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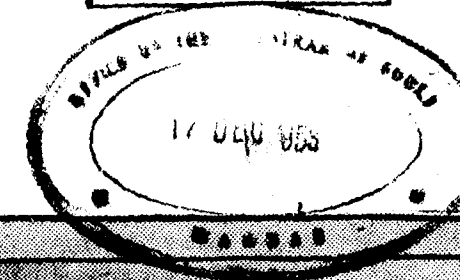
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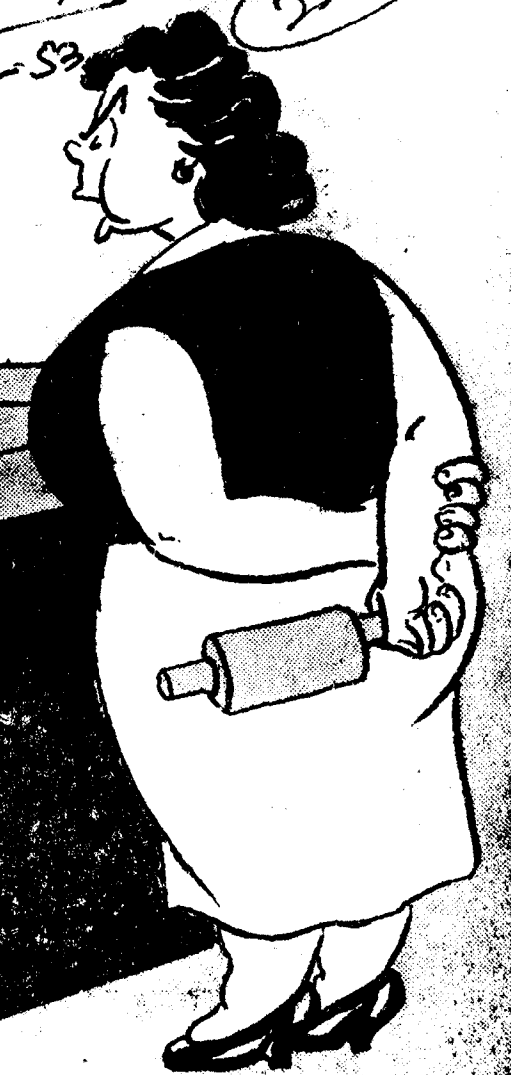
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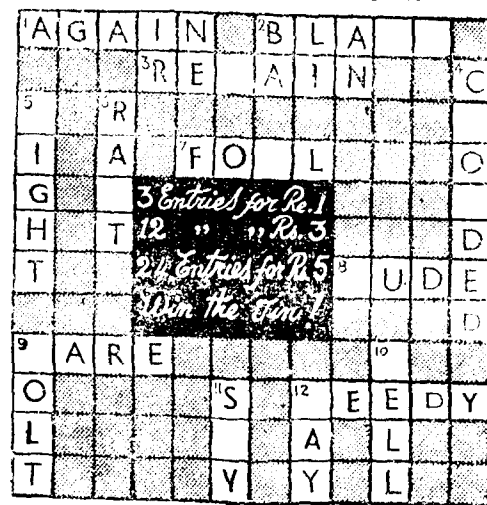
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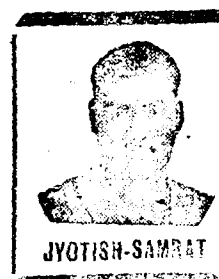
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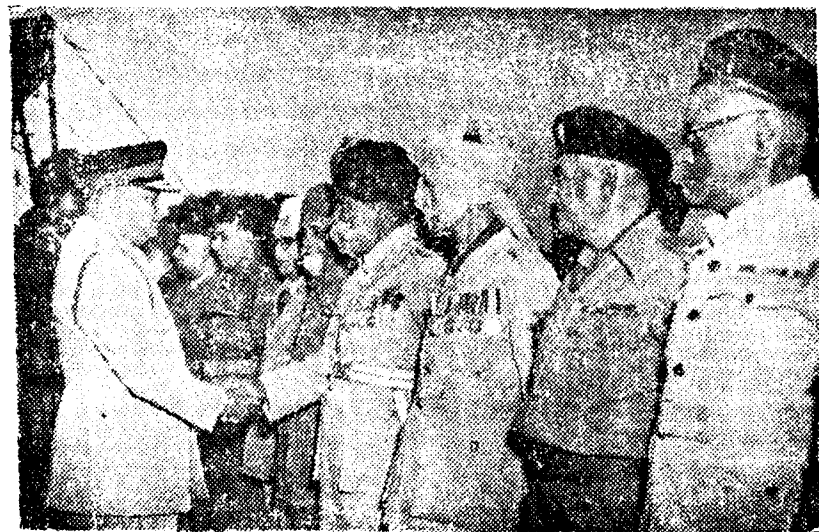
Sri B. N. Rau who passed away at Zurich recently.



Mr. Richard M. Nixon, U.S. Vice-President, Mrs. Nixon and Prime Minister Nehru are seen in animated conversation at a reception held recently in New Delhi in honour of the distinguished guests.



Haji M. Nazir Hussain, a leading hides and skins merchant, who has been appointed Sheriff of Madras for the coming year.



Over a thousand Ex-Servicemen assembled to meet the C-in-C, Army, General Maharaj Rajendrasinhji, at Kanpur recently. The Army C-in-C is seen shaking hands with 84-year-old Risaldar Major Reghubir Singh of Meerut District. He joined the Army in 1895 and retired in 1923.

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High Command's Decision

PANDIT NEHRU has called a halt to the campaign of dissident elements in the Madras Congress Legislature Party against Sri Rajagopalachariar. He has conveyed the Central Parliamentary Board's opinion that Rajaji should be asked to continue in office as Chief Minister in the interests of the State. Also the Board has expressed the view that the reported move of Dr. P. Varadarajulu Naidu was "highly improper."

It was stated in the daily press that the President of the Tamil Nad Pradesh Congress Committee carried in his pocket a memorandum signed by some Congress legislators indicating want of confidence in the leadership of Sri Rajagopalachariar. At Delhi where the Central Parliamentary Board and the Congress Working Committee met, the rift in the Madras Congress ranks was thoroughly discussed and the events leading to C. R.'s assumption of the Legislature Party's leadership were reviewed. When it was feared that Congress prestige and popularity would be lost with office, prominent members of the Legislature Party including the dissidents, invited Rajaji to form the Government and save the State from disaster.

What they, however, forgot was that C.R. was the last man to compromise with the principles and ideals of a democratic government or lower the standard of administration just to please the Party caucus. When with the creation of Andhra State the Communist threat which had united the Congress Party, suddenly faded away, the dissident members began to insinuate that Rajaji was undemocratic in his policy and methods and would not care to consult the Party on important issues. The ring leader even went to the extent of saying that the administration would improve only

with the exit of Sri Rajagopalachariar. Important among the issues over which all the fuss and fury were whipped up were the new Elementary Education Scheme and the appointment of the three new Ministers.

Now, the Parulekar Committee has approved the new Education Scheme and even hailed it as a pioneer attempt to solve the problem of universal literacy. If at all any sensible citizen can find fault with the Scheme, it will only be over minor details, not over the salient features or the essential principles governing it. And if any non-member of the Assembly or the Council has been chosen by the Chief Minister to serve in the Cabinet, there is, of course, the provision that he or she must seek election to either House within six months. It will be conceded by most of us that Srimathi Jothi Vencatachellum is handling her portfolio with energy and enthusiasm.

The Central Parliamentary Board has apparently taken the view that if C.R. quits the political scene now, irreparable damage will be done to Congress prestige and popularity which the leader has done so much to retrieve. Of course, C.R. is not very keen on sticking to office, and, as Sri C. Subramaniam said recently, he may suddenly choose to retire if he is convinced that the reins of administration will be placed in equally able hands.

The dissidents have been shown where they belong. We are glad that Sri Kamaraj Nadar has assured the Congress President of his whole-hearted co-operation with the Chief Minister. In his talks with Pandit Nehru, he even made mention of the document submitted to him by the dissidents but it is significant that he did not consider it worth while passing it on to the President.

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News and Notes

A Great Statesman

Death has removed yet another statesman from our midst. Mr. Benegal Narsing Rau passed away at Zurich, the other day, after a prolonged illness patiently borne. His labours in the cause of peace at the U.N. built up for India a high position and even during the most acrimonious debates there he was cool and unruffled. He became President of the Security Council during a crucial period of the Korean conflict. As our Permanent Representative, he presented India's viewpoint forcefully and convincingly on the Kashmir dispute. His polite ways and polished manner of speech won him many friends at the U.N. and even the respect and admiration of his opponents. He it was who brought the Asian-African group into being which is today acting as an effective brake on the militant forces of the West. It was no wonder that he rose to be Judge of the International Court at The Hague.

Breaking with tradition, the Prime Minister made a touching reference in the House of the People to the versatile talents and the meritorious services of Mr. B. N. Rau. Describing him as one of the principal architects of the Indian Constitution, Pandit Nehru recalled how this able civilian's services were loaned to the Government of Burma to help them draft their Constitution. He was as great a scholar as he was a modest man; his balanced outlook, dignified behaviour and wisdom sent up not only his own prestige but also the country's.

Advice To Graduates

Teachers must be assured a fair deal if our colleges and universities are to be run efficiently. Proper incentives and facilities must be offered to recruit the best

minds to the teaching profession. "If we do not do it, our experiment in democracy will become a failure and our future leadership will also go astray." The Vice-President, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, gave this solemn warning in the course of his convocation address at the Delhi University, last week.

It was a stirring extempore speech that the learned Doctor made. Turning to the outgoing graduates, he said that something essential was missing — that exhilaration of spirit, that release of energy, that buoyancy of life which characterised the great liberation movement. "We seem to have lost the inspiration of a great purpose after we attained our independence."

The Vice-President recalled how prophets of gloom at the time of partition foretold nothing but disaster, disruption and chaos for this country. All such critics had been confounded and India's reputation for integrity and love of peace soared up. What held the country together? It was because, in spite of our faults, we followed certain ideals, certain convictions that had become "part of our blood stream."

The speaker warned that we were passing through a revolutionary period in history; we were facing a many-sided challenge, political, industrial, economic, social and cultural. And unless we faced them all in the spirit of man, it would not be possible for us to build a great future. He reminded graduates of their sacred duty to enlist the energy, enthusiasm and sympathy of all young men in re-building a great India — "an India which will be rid of the caste and the outcaste, where women will be treated as equals with men and where we would like to live as friends with other nations of the world."

Dwelling again on the status of the teacher, the Vice-President emphasised that the teaching profession must be treated with the attention and reverence which used to be accorded in the early days. The Centre and the State Governments, he said, should give the highest priority to the educational problem and bring out the best in the youth of the nation. "We cannot build a great nation with men of low character," he declared. "We cannot build rightly with wrong materials. We cannot climb mountains with the earth under our feet crumbling. Therefore, you must take care of your foundations."

In Memoriam

Three years ago, Free India sustained its first staggering blow in the death of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. It was his firmness of purpose and realistic outlook that helped to mitigate the tragedy of partition. The British left many conundrums and intricate problems that defied solution and baffled even the stout-hearted among our leaders. There were several Indian States that were ready to convert themselves into pockets of British power and influence. Hyderabad threatened to split India into two. The Razakar menace was growing day by day.

It was the Sardar who decided to put his foot down and end this drift. His police action against Hyderabad took the country and even the outside world by surprise. And those of the recalcitrant rulers saw wisdom in a quiet surrender of power. With the gradual liquidation of Princely India, Sardar Patel went on with his task of re-drawing the map of the country.

Had he been spared for a few more years, the iron man of Indian politics would have nipped the Communist trouble in the bud and Congress influence would not have waned in States like PEPSU, T.C., and Madras. A ruthless disciplinarian, he would have extorted the total and implicit obedience of the Pradesh Congress Committees to the parent body in the interests of unity and political stability. He would have given

the quietus to the present linguistic agitation to preserve the solidarity of the nation. And, too, he would have dealt more firmly with Pakistan, especially over the Kashmir issue. Alas! he is no more with us. The void that his death had created is still difficult to fill. But a grateful nation cherishes with affection all that he did and stood for.

Nixon Explains

For the first time, India had the privilege of receiving the Vice-President of the United States. Now on a fact-finding tour of the free countries of the East, Mr. Richard Nixon visited the important cities of India and addressed members of both the Houses of Parliament in Delhi. He assured his listeners that the U.S.A. and India had a common objective even though they might disagree on the analysis of their problems. That objective was that peoples and nations could be independent and free and that they could live together in peace.

There are several politicians and Senators in the U.S.A. who have often unjustly accused India of being pro-Communist. Outstanding among these vociferous critics is Senator Knowland. It was gratifying to hear Mr. Nixon declare that he would return to the U.S. with the firm conviction that it would be erroneous to think of India as having any leaning towards Communist ideology. "In India as in the U.S.," he stated, "we cherish the freedom that totalitarian States deny... The air you breathe here is free, there is tolerance of religion, freedom of speech, justice under law and a dedication to the ways of peace."

Mr. Nixon voiced the concern of the U.S. that India should continue to be free and independent and economically strong, too. That was why the assistance of the U.S. would generously be provided for the effective implementation of our various projects.

The U.S., according to Mr. Nixon, stood with the free nations and peoples who wanted to resist Communist colonialism. He was

rather obscure here and did not care to elaborate his point. Nor did he state American policy and attitude towards French or British colonialism in Asia and Africa. In a broadcast from Delhi he added that America had no ambitions of its own in Asia—territorial, economic or political. We may also accept his assurance that no strings whatever are attached to U.S. economic aid to this country.

But is America playing fair in entering into a military pact with Pakistan? Will good neighbourly relations be promoted by equipping the Pakistan army with modern weapons especially when Pakistan is indulging in threats of aggression against India? American motives may be different; she is trying to tighten up her cordon round Soviet Russia. By securing bases in Pakistan, she may plunge South Asia into the next global conflict. While the U.S. can escape practically unharmed, the countries in this part of the continent will face total destruction, huge losses of life and worse. There is still time for a pause; the economically backward countries of Asia require more dollars to raise the standard of living. The U.S.A. can divert her bombs and guns elsewhere.

"A Pioneer Scheme"

The Parulekar Committee, appointed by the Madras Government to examine the modified scheme of elementary education, has come out with its report. It expresses the considered view that this will prove a pioneering scheme which other States will have to adopt sooner or later if they wish seriously to implement the directive of the Indian Constitution. Free education must be provided for every child under fifteen. It is the State's responsibility.

Already the Madras State is spending nearly 50 per cent of its revenue on education. It is impossible to dig deeper into the coffers for this purpose. So it was decided to cut the schooling hours and introduce the shift system whereby at least double the number of present-day pupils can be taught.

Teachers, of course, may have to work harder and the Parulekar Committee recommends that their salaries should be appropriately increased. In villages where the teachers are imported from outside, housing accommodation must be provided for them. The Committee emphasises that these are essential pre-requisites for rousing and sustaining their enthusiasm and devotion to the present work. "Our recommendation is that, within the limits of finance, the best that is possible should be done for the teachers."

The Committee then takes up the question of how best the pupil can utilise the out-of-school hours. What suitable craft can be taught to the child and where? The craftsmen in the village must be persuaded to come out of their shell. They may need some training themselves to shed their awkward ways before coaching the young ones. Also same sort of material help must be given to them for shouldering the burden. And all this would pre-suppose the co-operation of parents and the voluntary services of public-spirited youth.

The first part of the Scheme is easy to understand and follow. We fear even enthusiastic supporters are apt to be sceptical about the feasibility of the second. Suppose the pupil shows some natural disinclination to learn the crafts taught in a particular village? Is the learning of crafts optional and can the boy secure exemption? Will non-attendance of a sickly, puny weakling of a pupil who is otherwise intelligent and good at his class lessons operate as a bar to his progress or promotion? We feel that more light is called for to create the necessary enthusiasm in this regard.

The Committee itself recommends the appointment of a full-time or part-time worker to organise the out-of-school programme and secure the maximum local co-operation. Requirements may vary with each village and even craftsmen may have to be brought in from outside. It is indeed a formidable task for the State. But well begun, as they say, is half done.

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Governor Chandulal M. Trivedi

Offering Three Most Fragrant Flowers

Initiates and Inspires a New Prayer to Andhra Devi!

There cannot be any hiding of the ugly fact, either through courtesy or for the sake of decency, that the political sky of the Andhra State is far from clear azure blue. Even a casual observer can easily see the dark clouds. Even within the Cabinet itself, the truth is that the Chief Minister is forced just to keep up appearances, to pretend that he is really the head of his Cabinet.

Yet, even round these dark and lowering clouds, there is a broad, bright, benevolent silver lining.

By one voice, all Andhras are devoted lovers and admirers of the Governor, Sri Chandulal M. Trivedi. Yet, Governor Trivedi is certainly not an Andhra. Whence this concord in desperate discord?

The riddle is easily solved. Just mention the word "Trivedi": the distempers, the bad humours and all those malign feelings that human flesh is heir to, vanish.

How is such a charm exerted? Where then does the secret of this Stranger's power, to charm the turbulent and the truculent, lie? The truth is that the choice by the Union Govt. of Mr. Trivedi is one of the happiest so far as the discriminating Judgment of the Centre is concerned and the luckiest so far as the Andhras are concerned.

Mr. Trivedi came, saw, conquered. He knew he was sent to help the birth of a new State. It is not to simply watch a machine in working order as he had to do in his two previous Governorships.

He saw that the nascent State had all the obstacles that a State at that stage could be beset with.

Hence, he conquered by remedies which were drastic but were absolutely indispensable. He saw that blunt Truth, not palatable platitude, was what was needed.

This he gave after thoroughly and briskly studying every part of the State.

With his full knowledge of the needs, with a fearless manliness to face facts, with a patriotic sincerity to do his best,

with a spirit of self-sacrifice of which he has given practical and substantial proof, he is the one man that can lead the State to a condition of a land smiling with the bounty of the benevolent ANDHRA DEVI; and no other man can.



Favourite of the Fortnight

Toll of T.B.

Public attention was focussed on the ravages of tuberculosis when Madras's Governor, Sri Sri Prakasa, laid the foundation-stone at the Tambaram Sanatorium for an Open Theatre and Children's Recreation Centre. The State's Director of Medical Services, Lt.-Col. Sangham Lal, addressing those assembled, said that in Madras City over 3,000 people died annually of T.B. "Ten died almost every day and more serious still was that, for every death, there were four or five suffering from the disease."

