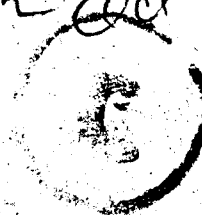


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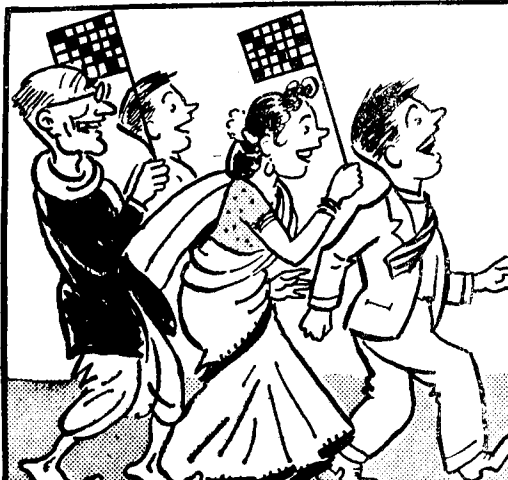
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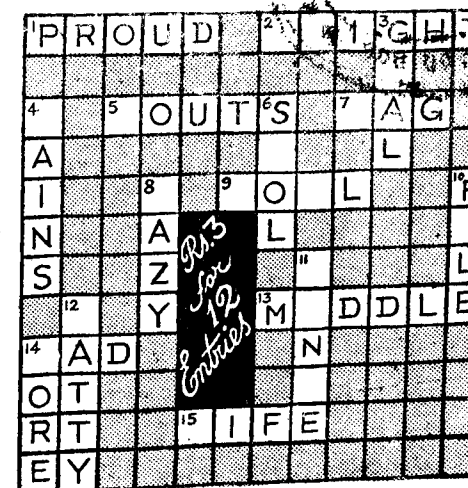
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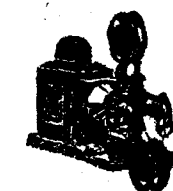
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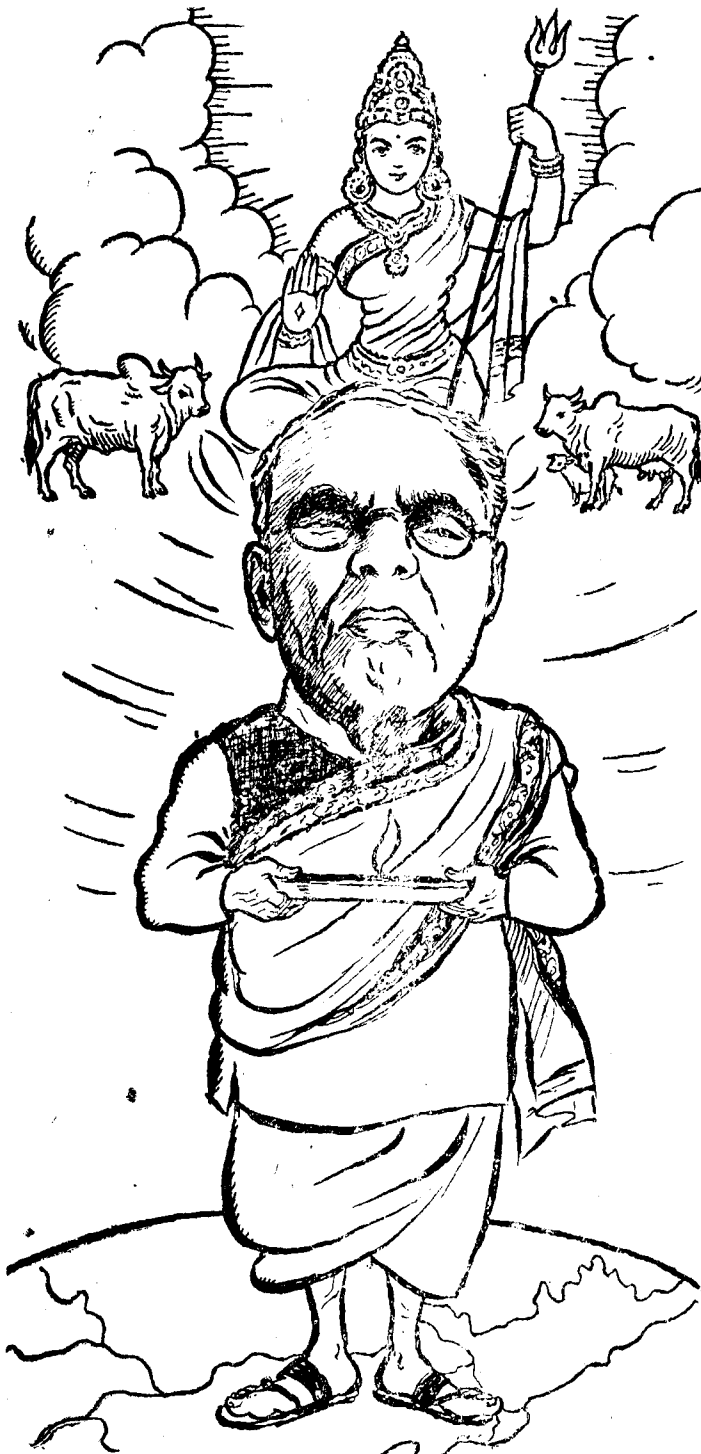
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Nehru's Clarion Call

THE three-day visit of Pandit Nehru to Tamil Nad roused unprecedented enthusiasm and interest among the people. Citizens of Madras turned out in their thousands on Gandhi Jayanthi Day and gathered on the Island Grounds to hear our Prime Minister on the burning questions facing the country. Of course, he did not say anything new but he was at his eloquent best and enabled his listeners to look at the country's problems from a different angle. . . .

Coming as he did from Kurnool where he had inaugurated the Andhra State, the Prime Minister's thoughts naturally turned to the all-important question of maintaining the unity of the country. He permitted his mind to wander back over 300 years and recall the British settlement in Madras in 1647, when the first English factory was established. The great historic change was brought about when the British left our shores and India attained Independence in 1947. "And, now, yesterday," he said, "the oldest memorial, if I may say so, of British rule, the old Presidency of Madras, was being partitioned, split up."

He conceded that the process of re-dividing the country on a linguistic basis had begun with the creation of Andhra State. But more vital to the nation's progress was the unity of the country. Nobody worried about political or constitutional unity. It was already there but what he had in mind was something more than a legal reality — an emotional and psychological integration of India.

The Prime Minister then made a fervent appeal to the people to eschew the evils of parochialism, communalism and casteism. He confessed to the sad truth that most of us

were narrow and selfish in our outlook and that we were lost in the smaller problems around us. Switching the spotlight on the communal and other organisations in the country, Pandit Nehru administered a stern warning to them. Violence in expression of opinion, although highly objectionable, would be allowed perhaps to a large extent. But his Government would not tolerate "violence. appeal to violence and violent conduct."

Taking another peep into history, Pandit Nehru explained why India, China, and other nations of Asia remained in the backwaters while the rest of the world was making rapid progress. We retired into our own shells and turned a blind eye to the amazing achievements and advances of Europe. "While the rest of the world progressed in many ways," he said humorously, "we remained Narcissus-like, looking at our own beauty of countenance, our culture and so on, which no doubt had much beauty in them. But even beauty fades and stagnates, if it is not freshened up."

Addressing another meeting earlier in the day, Pandit Nehru reiterated that our biggest problem was economic. We had to devise ways and means to reduce unemployment and raise the standard of living of the people. The Five-Year Plan should make us all "planning-conscious," he said. It was liable to be revised or altered later on. Their satisfaction must be that the foundation had been laid for the necessary basic approach to our main problem. He warned that people were mistaken if they imagined that Government had some magic formula for curing the ills of the body politic overnight. "Work, hard work and more work," was the Prime Minister's prescription.

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NEWS AND NOTES

Beggar Boys of Nagpur

Allepey seems to have given the lead to other towns and cities in the matter of solving its beggar problem. Recently, diseased beggars wandering in the municipal area were rounded up and placed in a special home. In Nagpur, students of the Hislop College under the guidance of their Principal carried out a pilot survey of the beggar population in their city, says a *Times of India* report.

Especially, beggar boys and girls came in for their attention. The results of their study are somewhat startling. About 300 beggar boys hover about Nagpur Railway Station which is virtually their base of operations during the day. And they seek shelter there for the night.

The beggar boys raided other smaller stations in the neighbourhood during the day and invariably returned to the platforms of the Nagpur Station to spend their nights. The survey revealed that a large number of boys were without parents and some of them had contracted disease. "A majority of the little beggars were local boys some of whom had parents in Nagpur to whom they returned during night." And some came from the South.

The older boys, the report adds, earned a rupee each per day and this amount was spent on meals or refreshments and smoking and gambling. A slice of this sum was always set apart for cinema shows! The pilot survey, it is stated, is a preliminary to a more careful study of this question.

It is notorious that Madras City displays a callous indifference to this problem. We daresay that the beggar population has of late registered a considerable increase.

In fact, the City seems to harbour more diseased beggars than able-bodied ones. Some months ago, the Mayor made a laudable attempt to secure the earnest co-operation of all citizens and raise funds. That he has not chosen to pursue his efforts to a successful conclusion is regrettable. Probably the response from the public was not such as to enthuse him. And in another month he will be laying down his office as Mayor.

We hold that a survey like the one referred to above must be undertaken in Madras City also and it will be easy then to determine the amount and number of beggar homes required. First things must come first.

Three Eminent Men

Three eminent men in the public life of our country have passed away in the course of one week. Dr. Alladi Krishnaswami Iyer, one of the most prominent lawyers of South India who rose to be Advocate-General of Madras, was a true patriot who served the country in a quiet, unostentatious manner. He climbed his way to the top from the lowest rung of the ladder and had the distinction of being a self-made man. As a member of the Constituent Assembly, he laboured hard to make the Constitution what it is today. And he was as generous as he was learned and many men who have earned a name and fame today owe their success to the silent help which Sri Alladi gave them without stint.

Sri S. Panchapakesa Sastri, an ex-judge of the Madras High Court and Member of the Labour Appellate Tribunal, died in a Bombay hospital after an operation. References were made in our courts to the sterling qualities of head

and heart of this amiable gentleman.

The nation suffered yet another grievous loss in the sudden death of Mr. S.N. Buragohain, Deputy Minister for Works, Housing and Supply, following upon an operation for appendicitis. A great son of Assam, he was a Minister of the All-Party Cabinet formed in that Province (now State) in 1946. He was elected to Parliament in 1950 and became Deputy Minister. Suave and gentle, he carried on his duties efficiently but death cut short a career so full of promise.

Ban Those Crackers

In a letter to a local daily, a correspondent calls for quick police action to restrict the use of highly explosive crackers during the forthcoming Deepavali festival. During the fortnight preceding and the month following the festival of lights, our youngsters almost go wild, firing all sorts of crackers and tossing them about. Rowdies, street arabs and other irresponsible young men stalk the streets and lanes in crowded residential areas with lighted crackers and cause terror to peace-loving folk.

Often the crackers explode when some unsuspecting citizen or child goes very near them or steps upon them. The sick, the weak and the old sitting inside their houses are not spared either. The explosions arising from some of the latest varieties, aptly called the "atom bombs," shake the very buildings. Some go up with a bang high in the air and hit some human target in a bedroom upstairs. And sick people turn into nervous wrecks when they experience this shock.

There can be no two opinions on the necessity for quick police

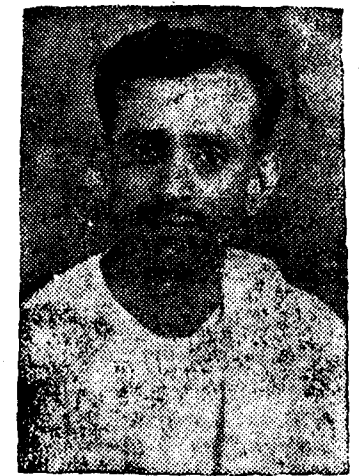
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SRI T. PRAKASAM, Chief Minister of Andhra State.



SRI N. SANJEEVA REDDI, Deputy Chief Minister of Andhra State.



SRI ALLADI KRISHNASWAMI IYER, who passed away last week.



Girls have taken a great liking to N.C.C. Here is a group engaged in the pleasant game of tug-of-war, while at camp.

action to ensure that Deepavali is celebrated without all this hideous noise. Bombay's example in this respect is worth following. Last year, its Commissioner of Police banned the firing of certain types of crackers within twenty feet of streets or buildings. A more comprehensive prohibitory order for our City is an immediate necessity.

At Kurnool

The first linguistic State of Andhra was born on 1st October amidst scenes of great splendour and enthusiasm. The inaugural function was performed by Pandit Nehru at the temporary capital of Kurnool; with Mr. C. M. Trivedi as Governor, a Council of Ministers was sworn in. Andhra Kesari T. Prakasam became Chief Minister and Sri N. Sanjeeva Reddi his worthy Deputy.

The little capital was buzzing with activity and bursting with people from all parts of the State and guests from all States, far and near. It was truly a memorable occasion. Addressing a vast gathering of men and women, the Prime Minister exhorted the people to avoid cultivating a provincial outlook and to work for the progress of Andhra and the country as a whole. "If India progresses, Andhra too progresses; and the progress of Andhra consists in the progress of the country for which you should all strive," he observed.

Concerned at the growing force of linguism and the consequent tide of separatism, Pandit Nehru dwelt at length on his theme of unity being the paramount consideration to which all else must be subordinated. "You should not think in separatist terms," he warned, "such as Andhra, Bengal, Bihar or Uttar Pradesh but always think of India as a whole."

It was the people's duty, he went on, to promote unity and solidarity so that India should be strong. Every one of us must look upon the whole of India as our home irrespective of the fact which State we hailed from. He compared Andhra State to just one chamber in a big mansion, occupied by many people.

At another meeting, Pandit Nehru referred to the great strength and influence of the Congress and appealed to Andhras to build it up with a single-minded devotion. "He could say, without fear of contradiction, that the Congress today was bigger and stronger than any other party and had still the capacity to deliver the goods."

Addressing the members of the Andhra State Assembly, the Congress President emphasised the necessity for hard and solid work to banish poverty from the land. Democracy meant co-operation and shouldering their responsibilities together. Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, who followed, spoke of the dream of Andhras having been realised but, he added, the future rested with them. He appealed to the people to sink their differences and strive to promote the prosperity of their State. Past history taught them the lesson that whenever India's central authority weakened the country suffered. So they should do nothing to weaken the Centre. There must be proper balance between centralised authority and decentralised autonomy.

The Vice-President called on his listeners to stand up to the challenge of the new world and prepare themselves for radical economic and social changes. "If we are not prepared to bring them about, they will be brought about without our help." And those who ran the Government could carry the people with them only by setting aside party feuds, petty jealousies and clannish feelings and working together.

President's Warning

Gandhi Jayanthi was celebrated in every village, town and city during the week beginning from 2nd October. Outstanding among the speeches, delivered on the occasion, was the one by Mr. S.K. Patil, President of the Bombay Pradesh Congress Committee. Addressing a meeting held at Chowpatti, the Congress leader said that the path shown by Mahatma Gandhi was the only way to world peace.

The weapons of Satyagraha and Ahimsa, he added, had not only enabled the people of India to achieve freedom but were helping the oppressed peoples of the world to secure their liberty as well. "Even the people of the Middle East countries who, though they revered the Mahatma, were not known for the love of his principle of non-violence, had now realised its efficacy."

At Rajghat, New Delhi, the President was sharply critical. He said there were definite signs that the people were straying away from the Gandhian path. Individual spinning and the use of Khadi were on the decline. He spoke of a general fall in the sense of values among the people. As a result perhaps of the last great war, morality had gone down and family affection had dwindled. He appealed to the people to follow Gandhiji's principles if we were to develop love of the country and of humanity.

Three New Ministers For Madras

The Madras State Cabinet has been expanded to include three new Ministers. They are Sri M. Bhaktavatsalam, Sri K. Rajaram and Smt. Jothi Venkatachellum. It was generally anticipated that Sri Bhaktavatsalam with his long record of service as Minister from 1946 up till the general elections last year would re-enter the Cabinet ere long. Sri Rajaram is a seasoned Congressman and a worthy representative of Madurai District.

The pleasantest surprise is the appointment of Smt. Jothi Venkatachellum, belonging to the Harijan community. Wife of Sri P.V.S. Venkatachellum, the present Sheriff of Madras, the young lady is a keen social worker and an Honorary Presidency Magistrate. She will be in charge of Prohibition and Women's welfare while the portfolios of Agriculture and Local Administration have been allocated to Sri Bhaktavatsalam and Sri Rajaram, respectively. To the three new Ministers we offer our hearty felicitations.

C.P.'s Plea

Delivering the convocation address of the Poona University, the other day, Sir C. P. Ramaswami Iyer deplored the present low standard of written and spoken English in the country. He said that irrelevant considerations were operating to the detriment of the study of English language and literature.

Owing to many historical and other accidents, pointed out Sir C.P., English was rapidly becoming a universal language and had displaced most of its other rivals like Spanish, French, German and Russian. It was not enough to translate important foreign books into our national language. "To translate even a fraction of the millions of books extant in English in all categories of literary, artistic, and scientific creativity is a Herculean labour," he stated. And to ignore or to shut ourselves from these contributions would definitely be to handicap ourselves. Now that India had attained her political independence and her psychological swarajya, there was no reason to entertain any inferiority complex, "nor to equate the faulty pronunciation of English words and the inability to construct an English sentence with patriotism."

The speaker described it as a fatal error to over-crowd our universities with students. Many were admitted for financial or other reasons unconnected with the basic purpose of university education. "We see all around us," he observed, "the mass production of ill-equipped graduates, over-crowded class-rooms, the absence of individual attention, or an efficient tutorial system, the eligible facilities for recreation and the imperfect hostel and living conditions."

He regretted that between the world of business and commerce and the school and the university there was no link, no correlation. He attributed the frequent strikes among students and teachers to a fear of unemployment, to a sense of fretful despair.

