto he immediately rushed. Asha's fever was decidedly worse and she was sitting up in bed, groaning. To call a doctor at this critical moment was impossible. So Ashok ran to his medical chest and gave her a few tablets and powder which he hoped would bring down the fever. He applied some Eau-de-Cologne to cool her burning forehead. After having done to the best of his medical ability, he ran back to his stove and cooking.

Fortunately, no burnt smell met his nostrils, and he heaved a sigh of relief as he resumed his task. Gradually, after what seemed to Ashok an eternity, his meal was ready and as he sampled the food he had prepared, he was not too dissatisfied.

WITH deliberate care, Ashok arranged and laid the table. A vase of bright red and blue flowers adorned the centre of the dinner table. The glass and silver glittered and the room with its white curtains held a charm and neatness. A mingled odour of rich, delicious food hung about the air as Ashok moved to and fro. He glanced at the clock, which pointed to one, and fearing that his employer would at any moment step in, he ran to his room to change his soiled and oily clothes. After a hasty toilet he emerged, an object as clean and tidy as the surroundings.



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ride" to the two kids. After staring incredulously for a few seconds, Ashok burst out into a fit of uncontrollable laughter, and was joined in by the roars of Mr. Nath and the screams of the little ones. The peals of hearty laughter finally died down, leaving Ashok and his employer in a happier frame of mind.

AT one-thirty sharp, Ashok announced that lunch was ready. And it was a famished Mr. Nath who took his seat at the dining table. On either side sat the kids, while Ashok uncovered the dishes. Hot, steaming and delicious food was served and consumed with a rapidity which surprised Ashok. Mr. Nath praised the food to such heights that Ashok felt himself blush, and when finally Mr. Nath found out that, owing to his wife's illness, it was Ashok who cooked the delicious dishes, he gave vent to a series of praises that made Ashok as red as a tomato.

A thoroughly satisfied party rose from the table and adjourned once more to the drawing room. Mr. Nath was wholly absorbed in playing with the kids and when at last it was time for their afternoon nap, he was very reluctant to let them go.

When they were alone, Mr. Nath surprised Ashok by saying that he wholly approved of the way his kids were brought up and that he was sure they would grow up into fine individuals. Children, he continued, should have a certain amount of freedom of action and on no account should their mischief be curbed. "Intelligence and mischief," Mr. Nath argued, "go hand in hand, and if kids are scolded for being naughty, their intellect will be dulled." Furthermore, he added, the idea of keeping one's house spick and span like a royal court-room was utter nonsense, and it only marred the freedom of children.

Ashok could do nothing but listen quietly to the sermon that his boss delivered, and he inwardly wished that his kids had been more unruly and his house a little more disorderly. Mr. Nath continued to say that he had just had an argument with his wife regarding the upbringing of his own children

and that he had scolded her for bringing them up like orderly, old maids. Ashok's kids, he said, had the correct upbringing and he would certainly mention them as an example to his wife.

Before leaving, Mr. Nath wished to see Ashok's wife and was duly taken to her room. She was awake and the sleep seemed to have done her some good. Her face was still flushed and her eyes sparkling, and she actually blinked when she saw an unknown man in her room. Ashok, however, lost no time in introducing his boss to his sick wife and on knowing who the stranger was a slow moan escaped poor Asha. Now she remembered that her husband's boss had promised to come to-day, and that she had let down her husband. Many confusing thoughts entered her mind. How did Ashok manage to entertain him? And above all, how did he give him lunch?

HOWEVER, her racing thoughts were cut short by Mr. Nath's deep appreciation of the few hours he had spent there. He gave a glowing account of the sumptuous meal he had had and of the topping time he had spent with the kids. Asha thought that this was part of her delirium and that her high fever had unbalanced her mind.

Finally Mr. Nath said, "I had been looking out for a decent man to fill in the vacancy at our office, but so far could not find one up to my standard. As the post requires a responsible and efficient man, I have to be careful in my selection. But seeing the tact and capability of Ashok, I need no longer look out for anyone else. He has, I have observed, tireless energy, a good amount of patience and the correct outlook on life, all of which will be useful to him in his new post. I have found my man. And may I now offer you my congratulations, Mrs. Ashok, on having such a talented husband?"

So saying, Mr. Nath walked out of the room leaving a bewildered Asha, wide-eyed and speechless, who now made up her mind that in future whenever Ashok's boss arrived, she would make it a point to be laid up in bed!

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ON the summit of Mount Palomar, more than a mile above sea-level, a huge dome gleams and sparkles in bright Californian sunshine. And at night, through the clear mountain air, a giant eye of glass and steel touches on depths of space never before opened up to the gaze of men. Housed beneath the 140-foot dome, in a quiet hum and a deep-blue semi-darkness, the new 200-inch reflecting-telescope is busily recording on photographic plates the tiny but invaluable images of universes which are so very far from us that the faint light of their component stars takes hundreds of millions of years to reach our sensitive instruments. And light, as you probably know, can span the earth seven times in a second. What is seen through, or recorded by, the giant eye, belongs to nebulous ages long past; light emitted now from these distant galaxies will find this place at a time which is incomprehensibly extended into the future, writes S.F.W. Hart in *Chambers's Journal of Scotland*.

It was only in 1950 that the great telescope began its long and routine research programme—research into outer space where only very reluctantly are the magical secrets yielded to those who seek, who endlessly aspire to know... 'Aspire to know.' In those three words, perhaps, lies justification for this vast expenditure of the world's best scientific and engineering skill.

Those Canals on Mars

What can the telescope do? What is it doing? What will it do?

Although there is no doubt that it will help us to make many discoveries, these, in their turn, are almost sure to bring a host of fresh problems. As a minor, but nevertheless interesting, example of this there comes a report from Palomar that the 200-inch "Eye" has recently been used to measure the size of Pluto, the tiny planet which at present marks the outskirts of our solar system. A curious enigma results from the figures obtained. It is found that the planet is far too small to account for the disturbances which had been observed in the orbit of Uranus. And yet it was by these very disturbances, assumed to be due wholly to Pluto, that the discovery of Pluto was made. There seems to be no answer except that the discovery, turning as it did on the erroneous disturbances, appears to have been little more than a very extraordinary coincidence!

It is certain that many fascinating and important, even startling, facts will be revealed by this unique instrument during its routine research. The nature of the so-called canals on Mars, for instance, which

is a critical and long-standing question, might be settled when the 200-inch telescope is brought into the investigation. At the moment, however, it is mainly concerned with problems of outer space—such as the apparent recession of the galaxies, those millions of almost fantastic island universes which all appear to be moving away from us at colossal speeds, and of which our own immense Milky Way, whose bulk may be seen draped across a dark night sky, is just another.

Stars and Make-up!

Settlement of this "expanding universe" question is of great importance for our ideas on the structure of the universe. Another wide problem which needs more precise resolution is the chemical composition of the stars and the nature of the chemical and nuclear reactions that occur within them. For this general question, as well as for work on the distant galaxies, much spectrographic equipment is used with the great telescope. On the chemical problems much of our theory of stellar evolution depends and, indeed, so does our knowledge of the general nature of the whole universe.

When Mars comes close to us, that is when Mars is on our side of the sun and in opposition, in 1954, it is likely that the 200-inch "Eye" will be spared for a photographic study of the planet. Because of the enormous size of the telescope, the image at its focus

will be bright enough for snapshots to be taken on cine-film. It is suggested that the specially designed cine-camera attachment need not be operated continuously but that an assistant might watch the planet through a smaller telescope and tell the camera operator when superseeing conditions seem to be approaching. It should be mentioned, perhaps, that the operator will be suspended actually within the telescope tube in a six-foot-diameter cylinder, which is mounted centrally just in front of the mirror's focus. In this way, photographs of the strange markings on the planet can be taken at the rare and transient moments when the atmosphere is exceptionally steady and clear.

Its Limitations

For a great instrument like the 200-inch there will be only about twenty nights each year when the conditions become good enough for the mirror to be used at top efficiency. This is so, even though the site of Palomar was very carefully selected as having the best atmospheric conditions for telescopic work in that part of the world. Under ordinary air conditions, near sea-level, we could, of course, take advantage of the accuracy and light-grasp of the mirror only on a very few occasions, if ever. Indeed, to build such an instrument in, say, Britain, would be very uneconomical. The most that we can usefully accommodate is about a 100-inch, and, in fact, a 100-inch Schmidt telescope is now being constructed in Britain. A Schmidt telescope, or camera, is a modified form of the ordinary reflecting-telescope, a special optical corrector-plate being placed over the open end of the instrument, and with a modified mirror a much wider and more accurate field of view is obtained. It is only for photographic use.

Practical Monument

The 200-inch telescope involves the opening up of a vast volume of new and unexplored space, for now there is available eight times the volume of space that was originally available with the 100-inch telescope.

Queer Facts

When Carl Hansen, a stone repairman in the small Danish village of Hillerød, fell off his bicycle and sat stunned in the road, a passing motorist picked him up and dusted him off. Hansen noticed that villagers rushing to his aid stopped and tipped their hats to the motorist—who was his King, Frederik IX of Denmark.

Bluebells went red, violets blushed pink and forget-me-nots turned bright scarlet after an explosion at a chemical works at Loughborough, Leics. Gardens 100 yards round the works were affected.

Wasps held up a bowling match at Blaby, Leicestershire. And when the match was over Mr. J.C. Macdonald, of the Coalville Club, put on his blazer. There were wasps in the sleeve.

Bathing suit made of paper by a New York firm, holds together when wet.

A Brooklyn, New York, man has invented a golf club with a head that screws off to form a cup and a hollow shaft that can be filled with whisky or other drinks!

Flickering that ruined TV reception at Storrington (Sussex) was found to be caused by an adding machine used by Chantebury council clerks on overtime.

Farmer Jerome Fitzpatrick, of Durrow, Eire, has caught a 20lb 7oz, "terror" pike that in five years snatched as many as six trout a day from anglers' hooks.

A swim crashed through a window on the top deck of a trolley-bus in Walthamstow. A passenger helped it out again and it flew off.

Youth of eighteen at Winona, Minnesota, boasted to his girl friend: "I'll drive at 105 miles an hour or kill myself trying." He killed himself.

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Many of the aides at Winter are ex-patients. This is not a case of the blind leading the blind. The theory—and it has proved sound—is that a man who has himself been “disturbed” and then shown the way back to mental health will be better able to understand the problem of others who are disturbed.