Certain parts of the City, like Triplicane, Egmore, Purasawalkam and George Town are getting more and more congested. There are hundreds of houses built in the last century, with little improvement or renovation on modern lines. Even in daytime one has to grope his way through long, dark corridors. The rooms are still darker and neither fresh air nor sunshine can penetrate through these windowless structures. On average, ten members of a family crowd into two of such rooms and become easily susceptible to this insidious disease.

The Director of Medical Services pointed out that an improvement of social conditions and other factors would go a long way towards bringing T.B. under control, as had been demonstrated by Western countries. The Scandinavian countries, he added, had completely eradicated it.

Above all, a rise in the standard of living alone will keep T.B. off. Overcrowding in cities and industrial areas must be avoided. Perhaps, when the country launches its fifth or sixth Five-Year Plan, conditions may be created for the complete eradication of this disease.

Food Adulteration

The report of the Madras Corporation's Public Analyst gives an alarming picture of the evil of food adulteration in the City. Last year, more than 5 per cent. of the articles of food, taken for analysis, were found to be adulterated. Coming down to specific details, it is amazing that what was sold as arrowroot was simply a hoax. When it is remembered that doctors advise poor patients to go in for arrowroot congee or

the parents of sick children to feed the little ones with it, the enormity of the crime is evident. They have gone on a diet of tapioca flour or some other starch.

What passes for cow's milk is apparently buffalo's, with a strong dash of turmeric and plenty of Corporation water. Milkmen also make full and free use of cocoanut and groundnut to impart a thick quality to their commodity. Mixing of sugar also is common to make the milk sweet like cow's.

It is stated that butter contains very little genuine stuff. There is more than 80 per cent. of foreign fat in what is sold in the market in its name. But the citizens seem to have a pathetic faith in butter and prefer it to the bazaar ghee. There is little perhaps to choose between the two. We wonder why the Corporation has not so far urged on the State Government the need for more stringent measures to curb this growing evil. As *The Mail* rightly observes, the culprits escape with very light fines. Those who vend adulterated foodstuffs must be treated as anti-social elements, deserving not only of heavy fines but also of good long stretches in jail. If Magistrates have no powers to impose deterrent punishment on such offenders, the State Government must be moved to amend the law.

Also the Corporation must devise some effective means whereby the sale of all good milk to hotels is either rationed or restricted. Some time ago, a move was contemplated in Mysore to supply only powder milk to the hotels there, though it was not pursued to its logical conclusion. The motive behind any such measure would seem to be to ensure for family folk a reasonably plentiful supply of good cow's (or buffalo's) milk at cheap rates. But most of the cows and buffaloes in our City appear to be dedicated to the service of its hotels which do a roaring trade. At least, the Corporation must prohibit these hotels from selling sweets which have milk as an essential ingredient. A good percentage of the milk available must be diverted from the hotels, or the Corporation must itself run a dairy and take over the supply of milk. Bombay's example is worth following in a suitably modified form.

Dustbins for Houses

Long ago, we suggested in these columns that a dust bin must be placed in front of each house in Madras City. In any drive for cleanliness that should be the first step, we commented. We are glad to note that the City Council has approved a scheme for the provision of dustbins for all the houses.

There are house-owners who delight in heaping garbage in the backyard or in some corner of their compounds in the hope that it will serve as good manure for the few plants they may care to raise. Often the green shoots are eaten off by straying sheep or they themselves wilt away and die a premature death. But the garbage heap remains; the silt from the well and the drain is not thrown away. The resultant musty odour and the mosquito swarms plague the owner and his neighbours too.

Now that dustbins are to be placed before houses, it is to be hoped that the nefarious practice of one citizen doing a good turn to his neighbour by throwing refuse at the next door will soon be at an end. And few would mind the compliment if their dustbins receive their neighbours' garbage. After all, they will have to be cleared both morning and evening.

What, however, passes our understanding is that each house-owner is to pay for the dustbin that will adorn the front. Removal of refuse is the Corporation's prime duty and people are paying taxes to enable it to fulfil its obligation. Why then should rate-payers be asked to bear an additional burden? Cannot the Corporation purchase dustbins with the money obtained from its general revenues? No new amenity is being conferred by their installation; only an improved method of gathering refuse has been hit upon. There will be no limit to the number of claims and counter-claims arising from the proposal to collect the cost from each house-owner. Suppose the dustbin is broken or stolen? Who will replace it or is the house-owner entitled to compensation? And quarrels over dustbins are neither edifying nor desirable. In performing an essential duty, the Corporation must not expect extra revenue.



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

Warning from New Delhi

To My Magazine of India etc.

As I certainly do not court Police prominence or Jail Honours, for my part, I shall certainly abide by the Doctoral Direction issued by the Delhi University, and henceforth always address or refer to Sri C. Rajagopalachariar as Dr. Rajagopalachariar, or, as Mahatmaji enjoined on us, as Dr. Rajaji.

I cheerfully greet Dr. Rajaji.

In Picturpost of Nov., a very interesting jumble of photo and its latter-press below, appears in connection with the presentation of felicitations and Silver Shield Souvenir to Mr. S. S. Vasan for his masterpiece *Avvaiyar*.

Dr. C. P. Ramaswamy Iyer is said to be addressing the audience under the photo in which Mr. Vasan is speaking and *vice versa*.

Even the photos seem to be beside themselves with joy and would not stay where they ought to!

What a boon to High School boys of Comilla, E. Pakistan! Acute paper scarcity has compelled annual examinations to be postponed. Boys and Girls of India, you have my earnest sympathy because we, in India, suffer from too much of paper.

The fact is: from my school days, these more than three score years, I hated exams. as a test — I simply detest it.

A glass of drinking water at 8 as. and a meal at Rs. 3. That was what had to be paid when

about 60,000 visitors gathered at Jorhat to see the exhibition and cultural shows held in connection with the All-India Basic Education Conference: What a sacrifice, poor enthusiasts!

Are "Journalists" to be classed as workers? That is the question now seriously engaging the attention of Indian Govt., said Mr. Abid Ali, Dy. Minister of Labour.

No matter how Govt. might classify this caste of scribes, do the employers of these "workers" regard them as such? That I would like to know.

Menacing growth of monkey population: Govt. of India alarmed Scientists are eager to find out what their nourishment is which makes monkeys so prolific.

Grandest Debating Society of the World is undisputedly the United Nations Organisation — says the British Information Fortnightly Review.

That is honest, frank truth: Why keep up this farce of a show and at such a cost too?

Dr. Radhakrishna, Vice-Pres. recommends Roman Script for Devanagari.

We are told that in *The Mail* in Jan. 1949, this Daily began giving lessons on the use of the Roman script in learning the Tamil language and later on for other South Indian languages.

But, in these sordid days who will blow the trumpet for you if

you don't blow your own? That is why *The Mail* always tells its Readers what foresight it always had and always has.

"At present there are 55,000 Africans imprisoned in Kenya, many without a charge and without a trial," said Mr. M. Foot, a Labour M.P. "If Mr. Alfred Lyttelton, the Colonial Secretary is allowed to continue with this policy, there will not be any Commonwealth in a few years." It has already begun to dissolve.

Communist Rulers of China treat women as part of the nation's manpower: Chinese women are today engine-drivers, land-surveyors, pilots, machine operators, tram and tractor drivers.

Good, quite good so far. Even Hitler and Mussolini wanted women to confine themselves to domestic duties. Today it is "Go ahead, China."

But, Sisters of China, I beg of you not to treat your men as part of the nation's women-power.

New South Wales issues Postal Stamps to collect charity to build hospital for T.B. patients!

Postal Stamps to stamp out T.B. Why not we too stamp to stamp out T.B.?

Mr. Nixon found Rajaji "an infinitely wise man." In their after-dinner chat, Rajaji told the Pressmen "He (Nixon) tried to Govern India while I tried to Govern the United States." No harm to both or both the countries.

Mr. Ram Manohar Lohia, P.S.P. Leader, is striving to form "a third force" in the internal political life of the country.

From Mr. Lohia's statement, so vague, there will be ample scope for any number of T. Prakasams to

join other parties as may suit their convenience.

H.E. Sri C. M. Trivedi has not yet understood the difference between Truth and Courtesy.

For, when the Cuddapah Municipal Address credited him with being learned in Vedic Lore, he disclaimed any merits as a Vedic Scholar.

Again, he was praised as being the soul and backbone of the new Andhra State. He edged away saying at the most he simply guided the Ministers.

H.E. Trivedi must know that the authors of the Address know the truth as well as he Trivedi does. But courtesy has some licence.

Our good grandmotherly friend, the Madras English Daily, *The Mail*, gives us such gushing and ample news about Elizabeth, the British Queen, and her voyage round the World, as was the fashion in the previous Chapter of Indian History.

All such full details of the doings of the British Rulers were needed when India was a dependency and *The Mail* was conducted by British Editors whose one Gospel was that all talk of Indian Freedom was premature and the only source of India's salvation was at the hands of the Briton on whom Providence had cast the eternal duty of taking care of India. That is past history.

But, alas, the present Editor is one who had his training under those British Imperialists; and hence, this old-fashioned way of thinking and writing cannot cause any wonder.

High time, *The Mail* changed its ways of British gaffers and gamblers.

Why not take to 4-H CLUB

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Yet another instance of the danger of being too good—a warning which G.B. Shaw gave when Mahatmaji was shot!

Sri T. Sivashanmugam Pillai, Speaker of the Madras Legislative Assembly, has been known as the embodiment of patience, forbearance and courtesy, and for his uniform calmness—Shanti—even under the most trying circumstances and singularly provoking occasions of stormy hectoring and heckling in the Assembly.

To enter his home under the plea of ventilating grievances and then exhibiting rank rioting and lawlessness, was the reward of the Speaker's charitable nature: the misguided men are to be thanked for giving a warning to the esteemed Speaker that there are limits even to sympathy for helpless citizens.

"Why She Should Not" is the title of the last play by G.B. Shaw.

But the pity of it is that it is unfinished. Critics, Novelists and Literary Advisers advised that it was not wise to attempt to finish it, for the question is, "Who can?"

Does not this remind you about that excellent story about "the old Soldier in the Gun room" in Goldsmith's "She Stoops to Conquer"? The servant wants to narrate it, but the master of the house admits that the Story is excellent but he will not allow it to be recounted. That is, posterity will never know what that excellent story was any more than we or children can ever know what that play of G.B.S. would be if completed.

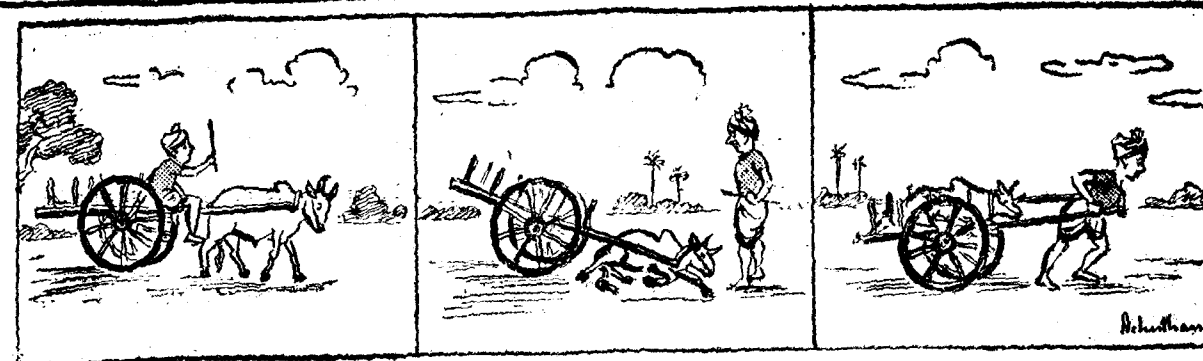
Mr. Nixon, the Vice-President of U.S.A., rightly praised Afghanistan for winning and "bravely preserving" the country's freedom.

Right, and doubly right is Mr. Nixon in his felicitations to Afghanistan, for "preserving" its freedom. For, time and again, the fact is that Afghanistan can easily enough win freedom but it cannot preserve it long.

For, only think of the dramatic and sudden "enter and exit" of the Amirs! You will appreciate Mr. Nixon's words all the better.

The Bermuda Brothers: Sir W. Churchill, Eisenhower and M. Laniel have agreed to agree long, long before they ever thought of meeting at Bermuda, with this difference:

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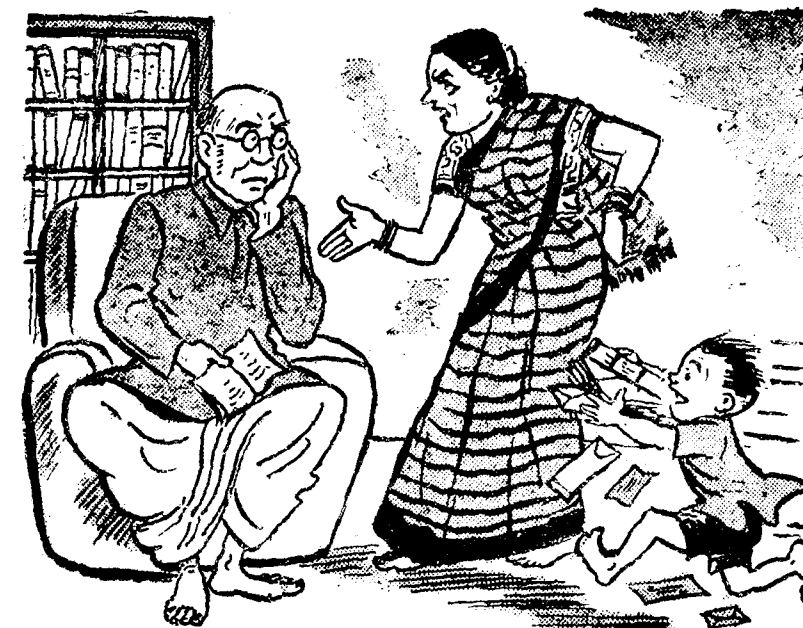
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Take any subject: he has cut and dried opinions—ready to be hurled at you to your confusion and wonderment. Politics, he glibly discourses on. But it is Philosophy that makes him inexhaustible and irrepressible. An excellent sample of such a self-esteem pensioner is my friend Simha, who recently retired from Govt. Service.

Simha Shrouti, that is what he changed his name to, from Simha Row, is a very good soul. Thirty-two years of steady service he had put in, in a Govt. office. He had filled the same forms, done the same routine duties he had done for decades. He would boast that his pen had become so trained, if only it could move by itself and write, it would quite easily function during his absence. But, here is a marvel in his service of 32 years. Would you believe it? Not a day absent. Neither illness, domestic functions of any kind, none kept him from his office table. Shrouti would tell you that as often as you meet him. He would not tire of telling us about that, nor we to listen to it. During his days of service, he would be reading books on Religion and Philosophy. It was his ambition to be known as a Philosopher or Vedic Scholar.



By SWAMI NIRBHAYA

So often would he discourse to his friends about the Vedas, Religion, Philosophy, interpretations of the teachings of Bhagavad Gita etc, that I suggested that his chats reminded me of some lines in the well-known Elegy written in a Country Church yard.

"Do you mean, Swamiji, the lines about the full many a flower born to blush unseen and waste its fragrance in the desert air?" asked Shrouti.

"I do," said I.

"Do you mean that my views about these ethical questions are wasted?" he asked earnestly. "If you do, what would you suggest?"

"Why, my good sir, send them on to the Papers. One meets with so much trash in them. Why not they publish yours?" I answered. I did not know that what I said might be adversely understood. But I was in earnest and so too Shrouti.

"You wish me to approach the world through the press? To speak truth, I was myself puzzled. I do not know whether I should start a

series of lectures or deliver my message through books or through the Press," poor Shrouti looked so puzzled. "Ah, books, that is the permanent form such articles finally take. But, start with articles," said I and left, because our talk about the publicity of his views saved me from his usual Vedic views.

Innocent and bona fide as my suggestion was, I never dreamt that I had committed an error and brought serious trouble also to Shrouti as we shall see.

This is how my suggestion fanned out:

A FEW weeks after, passing by Shrouti's home, I could hear the loud voice of Srim. Usha Devi, the wife of Shrouti. I went in. I saw her severely scolding the poor crest-fallen Shrouti.

"Swamiji, see what your suggestion has brought us. He is writing away night in, night out—no sleep till midnight—complains about eyes paining, and, what is all that, Ramana?" said Usha Devi turning from me to her grandson who came running in.

Ramana ran in so happy, "Grandpa, see all our packets

have come back. Postman gave them. How lucky! I did not like to post, but you were angry. Why should we send away what you wrote. But, grandma, I posted six packets. They are all here. You must get me sweets and chocks, grandpa."

"NOT one accepted, Swamiji, you see," said Usha Devi, even more angry, "paper, postage, light, all wasted! Goodness! One must have some common-sense. We are living on half pay. The rents on our houses cannot be raised, but expenses are running up. I overheard your suggestion the other day. As you suggested, he wrote and wrote and posted, and here they are again, back again like bad shillings. Nor would he take my advice. I do not know how I can get on."

"Usha, curse your common-sense! Don't lose your temper. You know I do not care for money. I only wanted to raise the rent slightly. But the new-fangled rent law is against us. And here, Usha, you blame me for that. Yet, these articles, I tell you, Swamiji, these articles are about the Upanishads. I am trying to prove that Confucius and Lao Tzu, the Chinese Philosophers, must have known about our Vedas from their teachings. Else, why should Fa Hian and Hiwon Tsang come over to us? And yet, dear Usha,..." Shrouti tried to explain the value of his learned articles.

But Srim. Usha Devi did not appear to be quite impressed with the necessity of those philosophical speculations, and, while Shrouti pointed out that future scholars of the East and the West would be hankering for his ideas, his wife laid the blame of her husband's mental wanderings in Vedanta philosophy and wastings of their slender and shrunken means, on my suggestion. I stood silent and penitent, because it was my suggestion that he should post his articles for publication in the Press.

Luckily, an urgent engagement took me away from further charges; I do not now offer any suggestions to Shrouti, though, I am told, he secretly keeps ventilating his Vedantic brain waves, lest the world should be the worse without his views.



Life of Sivananda in Pictures (Published by Yoga Vedanta Forest University, Ananda Kutir, Rishikesh, U.P. Price Rs. 3/-).