Sir C.P. then pleaded for a re-orientation of University education. A new conception of patriotic service must be inculcated, as also the ideal of the citizenship of the world. Our universities must collaborate and there should be special facilities for the exchange of students between one unit and another. The end of education was the enlarging of the human mind "so as to free the student from parochialism of all types and to charge him with a mission to work for harmony and co-operation in every stratum of life from the village up to the international organisations of today and tomorrow."

No Matter for Pride

Inauguration Day of the Corporation of Madras was celebrated with the usual pomp and ceremony. In his speech welcoming the Governor and other guests, the Mayor appealed to that important but undefined authority — the citizens of Madras — to come forward and lend a helping hand. Without their active co-operation, the Corporation could do nothing, the Mayor admitted.

It is unfortunate that there has been little evidence of that co-operation between the Administration and the citizens. Officials pay little heed to the grievances of the public. The latter is yet to be convinced that the former are animated by a keen sense of duty. With the Governor's description of Madras as "one of the delightful cities of the world" we are not inclined to agree.

In several streets and lanes heaps of garbage accumulate for days and stink far and wide. Conditions in slums in the various parts of the City and the suburbs are worse, and public conveniences are seldom properly cleaned and washed. It is no wonder, therefore, that such abominable insanitation has led to an outbreak of cholera in a terrifying form. As Sri A. Ratnam, M.L.A., points out in a statement, "the Corporation does not even care to remove street rubbish and clean public latrines. There is no conservancy staff for slum areas."

This is a grave allegation, indeed. Since slum areas are the first breeding grounds of any serious disease or epidemic we should have thought that the Conservancy Department would direct its main attention to them. The Mayor referred to the provision of Rs. 30 lakhs for the improvement of the slums. Surely, a small fraction of this sum would go far towards keeping all kinds of slums — Corporation, Governmental and private — clean and tidy at least to some extent.

Courteous But Inefficient

"Courtesy Week" was observed by the Railways early this month. "Thank you," "Please," "I beg your pardon," "I am sorry," were the charming expressions that one so frequently heard in the different zones. But as the saying goes, one swallow does not make a summer; one week does not constitute a year. But a more worthy and urgent duty on the part of the Authorities would be to root out corruption and step up the efficiency of the service.

Addressing a meeting of railwaymen in New Delhi last month, Mr. Frank Anthony, M.P., observed that efficiency in the railways was at the lowest possible ebb. "On an average, two to three persons were engaged on the job that one man did in pre-Independence days. Even then efficiency was 50 per cent less than what it had been before."

Corruption, said the Anglo-Indian leader, was just one of the facets of the larger problem of inefficiency. He regretted that the present Railway Minister did not personally look into representations of grievances, however important or vital they might be. They were passed on to officials "who dealt with them in the same dead, unimaginative way as the colonial regime."

We, however, do not deprecate the idea behind "Courtesy Weeks." It would be far better if the Administration launched on a drive to do away with inefficiency and corruption. That would instil a better sense of duty among railway employees.



[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."]

"A MISCHIEVOUS lie," is the caption in a Daily. Surely everybody will condemn such a lie. But we should like to have some samples of beneficent or harmless lies so that our youngsters could sinlessly indulge in them.

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Rajaji is certainly one of our great men; even his opponents say that. But then, we didn't know that he was so great as to be the best or most abused man in India today. You have just to open any page in "Swatantra" to find some attack forced in or some excuse created for an attack.

Poor "Swatantra"! Who knows what expectations were doomed to disappointment!

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Rajaji is not to be pitied for such persistent and consistent attacks, because Rajaji himself says that attack on him is the very thing that popularizes some journals. He likes these attacks because such attacks must stimulate the imagination of such journalists.

Rajaji's only regret is what their fate would be if he should lay down his job.

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Dr. Keskar presiding over the premiere music concert of Bharatiya Sangit Samaj, Bombay, remarked, "What our music suffers from is want of listeners and not want of musicians." Nor did the Central Govt. Minister stop there.

He added, "To produce great musicians, there must be good listeners."

Surely, to be able to listen, that is to endure it, if that is what Dr. Keskar means, patience of a very superior type is a necessity.

Why not Dr. Keskar include the training for Patient Listening in the Five-Year Plan, if good listeners are a *sine qua non* for producing good musicians?

Whatever might make good music or musicians, the insult to musicians is indeed very objectionable. Our hearty sympathy with the poor insulted musicians.

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"Breaking of Krishna idols" has been announced by Sri E. V. Ramaswami Naicker. He announced sometime back a similar attention to idols of Ganesh. I find that during the recent Ganesh festival, there was more than usual feasting and rejoicing over the Ganapathi day. So, it looks as if Mr. Naicker wants to give a rousing call to the devotees of Krishna to worship their favourite Deity with greater piety; this is a very cunning way of rousing piety which will not go without its reward.

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Sri N. Sanjiva Reddy, the Andhra Dy. Chief Minister, inviting Sri Prakasam to join the Congress Party, said, "If Sri Prakasam is in the Congress, he is ten times bigger than me; but if he is in the Praja Socialist Party, I and the Congress are much bigger than him."

Of course, no one can question the sincerity of Sri Sanjiva Reddy: that is why Sri Prakasam has joined Congress. But then, big as Sri Prakasam is, surely he is not ten times as large as Sri Reddy. But in his enthusiasm to rope in Sri Prakasam, Sri Reddy need not murder English Grammar.

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Vinoba Bhawe was assaulted when he was leading Harijans into a Hindu temple. Once again what G. B. S. said about Gandhiji comes back to our minds, "It is dangerous to be too good." It is.

But then, even the misguided assailants are to be equally pitied, far from feeling any disrespect to the holy man Vinoba Bhawe.

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Everybody is puzzled to find Premier Nehru always talking of a united India, the Republic undivided and indivisible, loyalty to India as higher than love to one's own town or State.

The secret is his recent holiday at Ranikhet, the "Queen of Hill Stations" in Kumaon, 6,000 feet in height, has impressed upon him, during his rambles at that altitude, a conspectus of India as a whole! He couldn't escape it.

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Privy Purses of Our Princes! Is it moral or fair to cut down the allowances agreed upon? That is what the friends of Princes ask. Why should these princes have such large sums? ask the democrats. The Premier suggests to the Princes that they themselves throw a slice of their purse to the wolves. If Princes voluntarily cut down their allowances, is that a breach of the promise or contract? I pause and pray for an answer.

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or Rajaji take it or twist it: the idea is, why not employ one half of them to find out how the other half could be employed? So that both the halves are employed: there you are!

Swami Sitaram, the Andhra Sarvodaya leader, urges that all the proceedings of the Andhra State should be in Telugu and Hindi and the Governor should transact the affairs of the State in Telugu. Poor Sri Trivedi is seen in the mornings taking lessons in Telugu with Srimati Kusum Trivedi; they are both to converse with each other only in Telugu, as a moral obligation of Sri Trivedi's Governorship.

Pensioners' Protest Procession: Things are becoming intolerable with the Pensioners: these faithful public servants have certainly better claims to be fed in prison than people who court the jail for the fun of it: Pensioners feel the Dearness Allowance shamefully inadequate: They are getting ready for bed and board at public expense.

My Magazine readers, some of them, have kindly asked me, "What do you mean, Babaji, by picking out the SLIPS of our great men and placing them before your readers? How have they lost their right to indulge in such harmless and happy Slips?"

"Certainly, Gentle Readers, I fully admit the right of our great men to perpetrate slips. In a Republic like ours, every citizen has such a right—the fundamental right—to inflict what Bulls and Blunders he pleases. But, how have I lost my right to enjoy the unconscious humour of such Slips and share the fun of it with my friendly Readers who can enter into the spirit of and partake in the Jokes?"

"Think, speak and act for all animals....." so said Srimathi Rukmani Arundale speaking in Bombay when the All-India Animal Welfare Association celebrated the World Day for Animals. It is a noble call of Love to all living things. But we feel that many men already "think, speak and act like animals though not for animals."

Dr. Malan, Prime Minister of S. Africa, accuses Pandit Nehru to be the only obstacle in the way of peaceful settlement of the South African question. Premier Nehru's crime is to attract too much importance to dignity of Indians, apart from the question of humanity.

Rajaji teaches a bit of tactics if a minister wants to bring in a measure which he fears will be opposed. Says Rajaji: "If only he had foreseen opposition, he would have asked some expert to put forward the new scheme of Elementary Education, and himself pretended to be an opponent of the scheme. Then the very persons who now attacked the scheme would have demanded the introduction of the scheme."

Rajaji is only too true if one is to judge the nature and motive of the systematic opposition to Rajaji's Ele. Edn. Scheme.

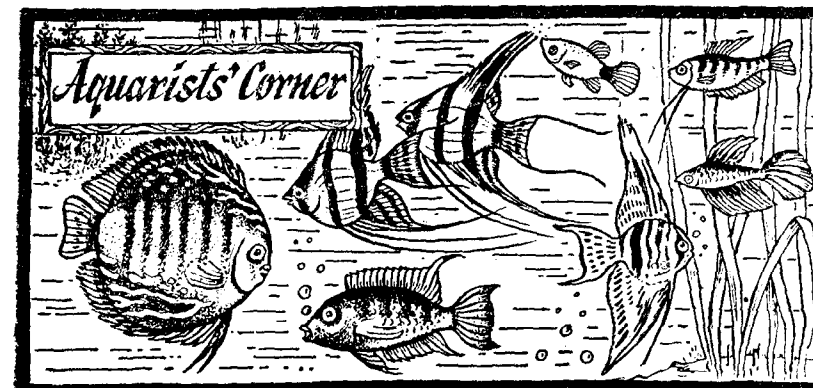
Is the converse to this method true? That is if Rajaji supports any scheme, does it mean that the Cabinet and the country should reject it?

"Useless cattle in this country consume a large part of the fodder available, causing serious under-feeding of useful stock," says a Daily.

It is this threat that made the musicians of Bremen start from the homes of their masters. Surely every boy remembers Grimm's Fairy Tales.

I cannot pretend to have heard a stronger appeal to young men to use that "soft word that turneth away anger," than this:

"You know if I hate anything in my firm it is an angry word or an angry look. And yet here you are, the most blooming idiot, passing a word of rude reply. I never can be patient with a fool like you, though everybody says I am the most patient and enduring person. You are a real ruffian, sir, a real ruffian: that is what you really are; you ought to be ashamed of yourself—the most ill-bred fellow I can ever see. Disgraceful, sir, disgraceful!"



OUR INDIGENOUS FISH—5

THE BARBS OF INDIA

IN the shallow banks of rivers and tanks we often see, especially during summer months, tiny fishes splashing on the surface and flashing their silvery underparts as they roll over on the bottom. These are the barbs, and their generic name is Barbus. Most of the barbs have a pair or two of little barbels or whiskers under their chins, which give them their name—Barbus meaning bearded.

The genus barbus belongs to the family of Carps which is the largest family of fishes known in the world. The barbs are found in India, Ceylon, China, Malaya, the East Indies, and Africa. They have large scales which reflect the light and give the fish a gleaming, shimmering appearance. There is not much colour contrast in the barbs, but they are worth keeping in our aquarium on account of their sparkling quality, elegant movement, hardness and their peaceful disposition. Over the shining scales is usually a sheen of colour and from these colours come some of the common names like Rosy barb, Golden barb, Ruby barb, etc. Besides these there is a fascinating array of spotted, banded and half-banded barbs.

There are more than seventy species of barbus known in India, and amongst the barbs, there are giants as well as dwarfs, the largest species being generally termed Mahseer which sometimes attain an enormous size of five feet in length and weighing little over 100 pounds. The smallest of the barbs is just an inch and a half only, and these small barbs are very well suited to the average home aquarium.

The barbus species are well represented among the piscine inhabitants of our fresh waters. There are ample opportunities for Indian aquarists to make a study of these but usually the barbus is despised for its lack of iridescent colours and being very common. But, on the other hand, these barbs are much prized in Europe and America. If the gold fish has waned in popularity in those countries during the last decade or so, it is these barbs which are the small relatives of the gold fish which are responsible and they have upheld the family honours.

As aforesaid, the barbus affords ample opportunities for scientific studies as there are many variations in the species from country to country. If only the Indian aquarists take it into their heads to specialise in keeping all barbs collected from all over our country, they might be doing great service by adding new species to piscatorial science.

A little study is always necessary to avoid confusion in the matter of identifying the species of various barbs which more or less resemble each other. For a long time Barbus mahacola and Barbus filamentosus were described as one and the same. A closer examination will reveal that the mahacola has two barbels and the filamentosus has none. The adult Barbus punctatus and Barbus phutunio are often exactly similar, but in the immature forms the first retains its original colour, not so the second. Barbus chola and Barbus tetrapogon are similar except as to the presence of a black spot behind the opercle in

the latter; while Barbus ticto shows considerable variations. Great changes evidently occur in some species if they are removed from one locality to another.

The aquarist need not be bamboozled about the scientific theories and work, but a little knowledge in the matter of identification is necessary. Among the seventy odd species of Barbus found in India, there are quite a good number suited for the aquarium. They may be generally classified into three sub-generic groups: 1) Barbodes which have four barbels, 2) Capoeta which have two barbels and 3) Puntius which have no barbels.

It may not be possible to describe each barb here, but a few notes on each about its colouration and habitat should be enough to rouse the interest of the enthusiastic aquarist.

Amongst the Barbodes or the barbs with four barbels the following two fishes are interesting to keep in home aquaria.

Barbus roseipinnis: These have large eyes, the barbels are thin

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and long. Body is silvery. The ventral, anal and caudal fins are reddish, the lower border of the last is tinged with black. This is mostly found in Pondicherry.

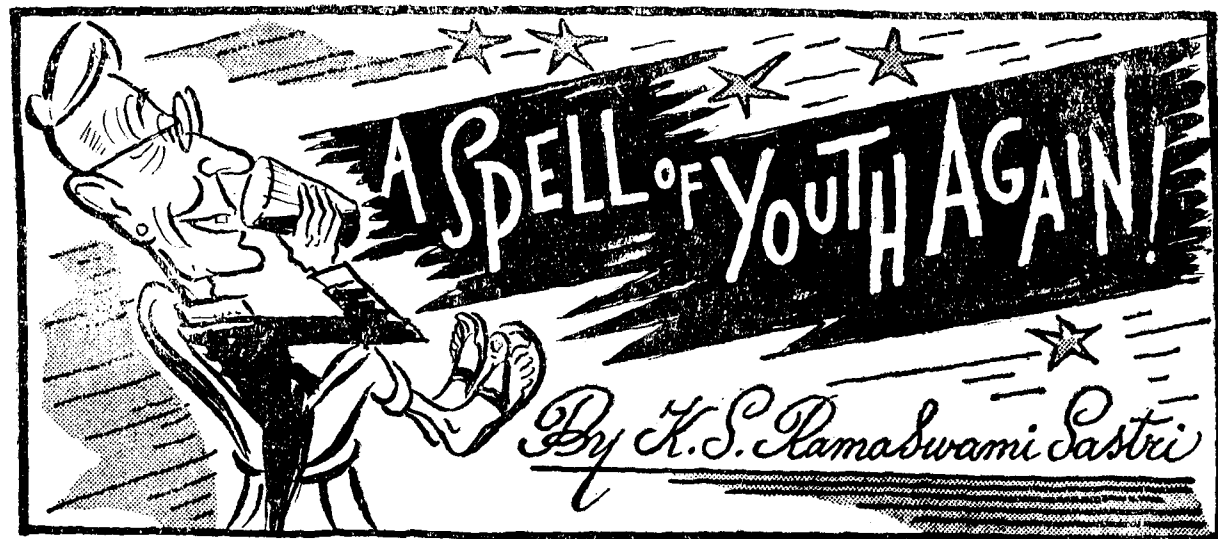
Barbus melanampyx: This is a very charming one whose colour is deep dull red, with three black cross bands. Fins are pinkish, edged with black. This occurs in Wynaad, Nilgiris and Travancore. Sometimes also collected in the river Cauvery. It rarely attains three inches.

Among the sub-genus Capoeta or two-barbel-barbs the following species are very much suited for our purpose:

Barbus dorsalis: The colour is uniform silvery. A black spot is present at the posterior portion of the base of the dorsal. These occur throughout Madras as low as the Cauvery. Mostly found in Kurnool and certain districts in Mysore.

Barbus denisonii: Silvery colour with black band passing from the snout to the centre of the base of the caudal fin and a

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WE have all read about Peter Pan who was a boy but never grew up and continued always to be a boy. Peter Pan and Alice in the Wonderland have been my lifelong favourites. I have met them both very often — sometimes singly and sometimes together — and I flatter myself that I also am a favourite with them.

All three of us wandered off into Wonderland a few days ago and then a strange thing — the strangest thing in the world — happened to me. It almost took their breath away and I am sure that it will have the same effect on you. But I feel like the Ancient Mariner and I must out with it or perish.

When Peter, Alice and I went into Wonderland, we strayed into a strange palace. We found there in a room where little boys and girls were waiting around a dinner-table. They welcomed Peter and Alice but frowned at an old man like me. I was in a hilarious mood and ordered the elixir of youth.

Peter and Alice exchanged glances and nodded approval. A young girl poured out the elixir in a glass and offered it to me. I drank it and suddenly found myself transformed into a young boy of seven summers.

I had no objection to becoming young. Who has? Who likes old age? None. Coleridge says:

"Verse, a breeze 'mid blossoms straying
Where Hope clung feeding, like a bee
Both were mine! Life went a-Maying
With Nature Hope and Poesy
When I was young!
Oh! the Joys that came down shower
like
Of Friendship, Love and Liberty
Ere I was old!"

What I expected the elixir to do was to make me a boy and bring back my lost creative imagination and exuberant energy and happiness while keeping up my present self-consciousness and culture. But I had reckoned without the host and became young with a vengeance. I had a kind of split personality and the main portion of myself became young in body and spirit but the old personality watching the new achievements of my other self was there too.

The young attendants brought me a new set of Samson's ready-made dresses and put me into a bushcoat and shorts and brushed my hair after cropping it in the latest American pattern. I looked at myself in the magical glass in the Wonderland and found within the mirrored dress a handsome young child with an old Rip Van Winkle inside the child. I became

"the whining school-boy, with his
satchel
And shining morning face, creeping
like snail
Unwillingly to school."