Certain Terms Taboo

That term “disturbed” is another one they're fond of at Winter. Even the worst patients are described by the mild term “exceptionally disturbed.” Terms like “mad,” “raving maniac” and so on are taboo at Winter.

What happens when a patient first comes to Winter? If he's violent and abusive and full of all sorts of fears, he'll find nobody to fight, nobody who takes his abuse as anything but normal, and nothing really to be afraid of.

Winter psychiatric aides are not sissies. On the other hand, they are not toughs. They are well-trained students who listen to a patient's ravings quietly and sympathetically in the hope that out of them may come some clue to the man's difficulties and possible course of treatment. If force has to be applied, aides are never rough. They use just enough to prevent the patient harming himself or to cause him to move from one place to another for treatment.

Mechanical restraints, like a mild form of strait-jacket, are used only in exceptional cases and removed as soon as possible.

The Real Key

A new patient will very likely be put under narco-synthesis, that is, a hypnotising drug is administered and the patient induced to tell of his innermost problems. The key to the best treatment is often found here.

The treatment itself may consist of hydrotherapy—in a bath of warm water—electric shock treatment, or any one of a number of other psychiatric devices. But the greatest stress of all is placed on bringing the patients back into normal society.

There is no dowdy uniform at Winter. Even the confinement rooms are cheery in appearance and the attendants kindly and sympathetic.

Many patients are allowed to listen to wirelesses. There are magazine racks about the hospital. Some patients, of course, destroy the magazines. But sooner or later most of them become interested in something within them—and perhaps the road back to health has been found.

Main Purpose

Winter has a cheery canteen. It is not unusual to find patients, aides and doctors discussing problems over a cup of coffee. A doctor may well contrive to hold an interview with a patient under these circumstances.

In older institutions these interviews are carried out in a grim office, across a large desk, with an attendant hovering in the background.

Work at Winter V.A. Hospital has now reached the stage at which young doctors who have trained there are going out to other mental institutions all over America. Very often Winter-trained nurses and aides go with them.

The doctrine they are all preaching is that an institution for the mentally sick fails utterly unless it is realised that its purpose is to return its patients to normal society, not shut them up in the deranged society of their own creation.

Surprise Legacies

A tired overworked doctor at St. Bartholomew's Hospital will soon be enjoying the luxury of a month's holiday abroad, first-class travel and all expenses paid, thanks to the thoughtfulness and generosity of a woman he has never seen and had probably never heard of until quite recently, writes Alison Barnes in *Tit-Bits*.

When Miss Alice Blandford, of Hopesay, Shropshire, made her will, she left securities and £200 in cash to provide the holiday for a doctor (must be male, tired and overworked) to be chosen by the governors of “Barts.” Her idea was that it should be “conducive to ease of body and refreshment of mind.”

Miss Blandford must have been one of the many people who take real pleasure in bequeathing surprise gifts. For it often happens that a girl in a cigarette kiosk who is always friendly and polite, a newspaper seller who never fails to have the right paper ready for his regular customer, the little boy who smiles and waves to an old man sitting alone at a window—are suddenly and unexpectedly rewarded for bringing a little sunshine into someone's life. First they notice the absence of an old friend. Then one day a letter comes from a firm of solicitors and they find that they have been left a legacy.

The “Good” Old Days

In the early settlement years of Australia people were troubled by the bureaucrat, and failure to comply with laws in many cases brought penalties that would cause much indignation in these days. In 1808, recalls a Sydney journal, four settlers and an assistant surgeon in New South Wales were charged with failing to attend a general muster (census) and send in an account of their stock, as prescribed by the Lieutenant-Governor's orders. One was fined one shilling and sentenced to six months' imprisonment, while the others were sentenced to one month's imprisonment.

Burning Passion!

Despite a fire raging ten floors above them, guests in a hotel in Birmingham, U.S., sat in the lobby with their eyes glued to the television set. A boxing match completely absorbed their attention.

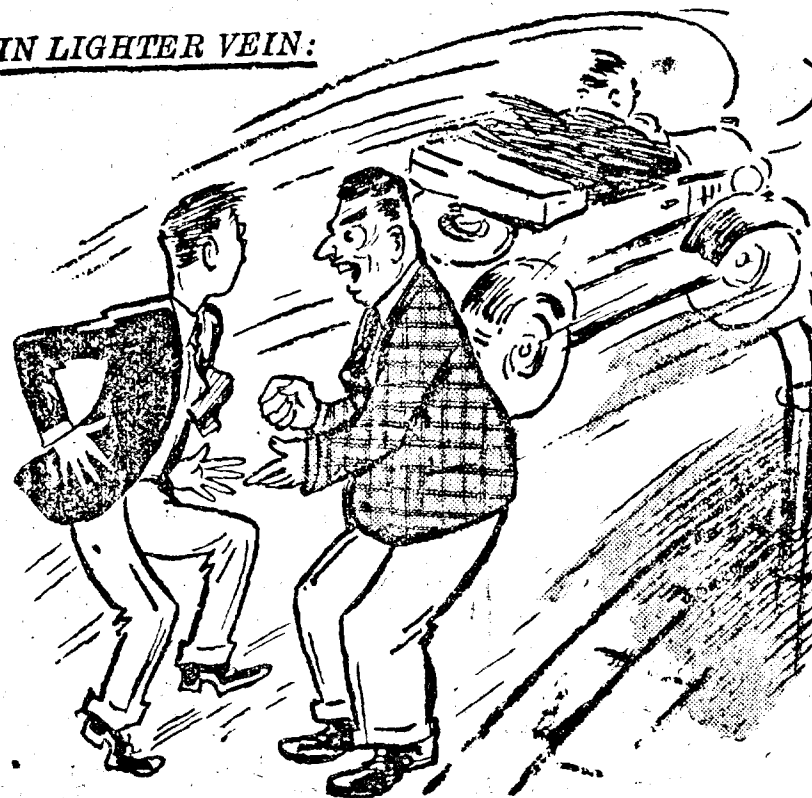
Ambulance men, firemen carrying axes, half-dressed hotel guests joined the viewers. The audience multiplied instead of falling off, says a London report.

People who came to watch the fire remained to watch the fight between Archie Moore and Joey Maxim for the light heavy-weight boxing title.

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TOUCHING THE HEART!

PROFESSOR GAURISHANKAR of Arts College at Hasyanagar suddenly became very chummy with me. In white silk pants and grey tweed coat topped by brilliantined shining hair brushed back, he moved about with a hail-fellow-well-met accent in his tone. He called on me almost every day and we discussed any subject under the sun from Milton and Shakespeare to politics and family planning.

One evening, casually (and inadvertently as I realised later) I mentioned that I came from Madras.

“From Madras, sir?” he questioned me with a gusto in his voice. “I love people from Madras, sir. They are so nice, so intelligent, so hardworking and so tolerant. I was a student of the

Presidency College and learnt Shakespeare at the feet of Professor Mark Hunter. If you would permit me to be a bit jocular, sir, Mark Hunter was really a ‘mark hunter’ in a sense. The cleverest boy could not wrest forty marks out of hundred from him. I was the only student to score seventy per cent in the M.A. essay paper.

“I can't forget the good old days that I had spent in Madras, sir,” Gaurishankar's eyes dimmed with tears. “I regret why I left that hallowed spot and came to this wretched place, where students are led by politicians but not by teachers and where boys specialise in gibing at teachers and organising hartals. No wonder, sir, Madras boys monopolise the list of successful candidates of the Indian Administrative Service. They are

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SOME days later, I realised that the one person to be avoided at a traffic point or a street corner was Professor Gaurishankar. He met me at the Rashid Shop Corner and held me by the tails of the coat. He grew lyrical over the charms of Madras City.

"Look, sir, a *vada* costs three annas here," he added. "It is as small as a quarter anna. But in Madras, sir, one can fill his stomach with two *vadas* and a cup of hot strong coffee. Coffee costs two annas odd there while here the smelly hot water passing by that name is priced three. Horrible, sir, horrible!"

He would have continued his conversation there had not a traffic cop requested him to shift the venue of his confabulation unless he had insured his life substantially or was prepared to face a traffic prosecution.

Professor Gaurishankar muttered some remarks about the impoliteness of policemen in Hasyanagar, compared to whom their counterparts in Madras were angels, and led me into a coffee house.

"Sir, a meal costs here one rupee and four annas, while we get fine food of the best Nellore rice for twelve annas in Madras," Gaurishankar complained, consuming a plate of *badam halva*. "This is not the place for you and me, sir, and we should go back to Madras."

"Why don't you?" I asked jocularly. "Any lack of accommodation in trains?"

"It's all for the sake of the belly, sir," he pointed to his stomach. "I've put in twenty

years of service here, sir, and who will give me four hundred at Madras at my age?"

On the last point I agreed with him. Professor Gaurishankar laughed. I paid the bill for both.

ANOTHER day I was doing a bit of shopping at the bazaar, when I again stumbled upon the Professor. He unbosomed himself of three eternal truths, namely that the Marina is the longest in the world, the Ophthalmic Hospital at Madras is the second oldest under the sun, moon and the stars, and that the Madras High Court had been presided over by a succession of eminent Chief Justices.

"What's the provocation for this apologia?" I remarked. "Are you not a bit voluble today?"

"Yesterday, sir," he explained, "some fellow called South Indians just mediocres. I was enraged. I put him in mind of the Right Hon'ble V. S. Srinivasa Sastry, 'Sir P. S. Sivaswamy, Mocherla Ramachandra Rao, Sir C. P. Ramaswamy Iyer and Sir A. Ramaswami Mudaliar. The man was stunned. He could not reply."

"Your list is incomplete without Gaurishankar," I suggested slyly.

The Professor thanked me for the compliment.

My companion was tall and hefty. He walked fast. One day I could not keep step with him without panting for breath.

"You are weak, sir," he said, much concerned. "You should do *asanas*. It will improve your health, freshen your complexion, and lend a sparkle to your eyes. For the last twenty years, I have been exercising my body and limbs, the first thing in the morning. It was in Madras, sir, that a *sadhu* taught them to me. Here in this city of barren materialism and sharkskin-suitism there is no chance for a *sadhu*."

At that stage, Professor Gaurishankar asked me for a loan of fifty rupees. He wanted to rush to Madras to look up his old friends and visit his familiar haunts. I had not the heart to refuse his request. I sympathised with him in his nostalgic feeling.