All the readers of *My Magazine of India* have been fortunate enough to read and profit by the writings of His Holiness Mahamandaleswar Sri Swami Sivananda Saraswati of Ananda Kutir. Many of them might have read some of his marvellous books. But how many of them could have seen him, especially in his surroundings? How often would they have asked themselves: What does he do? How does he live? Who are his immediate disciples? How is his Ananda Kutir like? These and many more questions are answered in this booklet—in the form of photographs that tell many tales and teach many inspiring lessons. Carrying a Foreword from the pen of His Holiness himself, the book has on each page a plate of several photos which detail many things. There are 40 such pages (or plates) which are titled: Biographies of Sri Swami Sivananda; Contemporaries of Siva; Spiritual Power-House—Sivanandanagar; Abode of Bliss—Ananda Kutir; Home for the Homeless—Viswanath Mandir; Siva's Perennial Tapas; Precepts from Practice—Siva at Work; Aids to Radiant Health—Siva doing Yoga Asana Exercises; Siva writing, eating, doctoring, composing, printing, teaching, etc! You see his savants, his inspired chelas all over the world. Yes, sir, you see Siva playing on the harmonium and acting a role! At the end, Swami Paramananda, the most energetic go-getter of Siva's closest and earliest disciples, gives us a good idea of what is life like in Siva's Ashram in his "A Peep into Ananda Kutir." On the last page are the photos of the Super Six who were the brains behind the booklet. They have done the finest piece of work ever to focus attention on the life and mission of His Holiness. Exquisitely printed on Art paper, this booklet is a vital necessity for everyone who has eyes to see, a heart to feel and a mind to think.

Govt. Arts College Magazine.

The students and staff of the Govt. Arts College, Anantapur, have brought out this Magazine as the Andhra State Inauguration Number. Pleasingly printed and properly got up, this Number carries several messages from eminent men like Sri

S. Radhakrishnan, Sri C. M. Trivedi, Swami Ramana and Tirtha, etc. Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya's "Message" is more in the nature of a concise history of the beginning, growth and fulfilment of the Andhra State Movement. The English section contains four articles, viz., "Sriramulu the Immortal," "Temporary Andhra Capital," "Saint Thyagiah, the Divine Bard," and "Place Names of Anantapur District." The Telugu section has three pieces of poetry, viz., "Prabhodhamu," "Janmabhoomi" and "Thathavamu." The article "Manamu—Mana-Rashtramu" traces the Andhra State movement and the responsibilities of the Andhra citizens. "Andhra Kavayithrulu" deals with Telugu poetesses. "Ahimsa, bhoda" is a short story. This Number has four pages of what is described in it as "Samples of Rayalaseema Art." We really do not know what it means! The special Number is, however, a laudable effort.

Glimpses Of Divine Light (By S.K. Das. Published by The Study Circle, Tandon Bhawan, Central Town, Jullundur City. Price Rs. 2-4).

H.H. Sri Swami Sivananda who has written the Foreword for this book makes this observation which every book lover should do well to ever remember: "Swadhyaya or study of books is a part of Yoga... our ancients have given to it a place of honour in their scheme of Yoga-Sadhana... a scripture is your Guru-in-book-form." But the books referred to are not "sensational novels, detective stories, nerve-titillating romantic dramas and crime books" but those which help to "raise literature once again to the lofty heights of the inspirer of man to glorious endeavours, to attain the goal of life on earth, the purpose of human birth—Realisation of God." Measured with this yardstick, the book under notice is really inspiring for it is written by one who has practised and has faith in the subject he has written about. Many of the articles which constitute separate chapters were first written for and published in various newspapers and periodicals. The author's arresting presentation of the various topics is very likely to succeed in making the reader practise what he has read! And that is the greatest achievement an author can ever have. The book is priced at 3 sh. for the U.K. readers and \$75 for those in the U.S.A.

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MAIDEN ATTEMPT!

By R. LAKSHMI NARAYANAN

I MUST admit that I am by nature very shy; even now, after so many years of married life, I find myself at my wits' end when I want to argue with my better half about the manner in which the frock for my only child, Manorama, should be cut. Consider, then, what should have been my plight at the time of my marriage!

Even when we were sitting before the sacred fire, my wife tried to drag me into conversation by tugging at my uppercloth and garland. I, however, kept quiet. She wrote to me two or three chits asking me to meet her upstairs but I gave her the slip not because I did not like the idea of speaking to my wife but because of my inherent bashfulness. Probably enraged at this, she gave me such a hard pinch when we were sitting in the car during the procession that tears came to my eyes; and yet, when my brother-in-law who saw me wiping my eyes asked me jokingly if his sister had pinched me, I, of course, had to reply in the negative.

The few days I stayed in my father-in-law's house after marriage were a regular nightmare to me. On the first day of my stay my mother-in-law prompted my wife to bring me *pansupari* after meals, while she herself was looking through a window to see how her new son-in-law behaved. In my shyness on being alone with my wife, I resolved to make a big sacrifice. I said that I did not chew, while God alone knows what a great chewer I am!

Whenever my wife either accidentally or intentionally entered the room in which I was sitting, I always made it a point of quietly walking off by the other door. In spite of this, on one occasion, I happened to step by chance into the room in which my wife was sitting and before I retraced my



steps, my brother-in-law, wishing to enjoy the fun, closed and bolted the door on the other side. Shocked as I was, I raised a great hue and cry, shouting that he had crushed my toes. The poor fellow was completely deceived and he hastily threw open the door to find me dressing the toe with a piece of cloth. And for three days I had to walk limping lest I should be exposed.

About a week after my departure, I received a letter from my wife bitterly reproaching me for my unromantic way of not writing to her often and asking me to do so at length. I racked my brains for the production of a most passionate love-letter, but failed. Then I suddenly recollected a love-letter in a novel which I had been reading only that morning. I resolved faithfully to reproduce it, and send it to her. I congratulated myself and began to wonder what impression such a dazzling love-letter would create on my wife.

But my joy was not destined to last long. On the third day I got a registered letter, the sight of

which sent a cold shudder through my frame. Hastily opening it I glanced through its contents.

"Whereas" it ran, "it has been established beyond doubt that you have written a letter couched in terms highly objectionable and quite ungentlemanly to Smt. Kamala, the wife of my client Mr. Mohan (your sister-in-law's husband), notice is hereby given that unless you tender an unconditional apology to my client and his wife within 48 hours, my client will be constrained to take such steps as he deems fit to retrieve the loss of dignity caused by you."

I stood rooted to the spot for full fifteen minutes, unable to make head or tail of this lawyer's notice, when, at last, I realised the blunder I had committed. In my zeal and enthusiasm in reproducing the letter, I had copied the name of the heroine as it was. The same mistake had been committed by me in writing the address also and as ill-luck would have it, the name of the heroine in the novel coincided with that of my sister-in-law's!

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The Writing On The Leaf!



By B. L. Rao

THERE is a Sanskrit saying to the effect that good kings are those who are diverted from their deep penance when they are in *Samadhi*. From some of the traditions current at Srirangapatam and from what I was able to learn from my brother's father-in-law who was the Peshkar (officer) at Srirangapatam temple, it is clear that Hyder was a great yogi who in the midst of his penance was disturbed and so was born to enjoy royal prerogatives.

The story runs thus:

Raghunatha Sastri was a poor man, living on charity at a place near Rajahmundry. He wished to collect some funds for his children's marriages, etc., and so came south to Mysore Province. On his way he went to Baba Budan Hills (Dattatreya Peetha) and obtained a glimpse of the deity. While getting back, he strayed from the right path and went to some other place.

He did not know where he was in the mountain, and wandering despondently he came near a place where there were seven seats while only six were occupied by yogis. The seventh seat being empty struck him as strange and he began to fear that he might be cursed for disturbing those people there. But all were so deeply engrossed with closed eyes that no one observed this Raghunatha Sastri. He therefore prostrated before them and was lying in that position when one of the six yogis opened his eyes and seeing this man asked him to get up and say why he came there. He replied that having seen Dattatreya Peetha he missed his way and so accidentally came there. He begged to be excused for his intrusion. The sage then asked him what he wanted and why he was wandering.

"Sir," replied Raghunatha Sastri, "I have come a long way off

from my part, that is, Godavari district, to collect about Rs. 500/- for my children's marriages and other functions."

"We here are penniless men doing penance," replied the sage. "Go to Hyder at Sreerangapatam and he will help you liberally. Take this *arka patra* (leaf dedicated to the Sun and on Rāhasaptami day, seven leaves are used for bathing) on which I have marked something and show it to Hyder. He will help you in a princely way."

THE Sastri was then asked to close his eyes and by the time he opened them, he found himself outside near the precincts of the temple. He did not know if it was a dream but the possession of the *arka* leaf convinced him that he was wide awake. He hastened to Srirangapatam to meet Hyder.

HYDER, who was the *de facto* ruler, observed certain principles of etiquette and honour by making the nominal king mount the throne during Navaratri, ride on the elephant on Vijayadasami day to the Bannimantap with himself following on foot and worshipping Sri Ranganatha every morning. His palace at Srirangapatam was opposite the temple and his bedroom faced Lord Sri Ranganatha exactly. As soon as he got up, *Mangalarathi* (offering of camphor to the God) had to be done, so that in that very light he could see Lord Sri Ranganatha's figure (as big as the one at Srirangam near Trichy). Sreerangapatnam is *Adi Ranga*, Sivasamudra (Cauvery Falls) *Madhya Ranga* and Srirangam *Antya Ranga*. In all these three places, the three cities are islands surrounded by the Cauvery on all sides. Hyder used to call Sri Ranganatha as Bakshi Ranganatha, since he used to borrow half to one lakh of rupees from the temple funds and then return the same with interest.

Sreekanteswara, also called Nanjundeswara in Nanjangud, fifteen miles from Mysore, was called Hakim Nanjunda, because in case of any ailments among his troops, including horses and elephants, he used to send them to Nanjangud where within a month they had to recover their health. Hyder's ambition of possessing one thousand elephants was not fulfilled as he could have only 999 living and whenever any other new elephant came, one would die. In that way during his whole life he could not own one thousand. One day his State elephant fell ill. It was affected by partial blindness. He ordered that elephant be taken to Nanjangud for at least a month and that it should do some *Seva*, God's worship. He asked the clerk to write to Hakim Nanjunda. He said, "*Hakim Nanjunda ko ek thakth* (letter) *liqko* (write). *Eh Hasti ko ankhe barober karko vapas bhejna* (let him cure the elephant of its blindness and send him back). If he does not do so, then his *Tasdiq* (monthly moiety) will be stopped."

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the temple, prostrating at each step in its round and in this way it performed this routine for one month—the time set apart for its recovery and lo! by the end of the month, the elephant got back its sight. Hyder was so much pleased that he said "Accha, Hakim ko ek hazarrupya bakshish doe. (Well, well, give the Doctor one thousand rupees as a present.)" Such was Hyder's sincere and true devotion.

HYDER, whenever he was in headquarters, used to see petitioners on Saturday mornings between 9 and 12. They had to stand in the quadrangle in front of the temple in perfect rows except on the eastern side. He had twelve clerks by his side and with Purniah, Finance Minister, by his side and (who was his friend from boy-hood days, and in whom he confided all his troubles) he would go round, enquiring of every petitioner as to why he had come to see him. There were petitioners complaining against their official superiors, men seeking appointments, persons asking for charities and favours; they were all classified and he would first dispose of those that had any complaints against their official superiors as he did not want his administrative officers to stoop to mean things. He was a terror to his subordinates and dispensed justice in such a way that in the "History of Hyder Shah alias Hyder Ali Khan Bahadur" by M.M.D.L.T., a general in the army of the Mogul Empire, published in 1855 by W. Thacker and Co., 87, Newgate Street, London, it is stated: "Hyder was doubtless one of the greatest characters that Asia has produced—there was no lack of ability—by his superior talents he raised himself from a private citizen to the sovereignty of a powerful kingdom. He administered justice with impartiality, was indulgent to his subjects but strict in the discipline of his army, severe to offenders and relentless to enemies. He did not like great talkers .."

He came to the line where Raghnatha Sastri was standing and when the Sastri gave him the *arka patra* Hyder was taken aback. He closed his eyes for a few moments and starting up as if struck by

something he ordered his men to take the Sastri to Purniah's house, see to his comforts and to bring him along with Purniah at 4 p.m. to his palace. His mind became uneasy. He sent away the rest, seemed as if upset over something and came back to the palace. After breakfast he rested for a while and Purniah came with the Sastri at 4 p.m. Hyder got them to his chambers and ordered that none should disturb the three till he came out. Seating Purniah by his side and asking the man to sit opposite them, Hyder said: "Purniah, *hamara bulav agaya, ham chalyana* (Purniah, the call has come and I must go.)" Purniah was nonplussed. He was not able to make out what Hyder meant. He knew that Hyder was no ordinary man, but had divine grace as experienced by him in Pradhan Venkappiah's house where Purniah was residing. Hyder was then a servant tending cattle. One day, Purniah was asked to bring the cattle for some ceremony at home, and fetch Hyder with two cows. When Purniah went to the grazing ground, Hyder was sleeping with his face to the western sun and a big cobra had spread its hood and covered his face with its shadow. This was said to be indicative of royalty. Accordingly, Purniah got a promise from Hyder that when the latter became the king, the former should be his minister.

ANOTHER day, while selecting officers for the army, Hyder pitched upon a boy whose father and grandfather were revenue *Shanbhogs*. Purniah asked Hyder why he had chosen that boy. Hyder asked Purniah to touch his back and see through his shoulders. When Purniah with his right hand on Hyder's back looked through his shoulders, he saw the boy appearing as a great military commander, able to lead the army well. As soon as he removed his hand, he saw only an ordinary boy.

Hyder then said, "Purniah, did you see him through my vision? Do you now see why I have given him a post in the Army? Purniah, I was one of the seven who were doing penance in that place and, due to some cause, I wished for royal powers and lost my spiritual power. I am

now reminded by this writing on the leaf to get back to my place there."

Then turning to the Sastri, he asked, "Where had you been? How did you get this? What did you ask them?"

THE poor man confessed to everything and said that he had asked them for five hundred rupees and they had directed him to go to Hyder.

"Now, what do you want from me?" asked Hyder, finally.

"Oh, Sultan! I desire five hundred rupees for the marriage of my son," replied Sastri, meekly.

Hyder laughed and said, "Purniah, have you ever come across a greater *nirbhagya* (unfortunate man) than this fellow? When he had the *darsan* of the great sages who could have given him *mukti sadhana* (emancipation), he asked them for filthy lucre and when he has come to me who could give him whole villages, etc., his ill-luck has prompted him to ask for such a paltry sum as five hundred rupees. All right, give him a village fetching that amount annually."

Sastri's descendents are enjoying it near Karighatta even to-day.

A YEAR after this, Hyder breathed his last while engaged in battle near Mangalore and his body was brought carefully to Srirangapatam and there his death was announced.

A Little Pretension

Little Susan saw her mother's new evening gown, which had just been delivered.

"Oh, Mummy, how lovely!" she cried. "Will you wear it to-night?"

"No, dear, not to-night," replied her mother. "This is for when ladies and gentlemen come to dinner."

"Oh, Mummy, do let's pretend just for once that daddy's a gentleman," pleaded the child.

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JED SAUNDERS reckoned that one of two things could happen. His man could lay down or fight on to a finish. Of the two, he favoured laying down.

"You see, it's like this, kids," he explained, "you've got no chance against the Duke. Why you were matched with him so soon, I can't imagine. I don't know what Chambers is up to, but I intend to find out."

His trainer's word fell hard on the youngster. But he was a good plucky one with no false heroics. He made no indignant protest now like any another might have done. His pride had been hurt, but nobody but himself would know about it.

"So you reckon I ought to curl up?" he said simply.

"Yes, son. For the sake of your futures," Jed said kindly. He liked this tousel-headed lad that Chambers had picked up a year ago from a touring booth. He was no sentimentalist. His own knowledge of boxing had been knocked into him in the ring, wherein his ears had also been flattened and his nose slightly bent. Few knew better than he what little reward existed in the fight game for nine out of every ten who entered it.

But Tim Malone was one of the tenth—or would be, if handled right—Jed had no doubts about it. He had no wish to see the lad's career cut short because of injudicious matching.

"Don't think I'm asking you to throw the fight," he continued, well aware that his remark was cutting straight through the middle of Tim's thoughts. "But as soon as you know that you've done all you can and that it's not enough—go down and stay there!"

"Yes, young Tim's all right," Chambers said, replenishing the glass of the man sitting opposite. "But that's all he is—all right. No more. Understand?"

"I think so, Frank. If he really had the makings of a champ, you'd

carry on with him on the level. He hasn't, but you'd carry on with him if he would take a 'dive' now and again. But that he won't do—and you've got yourself hitched up to a contract for another two years. That right?"

"Absolutely. So I'm doing what I reckon will wash him up."

"No need to tell me that. But suppose it doesn't?"

Chambers frowned.

"If it doesn't—well, then, I guess I'll just have to pick him one or two more hidings. After that, he'll drift and drift. Get himself into a trade, after a bit. You know how it is."

"Yeah, sure, I know. Selling matches, or boot-laces or something."

"Getting to be quite the sentimental type, ain't you, Marcombe?" As he said this, Chambers spat derisively.

"YES, I suppose that's what you would call it. I know the fight game isn't a bed of lilies. It never has been. And I'm not saying that I haven't myself done a few things you won't find in the rule book. But young Malone is a nice lad. What's more, he's won a few nice fights for you. And you were mighty quick to step in with a three-year contract when you thought he was the goods. If you ask me, the kid deserves a straight deal."

"Well, I didn't ask you. And if you think so much of Malone, why not relieve me of the remaining two years of his option? He doesn't have to be butchered to be put out of the game."

"You're a nice little basket and no mistake. For someone else to pull the chesnuts out of the fire would just suit you. I'll take him up after this next fight, if you like. But saving him from the massacre you've planned is your job."

Chambers poured himself another drink, this time ignoring Marcombe's empty glass. The effect of the gesture wasn't what it should have been. Marcombe picked the bottle from off the table and helped himself.

"Don't forget," he said, as he tossed his drink down, "you can turn the rest of Tim's contract over to me, if you like, after he's fought the 'Duke'. And I'm not doing it for your sake, you—you heel!"

HARD words were wasted on Chambers. As soon as Marcombe had gone, he was busy trying to think up some scheme to best him.

"Trouble with him is that he thinks the 'Duke' is unbeatable," he said to Jed Saunders.

"And 'e's right, too," answered Jed. "We all know that the 'Duke' is going straight on to the top. And when 'e gets there, today's champ is going to be the ex-champ."

"Oh, so you're going to start belly-aching about the kid, too, I suppose," Chambers snarled.

"No, I ain't! I've told young Tim what it's best for him to do. It'll be up to him on the night."

"Huh! I suppose you'll be going round next telling the 'Duke' what it's best for him to do, too."

For a minute or so Jed did not speak. He looked thoughtful, as though mentally taking stock of this remark. Then he smiled and remarked in a surprisingly pleasant tone: "That's some idea. I'll do just that!"