I was then wheeled off to a school. The March Hare was holding classes but I refused to become a pupil of the March Hare. The Mad Hatter frowned and

stormed and gesticulated at me. As I was likely to upset the class the pages brought me back to Peter and Alice who eventually smuggled me out of Wonderland in the night and left me in my bedroom. I woke up next morning and then my trouble began.

I went into my old library and took up for reading a half-read book on Quadratic Equations which lay open on the table. I found on the first page my name but I could not understand the theorems contained in the book though I was able to read the words. I was thus so to say three-fourth boy and one-fourth man! I had some money in my pocket, ran out and put a coin in the slot. Out came a cup of coffee which I enjoyed much. I said to myself: "Life seems to be a jolly thing."

I went to the toyshop, bought a large number of toys and marched home with them and threw out all the heavy musty tomes and placed my new-won bright toys on the shelves. I did not at all regret the loss of the old worthless burdensome theories about life.

JUST at that time a cracker went off in the neighbourhood as it was the busy and jolly season of the Deepavali. I was at once off in a jiffy to buy crackers. I bought them in plenty and came home with a big haul of them.

And, suddenly, my wife came in. Dr. Nesan also dropped in by chance. They were both

surprised at seeing a little boy with toys and crackers. I could recognise both of them but they could not make out who I was. Dr. Nesan asked my wife: "Where is Ramu?"

My wife felt bewildered and looked at me in amazement.

I asked her: "Why do you look as if you have seen a ghost?"

SHE parried the question and asked me how I got into the house and why the books were all lying pell-mell and why and whence the toys and the crackers came.

I looked at myself in the mirror but, strangely enough, I saw only a little boy and the dual personality that appeared in the mirror in Wonderland was not visible. But yet I could not cast off my real self altogether. Here was a queer combination and an odd mixture of Ramu's soul and a child's soul and also a handsome child's body.

I felt boisterously fond of my toys and crackers but one portion of myself still persisted in my self-consciousness though in a dim and hazy fashion. I lit one of the big crackers and threw them at the feet of my wife and Dr. Nesan when they were looking in some other direction. My wife jumped up in terror and even Dr. Nesan looked disconcerted. I went into immoderate peals of laughter. My wife grew angry and Dr. Nesan felt puzzled.

Just at that moment my grandchildren Sundar and Geetha ran in, and I made friends with them and began to play carrom with them, shouting merrily all the while. I never felt so joyous at any time before in my life. They asked me my name. I said: "Don't you know me? I am Ramu!"

Something in my voice must have belied my looks. My wife looked at me with staring eyes and was about to swoon but soon steadied herself. Dr. Nesan smelt a rat somewhere and said: "Your voice is my Ramu's but somehow you look translated — not like Bottom with an ass's head but with a charming child's. I wish you would turn me also into a child."

Just at that moment, Mrs. Nesan also turned up and took in the situation at a glance. She, too, was alarmed.

I told Dr. Nesan: "Please call Peter Pan and Alice. They will tell you what happened to me. If they are prepared to help you as they have helped me, you can also become a little child and be quite as happy as myself."

Meantime my wife and Mrs. Nesan exchanged glances and went together a few steps away from us and held a hurried consultation. Mrs. Nesan was very particular that my bad example should not infect her husband. Both she and my wife then brought a rickshaw, put me into it and took me to an elementary school. Dr. Nesan came along with them in a puzzled mood. The teacher gave me a primer and began to teach me A, B, C, D, etc. I laughed outright and took up the big Webster's Dictionary that lay on the teacher's table and began to read word after word and their meanings as stated in that ponderous tome.

The result was that the class was in a state of chaos and consternation and the teacher thought that I was a *Brahma Rakshasa* or some other demon. I thought that I would be taken for a genius and found that I was

taken for a devil. Very soon a crowd gathered and began to pelt stones at me. Dr. Nesan and Mrs. Nesan and my wife never expected this turn of events, and became genuinely alarmed for my life.

I shouted to Dr. Nesan: "Call Peter Pan and Alice."

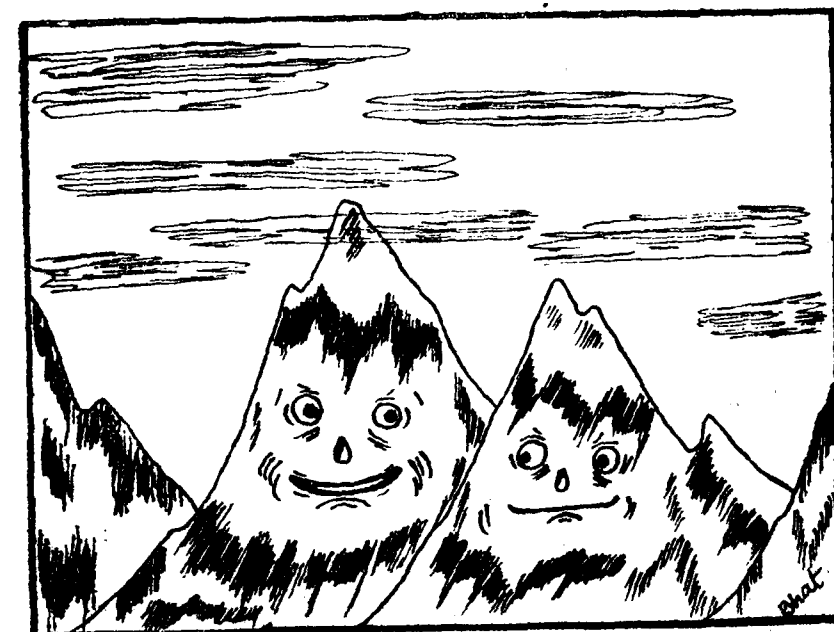
He did so.

Somehow, as if by magic, Peter Pan and Alice appeared. They learnt what had taken place and went away and brought soon a bottle containing a different sort of liquid. As soon as I drank it, I became my own self once again. The threatening crowd roared and melted away. Peter Pan and Alice then bade me an affectionate farewell and went away.

My wife felt relieved in mind and Dr. Nesan and Mrs. Nesan enjoyed the story of my adventures in Wonderland and in the world of reality. All the same I felt sad and sick at heart, because

"turn wheresoever I may
There had passed away
A glory from this earth."

IT was nearly eight in the morning when my wife woke me up with tender solicitude. "It has been raining heavily and you must have been dreaming, dear. Get up quick, your coffee is getting cold."



Nameless Himalayan Peak to another: — It is a matter of great satisfaction to me that at least our snowy crowns have not been polluted by those humans.

horizontal scarlet stripe runs above it. The caudal fin has an oblique black band crossing the posterior third of each lobe. This is mostly found in Travancore hill ranges. This fish attains six inches.

Barbus melanostigma: The silvery colour becomes white on the sides and has a deep black blotch on the side of the tail. Occurs in Wynaad hills in Malabar, Bhavany and Cauvery.

Barbus puchelli: Greenish yellow along the back, with a red mark on the opercle, and a scarlet stripe extends along the middle of the side. There is a deep black mark on the dorsal fin. Very fine dark spots over the scales especially at the bases. Commonly found in Bangalore.

Barbus amphibius: Upper part of the body is steel-blue, becoming white tinged with gold on the sides and beneath. Sometimes a band along the sides, and a black spot on either side of the tail anterior to the caudal fin. Fins are yellowish; upper edge of dorsal is usually stained with black. Found in Central India, the Deccan, Bombay on the West Coast, Madras and up the coast as high as Orissa. Grows to six inches.

Barbus mahecola: Silvery white, with a deep black oval mark on the lateral line from about the fourteenth to the eighteenth scales. It has a dark band along the dorsal fin. Caudal fin which is deeply forked is red and tipped with black. This is found from Canara down to the western coast and along the base of the Nilgiris, and Travancore hills, also Ceylon. Grows to six inches.

Amongst the Puntius barbs or barbs without barbels the following are best suited.

Barbus ambassis: The colour is light greenish with a silvery band along the side. A small black spot at the base of the anterior dorsal rays, and a black blotch at the side of the tail. Found in Madras, Orissa, Bengal, and Assam. Grows to three inches.

Barbus conchoniis: This is popularly known as the rosy barb on account of its breeding colours, and is a very attractive fish. A large round black spot on the middle of the sides above the posterior portion of the anal fin. Fins orange, dorsal with its upper half blackish. Found in Assam, lower Bengal, Orissa, Bihar. Grows to four inches.

Barbus ticto: Silvery, sometimes stained with red, a black spot on the side of the tail before the base of the caudal fin and immediately behind the anal. Fins often light black and sometimes orange. Occurs throughout India, Pakistan and Ceylon. It rarely exceeds four inches in length.

Barbus punctatus: The colour is olive green superiorly becoming white on the abdomen. A diffused black spot on the 20th or 21 scales of the lateral line. Fins yellowish, dorsal and anal tipped with orange. Dorsal with two rows of black spots. The caudal fin is forked. Found in Malabar and Coramandel coast. Does not exceed three inches in length.

Barbus gelius: Pale reddish brown, with a black band over the tail, little anterior to the base of the caudal fin, and another less distinct behind the base of that fin. A silvery band along the side. The peritonium being black appears like an irregular dark blotch. A black spot passes across the base of the anterior half of the dorsal, extending up to one third the distance up the rays. A black band over the base of the anal. Freely occurs in Ganjam, Orissa, Bengal and Assam. Grows to nearly two inches in length.

Barbus phutunio: Reddish brown, with a black band passing from the back to opposite the middle of the pectoral fin: a second from the back to the posterior end of the base of the anal. Two other lighter bands pass downwards, one from the anterior, the other from the posterior extremity of the dorsal. A dark band runs down the centre of the dorsal, and then at the base of the caudal. Occurs in Orissa, Ganjam and through Bengal. This grows to one and half inches.

Barbus stigma: Silvery, with scarlet lateral band at some seasons, and a dark mark across the base of the middle dorsal rays. A round black blotch, more or less distinct at the root of the caudal fin. Found throughout India. Grows to five inches.

Barbus chrysopterus: Lower caudal lobe slightly the longer. Dull silvery, darkest along the back, and each scale having a dark base formed by fine black dots. Dorsal, ventral, and anal fins generally stained with black-spots

at their extremities, but in some specimens only the anal. There is a dark mark at the base of the tail. Found in Assam and Bengal.

Barbus vittatus: Silvery, generally with four black spots in the adult, one just before the dorsal, one below its posterior margin, another at the base of the caudal, and a fourth at the base of the anal. The dorsal has a vertical black streak, and a black tip with orange markings. Found in Madras, Mysore and Wynaad. Grows to two inches.

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MR. IYER looked about him contentedly. Yes, it was good to have so much leisure. One's best years are passed after retirement. Then only one has ample time to indulge in hobbies. As long as he had been a civil servant he had been no better off than the meanest slave. His life had not been his own. The recurring transfers, the consequent house-hunting, shifting, settling and uprooting ... these had created in him a hankering for a really leisured life. Unlike his colleagues who at sixty, stealing chunks out of their ages, passed off for fifty-one or fifty-two, he had promptly retired on attaining the prescribed age.

With a set of carpenter's tools, Mr. Iyer made all sorts of odd-looking tables which were the despair of his wife and a source of unexpected danger. With a fret-work machine he made monstrosities in the shape of trays, letter-racks, photo-frames and work-baskets. It gave him exquisite pleasure to show off each of these articles to his friends who occasionally dropped in. He would casually say, "Do you see this pretty little table? What do you think I paid for it?" And the friend would as casually reply, "I suppose it must have cost about Rs. 15." Then suddenly with his face beaming with the creator's pride, Mr. Iyer would come out with, "Well, I made it myself." And the friend



would say in admirably simulated surprise, "Really! It is, indeed, beautiful and so handy too." This formula was invariably gone through and everybody played up to the gullible Mr. Iyer.

Another of Mr. Iyer's habits was reading in bed. Nothing put him to sleep so quickly as a book. It was as effective as a lullaby to a babe. Beside his bed he kept a screen made in one of his creative moments. It kept the draught from blowing directly on his head, the rapidly thinning top of which was susceptible to chill winds.

ONE evening Mr. Iyer, while gazing affectionately at this screen, discovered that it was its dull colour which prevented him from receiving the maximum light

available for reading in bed. So he hit upon the idea of painting it white. He thereupon sent out his servant for a tin of the best paint available. Gopal, like all his tribe, bought the cheapest for Rs. 1-14-0, and with the stump of an incredibly dirty pencil which he always kept ready in his pocket for such emergencies, put in two deft strokes and changed the 1 into 2. The innocent Mr. Iyer immediately set to work and within an hour the screen was gleaming white. Extremely pleased with his handiwork, Mr. Iyer went to sleep that night in a highly contented frame of mind. And it was this screen which was ultimately responsible for capturing a very notorious criminal who had eluded the police time and again.

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Mr. Iyer's family being away, he was left alone in the house with a couple of servants. Gopal had already asked his master leave to attend the second show at the local theatre. Gopal had only one vice and that was his fondness for the cinema. And this his kind master indulged to the extent of often giving him the necessary cash. At about nine-thirty, Mr. Iyer made his final preparations for retiring to bed. The painted screen was nicely adjusted, a book placed ready, the safe in the bedroom in which he kept his wife's more costly jewels to the value of Rs. 15,000 securely locked, and the only barless window bolted. He took a glass of water daily before retiring, but today it seemed to have a funny taste and so after the first gulp he set it aside and started on his new book which promptly sent him to sleep. He was so drowsy that he could hardly switch off the reading lamp.

It must have been just before midnight that Mr. Iyer heard a grating noise. Somebody had opened the safe. His thoughts were very vague and confused. At any rate he thought he must switch on the light. He swiftly got up. There was an alert silence in the room. His hands fumbled towards the switch. He received a sudden blow on the arm. There was an involuntary scream on his part. He tried to retaliate but could see nothing in the dark. Within the next few seconds a couple of blows had laid him flat on his back, semi-conscious. He heard the intruder leave through the barless window which he confusedly thought was rather funny.

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head, etc.," said Mr. Narayan. It was his pet topic and the Chief Inspector smiled indulgently. Out of office hours they were great friends. "Ever since I was eight, phrenology has been my passion." The other looked up startled. "Yes, it's a fact and to that I owe my small successes. When I was a young chap, there happened a little incident. Our neighbour's son of my own age had a cat which he daily threw up on to the tiles just to watch it trembling with fear and frantically endeavouring to jump down. In fact, one day I saw him tie it round the ribs with a long bit of string and let it down into the well.

"Its prolonged yells, each time it was dipped into the water, gave me gooseflesh. Fighting him was no good. He would shortly discover some other method of torture with some other animal. His resources in this direction were simply marvellous. 'What's to be done? He is so constituted,' remarked my mother one day. I pondered over her words thinking she meant the way he was made physically and so started observing

it. He had a peculiarly shaped head and ever since then I have been on the lookout for phrenological characteristics."

"It must be remarkable," said the Chief with evident disbelief. "Anyway, I hope you will capture the thief whatever the shape of his head."

MR. Narayan's first act had been to examine thoroughly Mr. Iyer's bedroom. He duly noted the safe which had been opened by some simple device, the freshly painted screen which had toppled over, and the glass of water three-fourths full. The fingerprints, if any, on the safe had been wiped away. After listening to Mr. Iyer's statement, he instructed that the water left in the tumbler should be sent for analysis. The screen drew his attention. He examined it carefully and left instructions. "How was this overturned?" he asked Mr. Iyer.

"It happened during my struggle with the intruder," was the reply.

"Did you hit against it?"



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"No," was the reply. "It must have been the other man." Mr. Narayan gathered that the screen had been painted the previous evening by Mr. Iyer himself and that none had entered the room since then. Even the water had been taken in from the dining room by himself.

Mr. Narayan then went over the rest of the house and interrogated the servants. Gopal had left the house at ten o'clock as the other two servants confirmed. They themselves had bolted the door after he left. He had returned only at one in the night after the robbery. The two other servants had heard screams and sounds of a struggle and had securely bolted their own doors and came out only after the master of the house had phoned the police.

Mr. Narayan then examined the backdoor and the backyard. There was a kitchen garden with a few vegetables. He wished to put the servants at their ease and also to ascertain whether their master was usually a sound sleeper. "What did you have yesterday night for supper?" was his next question. The servants were voluble. They told him not only what they had had the preceding day but also what they had had for the past three days. Suddenly something in the backyard caught his attention. He asked them some more questions on the same theme. He strolled across to the kitchen.

INSIDE the kitchen he observed a vessel filled with dough made into small rolls ready to be flattened into chappaties. He had a sudden inspiration. "Get me one of those cakes," he ordered a mystified Gopal. He willingly took one and handed it over. The Inspector sniffed it deeply, nodded suspiciously and said "I thought so!" and put it in his pocket. The others looked on aghast as though they doubted his sanity.

That evening Gopal, the arch criminal, responsible for all the six crimes, was arrested. In the Chief Inspector's office Mr. Narayan told them the details. "Well," he said. "You see, somehow I did not like the shape of Gopal's head!" There was a titter. "Please be serious," Mr. Narayan admonished them with dignity. "That sort of head gives



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me bad associations. When I was a child I had a classmate with just such a head and just such ears. He used to have dozens of pencils in his pockets, all stolen from us. But we never dared to accuse him for fear of retaliation."

"But surely you did not arrest the fellow because you did not approve of the structure of his head?" asked the Chief, laughing.

"I AM coming to that," said Mr. Narayan impassively. "The thief had overturned a newly painted screen which was not quite dry as the paint was of a cheap kind, and on it was a beautiful set of prints which were duly taken. Since nobody but the master of the house had entered the room it could only be the midnight visitor's. The bolted window had also been opened by somebody. It could have been done only by somebody within the house. The contents of the tumbler showed that a sleeping draught had been administered, also pointing to an inmate. Fortunately Mr. Iyer did not drink enough of that water. The thief had not bargained for that."