HARDLY had he left me when my friend, Suresh, a nephew of the local Municipal Chairman, Ram Mohan, greeted me. He inquired how I had picked up his acquaintance.

"We are both from Madras," I answered proudly. "Birds of the same state flock together!"

"But yesterday, if I am not mistaken, I heard him denouncing South Indians."

"Really?"

"My uncle presided over a public meeting to adopt a resolution urging the State Government to purge the State service of outsiders. He observed that a South Indian might be an expert lawyer, argue politics to a nicety, and take down notes in shorthand at a terrific speed but they were no good as leaders of thought or captains of industry."

"Surely, you can't blame the Professor for the views of your uncle!" I retorted.

"Listen," Suresh counselled patience. "Your friend stood up and cheered him for full three minutes. Volunteering to speak on the occasion, he ascended the dais and retailed a number of jokes at the expense of the Southerners. My uncle took an instant liking to him. He invited him to dinner. He is still my uncle's guest. He has become a hot favourite with his children. You go to my uncle's house. You will see him there."

ALL this was too much for me. I went straight to Ram Mohan's house to tell Gaurishankar straight to his face that he was a knave. At least, I would demand my fifty rupees back immediately.

But the Professor was not there. He had touched Suresh's uncle for a loan of two hundred rupees and left the town. My feeling of fury slowly gave place to one of contempt. And, luckily, I have not seen the old sponger since.

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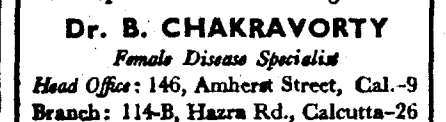
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M-G-M'S EFFORT TO AID CRIPPLED CHILDREN

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, the acknowledged pioneers in the field of motion picture industry, has a long list of enterprises through which it has aided good and deserving causes. Today, it adds another gesture to that long list.

Its latest endeavour derives its inspiration from and coincides with the scheduled release of the studios' ambitious film *Million Dollar Mermaid*, a picture that you are going to tell your friends about for a long time to come, a picture that has sent all those who have seen it raving over its sheer splendour of presentation and force of action. In conjunction with its release on November 6, 1953, at the Metro Theatres, Bombay and Calcutta, with its All-India premiere at the Metro Cinema, Bombay at 9.30 p.m. on Thursday, November 5, 1953, M-G-M have been enterprising enough to organise an Open Invitation Swimming Gala called *The Million Dollar Mermaid Open Invitation Swimming Championship*, the proceeds of both the Gala and the premiere show will go to swell the feeble coffers of the Society for Rehabilitation of Crippled Children c/o The Children's Orthopaedic Hospital, Bombay.

The reason for the choice of the charity is well justified because of the theme of the picture itself. *Million Dollar Mermaid*, the true story of Annette Kellerman, the world's most famous Bathing Beauty, who at, the age of 10, overcame a physical handicap through swimming exercises lives to tell the tale of how she became the world's most famous woman of four decades. Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, which showed its initiative and enterprise in bringing such a thrilling, human, heart-warming story to the screen, has now struck upon a brilliant idea to focus it to public attention by drawing all swimmers and lovers of aquatic sports together in one great Gala.

They propose achieving this objective through a simple yet interesting contest: there will be 7-individual and 3 team events

in the men's section and 3 individual and 2 team events in the women's section. Entries will be received from State Aquatic Associations all over India. A suitable trophy in each event will be awarded to the first best; a championship trophy to the individual scoring the highest number of points in the men's section.

Apart from the fact that the thought of aiding an institution like the Children's Orthopaedic Hospital, S.R.C.C. should by itself draw popular and consistent support, one of the highlights of the contest is the arrangement made to fly out an Esther Williams swim suit from M-G-M studios in Hollywood for presentation to the individual champion in the women's section. Each entrant will also be presented with an Esther Williams photograph with a personal message from her reading *From one swimmer to another, good luck* signed Esther Williams.

Entries must reach the organisers, "*Million Dollar Mermaid*

Open Invitation Swimming Championship", c/o Metro Cinema, Bombay, before 7 p.m., on Saturday October 10, 1953. All officials required for the purpose of judging the *Million Dollar Mermaid Open Invitation Swimming Championship* will be appointed by the Bombay State Aquatic Association, and their decision, in all instances, will be final.

When the good tidings of the arrival of this picture in India was received at M-G-M, it arranged a special preview for Mr. D.D. Lakh-anpal, of the Murphy Radio, who was so struck by the beauty of the picture, and its ennobling contest that not only did he commend it, but graciously agreed to sponsor the *Million Dollar Mermaid Open Invitation Swimming Championship*.

Here is a wonderful opportunity for swimmers from all over the country. Through their latest innovation, M.G.M. not only encourage sports—and it is needless to say that swimming is becoming more popular than ever now—but also spotlighting a more important aspect of human endeavour. And that is that with guts, determination, pluck and the will to fight, physical handicaps can be overcome. And



Actor-director Premnath looks through the camera on the sets at the Minerva Color Studios in Bombay. Standing and looking on the left extreme is photographer Malhotra.

that they can be overcome through swimming, just as Annette Kellerman conquered hers. This, surely, is a message of cheer and deserves all the support it can get.

The Swimming Gala is organised through the kind courtesy of the Swimming Federation of India. The Bombay State Aquatic Association will, under its auspices, hold an Open Invitation Swimming Championship at 6 p.m. on Saturday October 31, 1953, at Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Olympic Swimming Pool.

Remember it's a date!

Celebrities Galore
In "Noorjahan"

The whole industry is waiting breathlessly as, bit by bit, the elaborate plans for the most stupendous undertaking of the year, the million-rupee venture *Noorjahan*, are revealed.

Noorjahan being the most enchanting chapter from the fabulous Moghul era, everyone and everything connected with this production had to be top-grade. To start with, no less a celebrity than the great Debaki Bose himself had to be signed up for directing the film. This colossus of the motion picture industry who seldom accepts an outside engagement will be making a film in Bombay after a lapse of nearly a decade. To provide a script that could come up to the standard expected by Debaki Bose, another celebrity, the well-known Urdu writer Agha Jani Kashmiri, was assigned the job. The Moghul rulers were great patrons of music, and as such to create tunes that could do credit to the Moghul courts, the services of top-maestro C. Ramchandra had to be secured. To provide the lyrics for Ramchandra's tunes another distinguished name had to be added to the roster of credits—that of lyricist Rajendra Krisen. Rendering these songs immortal will be Lata Mangesbkar, the nightingale of the Indian screen. To top it all, a top-notch cast headed by Bharat Bhooshan and Meena Kumari had to be assembled to portray the character of the great story faithfully.

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The industry's most consistent hit-maker V.M. Vyas has earmarked a miniature fortune for the production of this stupendous film.

"Ratna Deep" In Tamil

Film fans of Tamilnad who had seen such celluloid classics of Sri Debaki Bose like *Vidyapathi*, *Chandidas*, etc., in Hindi are now offered an opportunity to see his *Ratna Deep*, which was so warmly received in the North, in a Tamil version. *Ratna Deepam* is the title of this "dubbed" picture which was shown to the Press at Bharani Studios, Kodambakkam, in the City recently. Sri Debaki Bose was also present at the function. The picture is now running at two theatres in the City. In the cast are Abhi Bhattacharjee, Anubha Gupta, Molina, Manju De, S.R.K. Rao, S.R.K. Murthi, N. Viswanathan, Thangamani and others. T.V. Rathnam, M.S. Rajeswari, Lakshmi Rani, Ayalur Krishnan and K. Devanarayanan have lent their voices for the songs.

Gemini's "Avvaiyar" In Telugu

Many eminent persons who had seen Gemini's *Avvaiyar* felt that it is a picture not for the Tamilians only but for all Indians. And Sri S.S. Vasan was not slow to respond to this suggestion. He had *Avvaiyar* ready for the Andhras in just a couple of weeks. This is neither a Telugu version nor is it dubbed in Telugu. In the beginning an introduction in Telugu is given by a commentator. While the music and dialogues are in a subdued tone, in all important places the Telugu narrator's voice tells the audience what the trend is. This Telugu "version" cost Sri Vasan very little in money and time. Sri Narla Venkateswara Rao, Editor of "Andhra Prabha," and Sri Khasa Subba Rao, Editor of "Swatantra," who saw this Telugu version expressed their high appreciation of the effort.

Snippets From The South

Singaree Pictures' *Ulagam Pala-vidham* has now been re-titled as *Chetvil Mulaitha Chenithamarai* ("Blossoms in the Dust"). The

picture is expected to be completed soon.

A twenty-day shooting would complete Jayanthi Productions' *Ponvayal*. A few really fine songs have already been recorded.

Sundari Pictures' Production No. 2 had its *muhurt* at the Star Combines Studio recently. The first production of this concern was *Veerasundari* which will be released shortly. K.P. Janakiram and K.P.J. Sundarambal play the main roles.

Hollywood's Bible-based Production Cycle!

Hollywood is raiding the Bible to find stories for films. No less than twelve of the big pictures you will be seeing next year owe their stories or backgrounds to the Bible, states a *Pictureshow* report. Following up *The story Of Jezebel*, you can expect:

The Queen Of Sheba, to be based on the Song of Solomon.

Slaves Of Babylon, dealing with the Feast of Belshazzar.

Sins Of Jezebel, which Paulette Goddard has already made in wide-screen and colour. And a rival, as yet uncast, *The Siren Jezebel*.

The Prodigal and Pilate's Wife, both founded on the obvious Bible subjects—*Pilate's Wife* is an original by Clare Booth Luce, *The Prodigal* is to co-star Ava Gardner and Vittorio Gassman.

Joseph And His Brethren, which Louis B. Mayer has announced in Cinerama (the triple screen system).

The Story Of Mary Magdalene, possibly with Rita Hayworth.

And in addition to the completed Cinemascope starter, *The Robe* (fiction stemming from the Crucifixion), and its sequel, *The story Of Demetrius*, Twentieth Century-Fox promises a Biblical background in *The Egyptian*, with Marlon Brando, who is himself considering the independent *Sodom And Gomorrah*.

And then, no doubt to top them all, there is to be Cecil B. de Mille's remake of *The Ten Commandments*.

Almost as if in comment on this Bible-based cycle to come, Fox's *There's No Business Like Show Business*—due to be shot in July—has been postponed until 1954!