And when Chambers barked out a further enquiry, Jed had gone.

On the big night, knowledgeable people in the ringside seats weren't particularly looking forward to the Tim Malone—"Duke" Brasted affair. Tim was game enough, but altogether too inexperienced for the Negro with the lethal punch. The youngster wasn't strong enough, nor fast enough, or shrewd enough. The general verdict was

that he hadn't any chance. The only point to be settled was how long he would stand up while the 'Duke' chopped him up.

As the two men entered the ring and disrobed there were many angry looks in the direction of his manager. Beside the ebony-skinned 'Duke', the white lad cut a pathetic figure.

The fight itself was sensational—and brief. Hardly had the referee finished his preliminaries and the two men touched gloves, than the Negro fainted with his left and brought over a terrific right upper-cut right on the point of the white lad's jaw. Tim went down as though pole-axed. Everyone knew that he wouldn't beat the count. He was out of the wide.

The moment the count was over, the 'Duke' picked up his opponent and bore him tenderly to his corner. There was hardly a cheer, so stunned were the onlookers at the swiftness with which the youngster's hopes had been blasted.

HALF an hour after the fight, Tim sat nursing his jaw in his dressing room, when in walked the 'Duke'.

"Hullo, kid," he said. "Sorry 'bout the fight. But Mistah Jed said I've gotta put you out quick, so you don't feel nuthin' much. Ain't that right, Mistah Jed?"

He looked over in the direction where Jed was fiddling about with some dressings and embrocation. The trainer smiled: "That's what I said, all right, 'Duke'."

Chambers started cussing at Jed for being an interfering busybody. But the 'Duke' interrupted him.

"Scuse me, fellah," he said, "but I'd 'ave done the same—Mistah Jed or no Mistah Jed. I'd sure like to show you that punch, boss."

So saying, he brought up a terrific right again and knocked Chambers clean across the dressing-room to land a crumpled heap on the floor.

In the doorway he turned and gave Jed a huge wink. "Hope dat was O. K, boss," he drawled, "you did say both times with the right hand, didn't you?"



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AN enthusiastic church worker called at a cottage where the occupants were slack in the matter of church attendance. To her delight, she was asked if she could supply the wife with a certain church magazine. As she did not have one with her, she trudged a considerable distance to get a copy, finally arriving back breathlessly at the cottage.

"Oh, thank you so much!" gushed the woman. "You see, Jock is doing a bit of poaching to-night, and he wants to know what time the moon rises."

Not Fair

Mother sought to effect an improvement in the deportment of her children by offering a reward each Saturday for the most obedient of the family during the week.

"Shucks! That's not fair," young Christopher complained indignantly. "Daddy will win every time!"

Exchange

"What my wife doesn't know about cooking isn't worth knowing."

"I'm afraid that's just the bit my wife knows," said the other husband.

When?

"Do you like my engagement ring, dear?"

"Yes, darling. When is it coming off?"

Two Pieces!

Tommy went to a party, and when he returned home he was questioned in detail about his behaviour.

"Well," said his mother, "I'm glad you didn't take a second helping of cake."

"I never take second helpings now," Tommy said, wise in the way of parties. "I take two pieces the first time the plate is handed round!"

Quite Wrong

"I am a character expert," said the first man. "I have watched you, and what you need in your business is push—push—push."

"You're quite wrong," replied the other. "I'm a dentist."



A DOUR Scot who was a believer in the economy of words was sent to darkest Africa in charge of a party of oil prospectors.

Several weeks later the head office received a cable from him which read: "Send six men to replace those eaten by lions yesterday."

In great alarm the head office sent back a cable requesting full details of the accident.

Back came the Scot's reply: "No accident. Lions did it on purpose."

Tempting

A car stopped at the frontier and a Customs official looked at the occupants' passports.

"Your passport is in order," he said to the driver, "but can you prove that this lady is your wife?"

The driver glanced at his forbidding-looking companion, leaned out of the car, and whispered to the official: "There's a nice present for you if you can prove she isn't!"

Sympathy

Hostess: "This is Captain Banks, who has just returned from the Arctic regions."

Pretty Guest: "Oh, do come nearer the fire—you must be cold."

Ring and a Sequel!

The office chief had just returned from lunch. "Oh, Mr. Smith," said his pretty, blonde typist, "a gentleman rang you up. I didn't catch his name, but I'm going out with him this evening, so I'll tell you tomorrow."

IT was the teenager's first visit to a perfume counter. Her eyes roved uneasily over the lurid trade names: Night of Passion, Mad Embrace, Irresistible.

Finally, she mustered enough courage to approach a salesgirl. "Excuse me," she asked demurely, "but have you anything suitable for a beginner?"

Next Door

A woman dashed to a telephone kiosk and dialled 999. "Is that 999?" she asked.

"No," was the reply, "this is 998."

"Well, would you mind rushing next door and telling them my house is on fire?"

Crushing Retort

The vision from Hollywood snaked her sinuous way along the platform.

Mrs. Smith eyed her husband sharply and said: "John! You never looked at me like that."

"You never looked like that!"

Some Improvement

A professor on his way to a lecture mistook a mental hospital for a college. Realizing his mistake, he explained to the gatekeeper, and added with a smile: "I suppose, after all, there isn't a great deal of difference."

"Oh yes, there is," replied the other. "In this place you have to show some improvement before you get out!"

OLD Mrs. Miggles managed to get along in the world in spite of her educational deficiencies. One day she was called upon by a lawyer to sign an important document.

"You sign it yourself, sir, an' I'll make me mark," said Mrs. Miggles. "Since me eyes gave out I'm not able to write a wurd."

"How do you spell it?" asked the lawyer, his pen poised above the document.

"Spell it whatever way you plaze," said Mrs. Miggles. "Since I lost me teeth there's not a wurd I can spell."

Alteration

Muriel (who has gently but firmly rejected Robert's proposal): "What do you want the waitress for?"

Robert: "To alter my order. If I've got to look on you as just a sister, those two-shilling sundaes are going to be sixpenny ices."

Explained

A man caught a boy in his garden stealing apples and handed him over to the police.

As it was the boy's first offence, the magistrate let him off, but told him never to yield to such temptation again, adding: "You should have flown from the evil one."

"I tried to, sir," replied the boy, "but he caught me before I could get through the hole in the hedge."

Daddy Admired!

"What did Daddy say when you asked him for my hand?"

"Oh," replied Harold, "he did his best to be pleasant. He said there was something about me that he really admired."

"Did he say what?"

"Yes—my impudence."

Domestic Trouble

"You're looking bad, old man. What's the trouble?"

"Domestic."

"But you always said your wife was a pearl."

"So she is. It's the mother-of-pearl that's the trouble."

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If you follow scientists, they will give you an atom bomb: if you follow a *sadhu*, he will take you to God where you can live in Eternal Bliss. Follow the teachings of the Saints with implicit faith in them. Do not wrack your brain with all sorts of questions now. Take to the practice of *yoga* in earnest.

You should choose your *Guru* with due care and caution. But once you have made the selection, you should not change at all. Unflinching faith in the *Guru* is the *sine qua non* of all spiritual progress. Always keep this in mind and do not allow yourself to be side-tracked by any spurious or spectacular fireworks.

Have you ever paused and considered what constitutes the 'beautiful' ladies who excite lust in you? A bundle of bones, flesh, perspiration, phlegm and other dirt! Will you allow such a bundle to become the master of your thoughts? Will you exchange your birthright of eternal peace and happiness for such a fleeting, filthy mess of pottage? Shame on you! Was your will, your reason, your discrimination, etc., given to you only for such an inglorious end? Have you not heard and seen that physical beauty is only skin-deep and at the mercy of every passing accident, illness and years?

There is no denying, however, that lust is a powerful force to overcome. But there is nothing that a spiritual *sadhak* cannot achieve if he sets his mind to it. The greater the difficulty, the greater the glory of success. Try, try, try again. Train yourself to not so look at a woman for some time. If you are unable to do this and find your looks straying up with lustful purpose to a woman, raise in your mind the image of a corpse or a skeleton or a wrinkled, diseased, old woman and keep it till you are filled with disgust. This will enable you to succeed finally in subduing passion. At the same time, take refuge in *Devi Kamakshi's* lotus feet. Pray to Her constantly for strength to withstand and conquer the on-

laughts of passion. Look upon every woman as *Sri Kamakshi* Herself and do mental prostration to Her at sight, repeating "*Om Sri Durgo Devyai Namah*". By vigilant and constant *sadhanas* like the above, you can gradually eradicate the powerful enemy.

Do not marry. Hold fast to *brahmacharya* as your only means of safety. Think frequently of splendid *brahmacharyas* like Hanuman, Bhishmacharya and Sankara, and visualise constantly how glorious it would be to live and leave behind you memories, like them, instead of dragging on a despicable existence, as a passion-driven slave. Keep in mind the aphorism: "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty".

Every incident every day only confirms me in my firm belief that the Almighty's Invisible Hand works through all the really great men of all lands for the betterment of humanity at large and for the spiritual evolution of His children. We are all but mere instruments in the Hands of the Divine. Let us then be worthy of this honour, and in all humility pray that the false, self-arrogating ego does not victimise us and that His Will might flow uninterrupted by any notion in us of doership, through His own Instruments in us, for His own purpose.

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LOVE IN TATTERS!



By
Rajendra Shankar

THE sky had become suddenly overcast. Jadava looked up and shook his shaggy head with apprehension. He knew too well of this fitful change during the month of March when the citizens of Calcutta would be caught in a sudden rainstorm. Jadava hurried along the Dharamtolla Street, elbowing his way, his hand firmly guarding his pockets against the trained and probing fingers of those ingenious technicians who specialise in unburdening, in the twinkling of an eye, the wealth that might have taken days or months of sweat and toil to earn!

Jadava turned at Esplanade, passed the Metro and Whiteaways when the first big drops began to patter. He made a dash and sought shelter under the covered gangway in front of the Grand Hotel.

This was an awful nuisance. He had borrowed a book of poetry and love sonnets which he wanted to read, cosy in bed, sipping leisurely his tea, and waiting for the visit of an interesting friend for dinner. Bother the rain!

The crowd was milling, people of different temperaments, avocation, status, all rubbing shoulders in a desperate united attempt to save themselves from being drenched. A young couple availed themselves of the shrinking space to indulge in a hug, while college boys passed remarks at girls that would do no credit even to men of medicine, psychology or films!

Jadava, crushed by the motley crowd, felt forlorn. He deliberately edged his way to a corner, near a lighted show window, and was about to take out the book to read when he felt his elbow caught in a sudden grip. He turned in

annoyance only to face a girl, in tatters, glaring at him with triumph, face flushed, lips quivering, the clutching arm trembling in excitement. He was too startled to speak, but his surprise mounted when she pulled away her hand as suddenly. The glow in her eyes died leaving a wistful, dolorous look, infinite sadness lurking behind. He felt a tug at his heart strings; it was evident that the girl had gone insane under the impact of some acute distress.

Pattering rain and heavy squalls of wind swept over the covered pavement, blowing saris and skirts about. The girl shivered and pulled

close her tattered clothes. A dislodged hat came sailing over the buzzing crowd.

JADAVA tried to find escape in poetry, when the girl mutely stretched her hand towards him. He had felt pity at her condition, but this now seemed to be a new method of begging, and begging always rubbed him up the wrong way. He bent over her, looking sternly at her dark big eyes and admonished her.

"You are young, attractive and strong. Why don't you do some useful work for a change?" he asked.

"Begging is a much harder work," she replied, with all the *sang froid* in the world, "than you imagine or I expected. Youth and attraction, which you noticed, evoke no pity; my well-formed body, which you observe, excites no sympathy—only cupidity and lust! A lecture or advice like yours forms invariably a prelude to a tentative proposal to sleep with the man. But I cannot. I hate men. So spare me your sermons, tender me no advice, but if you still shelter an uncorrupt heart and carry some spare money, I will feel grateful if you use a little of both."

Jadava was taken aback. His lips opened and then snapped close. The crowd was now on the move, the rain had stopped as suddenly as it had started. The beggar girl intrigued him. A writer of sorts in his spare hours, he realised that the girl held out potential material for a story. So many writers get the norm from passengers in a train, from cocktail parties—and the possibility gripped him. He quickly turned to the girl, who still stood there.

"Why not come with me?"

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I can hardly decide till you tell me your story. Come, we will cross over and walk in the Maidan, if you do not mind the wet grass."

Avoiding the water pools and dodging the splashing cars, they crossed over the broad road and began to walk across the Maidan. She glanced at his handsome profile, and then walked along silently. Jadava seemed to be completely cut off, and then he suddenly stopped and smiled at her.

"Sorry — this rain throws me back in one leap across the years that are now stored in the interesting archives of my memory. How things change! Well, what about telling me something about yourself? Surely, you were not born a beggar!"

"Nobody is born to be a beggar!" she replied with heat. "It is the stern cruel world that at its caprice rockets one up and crushes another down. And then women are always born to be slaves, trodden underfoot, and forced to beg — beg all their lives — the fortunate ones for security, comfort, affection from their parents, husbands, sons or relations, the unfortunate like me from the pitiless men and women of the world."

FOR a moment her eyes blazed and then noticing how he looked at her she burst out laughing. Jadava had steered her away from the light and it was now too fairly dark to notice things in detail.

"I don't know why I feel so free with you, but it is the wrong tactics to bare my teeth at a possible philanthropist. You see, I have been so different — quite different from other girls, or maybe they were different from me!"

She sighed and they walked some distance in silence.

"Yes, I was very different. Extremely sensitive and imaginative and, oh, so romantic. Romantic in a wild, unsubdued way. I dreamt day and night of love with a keen flutter of expectation. I wanted love to pour on me not like the soft silvery moonbeams but flash and burst with the blinding impetuosity of lightning; not in the soft, sweet murmurs of honeyed words but with the clash and clatter of thunder; not on the

gentle, heaving ripples of prolonged wooing but on the tumultuous billows of overpowering assertion, to envelope me, overwhelm me, bind me, blind me, domineer over me, to blend and be one with me. Love to come not with a whimper but a bang, not like the gentle fragrant breeze of Spring but like the fast, sweeping storm we have just had, to lift me and carry me off my feet.

"I CRAVED, yearned and waited for love, like the parched rice fields in summer thirsty for torrential rain. Sometimes I wanted to be the thirsty earth, sometimes the quenching tropical rain. I wanted to love with all the latent enormity of my romantic being. I wanted to surrender with the completeness of a drop of water falling into the ocean, to possess with the finality of fire consuming a dry twig. Violent dreams, you may say, wild fancy of adolescence building a cage of rainbows on the magic wings of passion and desire — rubbish infused into combustible imagination through cheap romantic novels... ha! I can hear you chuckling."

"Sorry at the expression of levity specially when you sound so serious!"

"Serious, my foot! All this jargon I learnt from the man, a poet, who succeeded in making me hate men."

"A poet?"

"Yes! And a consummate actor who knew all the tricks of making his eyes swim in the nebulous clouds of poetic ecstasy, an adept at muttering sweet nonsense and weaving pretty phrases with lofty ideas from pre-fabricated stocks piled up by other great lunatics. But he came into my life with all the bang, and I grabbed at him as the man of my dreams."

She spat on the grass and started to walk faster as if to outstrip the onslaught of relentless memory. Jadava tried to keep pace. Suddenly she burst out laughing and turned to him.

"Oh, it was a great event. I was thrilled, and he became an obsession. I began to spend so

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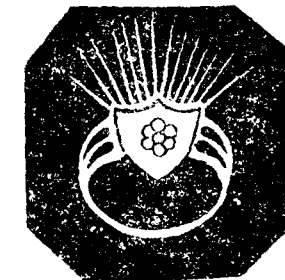
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- Q.—Can't you suggest to the Competition Editor to run MYWORDS in a different form than the present one? Cannot the Crossword give place to our entering "A" or "B" opposite each Clue?
- A.—Many have been suggesting the same idea. So, the Competition Editor has decided to please you all. You will see in the Competition Pages "MYWORDS 1-2 Competition No. 1" with its Entry Form. For the apt word, a Competitor has to put down 1 or 2 only! And the Entry Fees? As 4 for a column, Re 1 for 5 columns, Rs 3 for 20 columns and Rs 5 for 36 columns!

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- Q.—Why do men run after women?
- A.—Because of the kick they get out of the sight of the women who for them are just right!

B.C. Gokhale, Kurduwadi

- Q.—Which is preferable — Tar or Star (cine)?
- A.—The former, for its many uses. The latter will only make your heart beat faster and also make you a waster.

Parkash Narain Raina, Simla

- Q.—What does "under five errors" mean?
- A.—In the Crossword Competitions field, it refers to Competitors who have been able to submit entries that have less than five errors. That is, one, two, three and four errors.

R. Ramaiah, Huzoorabad, Dn.

- Q.—Is there any ground for me to act in films and if so how to approach?
- A.—Sure, you can be in the background of every crowd scene! The approach is easiest through picking up the friendship of a studio hand in the tea-stall nearest to it.

V.R.K. Moorthy, Madras-5

- Q.—Will it not be better if you reduce the size of the Entry Squares of MYWORDS so that each Square might contain 10 x 10 small squares instead of the 12 x 12 small squares as is the position just now so that a lot of the portion that is now shaded will be less?
- A.—Your suggestion is a gem, chum!

Vankadari Sankarayya, Kothagudium

- Q.—If Madras City goes to the Tamils with some conditions, should not Bombay city go to Maharashtra, and Hyderabad city to the Andhras?
- A.—And then Ooty to the Todas, Simla to the Paharis there and so on! This kind of giving room for the full and fell play of provincial passions and linguistic jingoism which give rise to the cry of this city and that city should go to so and so will ultimately end in India itself going to the dogs.

S.K. Gupta, New Delhi

- Q.—What is true love?
- A.—Abiding affection that braves the stress and strain of everyday existence.

Yogendranath Kashyap Yogi, Chandausi

- Q.—What is the position of India in the U.N.O.?
- A.—Political problem child that has to be petted and pulled up by turns.

Degha Radhakrishna Naidu, Nellore

- Q.—I have been crossed in love. What should I do?
- A.—The world is vast; forget the past. Make good the loss of the loved lass by looking out for one who can ordinary requirements pass.

Abdul Salam, Dibrugarh

- Q.—What is the age of My Magazine of India?
- A.—Admirable adult age of twenty-four years of zestful journalism.

R.P. Rama Rao, Azamabad, Dn.

- Q.—One of my co-clerks is very eager that he should be called "the great," though he is in no way superior to other clerks in any respect. Can you suggest some idea by which he can really deserve the title "the great" among us?