"I wanted to get the fingerprints of Gopal without arousing his suspicion, which would have made him bolt." Mr. Narayan thereupon related the trick he had

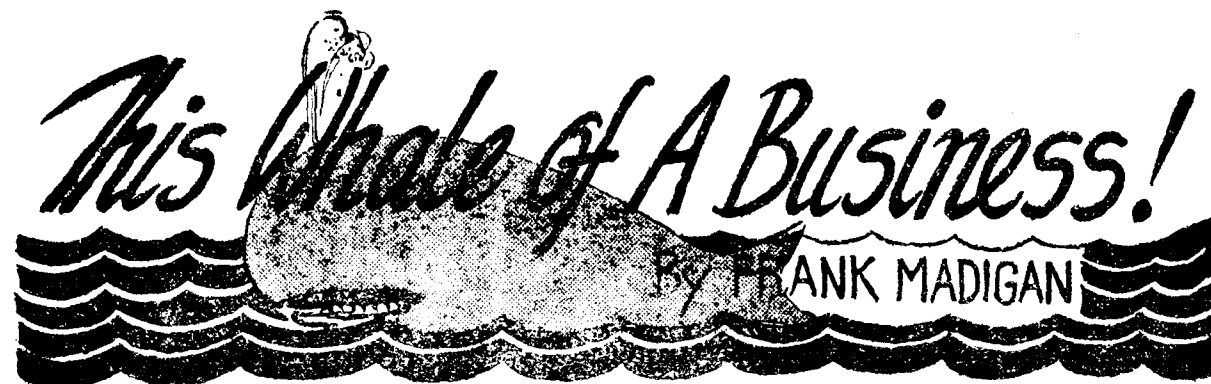
played with the dough. "There is nothing like fresh dough for crystal clear fingerprints. Of course, I was not aware of it till now."

"But what about the jewels?" questioned the Inspector.

"Oh, that was a pure bit of chance," replied his subordinate. "I noted the fresh innards of an ashgourd in the backyard. Incidentally the servants had already informed me as to what they had had for their meals the previous three days. That set me thinking. I went into the vegetable garden and discovered a huge ashgourd there. I was intrigued. Closer inspection revealed that it had been scooped out and the scooped-out area made to lie on a leaf on the ground. Stuffed inside it were the jewels. Very ingenious of the fellow! Nobody would ever suspect a fellow ostensibly carrying an ashgourd in broad daylight. Evidently he intended removing it immediately the commotion died down. But of course," continued Mr. Narayan with a twinkle in his eye, "the clever fellow did not take into account one thing, viz., that I somehow would not like the shape of that gourd. It reminded me of somebody's ugly head!"



Worried Author: "I say, Tiger! Stop bothering me. Why don't you try to play with the Mrs.?"



MANUFACTURED perfumes and cosmetics would quickly lose their fragrance were it not for the lasting qualities conferred on them by their animal base, which is musk.

Musk, of course, is provided by the musk deer which graze on the tablelands of Tibet, and, more surprisingly, to the animal of the civet family, to which belongs the evil-smelling skunk.

European perfume manufacturers are now using oil obtained from the meat of crocodiles. This, when added to perfume, preserves the scent for an almost unlimited period. And crocodile oil itself has the advantage of being odourless.

Of all living creatures, however, it is the sperm whale which makes the greatest contribution to female beauty. For it is the oil of the sperm whale which is used to make lipstick, and the waxy spermaceti from its enormous head that form the basis of many a face cream.

Ambergris, though itself evil-smelling, is an essential fixative for perfumes. This, as many women will learn with some consternation, is found in the intestines of the sperm whale. It is usually found in small quantities, but occasionally a mass, weighing as much as 500 lbs., is obtained from a large whale.

Europe has treasured ambergris for over a thousand years. This is due to the fact that it has the property of making perfumes last longer than they could possibly do in its absence. Also, it prolongs the 'note' of perfumes, suggesting

their presence even after they have finally evaporated.

Ambergris has been used for many purposes. Pilgrims to Mecca would pay high prices for the substance, presumably to use it as incense. In the harems of the East it was, and probably still is, used as a love potion, as well as for spicing wines and foods.

In the Middle Ages, doctors prescribed it for the treatment of syncope, epilepsy and hydrophobia.

Most of the ambergris which finds its way to Europe comes from the tropical coasts of Australia, Brazil and Peru and from the islands dotting the continental shores of the Indian Ocean and the Caribbean Sea. For it is in these warmer seas that the sperm whales are most abundant. Recently, however, some ambergris was found in Orkney and was sold to a London dealer for a large sum.

THE beachcomber who has the good fortune to find ambergris has indeed stumbled upon treasure. This happened to a native girl in the Barbados who was one day taking her basket of poultry to market. On the seashore she sat down to rest on a boulder, and the boulder stained her dress. She took it to a chemist to have it cleaned and he, realising what had caused the stain, persuaded the girl to lead him to the boulder. As he had suspected, it was a mass of ambergris, which later sold for more than £1,000.

Even more extraordinary is the story of the New Zealand farmer who was very fond of his flowering rock garden. A friend admiring the rockery one day pointed out

that one of the rocks was a mass of ambergris worth thousands of pounds.

During the time of the Crusades learned Arabs thought that ambergris was a bitumen erupted from the sea floor. As recently as 1667, one author believed it to be the dung of sea birds. By the time of Marco Polo, however, it was known that ambergris could occasionally be taken from sperm whales, but it was believed that the whales had swallowed it. In 1724 the truth was discovered, when it was realised that ambergris is manufactured in the intestines by the whale itself.

THE possibility of discovering a lump of ambergris inside a sperm whale made the hunting of the creature a search for treasure. One whaling expedition off the south-west coast of Australia had the good fortune to find inside a captured whale about 60 kilograms of ambergris, a find that was worth £4,000.

Stranger still is the story of the Antarctic Company of Larvik, Norway, who operated far out in Australian waters. In 1912 they had caught a meagre tally of only 25 whales, and the Captain, deciding the expedition was a failure, gave the order to sail for home. Then he had the good fortune to kill a whale containing the largest piece of ambergris ever encountered in whaling history. It sold for £25,000.

Thus it seems that the modern woman, so much ahead of her ancestors where beauty treatment is concerned, owes much to the whale, the deer, and, alas, the skunk!

HE arrived at an Army recruiting station and said he'd like to join up. In no time at all he was before a medical examiner. However, he was turned down because his feet were so flat that his prints in the sand would have looked like a duck's.

He went away looking very dejected. But early next morning he was back again. And once more he was turned down. The third morning he was there again, and for the third time they said "no" very firmly.

"I keep telling you that you couldn't march with those flat feet," the doctor explained. "Why do you keep coming back?"

"Well, doctor," wailed the man, "I walked over a hundred miles to get here, and I'd hate to have to walk back!"

"Oh, Heavens!"

A senior Civil Servant had finished his breakfast for some time, but sat at the table engrossed in a newspaper. Presently he asked for another cup of tea.

"Tea?" echoed his wife. "But look at the time. Aren't you going to the office to-day?"

"Oh, Heavens!" he cried, startled. "I thought I was at the office."

Corrected

Foreman: "I suppose you wish I were dead so that you could stamp on my grave?"

Workman: "Not me, I hate standing in queues."

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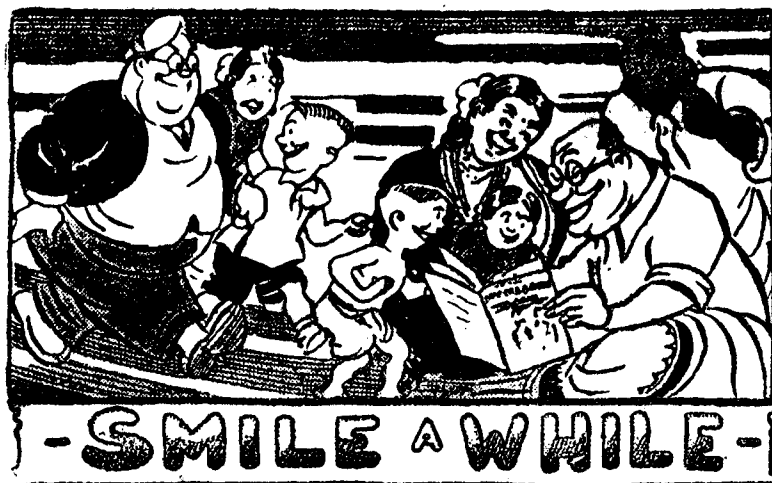
"Yes, but which one? There are two brothers."

"Yes — yes — I remember. It's the one whose father is a lawyer."

Two Excuses

"I'll bet you think twice before going out without your wife in the evening."

"Sure; first I think up an excuse for getting out and then I have to think up an excuse for getting in so late."



A WOMAN was filling out an accident report. She had dented the bumper of a parked car while trying to park her own. One question on the report was: "What could the operator of the other vehicle have done to avoid the accident?"

Without hesitation, she wrote: "He could have parked his car somewhere else."

Suggestion

Husband: "For whom are you knitting those socks?"

Wife: "For a benevolent society."

Husband: "Do you know, you might send them my address. Perhaps they would send me a pair."

Dividing the Profits

Two men were drawing up articles of partnership before their lawyer. The lawyer went all over the articles before the final signing and said, suddenly: "But there is no mention of fire or bankruptcy — I have made a mistake. These must go in."

"Quite right," said the partners, speaking at once, "put them in, but the profits are to be divided equally in both cases."

Butterfly's Start

Opera star: "Yes, twenty long years I have sung in ze opera house."

Admirer: "Hm-m, you musta known Madame Butterfly when she was only a caterpillar."

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"Where to?" asked the ticket-agent.

"Anywhere. It doesn't make no difference," said the newly-rich guy. "I got business all over."

Doorstep Experience

"I only wish," said the youthful enthusiast, "that I had a few faithful followers."

"Why not try getting some furniture on the instalment system?" said the tired-looking, middle-aged man.

Stern Reminders

"All my letters this morning begin with the same word."

"What's that?"

"Unless..."

Location

The doctor was taking the temperature of a patient who had a luxurious beard.

After waiting a little while he turned to the patient and said: "Now let me see, where did we put the thermometer?"

A COUPLE of farmers spent the evening bragging about how early they got up in the morning. One allowed as how he rose before three a.m. His suspicious rival dragged himself out of bed at two the next morning and went over to call on his neighbour.

When the latter's wife answered the door and was asked where her husband was she replied, "Dunno — but he was around early this morning."

The Only Animal

At the close of a lecture by a famous naturalist, Mark Twain discussed animal characteristics with the speaker.

"Has it ever occurred to you," said the naturalist, "that man is the only animal that blushes?"

"Perhaps," replied Twain, "it is because he is the only one who needs to."

A Sound Mind

A patient in a mental hospital stood with one ear pressed against the wall, listening intently.

"Hush!" he whispered to a passing attendant.

The orderly pressed an ear against the wall, then shook his head. "I can't hear a thing," he said.

"No," replied the patient, "it's been like that all day."

Same Old Sport

The town's ne'er-do-well, catching sight of a man who had just struck it rich in the oil business, hailed him on the street.

"Hello, John," he said. "I hear you made a fortune with your oil land. Could you help me out with a ten spot? After all, we've known each other a long time."

"No," replied the oil man.

"Well, John, I'll say this much for you — success hasn't changed you a bit."

One Better

"My uncle plays the piano by ear," one little boy remarked.

"Don't boast," warned his friend.

"My grandfather fiddles with his beard."

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The *Rishis* who performed *tapasya* in days of yore had to fight their way through formidable obstacles. You must have Inner strength which will come out of strong yearning and perfect faith in the Lord. I have described in detail the various obstacles that beset the path of an aspirant and the methods of overcoming them in my book *Concentration and Meditation*. Sleep can be overcome by dietetic adjustment (light diet will keep you light and avoid drowsiness), singing of *kirtan*, a cold bath just before the commencement of the practice, a few rounds of *Bhastrika pranayam*, and generally keeping the mind calm and serene throughout the day. You must eradicate the evils that lurk in the mind. Introspect. Be vigilant. Yes, a *Guru's* guidance is absolutely essential in *sadhana*. You must surrender yourself to the *Guru* and obey his instructions implicitly.

Divine Life is the infinite expansion of consciousness, an infinite expansion of the heart so as to include in it all creation and thus provide a seat in your heart for the all-pervading Lord. This is achieved through devotion to the lotus feet of the Lord and feeling His presence in all creation. Charity is a very powerful weapon to cut down the barriers of limitation and it nicely develops the heart. God is everywhere. He is the Essence of Existence. He

is the Creator, Preserver and Destroyer. Resorting to His lotus feet is the only way to cross this ocean of *samsara*. Lead the Divine Life of truth, love and purity. Practise the *Yoga* of Synthesis.

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Speak the truth. Love all and serve all with *Narayana-bhav*. Observe strict *brahmacharya*. Get up at 4 a.m. Do *japa*, meditation, *swadhyaya*, *asans* and *pranayam*. Think of God always; turn away from evil and evil company.

Live a simple life. Take *sattwic* diet. Be regular in your *japa* and meditation. Always try to entertain divine thoughts. Serve, love, give, purify. Practise *brahmacharya*. Never hurt others' feelings.

Speak the truth at all costs. Observe fast on *Ekaadasi*.

Be vigilant and never more allow any lapse in your progress towards Him. Get firmly established in His path. Be regular in *Namasankirtan*; it is not only a constant reminder of your goal but has in itself a power to generate forces which would help you always out of your doubts, troubles and difficulties in your sacred Pilgrimage.

Meditate on that which attracts you the most: let it be on my photo, or Lord Siva's or even on your own. There must be some *Lakshya* and the important thing is not in what is the *Lakshya*, but in how far you are sincere and regular in your practice. Be persevering, be ardent, be courageous. Victory shall be yours. *Sadhana*, when done vigorously, is never wasted. Put your heart and soul into your efforts. Leave the fruits alone for the time being. Soon you will be overwhelmed with the spiritual wealth you must have accumulated during your patient *sadhana*.

The most important point about *sadhana* is regularity. Even if only a little *sadhana* is possible, it is better to do it without even a day's break than be uncertain and irregular. Make a clear timetable for *sadhana* and stick to it at any cost. Then progress will be quick. But start immediately; do not postpone. The mind is a very tricky agent and will mislead you with a hundred and one excuses for neglect, unless you are firm about the matter.

Proceed with your *likhit japa* as usual. As regards oral *japa*, it is always better to do it with the *mala*, as in that case you know

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definitely where you are and how much has been actually done. Doing *japa* for a fixed period, without count, will not be so satisfactory, as it will lead to a good deal of vagueness, slackness and false impressions. It is much better to be clear and precise.

Only those noble souls who consider themselves eternal *sadhakas* can qualify themselves to become *siddhas*. And only those who feel they should be students eternally can have the right to teach others.

Purity of mind generates dispassion in the mind. Dive deep into the heart by withdrawing the mind from the sensual objects. Kill this illusory little 'I' and know 'I am HE' (*Soham*). The mind can be subjugated by effective means only, such as renunciation, company with the wise and constant meditation. Meditate on His attributes. You will soon drink the honey of Immortal bliss.

Deep yearning and a burning desire is the secret of attainment in every case. Whatever you desire with all your heart and soul, that you get! This is the immutable law of nature. Therefore, keep your desires and thoughts always holy and sublime.

Kindly try to create a Divine Life atmosphere in your own home. Sing the Lord's Name, do *japa*, practise meditation and there *Rishikesh* is established! May God bless you!

Do not discourage yourself. Be bold. Stand in the spiritual path and walk like a lion. Repeat His name constantly. Have *anannya bhakti* towards Him. Pray from the bottom of your heart. All the difficulties and sorrows will vanish just as the mist in front of the sun. Unflinching faith puts the aspirant in touch with the Infinite. A man of patience, perseverance and iron will alone can tread the spiritual path. He who is steadfast and balanced in pleasure and pain is the fittest person for attaining immortality.

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Minds That Vary

By R. Banqaruswami

MINDS vary as rivers, says an adage. But why rivers? They may even vary as mountains with their peaks and cliffs and ravines and variety of flora and fauna. Hopkins says:

"O, the mind, mind has mountains; cliffs of fall

Frightful steep, no man-fathomed."

There is for instance the closed mind about which something was recently said in the Madras Legislative Assembly. The so-called closed minds are closed by a wall of prejudice. Sometimes the door therein is not only tightly shut but bolted, locked and sealed. All entry thus barred, the ideas inside must get choked. The open mind, which is taken as the opposite of the closed mind, appears to hold its door open and leaves them ajar so as to allow free ingress of all views, news, notions, fancies and ideologies. Ingress here also postulates egress and ideas flow out of the open mind without check and get freely jostled about. Only in ordinary practice we find that closed minds are not as a rule always closed nor open minds are always open. In fact, it seems even erroneous to speak of them as such for it presupposes that minds are like buildings with hinged doors, which is untrue.

We also often speak of narrow minds and broad ones. One is led to think that these narrow paths lead to closed minds while the broad paths to the open minds which picture also is not true. Human minds are not buildings nor are they pathways. Narrow pathways and broad ones have their own uses and both would seem to have their own purpose but not here.

Rich minds are full and fertile while poor minds are poor soil, a

wasteland where nothing grows, nothing flourishes. Neglect is apt to cause havoc and ruin on the nature of the soil, while sometimes even poor minds, by constant care and labour, tend to become rich.

Crooked minds afford a contrast to straight minds and make their possessors bad or good as the case may be; perverse minds look at things obliquely and take a tangential view. Topsy-turvy minds tend to see everything upside down, the virtuous appears vicious, the vicious appears virtuous and so on. Keen minds are sharp as razor blades and cut things through. Dull minds are muddy.

Clear minds are said to be as clear as crystal water, good in their power of receptivity. Photographic minds which capture everything in an instant are rare and they give their possessors a voracious memory whether for faces or facts.

There is the mind of which Milton spoke as making a Heaven of Hell and a Hell of Heaven. Such wishful thinking minds are rather doing the duty of imaginative fancy, weaving a web of dream pictures, far from reality. But what of the immortal mind which the same Milton spoke of as having forsaken 'Her mansion, this fleshy nook'? Perhaps it is well-strung and tuned to contemplation. Or, as the poet Marvell said, it creates 'Far other worlds, and other seas annihilating all that's made to a green thought in a green shade.' Yet another great poet Byron has something to say about the inhabitants of the mind. They are not of clay, he says, but immortal creatures who 'create and multiply in us a brighter ray and more beloved existence.'