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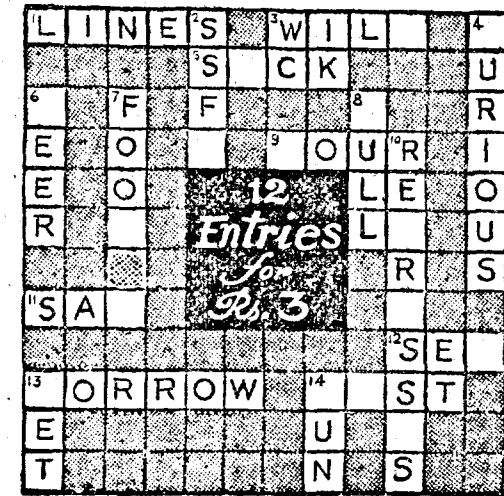
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- Man who has successfully tackled wife's — is apt to boast about it to close friends.
- Fear of getting — affects one more than the actuality of the thing.
- Man who is this usually makes a good father.
- Even the toughest man is likely to be made this by a woman.
- The faint-hearted will feel extremely nervous when in rough this.
- It is a pity that some people let their tendency to — become chronic.
- How odd that even the educated do not realise the value of this!

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- The older people become, the greater seems to be their tendency to be this.
- It is unfortunate that gossip lovers fail to realise how disgusting is their tendency to — at others.
- It is quite a job pretending to relish a nauseating this.
- Person who has had quite a — day is better left in peace.
- Sets right.
- Bad this should sober up the really intelligent.
- After hard study, student would find really good this quite exhilarating.

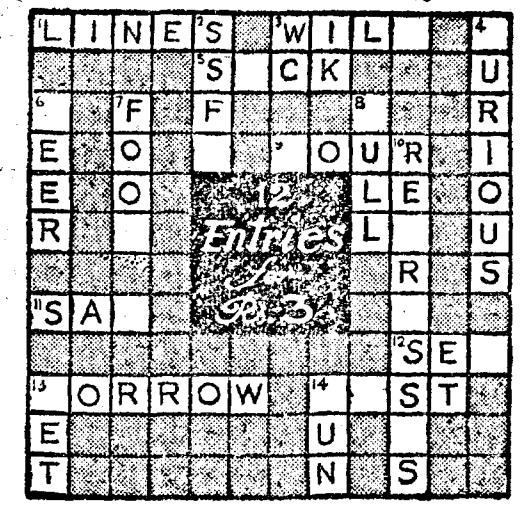
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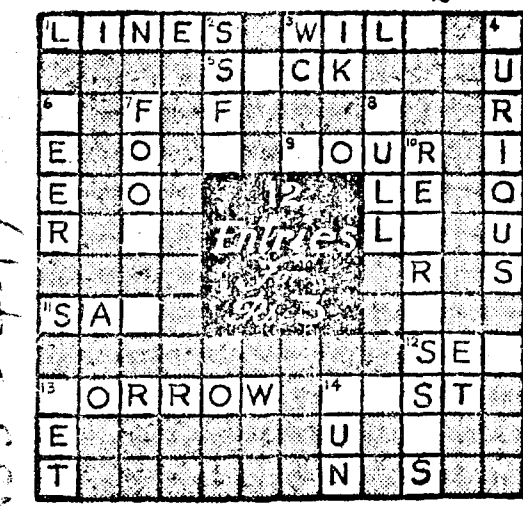
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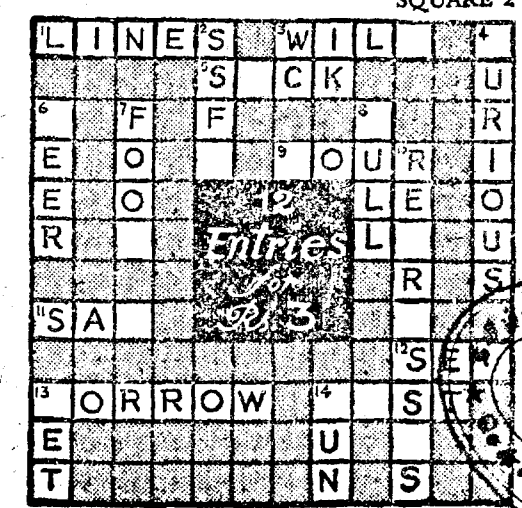


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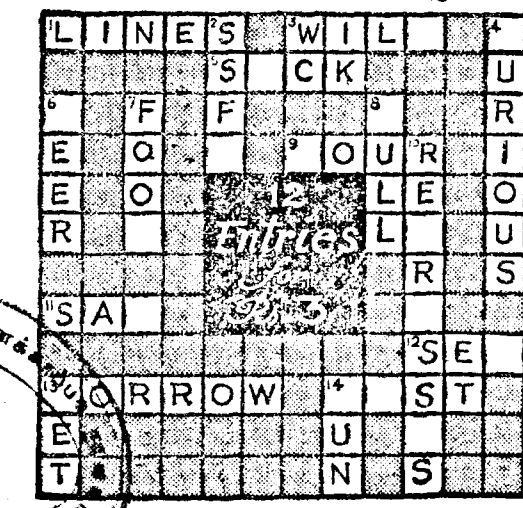
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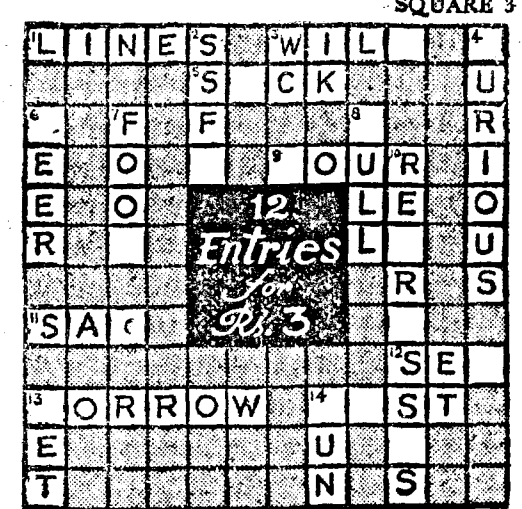
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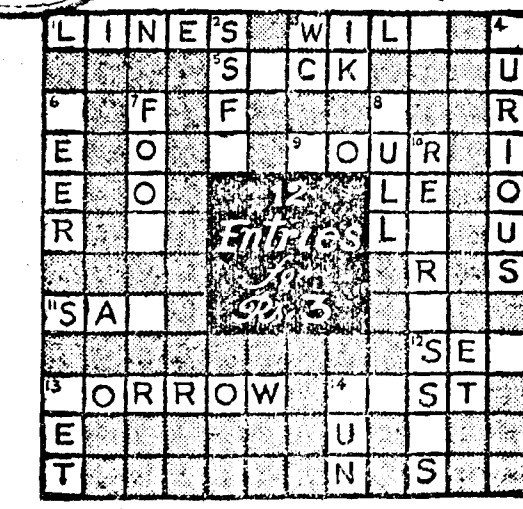
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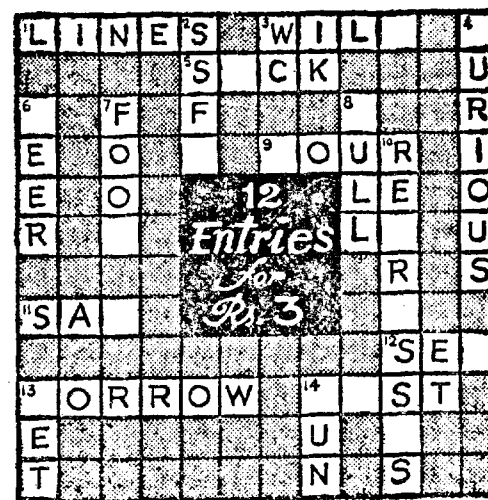
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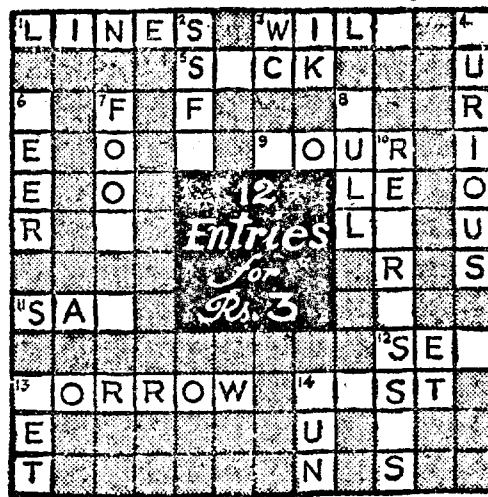
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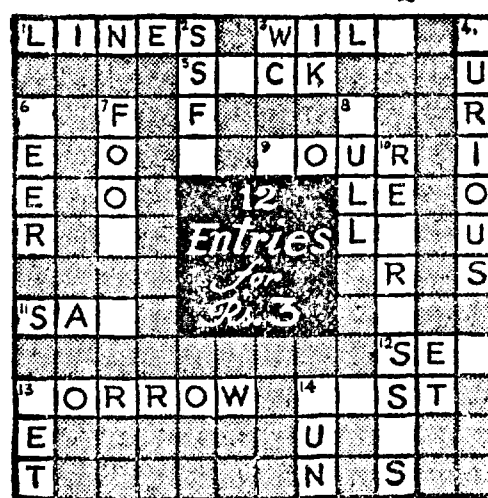
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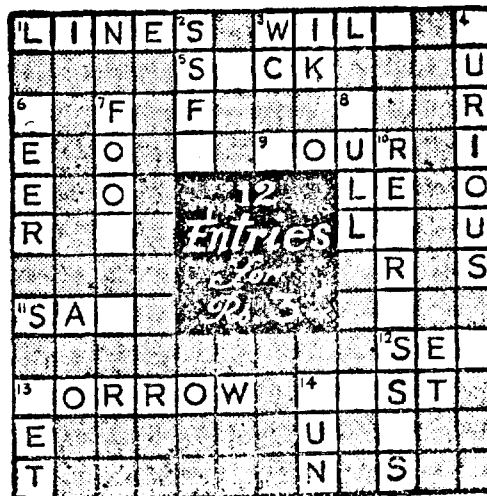


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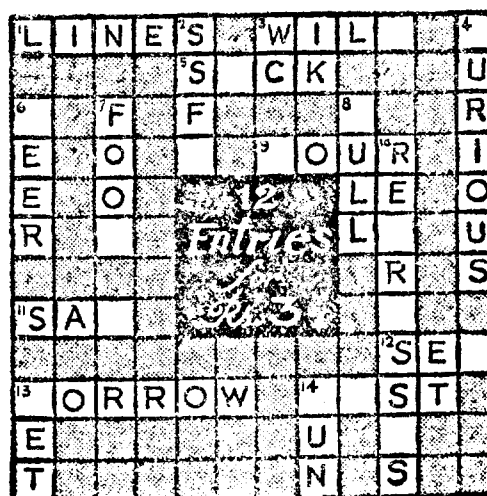


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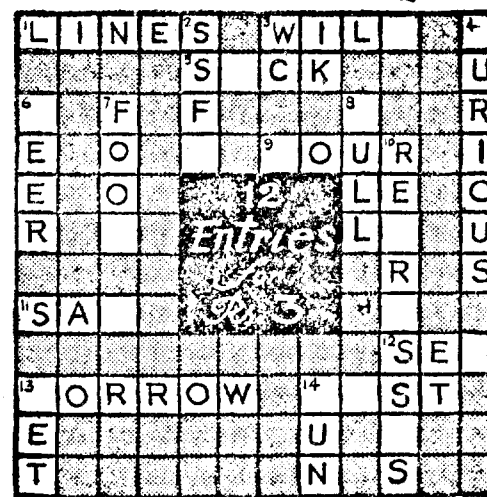
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Across:— 3. WILE, WILL.
5. SACK, SICK, SOCK.
9. DOUR, SOUR.
11. SAD, SAP.
12. SEA, SET.