- A.—Let him lark a bit, for to be a bit daft is indeed a deft way of focussing attention on oneself. You can all of you call him Tughlak the Great!

U.R.A. Kamini, Nellore

- Q.—What are wine, money, rich food and idleness to a man?
- A.—Props for passion.

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much time with him that gossip began wagging its dirty tongue. My parents became panicky and decided to get me married. It was then my turn for panicking. I hurried to the poet, wept and told him of my fear. I told him that we could marry and thus avoid wrecking our lives.

"HE looked shocked. His artistic hair began to bristle, his words assumed the form of crisp blank verse. Marriage, he convinced me, was slavery, imprisonment. Can you imprison fresh air? Can you lock up the bloom of a flower? No! Then how could you bind down love, love that could only be nourished in freedom, love that could create the sublime union of two souls only in the essence of complete freedom, liberty and equality? He raved, moaned and cried, and finally convinced me that the sure way to kill our love would be to chain it to the mockery of a formal marriage. Oh, he knew how to stir me to my very depths. And so we decided to run away, and be completely free. I hastily collected all my ornaments, stole money from my mother's trunk and one night we eloped!

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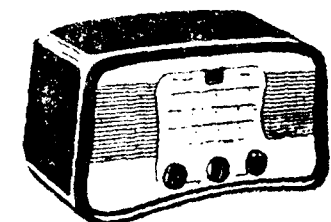
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He hailed a taxi to get home in time to read love sonnets to another sweet little thing who also presumed that she was different — from other prosaic girls! ❖❖

One prospective member from the University of Chicago fasted forty days in order to study the secrets of hunger. Another, from Decatur, Ill., taped fever-carrying lice to his wrist to study what would happen. A third, a polio victim from Catlett, Va., allowed himself to be used to test respirators. A fourth, a University of Arkansas doctor, took anti-malaria drugs in tests on normal persons.

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if he has to bail out. So the the Air Force prepared the "cold room" in Florida for the tests.

Bundled up in insulated clothing with no part of their bodies exposed, the scientists walked into the cold room for three minutes each. They took the wind blast in several positions—such as a falling body might—and some were turned over and over on a "cradle" to simulate tumbling out of an aeroplane.

With special instruments attached to the six scientists, physicians from the Aero Medical Laboratory at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base measured how the cold and wind blast affected the "guinea pigs" bodies.

What was earned from these tests? A report on the research was published recently.

What It Pinpoints

First, a pilot can safely bail out at 50,000 feet. But he should open his chute at 30,000 feet or slightly lower. With these findings in hand, the Air Force is now working to perfect an automatic parachute opener. This would spring the chute open at about 30,000 feet.

So Air Force "guinea pigs" have carried through a study that may save many pilots' lives in this new jet age.

The story of the human guinea pig pinpoints this fact: medical research—animal and human—pays off. If you doubt that, look at these figures:

Between 1945 and 1949, the tuberculosis death rate dropped 31.5 per cent. in the United States. From 1944 to '49, the pneumonia death rate dropped 34.4 per cent. In that same period, death from appendicitis fell 53.7 per cent.

Is it any wonder that people will risk their lives for medical research, when they know the results are so good?

New Volcanic Island

Sounds that had travelled 3,000 miles through the water of the Pacific Ocean recently revealed to observers at the Hawaiian Islands that a disturbance of an unknown nature was taking place off the coast of Mexico. The sounds were picked up by a delicate hydrophone invented by Professor Maurice Ewing, of Columbia University, New York, geologist and explorer of the ocean bottom. Triangulation by several instruments, called the "sofar" (sound fixing and ranging), gave the location, says a writer in the New York Herald Tribune.

Planes sent out from San Diego, California, to investigate found a volcanic eruption on the Island of San Benedicto, 800 miles to the south, sending great volumes of rock dust and gases high into the air. The report was surprising, as no previous record could be found of a volcanic eruption on this island, or any other island in the Pacific between the Hawaiian Islands and the mainland. This seemed a repetition of the sudden appearance of a new volcano at Paracutin, Mexico, when lava started gushing from the middle of a cornfield in 1943, the first case in history of the birth of a volcano being observed. San

Benedicto, about 300 miles west of the coast, is almost directly west of Paracutin. Such a close association of two new volcanoes, in position and time, seemed a highly significant indication of a new geological activity of terrestrial dimensions developing.

Lava Cones Rising

The ocean at this point is about 3,000 feet deep and San Benedicto and two adjoining islands are the tops of volcanoes that have been erupting under water until their lava cones reached the surface. On one, Socorro Island, the peak is about 1,200 feet above the surface. How long it took the cones to reach these heights is unknown. Geologists have been favouring long periods for the active life of a volcano. The nearby Paracutin volcano on the mainland, however, has raised a 1,500-foot cone and covered 60 square miles with lava and ashes in nine years. It took its first rest from activity early this year.

Jutting out from the Mexican mainland and extending almost to the volcanic islands is a broad submerged plateau about 2,000 feet above the ocean bottom, like a 250-mile mountain range. About 3,000 miles west of the islands is a smaller, but higher, plateau that reaches within six hundred feet of the surface. The nature of these submarine ranges is unknown.

The ocean and land volcanoes and these sub-surface ridges or plateaux are related to each other, and it is likely that they are part of a larger volcanic structure that extends westward through the Pacific, passing through and including the Hawaiian Islands, which are a chain of volcanic islands more than 1,000 miles long. If a point were taken in the southern coast of Alaska as a centre and a circle drawn, it would pass through the islands of the Hawaiian chain, through the submerged ridges, the erupting island volcano, and Paracutin and its nearby active volcanoes.

Chain of Islands

There are many such volcanic island arcs throughout the world, chiefly in the western Pacific, but this is by far the largest one, extending half-way across the Pacific. There is an important one in the Atlantic. From the eastern coast of Mexico there extends an arc densely populated by islands, starting with Cuba and extending through the Greater and Lesser Antilles that enclose the Caribbean Sea. These islands are, in a geological sense, very young. The submarine plateaux on which they are located have only recently been raised above the deeper ocean bottom. The many volcanoes across Mexico unite these two arcs into a single gigantic structure.

When the Rocky Mountains rose, the region now occupied by the Mississippi Valley was lifted from the ocean bed by the same process. The long-range geological process now under way in the Pacific, similar to the birth processes of the Rockies, may result in building a great circular chain of islands from Mexico to the Hawaiians, followed by the appearance of a broad band of land around them which would continuously extend itself toward the continent, enclosing an ever diminishing inland sea. However, even if the geologists shortened their time scale 10,000-fold it would still take many thousands of years before the earliest of these changes would be found on maps.

Tricks That Backfired!

Criminals' ingenuity and cunning have expressed themselves in various ways over the years—from the poisoned ring of the Borgias to the more recent American dentist, who filled his father-in-law's hollow tooth with deadly poison and sealed it with an amalgam that dissolved within four hours under the action of mouth acids!

There was the walking-stick that killed a French aristocrat ... for it was a compressed airgun. There was the tiny pistol that looked like a watch and fitted in the palm of the hand, writes Jack Drum in *Tit-Bits*.

From the hollow wooden leg filled with wine and plied him with the story of the drunken fight, he forgot that "Papa" Boudasse didn't drink. So Voirbo's ingenuity was cancelled by his own stupidity and his cunning failed when he was up against a real intellect like that of the Detective Commissaire Mace.

Then there was the hollow walking-stick which contained orceps. The stick was stretched towards banknotes, at the touch of a button the forceps protruded and gathered the notes, and then an ingenious mechanism revolved so that the notes were rolled into a cylinder and drawn into the stick.

But side by side with the intelligence that devised these things was that odd stupidity, that blind spot that cancelled it out and so often led to the downfall of the criminal concerned.

They Got Stuck!

The American dentist's scheme was successful, and his father-in-law died. But he overlooked the fact that, at the post-mortem, tiny pieces of dental amalgam would be found mixed with poison in the stomach of the deceased.

The wielder of the walking-stick forceps successfully robbed many banks for a time. But one day he tried to pick up a wad of notes—and they got stuck!

Charles Peace had a long run; but in the end he came to grief by his stupidity in pursuing a married woman who hated the sight of him.

Much ingenuity has been used by criminals, but even ingenuity is not proof against the human element or against pure chance. "Cammi" Giffard, the notorious receiver, was sitting down to dinner when the police raided his house in search of a valuable necklace.

Necklace in Soup!

They searched without success, for "Cammi" had dropped the necklace into a tureen full of soup. And then, under his anguished gaze, the maid removed the soup, which had grown cold—and threw away £500,000!

If ever there was an ingenious blackguard it was Voirbo, the French murderer. He killed his friend, old "Papa" Boudasse, and dismembered the body. The head he and molten lead and dropped it into the River Seine: the rest of the corpse he made up into different parcels, which he deposited all over Paris.

Every night, for a fortnight, he went to Boudasse's apartments to wind up the clock

and light a candle so that people would think the old man was still living there.

He hid the old man's cash in a metal canister which he placed inside a barrel of wine, attached by a piece of string to the bung; when the police began to suspect him he plied a drunken tripe-dresser with so much wine that the poor wretch went mad with *delirium tremens*, screaming that he had killed Boudasse in a drunken fight.

Both Stupid and Clever!

But Voirbo left some of the clothing on the limbs, and it was identified; when visiting "Papa's" apartment he omitted to make the bed and remove the film of dust over everything.

When he filled the tripe-dresser with wine and plied him with the story of the drunken fight, he forgot that "Papa" Boudasse didn't drink. So Voirbo's ingenuity was cancelled by his own stupidity and his cunning failed when he was up against a real intellect like that of the Detective Commissaire Mace.

Mace reconstructed the crime in his presence, in the actual murder chamber. When the detective poured that famous jug of water on the tiled floor to show which way the blood ran, and then took up the tiles where the water had gathered in pools, and found dried blood under the tiles—Boudasse's blood—Voirbo broke down and confessed.

As in the case of other criminals, Voirbo's cleverness was betrayed by an equal stupidity; his resistance broke down under prolonged probing and investigation. So he was brought to the gallows.

Wool Causes Skin Ailment?

Eczema, an inflammatory skin disease, is considered a year-round ailment. Yet doctors have been puzzled because so many children seem to develop it only when cold weather comes. Now Dr. Lewis W. Hill of the Children's Memorial Hospital Centre in Boston suggests that wool might be responsible. He points out in the "New England Journal of Medicine," that young children are almost smothered in wool in winter. They wear wool mittens, wool hats, sweaters, scarves and socks. Their bodies are continually in contact with it, thus resulting in incessant rubbing and scratching. He recommends that in severe eczema the child be desensitized to wool.

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KASYAPA, the foster-father under whose care Mallika was placed by her father at the time of his death, was sitting in his veranda with his good lady, Srimathi Vinaya. This good couple were Mallik's "Uncle" and "Auntie," as she called them. In fact, they were "Uncle" and "Aunt" to all Mallik's friends. Kasyap's home was the home where Mallik's friends had as much attention and comfort as Mallik herself had. We shall refer to the kindly nature of this truly benevolent couple later on.

Uncle Kasyap was mildly surprised to see Mallik coming in on her bike just as it was getting dark. It was nearly seven.

"What is the matter, child? What brings you so suddenly?" asked Vinaya.

The least question about Mallik's health easily made Kasyap anxious. Childless himself, Mallik had come to be the one thing that mattered to him in life.

"Nothing very serious, Auntie Dearest, I felt that I would like to spend a day or a week with you, sleep with you all the day and with Uncle too. So I jumped on the bike and here I am," was the easy, careless reply of Mallik.

"You did very well, Mallik, Sweet Child. That is what I am telling your Uncle day and night and night and day. I know, darling, your heart is with us. But your Uncle won't listen. He won't. He never does. He must do what I don't want. You know your Uncle, Sweetie."

"Don't, don't, please don't blame my own, dearest Uncle. He is not to blame. If I am now in the College it is because I begged of him to send me. And you know, Auntie dearest, did he deny me anything I wanted, if only I wasn't silly in what I asked?" pleaded Mallik.

"I know you take up your Uncle's side always and..." began Srim. Vinaya.

Kasyap now interrupted. "You have not heard why Mallik has come, but you must talk of everything else."

"That is what we have just heard; she has told us. How many times do you want Mallik to repeat what she said? Did she not tell us she felt like staying with

us? And what more do you want her to tell us?" asked Srim. Vinaya, of course in that bantering manner which was so usual with this couple, who seemed to relish that kind of conversation, as many couples do. "What do you really mean, dear child? Are you not feeling well? One would have thought you would be in the tennis court or in your girls' gymnasium at this hour. Surely, you are not the person to run away at the first feeling of pain or hurt. And so suddenly too," asked Kasyap.

"I DO not exactly know what the trouble is. I feel a depression. I cannot catch what exactly is the matter with me. That is what Antonio suffered from in Venice. He didn't know what depressed him. So I said to myself, stay I shall with Auntie dearest. And that would cheer me. It always does. I don't know the cause, Uncle, but I know the cure," and with that she threw her arms round Vinaya's body and almost lifted her, kissing her beloved foster-mother—so hard that the aged lady had almost to be rescued from Mallik's violent love.

"Well, if that is all the matter I am so glad you will be with us Mallik, we also feel sometimes as if we would send for you and have you with us just for having you cheer us. But then, your studies will be disturbed. That is what used to keep me from sending for you from your hostel. Your Auntie always scolds me for not bringing you over. But she does it so often that I feel anxious about your Auntie's health if she doesn't scold me, you see, my Mallik?" remarked Kasyap with a furtive smile.

"Uncle, don't talk like that. When I think that even my own Uncle can talk in that cynical way about my Auntie dearest, I rather wish my girl friends shouldn't get into bondage with chaps who think that it is the exclusive right of the male—the mere male—to have idiosyncrasies," protested Mallika.

"You are too serious to-day. I don't know why. Surely, of all people, that you should, you, with your Robin Goodfellow spirit about you, that you should mistake me! I shouldn't wonder if

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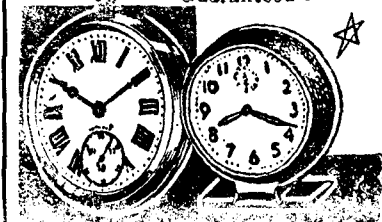
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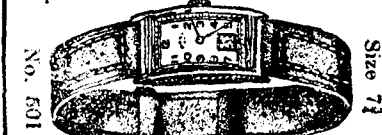
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my good Vinaya should feel rather offended," gently and apologetically protested Kasyap.

"After all, Uncle, is not woman the nourishing member of the two parents? It is she that loves so ardently by her very nature and that helps the baby grow up. The mother must feel, must think, must worry a great deal more than the male animal can or will care to do. No, no, Uncle, you have so scared me from man or matrimony," reeled off Mallik in a mood quite unusual with her.

Poor Kasyap thought that the talk had taken a turn far more serious than it generally did when Mallika was one of the company. However, Kasyap was a man who enjoyed more hearing Mallik chat away in her own care-free way than himself talking with her.

A WEEK passed. Mallika had taken permission from the Super of her hostel to have some rest with her people. And the days passed pleasantly enough because Mallika would nestle in her aunt's person and the Aunt would hug Mallik more like the mother kangaroo and they both would be the happiest creatures of the Great God.

To Uncle Kasyap, it was a sight of beauty and a joy for his soul; he felt it. And often he would think, "Can happiness go higher?" And he would mentally repeat Othello's wish to die when he felt that his happiness could not be greater than it was when he was with his lovely Desdemona.

When Mallik had taken leave to go to her people, the day when Mallik left the hostel, she took leave of her hostel friends. But, she couldn't leave the hostel till about six in the evening. It was an exciting hockey match that evening—the lady students vs the boys. But as Mallika felt inclined to take rest, the hostel girls begged her to stay till the women-attenders returned from their evening recess between 4 and 6.

The hostel girls were a kind of a socialist community; there was nothing like locks and "yours" or "mine". So rooms, boxes, trunks and lockers lay open; the women-attenders of the hostel

were trusted people and there had been nothing like "lost" or "missing": this little colony was a kind of what they call a Ramrajya. That is why Mallik had to tarry till the attenders had come from their evening recess. Mallik left the hostel when she saw the attenders had come.

The hockey match was over; the girls came back. They were already late for the evening dinner! the gong had been heard. Punctuality in the hostel was a tyrant which made no concessions or differences: no soft or smiling attitude to late comers. The Super was a stern autocrat in this one particular, though in attending to the comfort and in their care she was more than the mother of the girls.

The girls scampered off to the rooms and boxes; in a trice they got rid of their sporting kit, because girls who played the match and those who watched, had all got into sporting dress. Now they simply wanted something to wrap with, no matter what or whose, if only they could get to the dining table in time.

A terrible shouting, tearing and raging curses and abuse, fury and fuming, rose from the whole bevy; frantic running to and fro. "Where is my saree gone?", "Sesha, you stupid, you are always playing your donkey tricks," "Abhi, devil take you, where did you throw my jacket? You had an eye on that, I know." One could hardly make out what it was all about, till some girl shouted, "Gone, gone," though nobody would listen to it because theft was unknown as on the island of Robin-on Crusoe where he was the monarch of all he surveyed.

WHAT was their astonishment that practically every member's box or locker had been rifled. In some cases, costly sarees, jackets and money had been taken away. It was the richer members that were specially hit hard.

Such a confusion! The women attenders could not explain. They assured them that there was Mallika till they came. She was there on guard. The girls came to the conclusion that there was nothing to be done except to report the matter immediately to the

Warden who lived in the Warden's Bungalow.

But before they went to the Warden they made a list of the things and the amount of money which they missed. There were 43 members. Every one had lost and so contributed her own share. Yet, there seemed to have been some method in the marauding, for, the poorer ones were let off lightly and the richer ones, that is, those who owned costly sarees and dresses and who had a great deal more money, were almost completely deprived of their belongings.

It was all curious, very curious; all the same, there had been some serious theft though with one thing more mysterious than this unusual wholesale theft. About this presently.

The Principal was approached because the Lady Warden did not want to deal with anybody outside the hostel without the Principal's permission.

IN a few minutes, the Police Inspector was brought by the phone. He went over the rooms, there had been no breaking open of the locks because nobody locked boxes in the hostel. And therefore it was all the more mysterious.

Some of the girls said, "Had our Mallik been here, she would not let the thief escape or let him loot us in this disgraceful fashion."

"Suppose we ask Mallik about this?" some girls suggested. But the idea was laughed out because they said that Mallik had been there herself and only left the place after the attenders had come.