Coming down once again to more prosaic minds we have still before us a looming infinity. There is the legal mind which is endowed with the vitality to sift and shift as circumstances require, the critical mind which pounces on faults and foibles with the agility of a tiger springing on its prey, the scientific mind which pursues relentlessly the course of a particle, the mathematical mind noted for exactness and accuracy, the journalistic mind which is neither fish, flesh, nor good red herring, and so on.

No, minds don't vary as rivers or even as mountains.

There are as many minds as there are heads. But

"The everlasting universe of things
Flows through the mind, and rolls
its rapid waves,
Now dark, now glittering, now reflecting
gloom,
Now lending splendour, where from
secret springs
The source of human thought its
tribute brings,
Of waters, with a sound but half
its own"

Now, shut yourself within your soul and do what a very learned and wise gentleman asks you to do: "Dive deep into thy bosom; learn the depth, extent, bias, and full force of thy mind; contract full intimacy with the stranger within thee; excite and cherish every spark of intellectual light and heat ... and, collecting them into a body, let thy genius rise as the sun from chaos."

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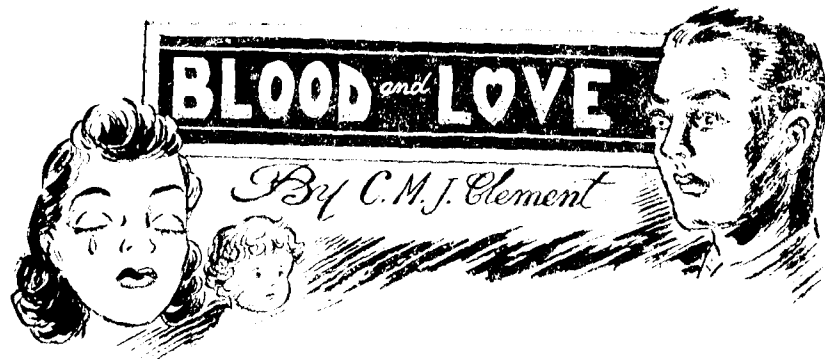
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The portly old lady was noted for sympathy and understanding, and her practical mind produced solutions for problems, however knotty, with the ease of a professional conjurer. Amy left her little emaciated baby asleep in her room and slipped into the apartment of Mrs. White for a short chat and to pour her heart out, the troubles and travails that assailed her, till her husband Julien returned home.

She found the amiable old lady reclining on an old lounge, reading a book.

"Good morning, Mrs. White. I I believe I am not disturbing you?" Amy said hesitatingly.

"Oh, dear, no! Not at all. Sit down," and she drew a small stool near her for Amy to sit. "You look so wan and tired. Won't you have a cup of tea?"

"No no, Mrs. White, I had my tea just now. Thank you," lied Amy. "I felt so lonely in that dark, dingy room of mine and I came to have a short chat with you—that is, if you don't mind."

"It is always nice to talk with you, dear. Well, how are you getting on? Have you any more

complaint to make against your young man? Has his jealousy caused another rub between you?"

"Yes. Only this morning he flew at me, because I pleasantly higgled and haggled for a while with a street hawker. Believe me, Mrs. White, I meant nothing. It is my nature to be kind and garrulous, but Julien hates to see me talking to men young or old. Besides, he shuns his own child."

"Dear me! What fools and a nuisance men are! Why are they so slow to understand us?"

"But, Mrs. White," protested Amy, "does it not show the depth of their affection? Only, they should not allow this unhealthy trait to dominate them, as is the case with my husband."

"I tell you, Amy, that such a morbid mood bodes no good. It ends in trouble if one is not careful. Be warned and wean your young man from this dread disease. Coax him, cajole him, fawn on him, do anything to prevent him from becoming grumpy or losing trust in you."

"Why, madam, I am doing my best. If only he knew how much I love him and adore him, he would never even dream of suspecting me. I wonder what he will say if he, knew"

"What have you been doing, Amy? What is it you have been concealing from Julien, knowing as you do his nature?"

"Heaven knows that I have been trying hard to augment our meagre income by working myself. But no one will have me. One day I saw a placard on the walls of our hospital that people who donate blood would be paid. I at once jumped at the offer and

have donated twice. But, unfortunately, on both the occasions, Julien accidentally met me. I bluffed him, but I am afraid he suspects something sinister, for he has changed since then for the worse."

"You are a downright fool, Amy. Do you realise you are playing with fire? I will not be surprised if you get terribly burnt one day."

A door creaking on its rusty hinges interrupted their tete-a-tete and the girl sprang up and hurried away, regretting her foolishness in failing to be at home before Julien's arrival. She knew well enough the appalling consequences of such a lapse.

"TO what new tryst have you been, Amy?" Julien questioned brusquely, his pallid face slowly turning crimson. "Here I have been toiling and sweating the whole day through to keep us going, and you go about flirting!"

The poor girl's cheek flushed in shame. "I went to see Mrs. White next door, dear," she meekly said.

"You are sure it was a Mrs. and not a Mr.?" His lips twitched in bitter sarcasm. "However, I will be generous to let it rest there. How is that bird of ill-omen, that sickly unwanted tot, tonight?"

"Julien, how dare you say such a thing about our adored one?" she flared, goaded by his taunts.

"It has brought nothing but misfortune and distress from the very hour it saw the light of day. That little thing has nothing in common with me. That symbol of sin has not even the likeness of me."

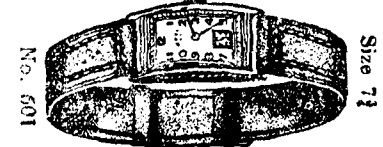
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You Asked For It!

By K.R.S.

Srimukha Misra, Berhampore

Q.—My wife is now in an advanced stage of becoming a mother. I long for a son and am afraid of a daughter. Please, can you reconcile the position?

A.—Considering the very great broadening of outlook of our society, the idea that a son is an asset and the daughter a liability is now outmoded. Besides, remember that whether the child to be born is going to be a son or a daughter it will be flesh of your flesh and blood of your blood. Your prejudice is, therefore, unwise, unjust and unrealistic.

Wanghem Atulchandra Singh, Imphal

Q.—Can you tell me something about Nargis and Bhanumati?

A.—These two from the North and South of our country can easily stand comparison with the best actresses from the West (including Hollywood).

U. P. Puranik, Uppunda

Q.—What is this world?

A.—A vast playfield in which the game of life is played, often erratically.

G. V. Ramana, Naila

Q.—What is "sweet sixteen"?

A.—Verbal assessment of the physical appeal.

N. V. R. Nathan, Salem

Q.—What was Manmohan Krishna before he joined the films?

A.—Lecturer in Lahore.

S. M. Ismail, Nandyal

Q.—What's Bhoodan Movement?

A.—Between the Communist doctrine of common ownership of land and the capitalistic idea of individual and unrestricted ownership of land, there is a wide gulf dividing man from man. The Bhoodan idea is a compromise formula between these two antagonistic ideas.

R. V. Seshadri, Kurnool

Q.—What is the price of "Love"?

A.—Sacrifice.

Ram Narain Vyas, New Delhi

Q.—What does Vijayalakshmi's election as president of the U.N.O. General Assembly show?

A.—The great regard that the U.S.A., U.S.S.R. & U.K. have come to have for our seven-year old country and the consummate skill of Pandit Jawaharlal's handling of our foreign policy. Historians of the future will refer to this as the first instance of Asian equality in the European polity.

Ramesh Kumar, Ajmer

Q.—What is life's tempo?

A.—The feeling of "Mine" and the eagerness to better all that are part of this "Mine" provide the tempo.

P. Hanumantha Reddy, Bellary

Q.—What is linguism in our country?

A.—Convenient cockpit for parochial passions.

Atul Mookherjee, Dum Dum

Q.—What is the difference between the educated unemployed and the uneducated unemployed?

A.—The latter would take to begging easily for want of anything worse to do!

Purnam Ramalah, Guntur

Q.—When can life be considered a failure?

A.—When it has been lived for one's own pleasure.

Jagjit Singh, Patiala

Q.—What do you think about the demand for a Punjabi province?

A.—The sponsors of this demand are trying to cash in on popular feelings. They need to be reminded that when the partition took place and thousands and thousands of them came to Delhi physically and financially crippled, help was spontaneous. And they have been treated quite well under the circumstances. Why then should they now suddenly try to isolate themselves within the walls of linguistic suspicion?

A. V. Raman, Matunga

Q.—What is a kiss?

A.—Means to an end!

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"Take it out of my sight. I hate it—I hate it!" Julien exclaimed with disgust writ large upon his once handsome face, now marked with care and worry.

"Oh, how cruel you are! What has the angel done to you? Julien, what has come over you?"

"Angel? What has it done to me? It has brought Hell with it and to Hell it shall go!"

He threw the glass feeder viciously at the infant.

"No, no! Julien, not that!" Amy cried in terror as she caught the feeder right on her brow, just when bending to protect her little one. Blood gushed down her gaunt face and stained her gown crimson. Before she could pour out the burning words that hung on her lips, Julien was gone.

TEARS chased each other down her cheeks. It was not so much the physical hurt that squeezed those scalding tears from her feverish eyes as the pang of her heart, all lacerated and torn. She had been starving for days and all that she had asked for was but a morsel of food, not for herself but for her dear one who was on the verge of a collapse. She failed to account for the change that had come over her tender loving Julien of their courtship days.

She strained her memory to see if her actions were responsible for the sudden cooling of his ardent passion. She felt that she loved him too well to hurt him even by her thought. Perhaps her attempts to seek without his knowledge some work might have something to do with his change of attitude towards her especially because of the fact that she was caught red-handed twice.

Julien had begun by coming late from office where he earned a mere pittance. Sometimes he never came home at all. Poor girl! Little did she know that Julien was slaving day and night like a condemned felon to prevent them from sinking deeper in the quagmire of poverty. To her anxious enquiries he invariably lost his temper, cursed her and his child on whom he vented all his spleen. Nothing stung her so quickly and so deeply as those insults hurled at her hapless infant. She had often fawned on

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Almost a fortnight had passed since the fateful day of Julien's brutal attack on her little one and he had not returned. She was sick and tired of waiting and watching for the prodigal's return. One day her baby had sobbed herself to a fretful doze, having cried her poor heart out for a little milk to fill her tiny, empty stomach. A feeling of utter loneliness and despair seized her. A thin film seemed to dim her powers of sight and everything round her began to reel and dance madly. She uttered a silent prayer and sank into a deep coma.

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"Amy, where had you been all these hours?" he had asked with unconcealed annoyance.

"Not far, my dear. Just to meet an old friend of mine," she had said glibly.

"But why desert our helpless baby to do so?" he had retorted with mounting anger. She had remained mute and had busied herself in taking out of her bulky bag the purchases she had made, and all of them were for her child.

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was caught in the midst of a raging storm. She felt like a feather in a violent wind, madly tossed hither and thither, boxed and buffeted with inconceivable ferocity. A shower of blinding rain seemed to beat against her brow.

LO! the drops were not cold but hot! She twisted and writhed as if she were in the throes of a fit and slowly opened her eyes. In a haze she perceived a form bending over her. She gradually realised that it was Julien's anxious eyes that were fixed on her and it was from those very eyes that a torrent of tears poured down her face! Her compassionate nature asserted itself and her heart hungered to soothe her beloved who appeared to be in the grip of a terrible affliction. She flung her delicate arms around his neck and drew his face to hers, with a cry that was wrung out from the very depths of her soul.

"Julien, my poor Julien," she sobbed. "What ails you? I would give my heart's blood to wipe those tears away."

In reply Julien clasped his frail wife to his breast, trembling with unfettered emotions, and smothered her with passionate kisses.

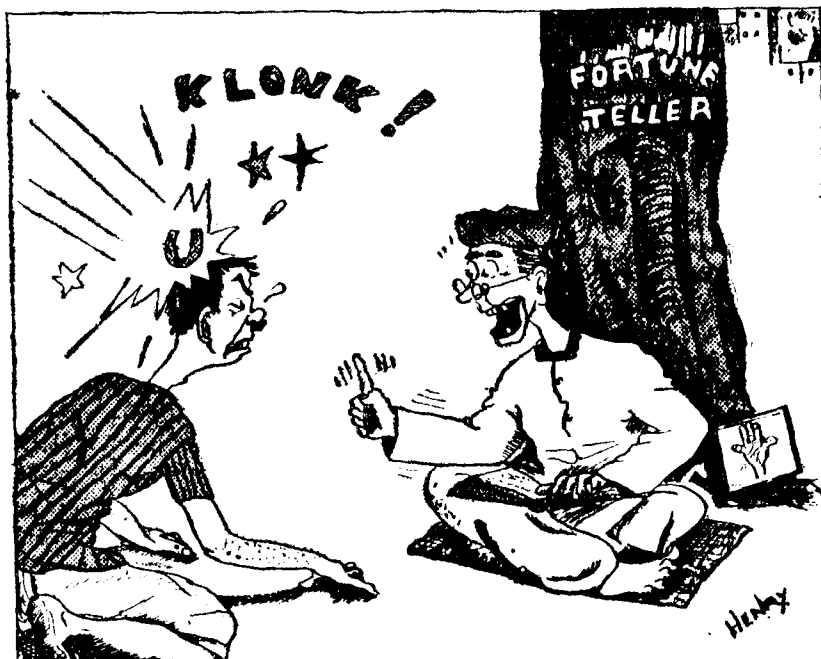
"My darling, my own dear wife," he whispered in her ear. "You have given your heart's

blood for me! I was a brute to suspect you. I know your secret now—you can no more hide it from me—I have met Dr. John who told me the story of your midsummer madness. My poor little fool, why did you sell your precious blood for filthy lucre? Why, in the face of the good fellow's earnest advice? Hefty chaps like me could afford, for pleasure or profit, to donate for the Blood Bank, but not you!"

"Hush, my beloved, hush!" Amy softly whispered, pressing her slender fingers to his lips. "You forget that our little angel is fast asleep. It is for her I did it."

JUST then the tiny tot opened her big bright eyes and kicked her little feet in the air and started wailing that her prime need may be satisfied. Amy sprang up as one stung by a wasp, and gathered her precious bundle to her bosom, while Julien watched them in a rapture.

The sweet melodious chimes of a church-bell, borne to them on the crest of a soft chill breeze, announced the Angelus, and Amy's lips moved as if in silent prayer. She was so thankful for her cup of bliss, which was full and overflowing, and felt in the depth of her being that this reconciliation was surely the act of His infinite mercy.



Astrologer: "There you are! Didn't I say you'll have a stroke of good luck soon?"

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REVIVING THE DEAD!

"CLINICALLY dead" was the opinion of the doctors who recently attended a woman in Washington who gave birth to a child. For five to eight minutes there was no pulse beat, no blood pressure, no hint of breathing.

She was dead.

And yet the doctors succeeded in bringing her back to life by massaging her heart. More than six minutes elapsed before the heart started beating again. Both the mother and the six-and-a-half-pound baby girl survived the dreadful experience. They returned to life and to complete health, writes Dr. W. Schweisheimer in a Sydney periodical.

This new experience is evidence for earlier observations that the period of clinical death must not last longer than 5 to 6 minutes if revival is to be followed by complete and lasting recovery. Experiments on dogs showed that only one dog survived after clinical death of 8 minutes. Temporary revival can occur even after longer periods of clinical death, but the animals did not live long since the nervous system, the brain, is incompletely restored.

That is why the surgeon has only a few minutes in which to revive the heart. It is one of the most shocking experiences in surgery when during a smoothly going operation the patient's heart suddenly stops beating.

Why Brain Dies First

This happens occasionally without apparent reason. If the surgeon is not successful in those critical few minutes to revive the heart, he still may bring his patient back to life, back to the normal heart beat, but the mind would not work normally any longer. The brain needs oxygen, in fact much more than any other organ. Deprived of oxygen, the brain dies first before all other organs.

Blood pressure readings of the carotid artery, as well as the eye grounds, have shown that during clinical death there is no blood circulation through the brain. It is deprived of oxygen. The results of experiments on animals are somewhat confusing. Sometimes dogs after revival showed that their minds were affected after the brain had been cut off from oxygen for less than one minute.

Other dogs, after 15 minutes of death, have returned to life with complete recovery of all their faculties. Usually microscopic study of the brain of dogs revived after 6 to 20 minutes of clinical

death revealed striking irreversible changes in the tissues of the brain.

Dramatic Incident

Restoration of life to a patient who has seemingly died is a most dramatic incident. Dr. William I. Wolff, formerly Chief, Thoracic Surgery, Deshon Veterans' Hospital, recently described such a dramatic and stirring incident.

A 45-year-old man, a Negro, had entered the hospital. He was suffering from advanced tuberculosis of one lung which had made necessary the administration of an artificial pneumothorax. In the course of another operation he died. "The patient was, for all intents and purposes, dead." There was no pulse, no breathing, no heart sounds at all.

The abdomen was opened by the surgeon and an incision was made into the diaphragm in order to reach the heart. The patient's heart was found to be firm and motionless. Dr. Wolff massaged the heart with his right hand by squeezing it rhythmically.

In fifteen seconds there were contractions of the heart muscle, and in another fifteen seconds the heart began to beat rapidly (160 beats per minute) and regularly. Later the pulse rate returned to normal 76 per minute.

Temporary Death

It is estimated by three doctors present at the operation that the interval between the

detection of the heart arrest and the restitution of spontaneous heart activity—the time of temporary death—was probably between 7 and 8 minutes. Certainly no fewer than 6 minutes had elapsed. About 30 seconds after the activity of the heart was restored, bleeding appeared at the wound margins. During all the time, the patient received artificial respiration with the oxygen mask.

The patient recovered completely. Three months later another operation was performed; a year later he was discharged from the hospital. Besides other things it is most remarkable in this case that at least 6 minutes of clinical death had no lasting damage for the brain.

The massage of a heart, which has completely stopped beating, is successful in many cases of apparent death during an operation. If the surgeon reaches in, after the abdomen or chest has been opened, and massages the heart muscle into activity, he may be able to start again the function of the heart.

Stimulating the Heart

A stopped heart may be revived also by injecting epinephrine or a few other drugs directly into the heart muscle, or by stimulating the heart muscle by poking it with a needle. Dr. Paul M. Zoll, of Harvard Medical School, recently used the electric current to stimulate the stopped heart. The method is rather simple. Into each side of the chest he inserts a hypodermic needle which is connected with the stimulating machine. The needles carry the electric impulse through the thick outer skin. The electrical impulse then travels from a negative electrode, clamped on one needle, across the heart to a positive electrode on the other needle. By this method a beat in the heart muscle could be induced.