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6. JEER, LEER, PEER.
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8. DULL, FULL.

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DOWN: 2. ENDED 3. ARRAY 4. BEAR, BEAT 6. KISS 7. SEEK, SEEM 8. FEAR, YEAR 10. COMA 12. CHAT, COAT 14. FLYING, PLYING 15. SACK, SOCK 16. REEK, REEL 17. SOOTHE 19. COAL, GOAL 21. BOUT, GOUT, LOUT, TOUT.

ACROSS

4. "We seldom find a scoundrel — good to his family." BEING, BRING?

A scoundrel is a person who has no principles. He is a low, mean and worthless person. By the mere mention of the word "scoundrel", it does not necessarily follow that such a person will not be good to his family. Probably to help the family only, he behaves in such a manner towards others so he can make some money by bullying, etc. Hence, I would suggest rejection of *Being*. The other alternative suits here admirably. By being a scoundrel, a man will certainly get into a lot of complications and thereby *Bring* dishonour to his family. He may be good to his family or not but the fact remains that he will seldom *Bring* good to his family. Back BRING.

5. "What more fitting environment for a — than a shady retreat?" BROOK, CROOK?

"Shady retreat" here might mean a safe hiding place. But with reference to *Crook*, "shady retreat" means a hiding place in a dishonourable or crooked place. It is true that there is some irony in a crook's retreat being a fitting environment to his activities but I feel that the mark of exclamation clearly cannot be justified if *Crook* is to be accepted. "Environment" should be taken to mean surroundings, the background provided by nature. A *Brook* running in a plain that has no trees, etc., may not be so appealing or captivating as a *Brook* that has on its banks a shady retreat, a place full of trees having branches, etc., to provide a cosy resting place. Such a combination would be perfect. Enter BROOK.

16. "But for communal — India would certainly have made more satisfactory progress in recent years." RIFTS, RIOTS?

Rifts are merely cleavages. The "recent years" clearly indicate the post Independence years and the progress made during these years. It is a fact that there have been the kind of communal *Rifts* referred to but the mere *Rifts* did not so much affect the progress of our country as did the communal *Riots*. All of us are not only aware but still shudder while recalling the gruesome orgy of killing, raping and looting that took place when communal *Riots* broke out in the Punjab. These *Riots* not only



meant loss of lives and property but also the great task of rehabilitation of the thousands of refugees. This naturally meant spending money and energy on this new task which could have otherwise been used for our country's progress. RIOTS scores.

20. "Big — looks especially attractive when gaily decorated for festive occasion." CAGE, CAKE, CASE, CAVE?

By "SPOTTER"

The words *Cave*, *Case* and *Cage* should be summarily rejected as they are not at all apt. A big *Cake* is usually part of a festive occasion. And if this *Cake* were to be gaily decorated by giving it various colours, sticking flags, etc., into it, it would certainly prove quite attractive, indeed. Go in for CAKE.

22. "Appreciative crowd is usually particularly warm in applause when batsman's century is —" NEAR, NEAT?

Neat, apart from meaning well-made, also clearly indicates that the century has already been made. But *Near* only shows that the appreciation is in anticipation of something. There is certain to be a whole world of difference in the appreciation of a batsman's century being *Near* and the appreciation at the actual scoring of a century and that too in a *Neat*, clean and

skillful manner. At times, when the batsman's century is *Near*, the suspense may prevent the crowd from expressing any feelings lest their applause might be at the wrong time or type altogether. Back NEAT.

23. "When son is — as his father is we say he's a chip of the old block." MUCH, SUCH?

"A chip of the old block" is an expression used to convey that the person referred to is very much like his father. The *Much* is thus used to convey the exact kind of resemblance or possessing of qualities. *Such* cannot refer to physical resemblance but merely to the essential qualities or mannerisms, etc. Anyway, the Clue wording is such that either word could be easily shown to be equally apt. As no special merit attaches to any one alternative, permute both MUCH and SUCH here.

25. "How annoying it can be when it's raining hard and we have to stay —!" OUT, PUT?

Here, "to stay *Put*" should not be taken to mean to stay quietly indoors. The question is, stay *Out* where? Out of the house, may be. But not *Out* in the open streets, surely. Supposing one is safe in a car or in a good rain-coat or under a comfortable umbrella, it cannot be so annoying to man out when it's raining hard. But when a man finds himself suddenly caught in hard rain, he will have to stay *Put*, remain stationary wherever he might be. To remain so for some length of time could certainly tend to be quite annoying. Vote for PUT.

DOWN

4. "When boss storms at him it's usually best for junior clerk to keep his mouth shut and — it!" BEAR, BEAT?

To "Beat it!" is an expression in slang meaning to avoid or run away from something. When boss "storms" at, abuses in a harsh manner, the junior clerk, can it be best for him to *Beat* it, avoid the boss? Such an action would be like the proverbial showing of the red rag to the bull and would thus make matters very much the worse for him. When boss is in a mood to "storm", it is only tactful behaviour that can save the junior clerk from a nasty situation. When boss does storm at him, the junior clerk should not only keep his mouth shut but also *Bear*, put up, endure, all the nasty things boss would say about

him. By such behaviour, he would allow the boss to spend his anger or blow off the steam and then become calm when the boss might certainly relent for his rather harsh outburst. Back BEAR.

7. "Those who are pessimistic by nature often — to be miserable when they are not!" SEEK, SEEM?

Those who are pessimistic by nature, the born weeping philosophers so to say, don't have to *Seek* to be miserable. Their very outlook, mental vision and physical bearing will be such as to take a gloomy view of things. How then can the question of their trying to *Seek* to be miserable ever arise? Reject *Seek*. The pessimists are people who so continue to have a gloomy outlook on life that they continue to have a dejected appearance even when they are not feeling dejected. Hence, it would be perfectly true to say that they often *Seem* to be miserable even when in fact they are not. SEEM scores.

8. "— of bad luck can easily destroy a man's confidence in himself." FEAR, YEAR?

The mere *Fear* of bad luck can to some extent affect a man's confidence in himself. But it will be too much to say that such fear could easily "destroy" such confidence. Not ordinary *Fear* but overwhelming fear alone can do so. But nothing like that is mentioned in the Clue. Bad luck means failure in any enterprise or attempt. Even one or two such instances of bad luck would be enough to upset a man—not merely financially but even mentally. And if this person were to have a *Year* of bad luck, one whole year when everything that he does goes wrong or when anything that he says brings him trouble it is enough to easily impair or even absolutely destroy a man's confidence in himself. Enter YEAR.

12. "Wife usually feels hurt when husband doesn't approve of the sort of — she likes." GHAT, COAT?

The word *Coat* can be apt only with reference to women of the West and not to our women. As the Clue here is clearly in the nature of a generalisation, we must take the word "wife" to refer to any woman in the vast, wide world. The kind of *Chat*, small gossip or ordinary conversation that a wife might like to have may not be liked by hubby because he might be the kind of man who hates any gossip or idle chatting. It might also be due to his fear that by indulging in such chats, his wife might acquire all the undesirable traits of the women who come to chat with her. Whatever his reasons might be, wife would usually feel hurt when husband doesn't approve of the sort of *Chat* she likes. Back GHAT.

16. "If drunkards didn't — sober persons would doubtless find them less objectionable." REEK, REEL?

Not all drunkards *Reel*, stagger about. It is when a drunkard drinks too much that he might do so. And then, it should be remembered, only a few might do so. If the drunkard *Reels* about inside their houses, would it matter very much? No. The sober person would doubtless find the drunkards less objectionable if they didn't *Reel*, swell or stink so awfully, of the thing they have drunk. It is this nauseating

liquor that brings about the revulsion in them towards the drunkards. Go in for REEK.

19. "Getting — is usually by no means an easy task." COAL, GOAL?

Getting or scoring a *Goal* in a game like football or hockey cannot be considered either as an easy or as a difficult task unless we happen to know the strength of the respective participating teams. "Is by no means an easy task" means it is a very difficult task. But how can we assert that it is a difficult task? On what grounds? Reject *Goal*. Many people take *Goal* for granted. They have no idea of the great task and risk involved in bringing *Coal* from the pits of the mine right to the shop. Hence, it is correct to remark that getting *Coal* is by no means an easy task. Bet on COAL.

21. "Middle-aged man is likely to get testy when troubled by —" BOUT, GOUT, LOU, TOUT?

I feel that *Bout* and *Tout* can be rejected without any second thoughts. *Gout* is a particular disease which is not so common in our country. For that reason, it should be rejected. A *Lout* is a worthless, lazy, stupid sort of fellow. The young might find him quite amusing. But the middle-aged man is likely to get testy, irritated, vexed, awfully annoyed, when troubled by such a person. Vote for LOU.

Interlockers

Across: 14. "Unscrupulous statesmen well know how to twist — to their own advantage." FACTS, PACTS?