So, it was the police that they looked to for any light on the dark mystery. The Inspector brought the Dy. Supdt. with a number of expert detectives; the entire place was completely studied. The whole thing happened within about 3 hours. And yet the place was in charge of people whose honesty was above question or even the least shadow of suspicion.

One point the police officers made very clear. They would need the members and the Warden and



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those that served in the hostel in any capacity whatsoever, to be present whenever necessary at the enquiry to be confidentially conducted in the Police Enquiry Rooms. The question was: Can the members of the hostel be daily seen marching to the Police Office and back, for enquiry? Some of the members belonged to very opulent and highly respectable families. The parents of some of the girls would not mind the loss at all. But the police examination, they would never tolerate. And if some of the girls are not to be examined, what about others? Who dare make distinctions?

HOWEVER a correct and complete copy of the list of sarees, jackets etc., and the total amount of money lost was handed over. And another more mysterious mystery, quite beyond imagination, was that not a single jewel or ornament, wrist watch or fountain-pen was touched!

What is the kind of thief that can covet clothing and money only? Some very costly ornaments set with costly diamonds and gems were there along with the cash. Not a single item had been touched!

Poor police officers! here is a new species of thief who perpetrates such mysteries.

The more they tried to solve, the more intriguing did the puzzle prove. If the hostel Warden was not keen on investigation because it meant that the girls and herself and others had to go to the police office, equally anxious were the police to study this novel case.

In fact, the police themselves wanted to gain time. They did not want any fuss to be made. That might be a warning to the thieves. So publicity was to be strictly avoided. It looked as if the victims and Police were to let the matter rest where it was.

It was about a week after the loss in the hostel. A small box very carefully packed and sealed and a long letter from H. E. the Governor as Patron of the Society

of Friends of the Forlorn, addressed to the Warden were delivered to that lady.

The box was opened: it contained a silver medal with the name of Srim. Mallika engraved on it. The letter explained the medal. It was awarded to Mallik for the largest gift of charity handed over to the Society of Friends of the Forlorn, during that year. But what was the wonder of the Warden and members when they found that the letter of thanks to Mallika contained the exact list of the things missed and the exact amount of money lost.

But how did this happen? When and how and why? The only thing to be done was to see Mallik. Mallik was yet with her people. The Warden and the whole hostel came out on a walk to Kasyap's bungalow and they handed over the medal to Kasyap and Vinaya who were in the hall. Mallik too was surprised to find the whole hostel with the Lady Warden coming to her Uncle Kasyap's bungalow. "Medal for you, Mallik," shouted the girls.

"Why a medal for me?" she asked.

"What for a medal for you, dearest Mallik? Why not wear it round your neck?" asked Vinaya out of pure love and joy because her foster-child had a medal awarded to her by H. E. himself. Kasyap could only be silent.

"Mallika, can you throw some light on this funny happening?" asked the Warden.

NO, Warden, I can't have the medal. It must be for all the girls! True, my sarees and money too were there among the things given for charity. But how can I take it for myself?"

"You came away, child, that very day. How then could you have given or sent these things to the Society?" asked Kasyap.

"No, Uncle, I didn't send them. That evening when I left the hostel, I was sitting outside our hostel. All the girls left for the hockey match. The attenders begged me to stay till they returned

from their evening recess. So I was the only watch in the hostel. Two Sisters who collected for the society of Friends of the Forlorn came. They told me a pitiable tale. I couldn't stand it. I gave whatever they said would be useful to the poor, helpless ones. I was only sorry the girls were not there. I am sure they would have given a great deal more. But then how could I make free with other girls' things beyond a reasonable limit? That is my only regret," replied Mallika.

"But why did you give away almost all the costly sarees and all the cash of those three rich girls?" asked the Warden.

LOOK here, Warden, those girls were complaining that they had got tired of their sarees because they had already used them on more than three or four occasions and that their parents too scolded them for sticking on to the same things so often. They didn't want folk to say that their girls were miserly. About their cash, surely they could get any amount of money if they only sent for it. But the condition of the poor things in the Society, Uncle, I couldn't bear it. It was with tears that I went about from room to room to collect."

Needless to record that the medal remained with Mallika, though she didn't wear it as Srim. Vinaya suggested. And so the mystery was cleared, both the general and special mysteries. ♦♦

First and Second

He was obviously a novice at boxing, and as he entered the ring and saw his hefty opponent he felt far from happy.

As he went to his corner he saw a man with a towel thrown over his shoulder. "Who are you?" he asked.

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- 16th Wed. As a token of gratitude the learned Pandits of Benares, Kumbakonam, Prayag and Patna, have started performing a Yagna for the successful return of Mr. Nixon as President of U.S.A. in the next election.
- 17th Thur. Mr. E. V. Ramasami Naicker, the undisputed Leader or Ruler of the D.K. Party, has published in the Dailies today that he strictly prohibits his followers and admirers throughout Dravidastan and outside, from erecting any statues, bust or full, and from placing his oil-paintings in public Halls, as he feels sure that his iconoclast preaching might be practised by vile villains and unscrupulous rascals against his own statues and paintings.
- 18th Fri. Doctors attending on Chief Minister Prakasam of Andhra State, say that the smiling fit which the Andhra Lion (Kesari) had, (according to his own confession) in the Assembly when he was charged with turning his political coat so nimbly and so amazingly, has taken yet another turn for the better. Andhra admirers ask, "When next turn?"
- 19th Sat. In view of the present Race Season, Race-Goers of the South announce today a mammoth gathering to redress grievances of Punters. (The special claim of Race-Goers that they, through classed as gamblers etc., are really doing their best to keep the breed of horses from degenerating in these days of mechanised transport.)
- 20th Sun. Pilt down Man, the creation of scientists, though now agreed to be a hoax, a new batch of Scientists to-day announce that the skull etc. do genuinely belong to a human being 500,000 years old. Scientists are determined not to take things kneeling.
- 21st Mon. Mr. T.L. Venkatarama Iyer, the retired High Court Judge of Madras, flatly refuses to make any statement about why he was not given the place of Chief Justice of India instead of Mr. Justice Mahajan.
- 22nd Tues. Films with the titles of "You," "Who," "Her," "My," "I," "Thou," "It," "No," "Yes," "Why," "One," to "Ten," are announced following the excellent example of the brief title "He" which a current film has.
- 23rd Wed. Vast cases of American Sweets are received from Mrs. Nixon, the wife of Vice-President of U.S.A. who recently visited India, for distribution among all the Minister of the Cabinets of Indian States to help them have sweet memories of the people of U.S.A.
- 24th Thur. Akhila, 23, has begun fasting today in New Delhi in the busiest part of the Capital, the object is to pray for Justice to the people of Kenya, British Guiana and Indians in South Africa.
- 25th Fri. President Rajendra Prasad and Premier Nehru visit the humanitarian Akhila who began his fast yesterday. (Both offered flowers, fruits. Akhila is reported to have accepted flowers

and to have distributed the fruits to children who have gathered in large numbers.

26th Sat. Visitors from far and near are being brought in by air, car and train to pay homage to Akhila the humanitarian young man. Looks as if the health of the Capital would be in danger on account of the rush.

27th Sun. All the visitors wonder how Akhil withstands the temptation to eat even a small quantity of the very best of viands set before him. The Commissioner of New Delhi announces that steps will be taken to safeguard the health of the Capital.

28th Mon. Akhil's touch is found to cure incurable diseases; his touch makes the lame walk or run, the deaf to hear; born blind to see. Thousands are flocking for cure.

29th Tues. "Akhila has brought to life a dead child" is the report flashed by wire etc. all over the Capital and abroad.

30th Wed. Boy brought to life by Akhil's touch was taken to Babu Rajendra Prasad who at once offered prayers of thankfulness and presented Rs. 500 to the parents. Premier Nehru was struck dumb and he could only give Rs. 250 and remain speechless.

31st Thur. Akhil saves the New Delhi authorities all anxiety about the health and traffic in the Capital. For Akhil disappears suddenly and mysteriously, it is said with plenty of cash and jewels which he refused even to touch, but which were laid at his feet so that they may be used after his sacred feet had sanctified the cash and jewels. It is now the Police who are anxious about Akhil the humanitarian faster.

New Delhi, though poorer, how much wiser!

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BY K. S. Ramaswami Sastri

Nectar At Hand!

A FEW days ago, Dr. Nesan came in to see me and to have a refreshing talk. I am always glad to meet him because whenever he comes he brings the breeze of the modern spirit blowing about him and I, who am always in *mortu manu* of old-world ideas — and I am proud of such a state of things — find a breath of fresh air when he visits, though I would never buy new lamps for old.

Dr. Nesan came in, as usual, with a cigar between his lips. He is a chain-smoker. He is never tired of chaffing me about my dislike of the smoking habit. Out of deference to my age and my pet aversion, he took off his cigar. But when he found me chewing *pan*, he lit his cigar again and began to smoke.

I asked him: "Why do you blow hot and cold in the same breath?"

He laughed aloud at the joke and said: "Ramul! do you not know that the Sanskrit word for tobacco is *Brahma Patra*?"

I replied: "Some impish humorist said so as a matter of joke. The proper word is *Dhooma Patra*. Tobacco is an outlandish importation, as you know."

Dr. Nesan said: "Does that mean that *pan* is a home-born plant?"

I retorted: "Undoubtedly. Do you not know that it is a heavenly home-grown universal friend?"

He said: "No! Please tell me its history."

I then told him the story about the churning of the milky ocean. Long, long ago Lord Vishnu advised the gods and the demons to use their superhuman strength to churn the *Ksheerasamudra* (the milky ocean) so as to get therefrom the most precious essences of the universe. They agreed to do so and brought the Mandara hill as a churning-stick and used the huge snake Vasuki as a churning-rope and began to churn. Lord Vishnu offered the tail-side of Vasuki to the demons to hold, knowing well that they would decline such an undignified status.

EVENTUALLY the demons held Vasuki by his many heads. As the churning went on, the expected pot of nectar did not come up. But out of the mouths of Vasuki deadly poison came out in abundance. It was unbearable. Both the gods and the demons asked God Siva to come to their rescue. He graciously agreed to do so. His brother-in-law God Vishnu himself applauded such an act.

But Siva's wife Parvathi was not pleased at all. She said that she would not allow her beloved to become the scapegoat and that

any one else might drink up the poison. Poor Shiva had the collected poison in his hand. When he looked at Vishnu he raised his hand to swallow the poison.

BUT when he turned and looked at the blank, terrified face of his beloved wife Parvathi, he let his palm down to drop the poison. Thus the poison-ball, says the poet, behaved like the unfortunate King Trisanku whom Viswamitra's penance raised to the skies but Indra's thunderbolt pushed down from heaven. Eventually Shiva swallowed the poison but kept it in his throat without letting it go into his stomach.

He thus satisfied all persons but his throat became blue for ever and he came to be known as Neelakanta (the blue-throated god). The churning was resumed. The stately Airavatha (which was a white elephant with four tusks) shot up from the sea. God Indra, who was the ruler of the three worlds, took it. Then came the winged white horse Uchchaisravas, Indra took it also. The beautiful heavenly musicians (*gandharvas*) and dancer (*apsaras* maidens) then came up. Indra took them also.

Then came Kamadhenu, the heavenly cow of plenty, the Kalpa-kataru, the heavenly wishing tree, the Chintamani, the heavenly wishing gem, etc. Indra took them all away on the plea that the king

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was entitled to all the best things in the kingdom. In these modern days of democracy such a claim would be rejected outright and we could have kept all the previous productions in a national museum but no such claim was thought of then.

THEN came Mahalakshmi, the goddess of beauty and fortune. She garlanded God Vishnu and made his breast her throne for giving *darsan* to all. Finally came the nectar-pot borne by Dhanwantari. Its arrival was the signal for a scramble and scrimmage among the erstwhile fraternal churners and co-workers. The demons who were physically stronger and mentally more ruthless wanted to carry away the pot. God Vishnu who had come as Dhanwantari hid the pot in a pit in the Mandara hill.

But the Mandara hill was unsteady and wobbled and hence some drops of nectar fell on the hill slope. Immediately a Vine was born there and fragrant leaves adorned it. Dhanwantari offered the leaves first to God Shiva out of gratitude for his having drunk the poison. To commemorate that poison episode, he called the creeper as *Naga Valli*, (the serpent-creeper). Dhanwantari bestowed on the leaf all the possible virtues of all the medicinal plants and herbs. Goddess Parvathi was overjoyed and prepared the first chew for God Shiva and then tasted the divine and delicious leaf herself.

Concluding the story, I told Dr. Nesan: "Thus the Supreme God and Goddess tasted *pan* first and foremost. God Shiva was entirely freed by it from the ill effects of poison and enjoyed for the first time real *brahmananda* (bliss divine). So the real *brahmapatra* is betel, not tobacco."

Dr. Nesan then asked: "Who finally drank up the nectar in the pot?"

I replied: "That is another and different story. Eventually the demons found out the spot where the nectar-pot was concealed by Dhanwantari and walked away with it both for the pleasure of drinking it exclusively themselves and for that of denying it to the

gods. While the weak and vacillating gods looked on in despair, a most lovely fascinating woman appeared in the distance playing with fluttering garments with a bumping and bounding ball. That was Mohini—a blooming feminine incarnation of God Vishnu. The demons fawned at her feet.

"Mohini made the gods sit in one row and the demons in another row. She served the nectar to the gods and asked the demons to wait. The demons were so hypnotised by her beauty that they agreed. One demon by name Svarbhanu assumed the form of a god and sat in the row of the gods and drank his portion of the nectar. Surya (the Sun god) and Chandra (the Moon god) discovered his trick and accused him. At once Mohini cut off his head. But as nectar had been imbibed he could not and did not die. The head became Rahu and the trunk became Ketu, and both even to-day attack the sun and the moon during eclipses.

"**BY** this time no more nectar was left and the demons went away in disgust, their 'love's labour lost.' But Dr. Nesan! The nectar that was so laboriously churned up by the gods and the demons and so fully enjoyed by the gods and so completely lost by the demons is available to all without labour and without cost."

Dr. Nesan pricked up his ears and asked: "How? Where?"

I replied: "The betel leaf has, as I told you, the essence of nectar in it. If you add to it areca nut (*supari*) and lime (*chunam*), a precious scarlet liquid comes into existence owing to such a divine combination. Even the gods demand *Tamboolam* after *Naivedyam*. No marriage, no auspicious occasion, no feast, no conference is considered complete without it. It preserves health by its vitamin and chlorophyll content. It sweetens conjugal life. In short, it is nectar-at-hand. Dr. Nesan, please sit and chew *pansupari*."

My friend did so and is to-day a devotee of the new Goddess Nectarine. But, I am sorry to say, he continues to be a devotee of Goddess Nicotine as well.

SOUND AND SHADOW:

NEW PROBLEM FOR CENSORS!

The world's movie censors have a new problem to contend with—the prevalence of nudity in current films. Latest offender is the Swedish picture *One Summer of Happiness* which has caused controversy in every country where it has been shown, writes Alison Barnes in *Tit-Bits*.

British and U.S. censors are not the only ones to raise their eyebrows at scenes in which a youthful hero and heroine make love without wearing a stitch of clothing between them. In most parts of Europe the growing cult of nudism is regarded with greater tolerance than it is in U.K. There are special beaches reserved for naked sun-bathing on the Isle of Sylt, in many places along the Baltic coast and in Sweden, for example. But Denmark found this latest screen display of nakedness excessive and ordered cuts; even Sweden, where the picture originated, was not entirely happy with the finished result, while Canada banned it altogether.

Another recent example is the scene in *Caroline Cherie*, the French success in which Martine Carol slips out of her clothes and stands, a figure silhouetted in the moonlight. In another French picture, *Un Grand Patron*, medical students at a hospital throw a fantastic supper party and all dress up as early Romans in togas. On the wall is a most decorative mural featuring, among other characters, a nude damsel. In the original version of the film, one of the students' girl friends dances on the dinner table in the minimum of drapery—but this has been cut from the picture as seen in this country. Nevertheless, other girl guests at the students' rag cannot be described as over-dressed!

Because of the censor's concentration on nudity, a special screen was put up between the camera and the shapely Susan Hayward when she took her historic bath in *David and Bathsheba*. The scene was first shot through a special

translucent screen, replaced at the last minute by a solid wooden job without a chink for a censor to put his eye to!

It's much the same on the stage and in TV.—as blue-eyed blonde Annette Gibson, ex-Windmill girl, knows only too well. Her "all-over profile" was taded out of a TV. play, *Apples in Eden*, last winter. Then she was engaged for a strip-tease act at a Southend Theatre. At a critical point, when she's down to her black lace undies, Annette is always interrupted by a comic who exclaims: "You can't do that there 'ere, miss!" At Southend, they didn't wait for the comic, but sent the local watch committee into action to ban the act instead! Now the London

County Council has barred strip-tease altogether.

Even Hollywood has gone suddenly squeamish over undressing. Lili St. Cyr had been a star attraction at Ciro's restaurant in the film city for some time, with her bubble dance and strip-tease acts, in which she slowly and seductively removes the most gorgeous gowns and dazzling hats. Then, quite suddenly, a vice squad burst in and stopped the show. The restaurant was accused of putting on an indecent performance.

Shortened Screen Kisses!

America, as always, seems to be leading this latest campaign—with first a ban on TV. of two-piece bathing suits, and now a code of ethics to govern behaviour and clothing on all broadcast and television programmes. For it's not so long, you will remember, since the film companies used to time the stars' romantic kisses with a stop-watch. If they didn't, the sequence was likely to suffer the



Here are the newly wed Rita Hayworth and Dick Haymes, with Rita's two daughters. The younger one is Yasmin.

fate of the famous Jack La Rue-Linden Travers clinch in *No Orchids for Miss Blandish*—and get twenty-five seconds of screen time lopped off! Though it was the British censor who cut *Miss Blandish*, it was his U.S. equivalent who started the shortening of screen kisses and reduced them to a general standard length of twenty seconds.

Twinbed Tradition

The only item of furniture you would never find in a studio a few years ago was a double bed. All married couples in films are condemned to win beds, set at a respectable distance apart.

Yet in a London theatre Michael Denison and Dulcie Gray played *The Fourposter* for a long and successful run—with an outsize family bedstead right in the middle of the stage. Doubtless it made the whole thing more respectable because they happened to be husband and wife in real life as well as in the play!

And just to be on the safe side, when the stage success was transferred to the screen, another husband and wife were found to play the only two parts. This time it is Rex Harrison and Lilli Palmer. As might be expected, in a story of a marriage from wedding night till death finally separates them, there are many opportunities for undressing—and Lilli Palmer has some delectable negligees. She says firmly, however, that even her most protracted undressing sequence is not—repeat *not*—strip-tease!