A private in the Red Army, severely wounded, was brought to a field hospital. He was placed on the operating table, his condition grew worse, and the surgeon made entry in the case history: "Death following shock and acute haemorrhage."

Queer Facts

Martha Morris De Vigier, 16, pretty bobby-soxer of Torrance, California, eloped with wealthy Roland De Vigier, 28, a Swiss industrialist, and after two weeks flew home to mother. Caught up in "the whirlpool of marriage," including a wedding ceremony at Notre Dame in Paris, Martha sighed: "Money isn't everything. I want my old life back. I'd rather have hamburger by myself than guinea hen under glass with the man I married." Then she filed a suit for a separate maintenance, asking for 10,000 dollars a month support.

The Ohio State Police awarded a five-dollar prize to a motorist for telling them the most original excuse. When stopped for driving along a controlled road at 65 m.p.h., he said he was afraid to drive any slower in case anyone bumped into him.

Bob Starr, 23, married and the father of two children, was tossed out of Memphis State College when authorities discovered that he was also a full-time student of Southwestern College, 4 miles away. An outstanding student at both colleges, Starr was taking eighteen semester hours at State and seventeen at Southwestern, travelling between the two by motorcycle. In his spare time he was: Sports Editor of both college annuals, columnist on both newspapers, Sunday night news writer, and sports writer on prep games for "The Memphis Commercial Appeal."

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"According to a report in the American Review of Soviet Medicine," Dr. Vladimir Nevgovski and a few other doctors succeeded in reviving the apparently dead soldier. Treatment started 3 minutes after death had been recorded. One minute later, the soldier's heart began to beat. After 3 minutes, respiration appeared. Within an hour he had recovered consciousness. No symptoms of any brain damage remained.

Depends on Speed

How long can the human organism survive the stopping of the heart without irreparable damage? Two points have to be clarified (1) the time period that the brain can be deprived of oxygen and still recover fully, and (2) the time period after which the mechanism of the heart can no longer be returned to normal.

Dr. Wolff emphasises that the heart can be returned to permanent normal activity after an interval of arrest many times greater than that over which the brain can withstand the lack of oxygen.

The time period that the brain can be deprived of oxygen and still recover has never been exactly determined. Brain and spinal cord are damaged first. The return to life recapitulates, in reverse order, the ebbing of life. Those processes which resist death the longest or die the latest (heart) are those which revive the earliest.

How long should heart massage be continued if spontaneous heart action does not take over? This is hard to answer, Dr. Wolff says. An hour might not be too long. During this period other methods such as injections of drugs may be tried.

At any rate, the success of any plan for revival depends on speed, and the surgeon's preparedness.

Fewer Deaths on Britain's Roads

Best road news for many years is that in 1952; road casualties in Britain dropped more sharply than in any year since the mid-twenties. The total number of casualties dropped by more than 8,000, although the number of vehicles on the road had increased.

We can pick out at random particular instances of contributions to safety. There are probably many others like them, which also deserve the people's gratitude; and if other localities aren't doing the sort of things which Islington and Nottingham and Reading are doing, then they should be encouraged to, reads a British Press report.

Islington, with 40,000 children and 195,000 adults, and a constant stream of heavy traffic, created a record last year. Not a single child was killed in the borough. Zebra crossings, schools traffic wardens, and particularly sharp-eyed policemen all helped to establish the record and save young lives. The borough's safety officer did even more.

Dummy's Advice!

He drilled children in road safety in schools and cinemas, invented plays and songs to press his point home; then he set up a road safety dummy named Billy the Beacon, which has a kindly, beaming face, trafficator arms and an amplifier voice. As he tells children to look both ways before

they cross he waves with his arms—and the children think it's fun to do as Billy tells them.

In both Nottingham and Reading there has been a steady decline in accidents to children. Both these cities have adopted similar techniques. Police traffic teams visit all the schools to give talks and show films on road safety—and it's surprising how much more enthusiastic the kids are about a talk from a policeman than about an arithmetic lesson! Every now and then they descend on schools' cycle sheds to make a snap inspection, and any cycle they don't consider road-worthy is notified to the head, who in turn notifies the parents of the owner. Heads are encouraged to make safety records a matter of school pride, and every week records of casualties—and their schools—are sent to heads of all schools, so that comparisons, however odious, can be made, and safety drill given new emphasis at the school with the worst figures.

Much more can still be done. It's a matter for both the authorities and the road users. Many experts think that the authorities—whether that means Parliament or local bodies—could do a great deal more than they are doing. Most of them agree that sufficient money isn't being spent on road maintenance. Since 1910, the number of vehicles on the roads has increased by 2,000 per cent; road construction in the same period has increased by 3 per cent.

Danger Spots

A large proportion of accidents occur at dangerous road intersections.

The County Surveyor for Oxfordshire improved road intersections all over his area and cut down accidents at these points by 75 per cent. If, in a locality, there is a dangerous corner, an intersection which can be improved, it is up to the people to press, through your local councillor, for something to be done about it.

Experts also think that the law needs to be overhauled in many respects. Most of Britain's laws governing traffic were made when the only vehicles on the road were drawn by horses; clearly they need to be revised to apply to highly-powered motor vehicles. The law, too, is rigid where the motorist is concerned, but does not fall, in full force, on the motor or pedal cyclist, or the pedestrian. Should not all observe provisions of the Highway Code? If, for instance, it is an offence for a motorist to drive against the traffic lights, should it not also be an offence for the pedestrian to walk across the street against the lights? And should not bicycles carry some means of identification, like cars and motor cycles?

Rear Lamps

These are big questions of national policy. But there are other, purely functional, ways in which the roads could be made safer. The Road Research Laboratory recently found that at least one in eleven night casualties could have been saved if there had been more adequate rear lamps. The scientists at the laboratory recommend that there should be a standard rear lamp mounted at a standard height—because in darkness the driver has difficulty in judging the distance away from a rear-lighted vehicle.

Fifty per cent. of casualties to motor cyclists could be avoided if they wore crash helmets. Drivers could make sure that they—as well as their cars—were road-worthy by having their glasses, if they wear them, tested every two years, and by refusing the tempting last minute drink. Pedal cyclists cause numerous accidents by failing to signal when they turn right—and this is a small enough thing to remember to do.

Pedestrians frequently dash across the road in front of a car, leaving the driver far too little time to pull up.

Dealers in Illusion!

A few doors in from Fifth Avenue and just north of Forty-Second Street a man—it may be today—stands trial in one of the strangest courts in America. It is a court controlled by no laws of State or Nation, yet it has a powerful influence over the business future of the defendant, writes *Ford Times*.

There is no counsel either for the prosecution or for the defence. The accused makes his charges, the accused puts up his own defence, and the three judges, in solemn consultation, reach a verdict which, should the offence be serious enough, could deprive a man of his business, with no chance of ever re-establishing it.

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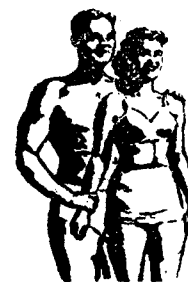
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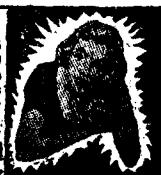
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THE crashing sound as the tree fell shook the ground on which we stood. The dust rose noiselessly, and the leaves, left behind in that downward rush, spiralled and swayed slowly earthward.

Big Steve spat the dust from his lips and moved a few paces to the left. He leaned forward and squinted, lining the fallen tree with the daggered splinters rising from the butt.

"Dead on the knocker," he said, his casualness underlining the pride in his voice.

"So what?" I said.

I don't know why it was, but every time he did that it irritated me. Once the tree was down I didn't want to look at it lying there in its bed of broken tree-ferns and saplings.

Big Steve straightened and turned. A smile spread slowly from his lips to his eyes.

"Got 'em again, young feller?" he asked.

Big Steve made me mad sometimes. It was all very well for him to laugh at my weakness.

While I hated destroying these trees, he slaughtered these with a cold, sharp precision, placing the fallen trunks with amazing accuracy.

I shrugged and picked up my axe and the wedges. "Let's go," I said.

Big Steve laughed again, and picked up the saw and his axe. He started off up the slope, and I followed.

As we walked, I dropped back a little so that I could watch the smooth, rippling muscles in his shoulders. They fascinated me.

He had the most powerful shoulders of any man I have ever worked with. I envied him, even while I admired him.

BIG STEVE was a strange man. He belonged to timber camps. Those shoulders were meant to swing an axe and move in rhythm with the saw. Often, while I smoked and rested my aching body, he would keep sawing, and I would see the saw biting deeper.

He was proud of three things: his strength, his ability to fell a tree precisely where he chose, and his 10-year-old daughter, Gwen.

"One more and we'll call it a day, eh?"

"I'm willing to call it a day now," I said.

For a few minutes we walked on in silence, then Big Steve stopped and said: "This is her."

He tossed the saw to the ground and placed his axe carefully against the base of the tree. He looked up.

Following his gaze, I saw the trunk narrowing away upwards to meet the branches and the blue sky.

"Is she sound?" I asked.

"As sound as a bell. Scared?"

He grinned as he said it, and I knew he didn't mean it. I shook my head.

"No," I said, "but she looks as if she'll come down with a hell of a rush."

Big Steve glanced up at the tree again, then down the slope, and I knew what he would say.

"Right on that old track, eh? See that burnt stump? That's where she'll land."

I shrugged and picked up my axe. All I wanted to do was get it down and finish for the day.

I was driving another wedge in the arc of the saw-cut when young Charlie Gibbons came plunging through the bush. Big Steve came round the staging and we looked down.

"What's the matter?" Big Steve asked sharply as Charlie struggled to get his breath, and I knew he was thinking of Gwen.

"A cove.....down in the town.....lookin' for you, Steve," Charlie gasped at last.

Relieved, Big Steve smiled. "What's the panic?" he asked.

The boy's eyes widened. He swallowed hard.

"Gee, you gotta do somethin'," he said. "He's lookin' for you, an' he's got a gun."

I WAS watching Big Steve's face. It went hard all of a sudden. He sprang down from the staging and caught Charlie by the shoulders.

"Listen," he said, and his voice was hardly above a whisper. "Did you find out his name?"

Charlie frowned. The grip was hurting him.

"No. But he looks as if he comes from the city. I don't like him, Steve. I reckon..."

"Dark?"

"Yes."

"Dark curly hair and about Jack's build?"

"That's right."

Big Steve drew in a deep breath and his hands dropped from the boy's shoulders. "Gormley!" he murmured, so low I wasn't sure I heard.

"Did he go to the hut? What about Gwen?" he burst out suddenly.

Charlie nodded. "He went to the hut first, then came on up to the pub and asked where you was. I nicked up to tell you. He's got a gun, I know."

Big Steve nodded slowly. "You're a good boy, Charlie. Now, run along back."

"Gee, Steve, what're you goin' to do?"

BIG STEVE patted him on the shoulder, turned him down the slope, and gave him a push. The boy walked away slowly, glancing over his shoulder at intervals until he turned a corner in the track.

"Is it as bad as he says, Steve?"

I had dropped from the platform and now stood beside him. He looked at me, and I knew that he was striving to drag his mind back to my words.

"Gormley!" he muttered.

"Know him?" I asked.

I have never seen bitterness and hate and other feelings all mixed up, but I think if they were mixed up in a man his face would look like Big Steve's did then. He licked his lips.

"He killed my wife," he said, and his voice was harsh.

"Good God! You mean....."

He shook his head. "No, not that. But he broke her heart, and I'll say before all Creation that she died of shame. He went to the courts and Gormley went to prison for three years. He swore he would get even."

"I thought I'd dodged him, but....." He shrugged.

I put my hand on his bare shoulder and the flesh twitched. "I'm sorry, Steve," I said.

He laughed harshly. "Sorry? I've been sorry for years, but what has it brought? I've run and dodged and run again, knowing all the time that I would have to settle some day. This is it!"

"But, Steve, you....."

BIG STEVE swung towards me and his lips were thin and straight. The muscles stood out on either side of his jaw and his fists were hard knots at his sides.

"Get to hell out of it!" he said. "I'll settle this my way once and for all." His eyes flickered to the tree beside us and I understood at once.

"Good heavens, Steve, not that!"

He took a step towards me and looked down, right into my eyes.

"I'm through with dodging," he said. "Understand? He can fight his way; I'll fight mine."

"It will be....."

"No, it won't. This is a danger area."

I tried once again. "Forget it, Steve," I pleaded. "He'll go away."

"I've been pretty patient, Jack, but time's short. Get goin'."

I knew that he really meant it then. I can say that I've knocked about the bush a bit and I liked Big Steve, so it hurt to see his lips curled at the corners and strange lines round his mouth.

My chest felt tight, as if I would stop breathing any minute.

BEHIND me I heard him scramble on the platform, but I didn't look back. I kept going till I knew he couldn't see me, then I doubled back.

Big Steve had picked up his axe and as I watched he deepened the scarf on the side nearest him. The tree trembled slightly and he stepped back to study it closely.

Finally he tapped the three wedges in more tightly and waited.

I heard the sound that brought Big Steve's head up; the swish of

a gum shrub some distance down the slope.

Big Steve spat on his hands and rubbed them on the smooth handle on his axe. I wanted to shout, anything to break that strange tenseness that had settled over the bush.

Even the birds seemed to be waiting just as Big Steve waited, head on one side.

A twig snapped and he swung the axe. The sun glinted on the steel blade for a moment, then it was lost deep in the scarf. Out again quickly.

An underhand swing and a huge chip flew high in the air. The tree trembled from butt to tip and swayed.

Big Steve stepped back again, the axe handle resting against his leg and his narrowed eyes watching the tree. He knew to the second when it would go, and knew to the inch where it would fall.

Once he flung a quick glance over his shoulder, then his eyes went back to the tree.

A tremor agitated the highest leaves and a sharp crack came from deep inside the trunk. It leaned slowly. A split suddenly shot up the rough bark.

BIG STEVE turned to jump—then froze on the platform. Coming up the old track was his daughter.

I could see Big Steve's lips moving as the whole story flashed across his mind: Gormley still at the hotel, Gwen running to tell her father, the tree already moving.



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A half-cry, half-moan reached me above the cracking and tearing as the strained timber gave way. Big Steve straightened. His chest widened as he took a deep breath, then he braced himself against the tree.

I couldn't move. I crouched there, my mouth hanging open foolishly, knowing that I could do nothing in the second that was left, and praying for strength for the man on the platform.

Big Steve had done a good job. The tree started its downward rush to the pinpoint he had chosen, but, at its base, his feet braced against the platform, and his bleeding shoulders hunched against the rough bark. Big Steve strove to force it from that path.

Suddenly there was a swishing roar, ending in a deafening crash. Silence seemed to rush up the valley and cut the sound off instantly.

The dust and the leaves swirled over the fallen trunk like brown and green snow.

AND then I was up and running to gather the frightened but unharmed child in my arms, crying so that the tears ran down my cheeks and dropped in her hair as I pressed her face to my chest.

You see, I wanted her to remember her father as the laughing man she knew, not as the mangled heap which lay at the base of the last tree Big Steve would ever fell.

Information

The motorist was lost. He didn't know which way to go. Suddenly he saw an old man approaching.

"Hi!" he shouted, "do you know the way to Widdlecombe?"

The old man shook his head.

"No, danged if I do," he said.

The motorist drove on slowly, and when he had gone about half a mile he heard shouts behind him. He stopped and looked round. The old man had been joined by another and they were waving him back. Slowly and painfully he backed his car down the narrow road.

"Well?" he said.

"This is my mate George," said the old man. "E don't know, neither."



The Telephone Call

By Michael Hervey

I FOUND Tom standing at the bar staring moodily into his schooner of beer.

"What's the matter?" I said, clapping him on the back. "You look as if your mother-in-law has decided to stay with you until death do you part!"

"Oh, no, I got rid of the old beetle some time ago It's this lousy job of mine. I've a good mind to chuck it."

"That's not like you," I chided him. "Being a travelling salesman was the height of your ambition — at least, that's what you led us to believe. You were always telling us how much you enjoyed travelling all over the country, meeting different people, broadening your outlook, and so on and so forth, in addition to earning quite a lot of money!" I added pointedly.

"THOSE days are over and done with..." he brought out heavily. "There was a time when buyers put out the red carpet for me; nowadays it's as much as they can do to keep themselves from showing me the door. I haven't taken a decent order in weeks. I don't mind that so much as the attitude of some of these miserable, bandy-legged, over-fed, stupid, self-opinionated idiots masquerading as buyers. Most of 'em have got about as much manners as a drunken dingbat. After all it doesn't cost anything to be civil. Take this afternoon, for instance. I had to, almost go down on my hands and knees before that old swine Lambert, who is now Head Buyer for Reggimen & Co., if you please, condescended to grant me an interview. I got there right on the dot, but that didn't prevent him from keeping me waiting for

over an hour. In normal circumstances I should have walked out, but in view of the fact that I hadn't taken a decent order all week I had no alternative in the matter.

"I reminded his secretary that my appointment was for two o'clock and not three, but she only shrugged her shoulders and said that he was busy.

"I MUST have smoked a whole packet of twenty cigarettes by the time his lordship made it known that he would see me, by which time I was pretty hot under the collar. I did my best not to show it, of course. The hall-mark of a good salesman, according to all the text-books, is his capacity to take rebuffs and insults, and brother, was I fated to take it that afternoon!

"Do you know what the fat bull-frog was doing when I walked into the office? He was reading a murder mystery! That's how busy he was! It's lucky for both of us there wasn't a gun lying around, otherwise I would have plugged him on the spot.

"Well, what do you want?" he grunted, without even bothering to look up from his book.

"I've got a new line here which I

think will interest you, Mr. Lambert," I brought out in strangled tones, having counted up to ten.

"What is it?" he said shortly, his nose still buried in the thriller.

"It's a folding clothes rack," I said, feeling very tempted to whack him over the head with it. "It's ideal for small flats where there isn't enough room for wardrobes, and so forth. As you can see it's adjustable and can be expanded up to four feet

"I might just as well have been talking to the wall.