Facts cannot be so easily played with. However much these statesmen might attempt to twist *Facts* to their own advantage, they may not succeed in fooling others about the *Facts*. Hence, reject *Facts*. "Taking advantage" here should be understood not to mean a personal gain but as a gain for the country or government. *Pacts* are agreements or contracts temporarily accepted. For example two countries can enter into trade *Pacts* to ensure mutual prosperity of their trading enterprises. These *Pacts* are supposed to put everything in black and white. But unscrupulous statesmen, being pastmasters in the art of quibbling, etc., would give such interpretation of the clauses in the *Pacts* as would prove to be advantageous to their own (that is, their country's), interests. Back PACTS.

Down: 14. "With air-liners — between important cities, nowadays one can speedily get from one part of India to another." FLYING, PLYING?

It is no doubt true that air-liners are these days *Flying* quite regularly. But *Flying* merely denotes the mode of travel and not the exact dependability of the timing schedule. Hence, reject *Flying*. Like the steamer service or the train timing, air-liners also are *Plying* between the

various important cities on a regular time schedule. Thus, one can easily get from one part of India to another speedily and within a known time because these air-liners are *Plying* per a settled schedule. Enter PLYING here.

Across: 18. "Regular smokers usually carry some cigarettes with them in —" PACKET, POCKET?

Even if the cigarettes were to be carried in their *Packet*, they would not be kept loose but in a *Packet*. Casual smokers might buy a couple of cigarettes and put them in the *Packet*. But regular smokers will never do so. For one thing, regular smokers always provide themselves with enough cigarettes to use them through the day and these will invariably in a *Packet* which might be kept in the pocket. Even if the regular smokers are forced to buy only a few cigarettes, a couple of them even, still they will not like to keep them loose in the pocket for the cigarettes would get crushed, flattened or broken. Even these few cigarettes would be kept in a *Packet* only. Vote for PACKET.

Down: 15. "It wouldn't be just to give house-boy — merely because you caught him napping!" SACK, SOCK?

The choice of *PACKET* at 18 Across automatically fixes *SACK* here, as it is part of an Interlocker. This word is good even on its own merits. The words "caught napping" might mean either that the boy was found sleeping when he should be awake and active or that the boy was failing to do something he was specifically asked to do. A *Sock* is a severe blow. It is highly unlikely that anyone would give the house-boy a *Sock* just because he was caught "napping." It is, however, very likely that one might consider the house-boy who has been caught napping as not a safe person to have and so might give him the *Sack*, dismiss him. But it wouldn't be just to do so. *SACK* should score.

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10. SOIL, TOIL 13. MEALS, MEANS 15. BRAINY, BRAWNY 16. GUILT, GUILT
17. FARCE, FORCE.
DOWN: 1. SHIRKS, SMIRKS 2. SOAPY, SOPPY, SOUPY 3. REASONABLE, SEASONABLE 5. LEADERS, READERS 6. BOLD, GOLD, GOLD 11. PLAYED, PRAYED 12. FIND, KIND, MIND 13. MATE, MITE 14. SLUR, SOUR.

ACROSS

4. "Daddy is less tolerant than mummy, as a rule, when sonny — to do something forbidden." CRIES, TRIES?

While both the alternatives seem to be equally apt at first sight, I feel that the "as a rule" qualifying "less tolerant" clearly points to *Cries* as the apter word. If sonny *Tries* to do something forbidden, daddy is likely to be less tolerant than mummy. But he would rather forgive the attempt by sonny to try to do something forbidden than sonny's crying to do something prohibited. *Tries* indicates the actual attempt whereas *Cries* refers to something preliminary to the attempt. It is this preliminary thing itself that would upset him. Mummy is likely to try to console sonny when he *Gries* but daddy is apt to be less tolerant. This would be so especially because sonny cries to do something forbidden. *CRIES* wins.

7. "Often, the more reluctantly someone — us something the more readily we accept it." SELLS, TELLS?

The word "accept", in my opinion, provides the pointer here. Do we "accept" what is sold? Does not the selection of *Sells* here mean admission of the statement that our accepting something depends entirely on how it is offered and not on our need for it? Also, does it not follow that the more eager a man is to sell something, the less reluctant would we be to accept it? Because of this line of argument, I feel *Sells* is not quite apt. Supposing a man seeks some confidential information from another and the latter easily gives the same, then the man is likely to accept it rather reluctantly. Or, the man might not at all accept, believe what is told. Human nature is so peculiar that the more reluctantly someone *Tells* something, as if a great state secret is being divulged, then the more readily would it be accepted, believed. Bet on TELLS.

8. "People who — social success usually know human nature pretty well." SCORE, SCORN?

People who *Scorn* social success need not necessarily know human nature well. They may *Scorn* social success because of the feeling that such success is so much of sheer vanity and that it is not lasting. They might do so because they might be spiritually inclined. Hence, it is not knowing human "nature" alone that makes these

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By SPOTTER

people *Scorn* social success. So, reject *Scorn*. Social success is not got without attempting to achieve it. To do so, much has to be done. And for this, one should necessarily know how to tackle people, etc. Attending parties, giving parties, etc., etc., are all part of this campaign for recognition. Hence, it is true that those who *Score* social success usually know human nature pretty well. *SCORE* wins.

9. "Man of the world is apt to be exasperated when taken in by —" FAKE, RAKE?

I certainly do not see the point here about a man of the world being taken in by a *Rake*. Why should a *Rake* do so at all? And will the man of the world feel exasperated when taken in by *Rake* only and not when taken in, cheated, fooled, by other people? This line of argument certainly shows the utter absurdity of *Rake* here. A *Fake* is a counterfeit, a clever and cheap imitation of a costly original. A person is said to be a man of the world only because he has vast experience of the ways of the world. If an inexperienced man is taken in by *Fake*, it is not surprising. Nor need that person feel exasperated. But that a man of the world should be taken in, fooled by a *Fake*, is certainly surprising. The man of the world feeling exasperated is understandable enough. Go in for FAKE.

10. "How much richer the world would be if so much — were not wasted!" SOIL, TOIL?

Note the mark of exclamation at the end of the Clue. Does it go well with *Soil*?

Is it certain that "so much" *Soil* is being wasted? And if all that *Soil* were utilised, what is the guarantee that the world would be the richer for this? And what is the surprise indicated by the mark of exclamation? Reject *Soil*. The world's riches consist of various things. But they are all determined by human labour or *Toil*. It is a fact that much of the *Toil* of human beings is wasted due to ignorance or exploitation. That is why in several industries of the advanced countries experts are appointed to see that there is the minimum waste of *Toil*. It thus follows that the world would surely be richer if so much *Toil* is not wasted. The exclamation mark here indicates the waste on a colossal scale. Enter TOIL.

13. "Many people who have good — won't spare time to get from them the pleasure they should." MEALS, MEANS?

What people eat is indicated by *Meals* here. As *Meals* happen to be something vitally necessary for us to exist, it is as mystifying as it is wrong to suggest that many people who have good *Meals* won't spare time to get from them the pleasure they should. Besides, only gluttons get pleasure in eating and the imperative "should" is unwarranted here. Reject *Meals*. Here, the word *Means* refers to financial position. Many people who have good *Means*, financial resources, won't spare time, allow themselves the chance, to get from them the pleasure they should. This may be owing to a variety of reasons which need not be gone into here. It is the fact alone that has to be considered. Back MEANS.

15. "It's often very amusing when men who aren't — try to give impression that they are." BRAINY, BRAWNY?

Brawny appearance is a matter of muscles and shape. Unless one has such well-developed brawn, would he ever try to create an impression that he has it? No, in my opinion. If at all some people do so, will such an attempt prove "very amusing"? No. So, reject *Brawny*. Some men who aren't *Brainy*, clever, often try to talk as if they are extremely clever. The pity is that they fail to realise that others might be really clever and could, therefore, easily see through their game of pretended cleverness. The result is that these people cut sorry figures. Hence, their attempt and achievement are so clumsy that we are inclined to find the same quite amusing. Vote for BRAINY.

16. "We usually delight in exposing an enemy's——" **GUILE, GUILT?**

Guile is deceit, cunning, wile. To expose, to bring to the notice of one and all, the guile of an enemy is certain to give one immense delight. And it is equally true that we would usually delight in exposing an enemy's *Guile*, proven crime or wickedness. It is difficult to decide which would cause greater delight to one—exposing enemy's guile or guilt. In view of this uncertainty, I would suggest your permuting both **GUILE** and **GUILT** here.

17. "We're apt to regard political ideas that we hate as more of a—— than they really are." **FARCE, FORCE?**

"Political ideas that we hate" is, indeed, a very vague way of putting things. What kind of political ideas? We do not know. Supposing we prefer *Force* here. Then it would automatically force us to admit the proposition that those political ideas are really a *Force* and that because we hate them we tend to look upon them as more of a *Farce*. Are political ideas to be classified as *Farce*, then? Reject this word. Some political ideas may have very great force and some may have less force. But when we hate certain political ideas, we are apt to regard them as being more of a *Force* than they really are. Our hatred clouds our mind and hence we tend to magnify the importance of those ideas. Bet on **FORCE**.

DOWN

1. "It's often worker unused to praise who—— when he gets it." **SHIRKS, SMIRKS?**

If the word *Smirks* were intended to be the apt one here, I feel, the Compiler would have ended the Clue with a mark of exclamation. *Smirks* is an affected smile, a kind of derisive grin. Even though he is unaccustomed to praise, would the worker smirk? No. He is apt to feel highly elated, overjoyed. What the Compiler clearly wants to do here is to show that praise affects a man adversely when he is not accustomed to it. Worker will do his duty to the best of his ability or at least make an honest attempt to do so. This is because he would have the fear that he may lose the job otherwise. When such is the psychological state of the worker and when he is not at all accustomed to praise he is praised for his work, he will form so high an opinion of his abilities and indispensability to his boss that he would *Shirk*, avoid, doing his work. He would become lazy. **SHIRKS** scores.

2. "Many a tough crook's manner tends to be——" **SOAPY, SOPPY?**

A crook is described as tough because of his ruthless determination to achieve his objective. And in his methods also he is bound to be so. Hence, it is difficult to accept the view that a tough crook's manner would tend to be *Soapy*, full of flattery. Reject *Soapy*, as also *Soppy*. Apart

from being the only alternative left, *Soppy* is good on its own merits. The crook is tough. But his manner would not be openly tough. He becomes tough only when the occasion demands it. Otherwise, his manner would tend to be not *Soapy*, but *Soppy*, altogether quiet, soft like anything soaked in liquid. His manner would thus belie his really tough nature. **SOPPY** should score.