Just why we have suddenly become so susceptible to undress I cannot think. There is nothing new about nudity on the stage where, so long as they stand absolutely still and look like statues, the nudes do not affront the Lord Chancellor's Department. But the girls in question have to resign themselves to the fact that they are the only people in show business whose photographs—as seen on the stage—cannot be published or sent to their fans.

This is no new phase in films either. Myrna Loy once bathed in a pool strewn (but not by any means covered) in rose petals, in *The Barbarian*. Hedy Lamarr crea-

ted a sensation when she appeared in the nude in *Extase*—and Cecil B. de Mille has been making bathtub sequences ever since films were in their infancy.

The Paradox

The strange thing is that, just when all the fuss is going on about nudity in the cinema, members belonging to nudist camps are increasing rapidly. Britain has some 50,000 practising nudists, many of whom go off in family parties for week-ends and summer holidays at which nobody wears clothes, except for meals. They are now busily campaigning for more supporters and to be allowed special "no bathing costume" nights at public swimming pools.

I don't know about you, but I'd much rather have a brief glimpse at the cinema of a beautiful girl in the nude than be suddenly confronted with the spectacle of a party of assorted nudists of both sexes and all ages, and varying degrees of beauty and otherwise, disporting themselves on my favourite bit of beach!

Story of Six Sisters

Esther Williams, soon to be seen in *Dangerous When Wet*, in which she swims the English channel, will next star in *Athens*, her first film following the birth of her third child. The film's story deals with six beautiful sisters whose lives are governed by astrology and numerology.

Malabar Hill As Outdoor Location

Recently, in the broiling autumn sun, Prem Nath, pretty star-wife Bina Rai, and the P.N. Films' unit, pictured the final song for their forthcoming Gevacolor film, *The Prisoner Of Golconda*. The song, which has been sung by Sudha Malhotra, was pictured in the Kamala Nehru Park, the picturesque new garden on Malabar Hill, Bombay, after getting the requisite permission. During the two days shooting that the unit did in the Park, Prem and his unit attracted large crowds of curious sightseers, and also a number of aspiring stars, judging from the number of people who tried to get within the range of the Gevacolor cameras! With

the picturisation of this song *The Prisoner Of Golconda*, which will be released in Bombay early next year through Kapurchand Film Distributors, is now completely in the cans. *The Prisoner Of Golconda* is set against the stormy days of the 1942 movement in India, when patriots and fighters combined to rid the country of the foreign yoke. The film stars Bina Rai and Prem Nath, with Rajendra Nath, Prem's younger brother, playing an important featured role. Others in the cast are Hiralal, Shobhana Samarth, Agha, and guest-artists Bipin Gupta, Om Prakash, and Sunder. The film is photographed by M. Malhotra, recorded by Keki Modi, has music by Pandit Jagannath and Datta Dawjekar, and its dialogues are by Hari Pratap Singh and songs by Prakash Sathi.

Two New Releases In City

Rohini's *Vanjam* ("Treachery") in Tamil was released at Sri Krishna, Plaza, and Uma theatres in the City and at other centres in Tamilnad on the 4th of this month. Produced by H.M. Reddy, a veteran in the field and who reaped a rich harvest in *Niraparadhi* released two years ago, *Vanjam* tells the story of three brothers who fought for national freedom. Savithri plays the heroine and Sarangapani contributes richly to the humorous side of the film. Direction of the film is by Y.R. Swamy. Songs are by Guban.

Another picture released in the City on the 4th of this month is Revathi Productions' *Manilhanum Mrugamum* ("Man and the Beast") in Tamil. In the cast are Iyaji Ganesan, T.R. Ramachandran, Sarangapani, Mathuri Devi and others.

Jupiter Pictures' "Azhaki"

Another picture that will delight the fans is Jupiter Pictures' *Azhaki* ("Beautiful Woman") in Tamil. It is the story of a rake's realisation of true and unwavering love after he loses his sight. Krishnakumari plays the heroine. The hero in the picture is S.A. Natarajan. V.K. Ramaswami, M.N. Nambiar, and others are also in the cast. Shot at Neptune Studios, the picture was directed by Sri Nadjarni.

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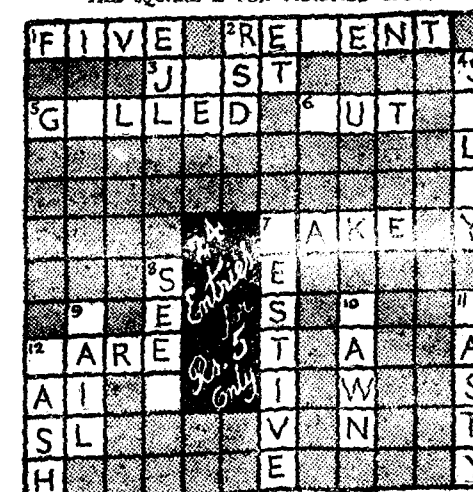
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5. How satisfied would man feel when he has — mother-in-law he dislikes!
6. Rarely do people realise that man in — can be more at peace with the world than others.
7. It is sheer conceit that makes some people claim they can easily spot out a —
12. Those who don't — to make the necessary attempts to succeed wait most about cruel Fate!

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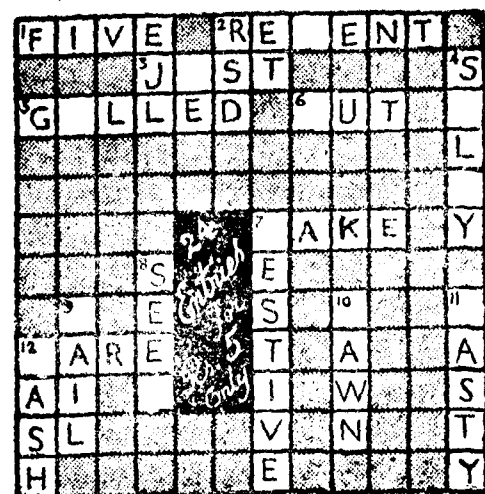
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7. Man in love should be careful of what he says to his sweetheart when he is in this mood.
8. To — to be cheerful even when badly off reveals a man's determination to succeed in spite of heavy odds.
9. Nowadays, students — even when the tests are very simple.
10. Some people don't seem to care whether it is proper to — before others.
11. Opposition Members' — remarks about the Congress administration are usually due to personal disappointments.
12. Many a man has lost a splendid opportunity to make good owing to lack of sufficient this.

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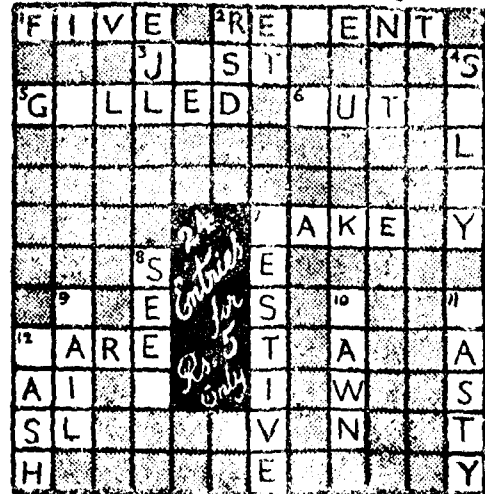
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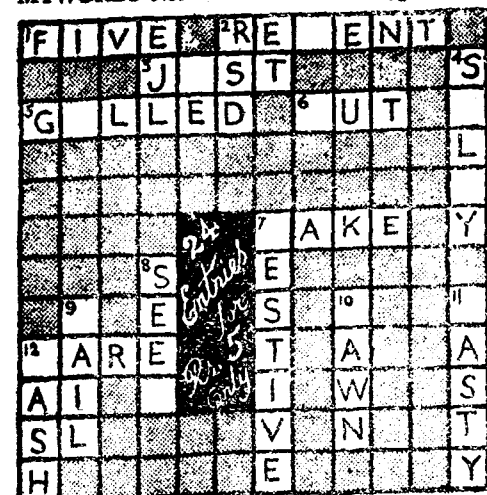
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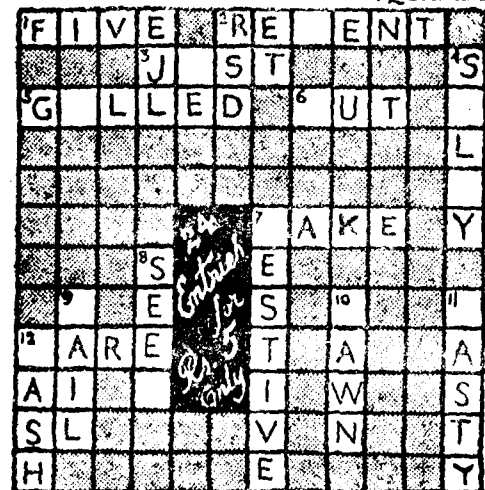
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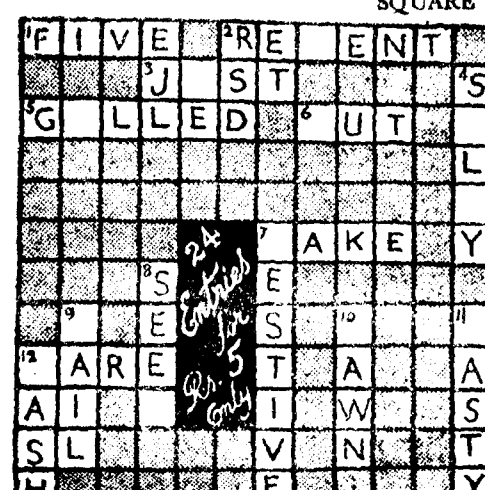
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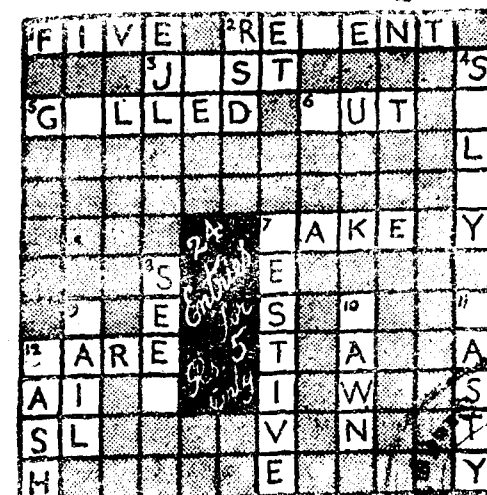
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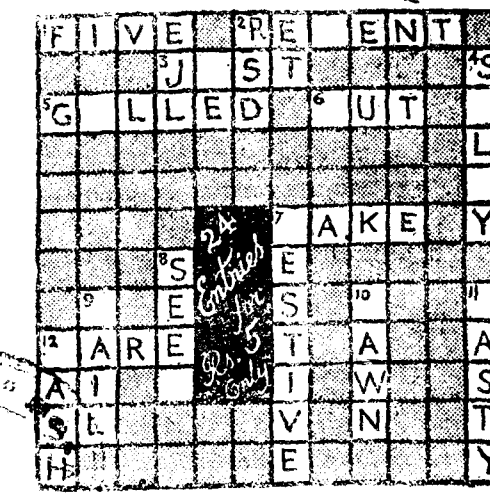
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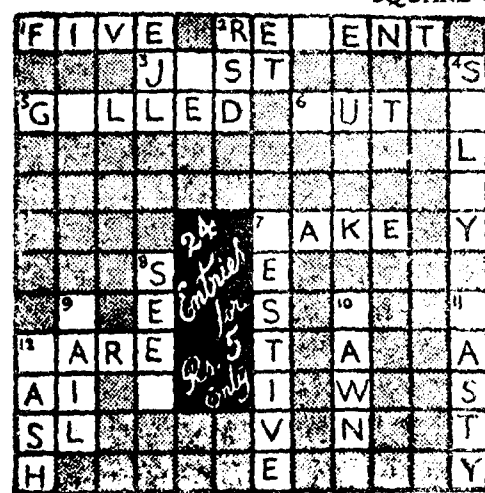
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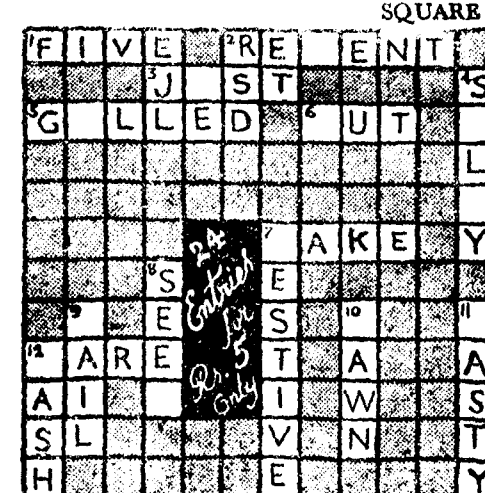
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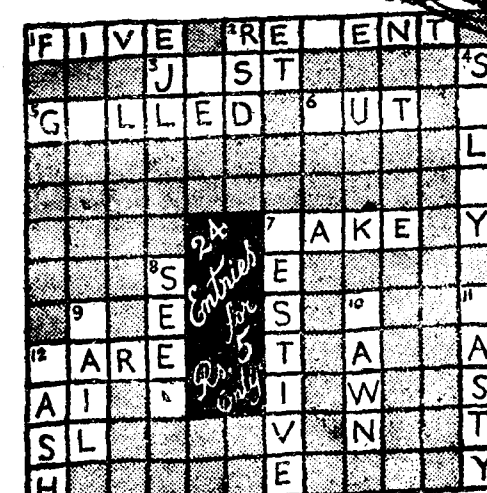
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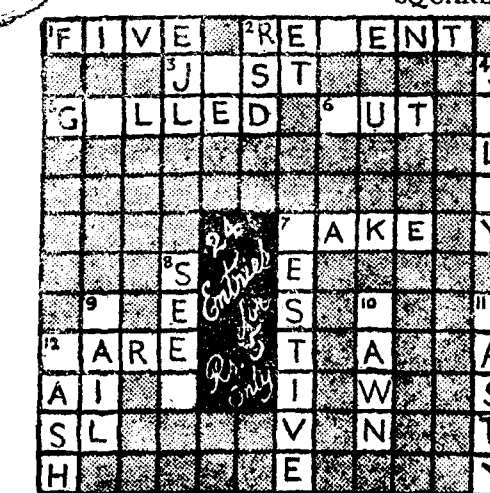
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Dear Sir,

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I am an employee of the Andhra Bank. I am now working at the Narasannapeta Branch in Srikakulam District. It is surprising how I soon developed a keen interest in solving MYWORDS from the last four months. In MYWORDS No. 26, out of six entries I got six prizes — All-Correct, 1, one-error, two-errors, and three-errors 2, and 1 four-errors. Prompt despatch of the Prize amounts, whether they are big or small, is surely very praiseworthy. I am competing regularly, whether I get prizes or not, aiming always to win the First Prize. I am proud to say that I am able to increase my knowledge by studying the Clues. Besides my legitimate duties, I am able to devote a few hours of leisure daily in the night towards studying MYWORDS. The Clues are simple yet very interesting, indeed.

I advise my fellow Competitors to keep on solving MYWORDS for I am certain that they can surely succeed in their attempts ere long. Perseverance and patience ensure success.

Thirdly, I offer my thanks to you for the new concession of Rs. 5 for 24 Entries.

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BUTCHIRAJU.

Sir,

I thank you for publishing my name and my daughter's name in My Magazine of India of 1st October '53, in the Prize-list of Mywords No. 27 among 1, 2 and 3 error solvers.

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First of all, I read the Clues again and again to understand what the Compiler aims at. Then I eschew all the alternatives that are not apt and concentrate my attention only on those words which seem to be apt to the context. Then I discuss with my partner and thus I solve the Clues.

Last but not least, I have to state that any report on my success will be incomplete without mention being made to one of my husband's friend, Sri S.V. Ramana-moorthy, Special Deputy Tahsildar, Bala-sore, a resident of Vijayanagaram, whose valuable suggestions enabled me to come to the correct conclusion.

I thank you once again and the staff of My Magazine of India for managing MYWORDS in such an encouraging manner.

c/o G.L. RAO,
Kanukurt Street,
SRIKAKULAM.

Yours faithfully,
(Sd.) Mrs.
RAMANI MANI.

Dear Sir,

I must thank you for your congratulatory letter. I felt really very glad when I knew that I got a First Prize with four others, and my share of the First Prize amount was Rs. 350. This is my first success and in the very first time I sent the entries for MYWORDS.



I am a Sindhi. I came away from Pakistan. I belonged to Karachi and am a middle class man aged 27.

I live with my family in a small room. I maintain my family by selling Hosiery Goods in Ahmedabad City. At night, after finishing my business, I solve MYWORDS Clues, because these Clues are very easy, are in good English, and Entry Fee is so cheap.

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— Competition Editor.

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FIXED WORDS

Across:— 1. FIVE.

ALTERNATIVES

Across:— 2. RELENT, REPENT.

3. JEST, JUST.

5. GALLED, GULLED.

6. HUT, RUT.

Down:— 4. SILKY, SILLY, SULKY.