"It markets at fifteen shillings wholesale," I said raising my voice in the hope that he would put the flaming book down. "Most of the big stores are selling it for double that amount. They are going like hot cakes. So many people nowadays are living under somewhat cramped conditions and these folding clothes racks are an absolute boon and a blessing where they are concerned. I'm sure that

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SOUND AND SHADOW

More Musicals From Filmistan!

Good music, as cinemagoers will recall, has always been a distinguishing feature of Filmistan's pictures. Right from their first film *Chal Chal Re Naujawan* and down to their currently running *Anarkali*, they can claim the honour of having given the public the most tuneful, the most widely hummed songs of any production unit.

This sound policy, first enunciated by Production Controller S. Mukerji and rigorously followed by Managing Director T.R. Jalan, is being continued in three forthcoming Filmistan films, *Shart*, *Samrat* and *Nastik*, writes D.P. of the Bombay Press Features Service.

Shart, the next immediate Filmistan release, has music by Hemanta Kumar Mukerji and is directed by B. Mitra. Hemanta has composed eleven rare tunes for this murder-mystery film, which is not exactly an offering of the grim nature usually associated with "thrillers". Instead, its novel plot provides entertainment of a different kind from the usual run of pictures. Hemanta Kumar also provides the music for *Samrat* which will follow *Shart* and is being directed by Najm Naqvi with Rehana and Ajit in the stellar roles. This film, too, is studded with songs but in quite a different key from *Shart*, since *Samrat* is a story of red-blooded pirates and their exciting women.

The music for *Nastik*, which is directed by I.S. Johar and stars Nalini Jaywant and Ajit, is being given by the one and the only C. Ramchandra who, to a great extent, made *Anarkali* the great hit it is. A beautiful *gazel*, sung by Lata Mangeshkar and recorded recently, will be one of the film's major highlights.

"Give the public what it wants," has always been the guiding principle of Filmistan and that is why it has steered clear of what are erroneously called "prestige" films that please highbrow

armchair critics and leave the people cold. It is in pursuance of this principle that Filmistan chooses stories that can be understood by all and weaves into them a delightful pattern of catchy music.

"Suhagan" Launched

Datta Dharmadhikari's latest Hindi social *Suhagan* went on the floor recently. From the shooting programme, it seems that this picture of Albad Chitra will be ready in December. *Suhagan* presents the life of an innocent housewife in all its reality. The theme of this picture is a solid piece of life and therefore it will keep to the tradition of clean entertainment established by previous pictures of Albad Chitra. Geeta Bali is playing the leading role in *Suhagan* with Vijaya-lakshmi, Sulochana, Jaswant, Shyamkumar and Jankidass and Raja Nene and Ramsingh as guest artists. Anant Mane directs the picture. The story is written by



Alan Ladd, boy star Brandon de Wilde, Van Heflin and Jean Arthur in a scene from Paramount's Technicolor *Shant*.

Ahsan Rizvi, Vasant and Ramchandra provide the music. Two songs sung by Lata Mangeshkar and two sung by Asha Bhonsle are already recorded.

"Pamposh" Press-shown

Pressmen in the City were invited last week to Vauhini Studios to see A.J. Patel's *Pamposh*, shot in Gevacolor. The splendour of Kashmir's scenery was vividly brought out on the screen, thanks to the Gevacolor process and Pressmen were thus treated to a double fare—a fine picture and Kashmir in colour. Directed by veteran Ezra Mir, this film is a documentary-cum-story affair. A short story has been made the pivot for bringing on the screen Kashmir and its scenic splendour. Mogli (Pamposh) is a deaf and dumb girl who works in a Muslim household. An old boatman becomes her friend, philosopher and guide. One day, he happens to tell her the story of the *Swarga* (the land of Gods) which is supposed to be under the lake. And she believes in his story. One day, while badly harassed, she walks right into the lake believing she can reach the *Swarga*. Producer Patel and Director Ezra Mir have produced a fine picture, indeed.

Republic Day Release of "Prisoner of Golconda"

P.N. Films' ambitious Gevacolor offering and Prem Nath's second independent production under his independent banner is now almost complete, and its producers, instead of effecting an immediate release, wish to have an all-India premiere on Republic Day, January 26, 1954. The major outdoor sequences of this film will be shot on location at picturesque locations in Aurangabad, where the glory of ancient India still withstands the onslaught of modern culture. *The Prisoner of Golconda*, contrary to the significance of its title, is no fictional romantic adventure such as our producers seem to favour these days. Actually, the film covers a wide canvas, focussing its cameras on all the sweep and vistas of an endless nation. It is the story of our country, of the tremors and upheavals it underwent in the throes of birth—the birth of freedom.

It is the story of millions of Indians, caught and swept away in the tidal wave of fury, hatred and killing, before the peaceful dawn of liberty spread its first flush over our blood-stained land. The theme is as great as its inspiration, but the film never falls into the rut of being a political tract. Rather, it focusses our attention on the human lives caught in the turmoil of struggle and, by following their destinies, indicates the destiny of the nation itself, to which they belong. *The Prisoner of Golconda* stars Bina Rai and Premnath, with Prem's brother Rajendra Nath, Hiralal, Shobhana Samarth, and many others. While *The Prisoner of Golconda* rapidly nears completion, plans are afoot in the P.N. Films' camp to begin production No. 3. The film is to star Bina Rai while Prem will himself direct the film. P.N. Films Ltd. is also on the lookout for some good stories with progressive themes to be used for their future productions.

Ginger Rogers' Tip To Women

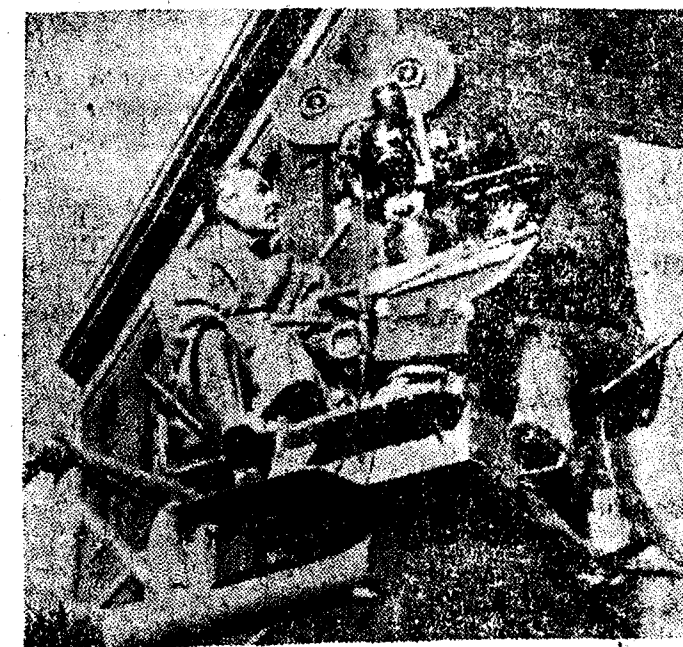
Ginger Rogers, now in the cinema in *Forever Female* co-starring with William Holden and Paul

Douglas, declares that a pretty face is only half attractive unless its owner has a slim figure and poise.

A beautiful woman is a woman who knows how to walk, to sit and to stand with grace. Control the unattractive hip sway. Practise your walking. Use any straight line and walk with each foot parallel to that line. When walking, look toward a spot straight ahead, hold your head level and your chin parallel to the ground. When standing, be sure the arms hang loosely straight down. You can align them with the side seams

Comedian's Tragedy!

Jerry Lewis doesn't want his sons to become comics. "I want them to be nice normal kids—and you can't be a comedian if you're normal," asserts Jerry Lewis, who teams with his buddy, Dean Martin, in *Scared Stiff*. "I want my boys to learn a trade or profession. Doctors, lawyers, I don't care what. But not show business. There's such a thing as self-pity, y'know. When you feel low, you want to be let alone until your mood picks up. But when a comedian's heart aches, people say he's just being funny. It's terrible. If an average person



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of your dress for practice.

Ginger Rogers feels that carriage is a matter of mental attitude. Very often a woman who enjoys self-confidence has a good natural carriage, and unfortunately women who are ill-at-ease or suffering from nervous tension have a poor carriage. Carriage is a matter of habit and can be practised. No woman, no matter how beautiful her face or how elegant her clothes, can make an impression as she walks into a room unless her figure and her bearing are impeccable.

is sad, people comfort him. But a comic's always gotta put on a show."

"The gist of it is simply this," analyses Jerry. "The public doesn't want to associate anything sad with a comedian. They look to comics as their source of relief from every day pressures. A comedian may have lost his wife, his children, his money, and even his hair—but the public doesn't want to bother about it. I don't want my sons to have to cry alone," ended Jerry Lewis.

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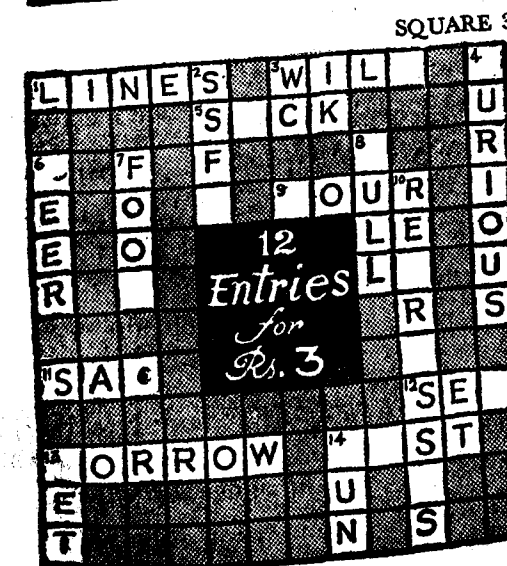
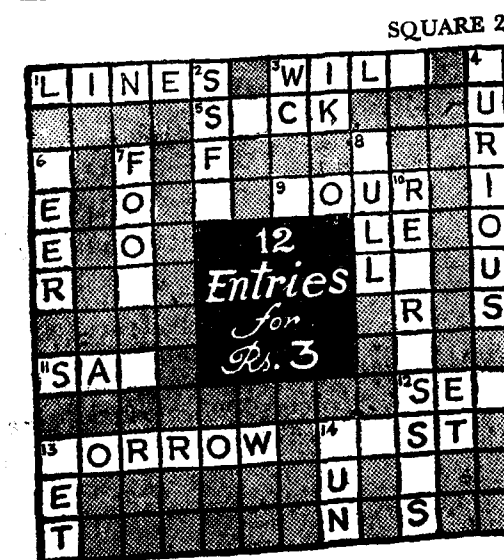
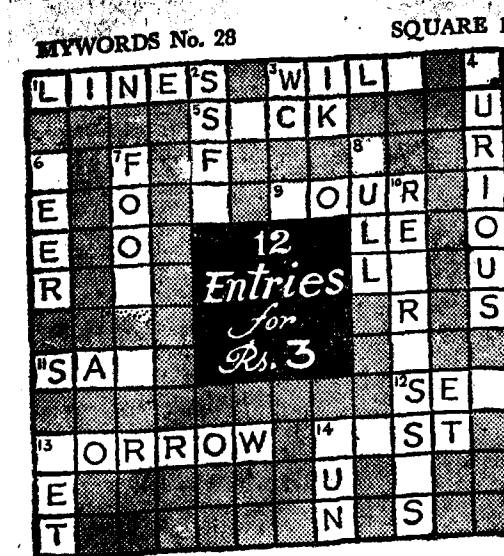
13. Bad this should sober up
the really intelligent.

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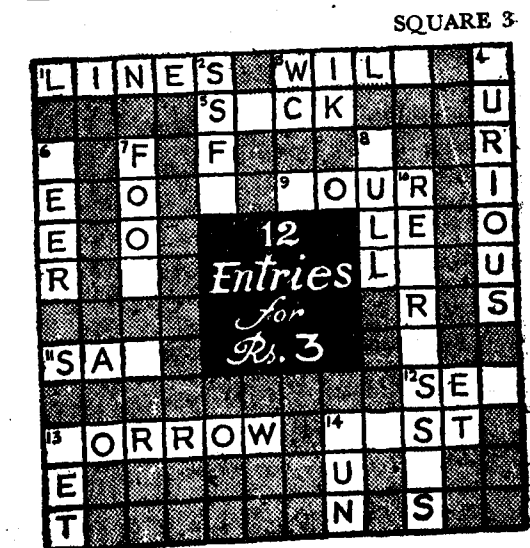
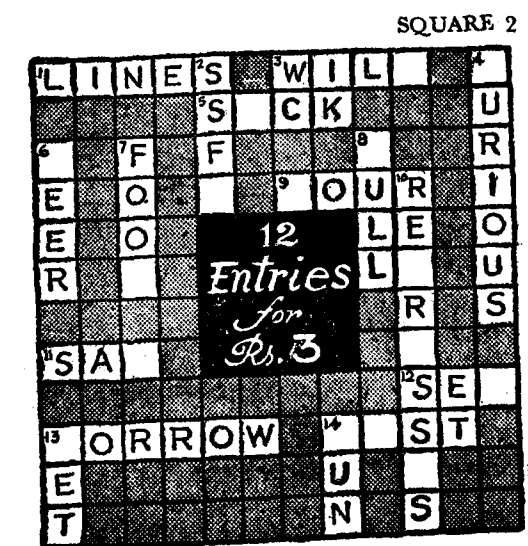
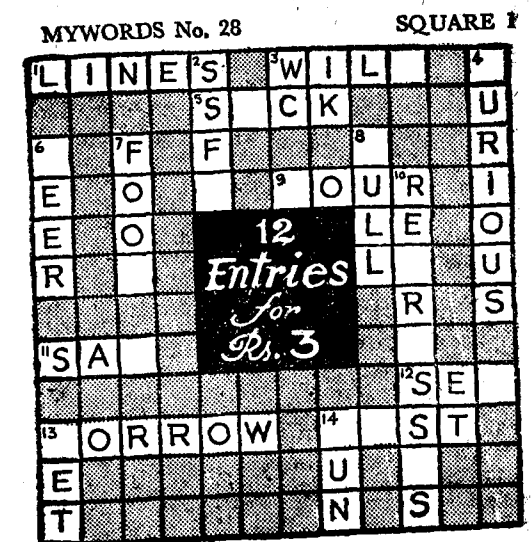
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10. REDRESSES.

ALTERNATIVES

Across:— 3. WILE, WILL.

5. SACK, SICK, SOCK.

9. DOUR, SOUR.

11. SAD, SAP.

12. SEA, SET.

Down:— 4. CURIOUS, FURIOUS.

6. JEER, LEER, PEER.

7. FOOD, FOOL.

8. DULL, FULL.

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The Telephone Call

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if you gave them a trial you would find that ...

"'I'll think it over,' he said, cutting me short with a negligent wave of his hand, still not bothering to look up. It was plain to see from the blank expression on his stupid, fat, face that he hadn't heard a word I'd said. I don't mind telling you I walked out of that office with murder in my heart," Tom concluded savagely.

"It's a pretty bad show," I said commiseratingly, "but that's how it goes sometimes. Maybe he will think it over and ..."

"What with? He's got about as much brains as a bag of worms! I stand about as much chance of getting an order from him as getting elected to the House of Representatives If only I could get my own back on him somehow I think I've got it!" he said, putting his schooner down with a bang.

"What are you going to do?"

"I'm going to 'phone him and tell him what I think about his flaming manners, among other things!"

"I shouldn't do anything rash if I were you!" I cautioned him. "He's quite capable of sending in a complaint to your employers from the sound of things, with the result that you might find yourself without a job!"

"I'll disguise my voice," he flung over his shoulder.

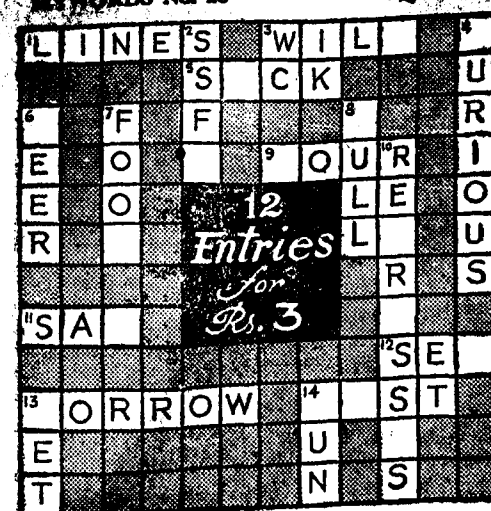
HE returned to the bar a few minutes later wearing a smile of grim satisfaction.

"Well, did you succeed in giving him a piece of your mind?" I asked.

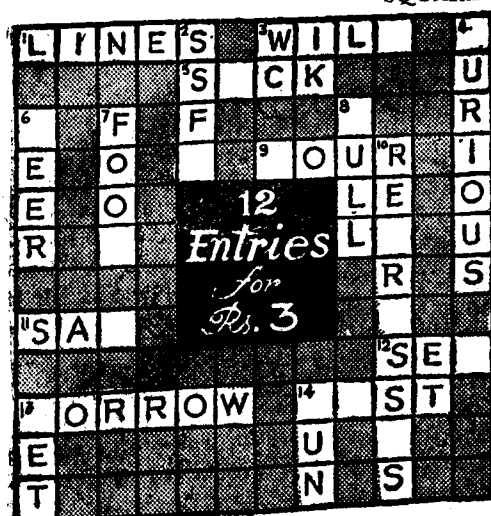
"I went one better than that," he grinned. "I told him who really committed the murder in the book he was reading!"