3. "Woman often wears clothes that aren't—— if she thinks they make her look more attractive." **REASONABLE, SEASONABLE?**

Seasonable clothes are those worn during a particular season or period. That is to say, clothes which are in fashion at a given period of time. A woman might occasionally be forced to wear clothes that are not *Seasonable* but certainly not "often." Rare is the woman who would wear clothes that have ceased to be seasonable on the ground that they make her look more attractive. Reject *Seasonable*. Women have very decided ideas on what to wear, how and when. Often, their ideas about clothes clash with those of the menfolk. To men the wearing of certain clothes might not be *Reasonable* but the women concerned won't care for their opinion. They would wear them if they feel that they would thereby look more beautiful. **REASONABLE** wins.

5. "—— of sensational newspapers are apt to lack intelligence." **LEADERS, READERS?**

The *Readers* of sensational newspapers are quite likely to have a wrong view of men and events. That they crave for sensation shows that their intelligence has developed on the wrong lines. But their devouring sensational newspapers cannot be the basis for such a sweeping assertion as that they do so because they lack intelligence. So reject *Readers*. Sensational newspapers always magnify things. It will only be normal for them to always read between the lines, to give a different kind of interpretation, to slander, etc. The *Leaders* or editorials of newspapers are known for their sober wisdom and deep knowledge. But the *Leaders* of sensational newspapers are apt to lack intelligence because they would be written more with a view to rouse emotions rather than to give a balanced picture of facts and suggestions. Vote for **LEADERS**.

6. "Very different people tend to behave similarly when they get——" **BOLD, COLD, GOLD?**

Different people become *Bold* under different circumstances and in different ways. Even an absolute coward is apt to become brave if he is either to die or fight his way through to live. So, reject *Bold*. Even by taking *Gold* here to mean money, can we agree to the statement that different people tend to behave "similarly" when they get it? No. Some would become avaricious, some would become close-fisted, some would become spendthrifts and so on. Hence, reject *Gold*. We are now left with *Cold*, which is really apt. Whether men are short or tall, courageous or cowardly, rich or poor, good-natured or short-tempered, all these different people would certainly tend to behave similarly

when they get *Cold*, catch cold. Back **COLD**.

11. "When we get what we've—— for, we usually feel we deserve it!" **PLAYED, PRAYED?**

Prayed doesn't become suitable here with the mark of exclamation at the end of the Clue. If we've *Prayed* for something and we are granted that prayer, that is to say get what we wanted, we would naturally feel that our prayer was answered because we were deserving of the gift. What is surprising about this? Why then the mark of exclamation in the Clue? Reject *Prayed*. When we are attempting to do something not quite nice or good (the *Played* suggests this, in my opinion) and we are made to pay for it or suffer for it in consequence, we would usually feel that we deserve it for we had angled for it. **PLAYED** should win.

12. "It's usually foolish to belittle one's own——" **FIND, KIND, MIND?**

If the *Find*, discovery, were to be of no value at all, why should not one belittle it? And why should the belittling be considered to be "foolish"? Reject *Find*. Even great men do not wish to boast about their mental powers. When questioned they would modestly say that they are just like others. And the really foolish people, far from belittling their *Mind*, would only tend to make much of their mental abilities. Reject *Mind* also. *Kind* should be taken to mean people of the same type of temperament or status, etc. In certain moments of irritation, peevishness or sheer spite, some people belittle others of their own *Kind* little realising that thereby they are allowing themselves to be looked upon with contempt. It is something akin to "Touch pitch and be defiled." **KIND** scores.

13. "As a rule, woman is pleased to see her—— admired." **MATE, MITE?**

If other men admire her husband, a woman might feel pleased. But she would certainly not take kindly to the admiration of her husband by other women! She will immediately feel that danger is ahead of such admiration. As the Clue does not specify the sex of the admirers of the husband, we have to reject *Mate*. Whether the expressions of admiration happen to be genuine or forced, still a woman would, as a rule, undoubtedly, be pleased to see her *Mite*, child. Back **MITE**.

14. "Sensible man usually accepts with good grace sincere apology for remark about him that was——" **SLUR, SOUR?**

Slur is a disparaging remark, an expression intended to bring into contempt some one. It can never be casual but deliberate and born of spite. Hence, no one, sensible or otherwise, could overlook or not take exception to *Slur*. A *Sour* remark is a disgruntled or uncivil remark made unthinkingly. And if a person has made a *Sour* remark and immediately realises he is wrong and apologises sincerely, sensible man would usually accept it. Go in for **SOUR**.

Oh! That Man-Girl



by
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DO you know Uncle Kasyap? Perhaps you don't, doesn't matter. You should know him. But who did it nobody seems to know, nor do I for that matter. But somehow somewhere it had got smoothened and flattened to Kasappa. But neither that nor this! he is known as Uncle. Everybody takes a peculiar pleasure in "Uncleing" him. Good soul, he does not object either. And when Kasyap is uncled, downright logic confers the other gender Auntie—that is what you school-taught scholars call it, if I am not mistaken—on his good, very good wife, the well-beloved Srimathi Vinaya. But who knows this sweet-tempered and gentle soul by her name? She is "auntied" by everybody that has got anything to do with her.

And yet, Uncle is not one to be frequently jostled against in the vast currents of humanity of the world of our present days.

Well nigh forty years ago, an active young chap gets a job—a

young fellow employed for all kinds of work which a youngster of about 20 can do. He does his job: pretty well too and cheerfully too: in fact, every head of department of this prosperous business house wants the new Clerk, Kasyap. "Now this is getting too bad," roars the general manager. "There is only one Kasyap; and every man can't have him. I am sure that is a very simple fact which every idle head can understand," bellows the one at the head of the whole business. The truth is the general manager wants Kasyap for himself.

THE directors of the firm called him "that boy, Midas." Whenever any particular line of business was slack and the balance sheet was not heartening, it became the custom to place Kasyap in charge. "Look into it, Kasyap, this is simply a shame: the last one year it is a sorry story that balance sheet of that line. The Directors won't even look at it, nor the explanation that the lazy gang has

been giving. You look into it, that is what the general manager would say. Nobody knows how. Everybody knows only what Kasyap has done: call it a miracle, call it wonder—a leger-demain trick. The next balance sheet is a cornucopia of gushing dividends, bonuses and what not.

That is what Kasyap had been doing. As I said, nobody knows anything more about his *modus operandi*. Things are looking up and that is enough. And that is what is wanted.

Nor were Kasyap's masters mere machines out for making money—no matter how they got it. Of course, they wouldn't tolerate scrimshankers. But Kasyap was somebody apart and the treatment too he was given was different. Handsome and heartening allowances gave Kasyap a decent home, a spacious bungalow, and a good bank balance, not to mention a pretty penny at the time of retirement and a special pension which Kasyap himself was requested to fix.

THE fact is Kasyap had no children. He lived a very simple life. And so he found it easy to spend considerable portions of his income on those who, as he and his good lady thought, needed help. It had become a part of his daily life—a kind of habit or second nature to visit poor friends and kinsfolk and help them. No wonder Uncle and Auntie had become household names in many a household. This brings you and me to Mallik—that tall, young girl with a frank and sunny look lit up by a pair of bright and smiling eyes. She was one of the wards of whom Uncle and Auntie were in charge.

For Uncle was the warden of the sons or daughters of his old fellow workers in his office who had retired and left the city. Uncle and Auntie cheerfully responded when asked to look after them. Their friends' children were theirs: and, endowed with a youthful cheerfulness which was encased in an enviably healthy frame, Uncle Kasyap was busier now after he retired from the business firm. But Uncle and Auntie did not mind the cares which were involved by this. Mallik, the spirited colt, was the daughter of his old friend,

Brigu. He was brought in into Kasyap's office, pushed up by him for he was a kind of replica of Kasyap himself in industry and integrity, and Brigu too was well repaid for his good work. Mallik was Brigu's only daughter. Her mother had passed away when she was about ten and Brigu, too, followed his wife a few years after Mallik was handed over to the Kasyaps. She was fairly well provided for. Nor could Mallik have had better guardians. But then, Uncle Kasyap and Auntie Vinaya were people of a world which was fast fading away. Sometimes they could hardly make out what Mallik would say about her college girls and boys. In fact, the Kasyaps were learning many things about modern ways for the first time. Not once or twice, Mallik would say something that would shock the good and somewhat ancient soul of Auntie. On all such occasions the bewildered Auntie would, when Mallik had gone, appeal to her good man and exclaim, "Dear sir, what would this Mallika turn out to be at this rate? Would not folk say, 'Oh, that man-girl!' I am sure they would blame us, perhaps me more than you. Think of that, sir."

"VINAYA, my good woman, don't worry yourself about all that. You don't know the girls of today. You know I am old. And you too..."

"Sir, you may speak for yourself. But I am not so old as you always seem to think. Look at your sisters and your brothers' wives, their dress and style, and you don't think they are far too old for their fopperies and fashions," objected Vinaya.

"Do you remember when Mallik was last here? I am very anxious to see her and if she can't come, I want to go to her college. You had better also come," said Kasyap inhibiting his views about the vexed and perilous question of the age of his wife quite gently save on the theme of her age.

"What is the matter, sir?"

"Here is a bill from Dr. Anand, our Dental Surgeon—a bill for Rs. 60, and here are the things charged for in the bill. What does Mallik want dental setting and

other things for? Did she have an accident?"

"Why, sir, her wild exercise. I have told you so often about that. But you smile and only smile. Of course, I don't know and I am of the old by-gone world. Here you are with her teeth gone—and a girl to be wedded too!" remarked Auntie who thought she had a splendid chance to twit her husband.

KASYAP was calling for the boy to send to Mallik to ask her to come along in the evening, when Mallik spared them the trouble. She had a half-holiday, she said. They were having the annual sports for the College Girls and she had a spare hour or two and she thought she would see Uncle and Auntie and kiss Auntie so hard that she would slap her.

"Let me see your teeth, Mallik," said Uncle.

"Why, Uncle, what about my teeth?" says Mallik.

"What is this dentist's bill about?"

"Ah, Uncle, that is just to make up for the lost teeth—a couple of them—and one badly shaken, too. But then, he is now quite all right. He looks even better. And Dr. Anand tells me that that chap, Ragho, will be stronger with his new teeth than ever he was. I dare say he is quite happy about it, at any rate, he must be. That is what I honestly think. That is what Shyamala, too, says. She was with me then," laughed out Mallik.