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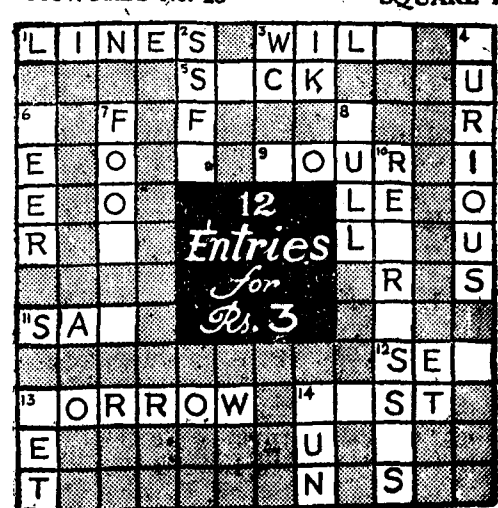


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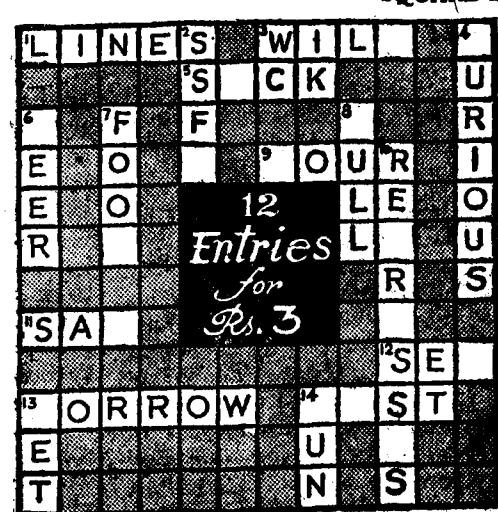


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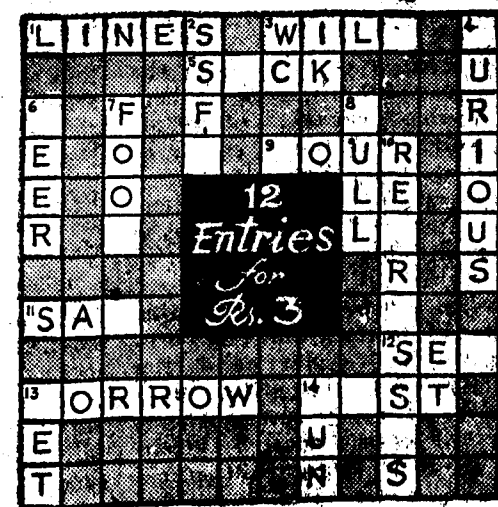
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MULLIKA'S MISCHIEF

By ORR-BEE

WHY not be take life easy? Should he jump from his bed as if a scorpion stung him? Or, as if he is to be one of the devoted and tortured victims to that annual or half yearly epidemic called University or Public Exams? No, no, Madan was born to be the pet of his parents and his parents-in-law. As if his own father could not give him the latest in car or wrist jewellery, there was the all too cautious mother-in-law to shower on him four times the things which that good soul imagined Madan might need.

And if Madan is not out of his bed this morning too after it is 8 by the stroke of the clock, you have no reasonable excuse for being at all surprised. "Why, Madan came home at an hour past midnight; and I don't know how you can expect him to be going out," that is what his mother or his sister answered to somebody who wanted to see Madan. But the person who wanted to see him was Inspector Rangesh. He had come to Madan's bungalow nearer six in the morning.

At a little distance from the grand gate of the bungalow, there was the police car and a police bus with constables and a couple of Sub-Inspectors. Tired of being cooped up in the bus, the policemen came out. When about a dozen and half of policemen, in uniform, armed with lathis, stand about, in a quiet and respectable quarter of the town, curiosity plays its part. The youngsters in the neighbourhood get themselves ready to explore why and wherefrom of this unusual attention to their sequestered place. You know how a crowd can gather: ten becomes a hundred and the hundred swells into something which can effectually send back trams, cars, buses; and yet not one of the eager crowd may know why they are there. But that justifies the need of the police to

see that traffic moves along if not through, at least by, the traffic jam. The posse of constables was the cause and the cure of the crowd.

Madan was having his quiet sleep like any wise man; he was making up for what he had lost overnight. And what is to obstruct him?

A LITTLE after the police came, arrived in the family limousine the parents-in-law of Madan. Madan's wife, Ramani, was so pleased to see her parents so unexpectedly. In fact, they were to leave for a hill station that very noon by the car and why should they come when they should be busy packing things or see to it that their things were all properly got ready? Not that Ramani's parents had any special reason for their montanic pilgrimage: everybody at the time keeps going to some hill station or other; and how could they stay where they are as if they were the pillars of their bungalow porch? What reply could they give if they were asked where they spent the summer? And if a cousin of theirs with half the income went to the hills with his family, decency and self-respect could never bear that they should stay in the town.

Equally happy were Madan's parents to receive their relations. But they too felt curious about this unexpected visit.

Hardly were the morning chotahazri things being got ready, when the younger sister of Madan's mother and her husband, the judge, motored. They had brought with them Madan's aunt, his father's sister and children, quite a jumble of them, for, I do not exactly know who-is-who among the busy prattlers. As soon as they got down, Madan's parents were even more surprised. But then, nobody asks why a friend comes in. Nobody says like the shop-keeper, "What can I do for you?"

The judge brushed aside the call for the chota. "Sister," he roars, "where is Madan?"

"Why, what is the matter?"

"I should like to see him now."

"He has not yet come down, has he?"

"Young master is sleeping," answered the servant.

"What is the matter with Madan?" asked the judge. It was rather a curious question. Madan's mother who had been in a household and in circumstances where the lady of the house has no need to answer intriguing questions or solve ticklish situations, the good soul could only look confused.

MADAN was enjoying the calm quiet that any man who has only to enjoy the good things of life and leave the rest of life's problems, large or small, to be solved by his rich and doting parents.

About a dozen friends of Madan, members of his club and half a dozen ladies, members of Madan's tennis club, came in.

"Hallo, mother," the ladies asked Madan's mother, "where is Madan?"

"Has he gone out?" asked his club friend.

"When is he going out leading his movement?" asked the visitors.

"What procession?" asked Madan's father.

"Why, sir, don't you see what is outside?"

"Outside our bungalow?"

"Not exactly; but the police with the Inspector and constables are all there. And a decent crowd too is ready to greet Madan when he steps out," explained the club friends.



.... plunged into the crowd of his nearest and dearest relatives

"Why, sir, some of them have brought rose garlands. They are all eagerly waiting for Madan to step out," said a tennis friend.

"What does all this mean?" answered Madan's daddy. A peaceful man, Madan's father and an equally good-natured lady Madan's mother, who both had never known what it was to deny help to any needy fellow man and with whom things sailed smoothly in placid waters, did not even know how to express their surprise. They could only look two faces shocked without speech.

"Better wake up Madan," said the judge.

Madan was sleeping in peace. As it was, nobody knew what it was to disturb Madan while asleep

— be it Madan as a boy, Madan as a youngster or now Madan the young master of the house.

"Ramani, couldn't you wake up Madan?" asked the judge.

Ramani, yet another pet of prosperity and plenty, could only smile, for, that was setting her a task she had not tried: she might as well have been asked to ride a cycle on a tight wire.

Madan, let me assure you, was yet enjoying the rest which he had so well earned by the previous night's exertions at the picture house.

However, the din and bustle within the bungalow was as disturbing as it was noisy and unruly outside. The handful of policemen

appeared to be rather inadequate to maintain peace and order. A few stones flew about. No public man, no social reformer or politician of any party whatsoever can dream of any public meeting or movement without stones being thrown about. That is the very essence of public life and the glory of police vigilance.

SLOGANS too there were. So fair minded are young patriots that while some cry out "Jais" for Pandit Nehru, equally vociferous would be the cry "Go back, Nehru," "Hindi for ever," "Tamil for ever," "Never, never Hindi," "Tamil ever, Tamil," "Jai, Rajaji, Rajaji, Jai," attacked the ears of the crowd which receives and enjoys such contradictory cries with the calmness of one who



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MADAN, even angels, could not rest in peace. Out did he come. Nor could he understand what it was all about.

A hasty toilette, a bit of toast and a few mouthfuls of coffee, he plunged into the crowd of his nearest and dearest relatives. There was his mother-in-law with tears on her chubby and child-like face. His father-in-law, too, speechless, stood silent not knowing what was going to happen to one whom he loved so tenderly, even more than he loved his own daughter.

Madan and the Judge sent for the Inspector, Rangesh. He knew these respectable opulent families. But then, he explained, duty was duty. He had to obey orders. And they were, he told the Judge confidentially, that he was to arrest Madan and bring him up along with any others that might threaten the peace of the place and see that they are safely locked up pending trial.

"But what for was the warrant issued?" asked the Judge, an uncle of Madan.

"I was informed last night that Mr. Madan intended to start a procession to protest against the insult offered by Mr. Nehru and for his instigating or inciting Rajaji to undemocratic and violent methods for putting down meetings or movements which are supposed to incite or cause disorder; you know, sir, it is our duty to keep our chief informed of any attempt to disturb public peace in these days when the young folk are easily excited," answered the Inspector.

"But who told you that Madan was going to start a procession?" asked the judge.

The Inspector answered in a whisper.

Then what about the others? How did the relations know about

Madan's political programme? They all shouted that Mullika told them all that Mr. Madan was going to lead a protest procession and the police would take action.

Just then who should come but Mullika, the young lady under the care of Kasyap, generally known as Uncle and his wife, Vinaya, who was dear to every one as Auntie? Mullika had to explain. She said:

"Dearest Auntie, here is Mr. Madan himself. You do ask him what he said last evening at the tennis court. Did you not say that you would like, just for the fun of it, to lead a procession to protest against the attempt to remould and smelt Rajaji into harder metal because he is remarkably soft, to use Pandit Nehru's very words? Did you not protest against Nehruji's presumption, a stripling of only sixty summers, advising Rajaji past seventy, a former Governor-General of India? You know, dear Auntie, Mr. Madan is not a sneak. When he makes up his mind, he does it, no matter what it costs, and he does it like a man too. So, I went straight from the tennis court to the Inspector and threw down the gauntlet; then, on my way to my hostel, I told our friends and relations what Madan was going to do in the morning."

It was now daylight where it was all cloudy questioning and doubt. The Inspector shook hands with Madan; he did not know whether to laugh or to look small. However, as Madan came out to bid him a smiling good morning, garlands jumped round his neck and over his shoulders.

"Well, Mr. Madan, you have garlands; and I shall have — well — I don't know what," and the Inspector and his men faded out.

So too did the friends and relatives laughing at Mullik's irrepressible imagination. They could only say, as they departed, "It is all Mullik's mischief."

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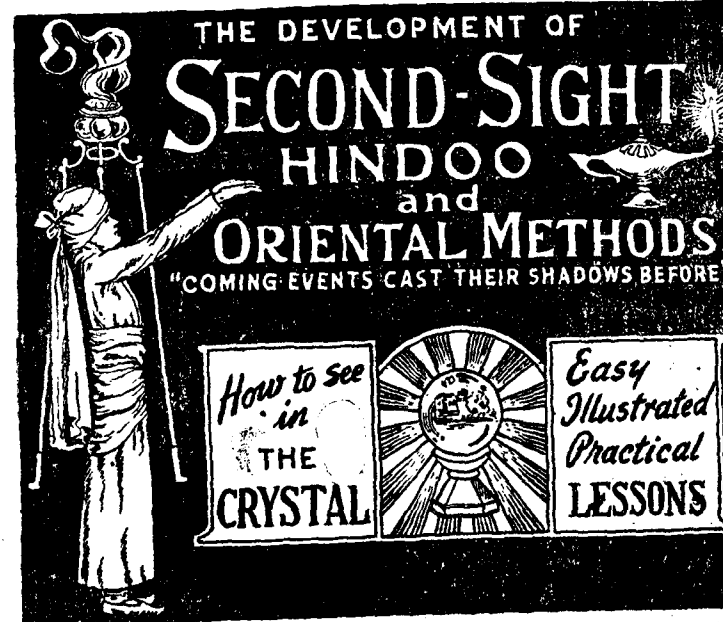
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"Pursuit after this is no bed of roses," says a Clue in MYWORDS No. 8. It is Clue no. 17 in Down (with the alternatives Name or Fame). How simple the wording is! I don't find any other wording better than this and in fewer number of words. Nay, there can be no parallel to it even. How much truth it contains! It is instructive as well as educative.

All through from No. 6 to 24, my "Pursuit for Name," for an all-correct Solution in MYWORDS Competition "was no bed of roses." That was my experience. This is a chance for me to express my opinion and appreciation of the Competition. Such Clues—simple Clues—which are chameleon like in appearance, often puzzle me much.

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I am a retired teacher aged 56, and am a subscriber for My Magazine of India trying MYWORDS Competition Clues for pleasure and profit.



I had made several attempts in MYWORDS. In MYWORDS No. 23, I got

small prizes. In MYWORDS No. 24, I was fortunate to get a First Prize among six winners.

I always discuss the Clues with my elder brother Sri D. Venkoba Rao (Pensioner, Revenue Divisional office, Gobichettipalayam) and with my friends and choose my own words in the end.

'Failures are stepping stones to success' should be the Motto of my Co-Competitors.

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

The Claim Form will be published along with the Prize List of MYWORDS No. 30 in these pages.

I. W. X-WORDS

Till the moment of going to Press, the Advance Pull of I.W.X-WORD No. C-16 has not been received. Hence, the full comments on I.W.X-WORD No. C-16 will appear in the 1st November, '53 issue.

As there is still plenty of time for submitting entries for I.W.X-WORD No. C-15 (the Closing Date for it is 13th November, '53), Second Thoughts on the same are published below for the benefit of the I.W.X-WORD fans.

— "Spotter".

2nd Thoughts:

I.W.X-Word No. C-15

(Closing Date :—13-11-'53)

ACROSS

4. Scoundrel will never bring good to his family. It would be all right if it ended there. But he won't be good to his family. BEING is better.
5. Bet on BROOK.
16. Right are not such impediments as all that. The RIOTS were.
20. CAKE confirmed.
22. Remember the thrill of it. The nearer the century score is, greater will be applause even for every run scored. So, back NEAR.
23. MUCH is better.
25. To stay Out well protected presents no difficulties. It is annoying to stay stationary. Back PUT.

DOWN

4. BEAR alone is worth trying.
7. Not means sheer lunacy. Hence, vote for SEEM.
8. Not just Fear but the actuality itself would do so. Hence, YEAR scores.
12. Goal is altogether foreign to our taste. Hence, back CHAT.
16. Reeling is only for a short time but not the back. So, bet on REEK.
18. Here the Goal is the thing scored in football and hockey. To score a Goal is quite a tough job, surely. Go in for GOAL.
21. LOU confirmed.

INTERLOCKERS

Across: 14. } The FACTS-PLYING
Down: 14. } combination holds good still.

Across: 18. } I see no reason for chang-
Down: 15. } ing the PACKET-SACK combination.

SQUAREWORDS

Till the moment of going to Press, the Advance Pull of SQUAREWORD No. D-19 has not been received. Hence, the full comments on SQUAREWORD No. D-19 will appear in the 1st November, '53 issue.

As there is still plenty of time for submitting entries for SQUAREWORD No. D-18 (the Closing Date for it is 5th November, '53), Second Thoughts on the same are published below for the benefit of the SQUAREWORD fans.

— "Spotter".

2nd Thoughts:

Squareword No. D-18

(Closing Date :—5-11-'53)

ACROSS

4. If sonny Tries quietly, he won't be noticed. It is when he Cries that daddy'd spank him! CRIES scores.
7. Previous choice of TELLS confirmed.
8. On re-consideration, I prefer SCORN.
9. FAKE still stands.
10. I feel Soil should be taken to mean so much of rich manure. It is true that much of it is burnt or thrown away into dustbins without any idea of its rich use. Back SOIL.
13. If Meals, then "persons" here would mean gluttons. So back MEANS.
15. Whether a person is Brainy or not cannot be known in a split second. But when those who aren't isn't Brawny try to give impression of being so, they would look awkward and that would be amusing, indeed. BRAUNY wins.
16. The Guilt may be of a trifling kind. So, it will not be worth exposing. Hence, back GUILT.
17. The previous selection of FORCE is confirmed.

DOWN

1. SHIRKS still scores.
2. There is no reason to change previous choice of SOPPY.
3. As Seasonable makes no sense, back REASONABLE.
5. The Leaders referred to either do lack or do not lack intelligence. There can be no "apt to" in its case. In the case of Readers, it is a correct estimate. READERS wins.
6. COLD is a good bet.
11. The "deserve" clearly makes out a case for PLAYED only.
12. KIND scores.
13. "Admired" in the Clue clearly points out MITE.
14. Better permute both SLUR and SOUR.

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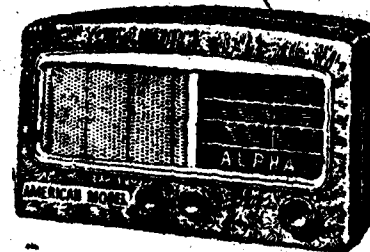
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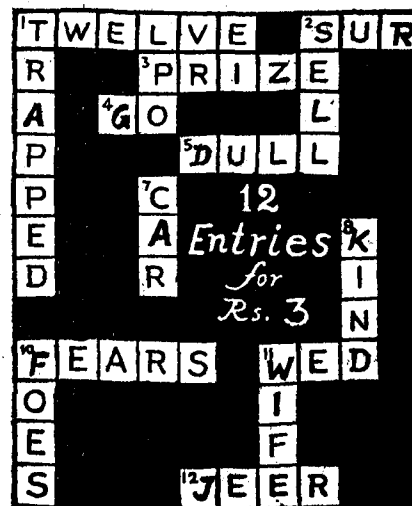
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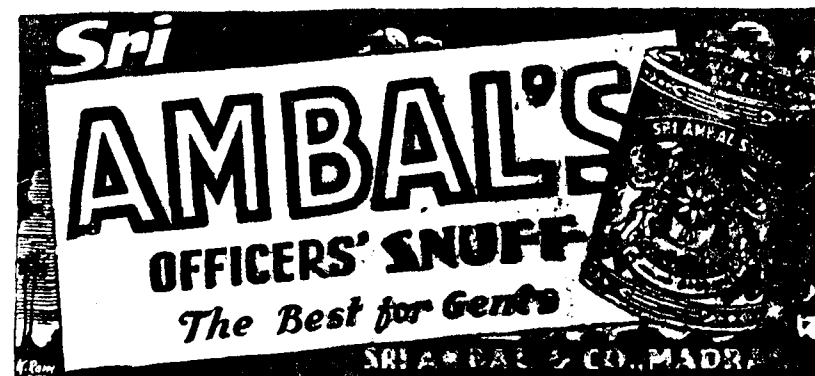
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