"Really, Mallik, I don't understand a word of what you say. Well, you had no accident, thank God. So far I am happy. But who in this wide world is this Ragho? Why should he be happier now? What happened that you should foot his dentist's bill? If it is a case of help to a college mate, you are quite right in helping him. Or, did that young man meet with any accident?" asked Kasyap.

"No accident, dear Uncle, unless you call a box I landed on his left cheek an accident," replied Mallik.

"Good God! Sir! Mallika! Mallika, boxing some boy! You

call that exercise, sir?" cried out Vinaya, the Auntie.

"AUNTIE, just listen. You are the sweetest auntie. I can never bear to see you unhappy for a moment, not for anything in the world, nor for anybody's sake: never for mine. This is what happened. Shyamala and myself were in our physical exercise room. We did Indian clubs; then a little punching with the gloves; and as we were both in our slacks with tight fitting jackets, we had a bit of wrestling. Just then our hostel maid-servant runs in and brings a chit from Ragho—he wants some notes badly."

"I asked the maid to take him to my shelf with the Super's permit. She did. But he couldn't find it, so he wants to see me for a second to know where the notes could be found. I asked him to be shown in. In he came. I tell him about the notes, but he stood staring, leering and jeering. I asked him what for he was there standing like a donkey, though he said he was in a hurry. He said something that Shyamala and I did not quite like. I thought I would just give him a gentle push out of our gymnasium room. But, poor chap, that was a pretty smart hit and down came two teeth and a gushing flow of blood. Out we ran, both of us girls, drew on some saree, and drew Ragho to Dr. Anand who was so near us. In a day or two, Ragho was swanking with his fine teeth. Dr. Anand tells me he is stronger to-day in his teeth. But, stronger in his teeth or no, I am sure, Auntie dearest, he is wiser by far. Do you grudge that small bit of timely help?"

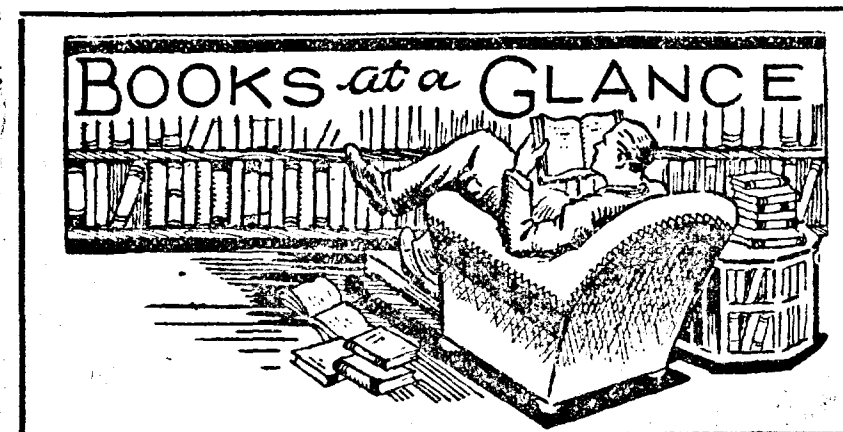
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(By Pailoor Lakshminarayana Rau, B.A. Published by Home Aquariums, Mangalore 3. Price, Annas 8). While many hobbies like stamp-collecting, photography, etc., have ardent adherents in our country, that of fish-rearing, not for profit but for pleasure, did not quite catch the people. Of late, however, thanks to the Aquarist Society of India and other societies in several towns, the number of aquarists is definitely on the increase. An Aquarium in the home is not only an interesting, nay fascinating, affair but a highly instructive one, too. The writer of this booklet should be congratulated for bringing out such an interesting reading matter about this hobby and for pricing it so low. The booklet is divided into seven important chapters (apart from the usual Introduction and Conclusion) and also contains 8 photo plates on art paper showing varieties of fish, etc. "Aquatic Plants," "Pond for the Fish," "Fish for the Garden Ponds," "Feeding," "Indoor Glass Aquarium," "Common Ailments of Fish and Their Simple Treatment," "Transporting Fish to Distant Places," are the chapters referred to. It certainly is a very good suggestion that the author makes when he asks all those who have ponds or small tanks or water fountains in their bungalow compound to rear in them a few ornamental fish, particularly goldfish. All temple and mosque authorities would do well to pay attention to the author's suggestion that tanks in the temples or mosques also should be made use of for rearing ornamental fish.

Fish-rearing even on a very limited scale can be very useful to make any drawing room attractive not only to the family members but also to the visitors. That the author is very original in his ideas is illustrated by this tip he gives: "A glass aquarium containing a few ornamental fish can advantageously be kept in front of a shop or a showroom or in a restaurant. This will be an additional source of attraction in any business house." All aquarists and would-be aquarists will be spending their eight annas wisely by buying this booklet.

How To Speak & Write Correctly (By A. Govindaraja Mudaliar, B.A., L.T. Published by A.S. Money & Co., 14, Sambier Street, Madras—1. Price Rs. 2/-).

The publishers have already endeared themselves to the student world by the

many useful books they have brought out. And the book under notice is their latest and a timely one at that. The extreme enthusiasm for regional languages' importance has had an adverse effect on the learning of English in schools and students who join Colleges find the English medium there quite a hurdle. To school students particularly, this book would be highly useful. The author is a former Headmaster of two well-known schools and this experience has helped him considerably to write the book in an extremely simple manner so that even the most dull-witted can find it interesting and instructive. The book is divided into the following convenient chapters: Spelling, Grammar, Punctuation Simplified, Capitalization, How to Know Words, Words Often Confused & Misused, The Sentence, How to Write?, The Paragraph, How to Use Phrases in a Sentence, Variety of Expressions, How to Speak English, Letter Writing, Common Blunders. It is rather unfortunate that there should be so many errors of spelling, etc., in the book evidently occasioned by hasty printing. The Errata at the end is not exhaustive.

Treasure Island (By Robert Louis Stevenson. Published by Casement Publications Limited, Oak Chambers, 11, Oak Lane, Fort, Bombay-1. Price Rs. 5/8).

This immortal novel of treasure-hunting adventure has held every reader of the book spellbound and thrilled for over sixty years since its first publication. Jim Hawkins, who is made to tell the story by the author in simple words, the Captain, Black Dog, Pew, Dr. Livesey, Squire Trelawney, Long John Silver, the ship *Hispaniola*, are so powerfully built up and described that they have become part of the many living figures of English fiction. Even Hollywood has produced a picture of this story and film fans still recall with relish the powerful portrayal of the roles of Jim Hawkins and Long John Silver by Jackie Cooper and Wallace Beery. This book is printed in bold type and has several line illustrations and 8 colour plates. The chart of this "island" is also printed, to add spice to the thrill of the narration. To say anything else about Stevenson's epic would be unnecessary and presumptuous. It is felt, however, that the publishers have priced the book too high, considering especially the fact that interest in English classical fiction is very much on the wane in our country, unfortunately. The book is published in "The Heirloom Library" series now being brought out by the publishers.

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VIEWPOINT

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"Social workers who visit slums have to put up with vulgar language." (Continued from Previous Issue)

The word *Let* the Members felt, did not convey anything definite. It was felt to be too vague. It could mean the vulgar rubbish spoken by the people in the slums, or the really vulgar display of crude manners and so on. Hence, they rejected *Let*. A *Row* is a quarrel, a noisy squabble. Very poor people live in the slums. They usually drink and quarrel and use very filthy language. Hence social workers who visit slums to help to improve the place and the people have to put up with vulgar, indecent, *Row* there. The vote was thus for *ROW*.

6. "Guest who has unthinkingly offered to hold hostess' infant would secretly hope it won't this him!" *LET, Wet?*

While *Wet* only referred to the fear of the guest that his dress might be spoiled by the baby, the word *Let* indicated his unwillingness to hold the baby. Guest who has offered to hold the baby in a impulsive mood usually does so on the assumption that the child won't *Let* him. That is to say, he expects it to cry and kick its legs and hands. Then the hostess would tell him not to bother and would keep the infant herself and think him nice because of the interest in the child he had shown! This was the view that appealed to the Members to be quite true to the facts of everyday life and they thus preferred *LET*.

INTERLOCKERS

Across: 12. "Even intelligent man is apt to let this sway him a lot." *MONEY, Honey?*

Down: 12. "Young man inclined to — too much is not likely to get on well in life." *MOPE, Hope?*

Honey, which means in slang a man's sweetheart, was not preferred on the ground that it could not be true of all men. It must be remembered, they argued, that in the case of a *Honey*, even the intelligent man is succumbing to an external human factor which has a direct appeal to his emotions. And this *Honey* can so contrive as to physically and mentally enslave him.

But the intelligent man's allowing himself to be swayed a lot by *Money* is altogether different. *Money* by itself does not influence him. He realises how much it can mean to him and so, instead of seeing how harmful it could be to let it become an obsession, he becomes its abject slave. An unintelligent man becoming so is no surprise. But even intelligent men becoming so is matter for thought. Hence *MONEY* was held to be the apt word.

The Members felt that all pioneers, adventurers, inventors, discoverers, were all persons who were inclined to *Hope* too much and hence achieved what they did. It is also the consolation for those who are distressed. Just because a young man is inclined to *Hope* too much, it was felt, it could not be said that he is not likely to get on in life. Young man having a tendency to *Mope*, feel listless or dispirited too much, is surely not likely to get on well in life. Such a tendency will kill all initiative in him, ensure his having few friends, etc. *MOPE* was thus preferred.

Across: 13. "It is only after he has lost his — that man realises its value." *WEALTH, Health?*

Down: 13. "Young woman in love who doesn't care to find out what her man — is likely to be like worse for it." *WAS, Has?*

The "only" in the Clue, the members felt, clearly went against it. Those who have never had good *Health* also realise its value and those having good *Health* also can realise its value. In the case of *Wealth*, its real value can be realised only after a man has had it and then lost it. Man who has not had *Wealth* has a certain idea of its value. But one who has it so easily spends it or derives all his pleasures from it that he can never really know its full value. Only after he has lost it does the man know its real value—not in terms of rupees, annas and pice but in a more real sense. *WEALTH* thus won.

To find out what her young man *Has*, possesses in terms of money and property or either, will not be enough for her. It is not the question of his financial soundness alone that is important. Of what use if he is a rich man but is an unscrupulous one? Hence, it is very vital, indeed, for the young woman to know what her young man *Was*. That is to say, she should find out his past. If she doesn't, she is likely to be the worse for it. This is not a general rule. Only the likelihood is indicated. *WAS* won the vote.

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