8. SEEK, SEEM.

9. FAIL, RAIL, WAIL.

10. FAWN, YAWN.

11. HASTY, NASTY.

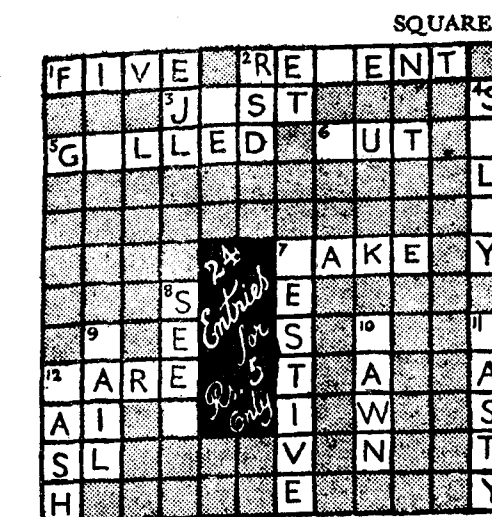
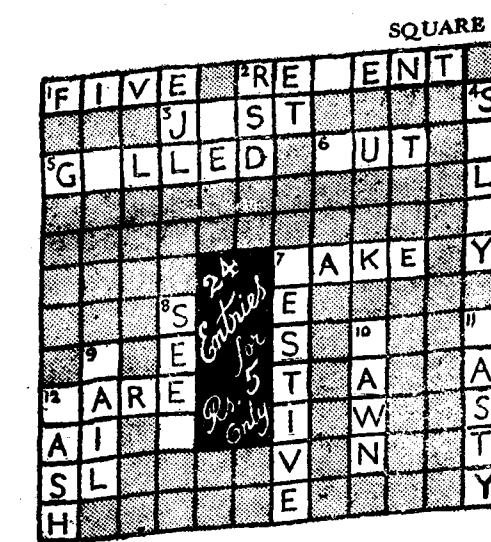
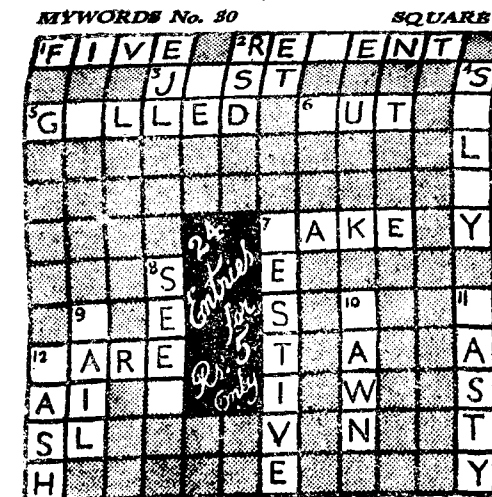
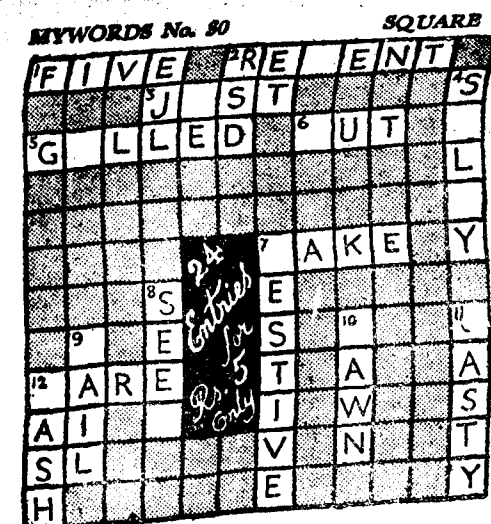
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Across:— 7. FAKE, RAKE.

Down:— 7. FESTIVE, RESTIVE.

Across:— 12. CARE, DARE.

Down:— 12. CASH, DASH.



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1-2 Competition is in addition to the one already being run.

In effect, this will mean two Competitions a month. The first one which will have its Closing Date in the 1st week of the month will be of the Crossword type while the second will be of the 1-2 variety having its Closing Date in the 4th week of the month. These two Competitions, viz., MYWORDS Competition and MYWORDS 1-2 Competition, will give you all the variety you have been asking for. And you all have more prizes to win!

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- DOWN:** 1. ALTITUDE, ATTITUDE 2. STATES, STATUS 3. ETCH 4. POLICE, POLICY 5. BOG, DOG, FOG, HOG 7. TROT 11. TELL 13. TRACTORS, TRAITORS 15. SLOG 16. DREAMY, DREARY 18. MARKED, MARRED 19. CURT, HURT 21. PATE 22. FAT, FIT.

ACROSS

4. "When we want to make a child stop crying it's often a good idea to — it a bit." PAT, PET?

To Pat is to gently touch one on the back to indicate approbation or sympathy. If it is a grown up person who is afflicted with grief, then this kind of patting might console him. But children usually cry due to sheer wilfulness or because they have been taken to task or they have been refused something. To merely Pat the child "a bit" may not at all achieve the desired results. On the other hand, it might result in the child howling the more. The proper psychological way of tackling crying children is to Pat them a bit. They will have to be called with endearing names, told they are angels on earth, taken in one's arms and soothed, etc. This kind of petting will not only divert their attention but also calm them a lot. Vote for PET.

10. "Mechanically-minded person can easily understand how a — works." PISTOL, PISTON?

A Piston, according to the dictionary, is a circular piece of metal or other material used in pumps, steam-engines, etc., fitting and moving up and down within a tube or hollow cylinder. And a Pistol is a small hand-gun, the smaller cousin of the revolver. I certainly don't find it easy to say which word is apter here. If the word "easier" had been used in the Clue instead of "easily", then I would have preferred Pistol. As the Clue stands, it can easily be argued that one who is mechanically-minded will not find it difficult to understand how a Piston or Pistol works. Under the circumstances, I am forced to suggest the permutation of both PISTOL and PISTON.

12. "It's better to keep away from a — or one may burn one's fingers!" RACKET, ROCKET?

The phrase "to burn one's fingers" means to suffer or pay the penalty for interfering in another's affairs. There cannot be any other meaning for this phrase. In this sense, Rocket becomes thoroughly unsuited. A Rocket is a fire-work or missile which is projected through air, shot into space. Rocket firing has become so common these days that one



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need not be cautioned against being near a rocket. Of course, accidents do happen but these are exceptions to the rule. And if such accidents do happen and people do get burnt, the "burn one's fingers" cannot mean this. A Rocket is an illegal operation of a scheme or kind of business usually indulged in by gangsters, profiteers, blackmarketeers and such other anti-social elements. These people are bound to get caught one day or other. Hence, it is good advice to say that it is better to keep away from a Rocket lest one should get one's fingers burnt, suffer badly for having had anything to do with it. Back RACKET.

20. " — men are usually pretty tough and hefty." RUGGED, RUGGER?

"Tough" in the Clue itself means rough, uncouth, not gentle. How then can we justify the use of Rugged here? Rugged men are those who are tough. Men who are not tough will never be called Rugged. There can be no "usually" in this case at all. The men are either tough or not. Reject Rugged. Rugger is the common name by which Rugby is known. This game is different from football in that the players can not only carry the ball in their hands but also indulge in physical violence like scrimmages, etc. To play rugger one should not only be tough to withstand

the tremendous physical hardship but should also be hefty to be able to exert in an equally tough manner. Players of rugger are called Rugger men. Most of you who must have seen many a game of Rugger in the newsreels of foreign countries will easily understand how tough and hefty these players are and have to be. RUGGER scores.

21. "It's a much travelled man who can boast he has been in every — of the world." PART, PORT?

While the two words mean practically the same thing, we will have to prefer the hair splitting difference between the two to select one word only. Port not only means harbour but also, in the modern context, airports or aerodromes. To say figuratively that one has been at every port of the world means the man has travelled and seen lots of places. The very same thing is meant by the word Part. It may be argued on behalf of this word that it includes Port as well and that there are places in the world which are not accessible by either plane or steamer. If this literal explanation is to be taken into account, then Part alone can be preferred. So vote for PART.

24. "Unscrupulous industrialist will not hesitate to — to get information about plans of powerful rival." PAY, PLY, PRY?

The word Ply may be ignored. Pry here points to a personal action. Can it be said that an industrialist, however unscrupulous he might be, will himself Pry, peep, try to discover plans of powerful rival? No, he will not be such a fool. He will employ all means to get at the plans. But to do so much money will have to be spent by way of bribery. So, it is only right to say that an unscrupulous industrialist will not hesitate to Pay to get information about plans of powerful rival. Bet on PAY.

25. "When man is broke, it's nice gesture if friend — him some money." LENDS, SENDS?

It will certainly be only a real friend who Lends money to one who is broke, financially knocked out. Grandeur still is one who Sends him some money for this means that the friend does not expect it to be repaid at all. I prefer friend who SENDS.

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DOWN

1. " — has a lot to do with whether one enjoys air travel or not." ALTITUDE, ATTITUDE?

Attitude is the factor that decides a man's willingness to travel by air or not. If his attitude is one of fear or is conditioned by financial considerations, he will never travel by air. Here the "enjoys or not" clearly shows that the man does travel. Hence, reject *Attitude*. Like sea-sickness, there is air-sickness. This will not affect some people while others are affected only at certain altitudes or heights. Supposing the plane flies at a great height like two miles or so, some begin to vomit, feel giddy, etc. Some having blood-pressure also cannot travel beyond a certain altitude. So the question of their enjoying the air travel or not will depend purely upon the height. Back ALTITUDE.

2. "Sharp differences still arise when our politicians discuss — of India." STATES, STATUS?

Is the Status of our country criticised in comparison to the status of America or Russia, etc? And, what kind of Status — political or economic or social or educational status? Reject *Status*. Even though States of the kind existing in British India have disappeared, thanks to Sardar Patel's policy of integration, we have new kinds of states within our republic. These are the Part A, Part B and Part C states. In discussing about the various questions connected with these States, sharp differences still do arise when our politicians start discussing them. Enter STATES.

4. "Woe betide the man who criticises political — in a totalitarian country!" POLICE, POLICY?

For the kind of conditions that would obtain in a totalitarian state, we need only remember the position in the U.S.S.R., Czechoslovakia, etc. There any kind of criticism of the State or of its officials or the ruling party will be risky. It is immaterial whether it is criticism of political Policy or economic policy or educational policy. The particular reference to "political" policy makes me reject *Policy* here. In totalitarian countries alone do we find political *Police*. These people closely watch the statements, writings etc., of one and all and if any one is foolish enough to criticise their action in handling those who have made improper speeches, etc., then he runs the risk of being jailed or exiled or even executed. Hence, "woe betide the man" is quite a correct description of conditions inside a totalitarian state. Go in for POLICE.

5. "Sudden advent of — may easily cause traffic accident." BOG, DOG, FOG, HOG?

Bog is a marsh which can never move about! So reject it. *Fog* can be true of places like London only. As the Clue is a general statement, reject *Fog*. Sudden "advent" means unexpected emergence, surprise entrance. The advent of a mere *Dog* may not necessarily cause a traffic accident. Here we will have to understand *Hog* in the modern sense in which it is used to describe speeding motorists. The motorists who drive rashly are usually referred to as hogs. The sudden or un-

expected coming into the road of a speeding motorist will usually cause a traffic accident. Go in for HOG.

13. " — will do a lot of dirty work which people by themselves would not be capable of doing." TRACTORS, TRAITORS?

Here, there is no reference to the innate patriotism of the people. Besides, "by themselves" means "of their own accord." Even *Traitors* are not born nor do they develop a desire for being one of their own accord. The inducement of making money is what makes some men traitors. The "people" refers to all of us whereas only some of us would become traitors. Hence, reject *Traitors*. Here "dirty work" should be taken to mean work that is very messy and not dishonourable work. It is a fact that *Tractors* can do a lot of dirty work like ploughing the soil, loosening the earth, etc., which we will not be capable of doing. Bet on TRACTORS.

18. "The progress of many a great nation has been — by political upheaval." MARKED, MARRED?

It is difficult to concede that the progress of many a great nation has been *Marred*, damaged, by political upheaval. In the case of France and Russia, there were no doubt great political revolutions which *Marred* the progress of those countries but in the case of most other countries like Britain, U.S.A., India, etc., progress therein has definitely been marked by political upheavals like the Industrial Revolution in Britain, the Congress Movement in India, etc. The progress of these countries is definitely *Marked* by such significant and great political upheavals. Enter MARKED.

22. "It's only human for a man to work better if he is promised a — reward." FAT, FIT?

What is a *Fit* reward is difficult to decide. What the employer thinks is fit may not be thought fit by the employee and vice versa. Hence, reject *Fit*. What constitutes a *Fat* reward need not concern us. We have only to consider the greedy nature of man. It is therefore not a surprise and it is only human if a man works better when he is promised a *Fat* reward. Vote for FAT.

INTERLOCKERS

Across: 19. "When comedian is somewhat — he really oughtn't to go on the air!" COARSE, HOARSE?

"Really oughtn't to" in the Clue clearly indicates that the comedian has gone on the air, that he has performed before the mike of the broadcasting station. If a comedian's voice is hoarse even a wee bit, he will not be allowed to broadcast. This is because of the very bad reproduction that such a voice would result in. The "some-what" is surely out of place in the description of *Hoarse* for the mike will magnify even a little hoarseness. If comedian, in his eagerness to woo the masses, rather than the classes, resorts to *Coarse* jokes, etc., he is certainly not quite desirable. But when the comedian is before the mike and is broadcasting and is somewhat *Coarse*, it may not be possible to stop

him for what he has said would have already been heard by thousands of listeners all over the country. What should be done is that the broadcast should be immediately stopped; he really "oughtn't to go" on the air. COARSE scores.

Down: 19. "We're apt to be perturbed when friend won't explain why he is — with us." CURT, HURT?

The choice of COARSE at 19 ACROSS automatically fixes CURT here as it is part of an Interlock. But the choice of the word is apt even on its own merits. To be *Hurt* with us means that he has been physically or mentally pained along with us as well. If he is so hurt, we should surely be in a position to know why he won't explain the fact of his being in such a non-explaining mood. For *Hurt*, the word should be "by" and not "with." To be *Curt* is to be very brief, to speak in a manner which indicates that the person is annoyed or is embarrassed or pained. When friend is *Curt* with us, it is only natural for us to ask him to explain why he is so. And if he won't explain, refuses to answer, we are apt to be perturbed for we automatically realise that we have done or said something to pain or displease him or something else has happened to him. CURT wins.

Across: 23. "Third degree methods usually mean that subject has to undergo — of bullying interrogation." TORMENT, TORRENT?

In the normally accepted sense of the term, *Torment* means physical agony. If torment of the mind is meant, then the word "mental" will be invariably used. "Third degree methods" are the means employed by the police, military intelligence people, gangsters, etc., to elicit information that will normally not be divulged. Excruciating torture like burning the tips of the fingers or toes, forcing one to drink too much water, starving, branding with hot iron, forcing one to sleep or sit naked on ice blocks, etc., are some of the means employed for this "third degree." This may also be in the nature of unceasing questioning which would deprive one of sleep. Thus the torment can be by way of a *Torrent*, violent flow, a regular downpour of bullying, frightening interrogation, questions. Back TORRENT.

Down: 16. "When we have plenty to occupy our minds — mood is not likely to return to us." DREAMY, DREARY?

A *Dreamy* mood can be the result of either sheer laziness or the off-shoot of a person's indulgence in speculations about the prospects of something on which he is engaged. Even when we have plenty to occupy our minds, it is quite likely that *Dreamy* mood might return to us. But it will not be so in the case of *Dreary*. A person will have a *Dreary*, gloomy, dull, cheerless mood either because he has nothing to do or the prospects are bleak or because he has suffered in some way or other. When he has plenty to occupy his mind, he will not only cease to be so but will also be so busy that it is not at all likely for him to be in a *Dreary* mood till his pre-occupations are over. Enter DREARY.

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LIST OF ALTERNATIVES

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DOWN: 1. CATCH, WATCH 2. SCARED, SNARED 3. BETTER, BITTER 5. WAG, WAR 6. SHINING, WHINING 8. LASS, PASS 9. FATEFUL, HATEFUL 11. HATING, HAVING 14. DIBS, FIBS.

ACROSS

4. "You can sometimes tell when person who — is unused to doing so." SWEARS, SWEATS?

Swearing becomes a fine art when a man makes a habit of doing so. When a man is a novice in the art or is a pastmaster, he is a novice in the art or is a pastmaster. But a man might swear slowly or inaudibly in which case we can't say whether he is new to it or not. Swearing is something that is done voluntarily and without any extra effort whereas sweating is something over which we can have no control. A person who *Sweats* most of the time won't bother about it. But a person who usually does not sweat starts doing so he will feel very uncomfortable, etc. By his actions, we can know he is not accustomed to it. Back SWEATS.

7. "To be used to having — and then to lose it is a stern test of character." HEALTH, WEALTH?

While it is true that a man has to guard his health, all his efforts to maintain it may not be always successful for other things beyond his control, like infection or contagion, would make him lose it. It is difficult to understand how losing health after having had it could be a test of character. To be used to having *Wealth* and then to lose it will surely be the best test of character for a man who has been able to satisfy all his wants would suddenly find himself without the means of doing so. Man who has real character will face adversity boldly while man who lacks strength of character will give in to despair, take to begging, etc. Adversity after prosperity is thus the finest test of a man's character. WEALTH wins.

10. "A man's cynicism is often due to the fact that he — a lot of money." HAD, HAS?

Man who *Had* a lot of money and does not have it now may hate the rich though he may not help the poor. But he will not be heartless toward the poor people for he will always remember his past wealth and present misery. But a man's cynicism, heartlessness, unsympathetic attitude to those who are unfortunate in many respects is usually due to the fact that he *Has* money. This does not mean that he is

rolling in wealth but merely that he has not felt want and cannot therefore understand and sympathise with the need of other people. Go in for HAS.

12. "When we — friends of ours at odds with each other, we usually do our best to make peace." SEE, SET?

If the "at odds" in the Clue were to be taken to mean that we deliberately make them quarrel, then *Set* cannot be the word. Either "*Set* against" should be used or only "at odds" and not "*Set* at odds". The idiom "at odds" means quarrelling or inimically disposed. So reject *Set*. When we *See* our mutual friends at odds, quarrelling with each other we would usually tend to make the very best efforts to restore peace, bring them to like each other. SEE scores.

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13. "It sometimes — toughest boss when worker he has sacked as useless proves big success elsewhere." SHAKES, SHAMES?

If worker whom the "toughest" boss has sacked as useless proves big success elsewhere, it need not necessarily mean that such a thing *Shames* the boss. Why should it? It will merely mean that the worker has been idling. But the success achieved by the worker would surely sometimes *Shake* the boss for it would mean that he who is known for his toughness in getting the best out of his men has been unable to get the same result from the worker he had sacked, dismissed as useless. This a direct stain on his alleged toughness. SHAKES wins.

15. " — somebody is sometimes one of conscientious employer's most difficult decisions." FIRING, HIRING?

The word "conscientious" in the Clue is our pointer here. *Hiring* somebody calls for considerations of need, abilities, etc., and not ethical standards. The "most difficult" in the Clue makes the already

weak case for *Hiring* weaker still. If an employer feels thoroughly annoyed or displeased with an employee, he would fire, dismiss, him without batting an eyelid. But it will not be so in the case of a conscientious employer. However great the wrong committed by the worker, conscientious employer would consider the worker's service, the need to give him a chance, etc. When such a boss decides on *Firing*, dismissing, an employee, it would have been one of his most difficult decisions for he would be very reluctant to take such an extreme step. Back FIRING.

16. "When excited, we often — without realising it." SHOUT, SPOUT?

Note the "we" in the Clue. It indicates that the Clue is in the nature of a generalisation. When excited, some of us might "often" *Spout*, speechify, speak volubly, without realising we are doing so. But there are people who either can't speak at all when excited or speak only in a jerky sort of way. Reject *Spout*. Most of us often *Shout* when excited without realising that we are doing so. The feeling of being surprised or shocked or outraged may cause people to do so. Bet on SHOUT.

17. "Strong character is seldom swayed by such behaviour." BRAWLING, CRAWLING?

Even the toughest of men, those with strong character, will be swayed to a little extent at least by the *Crawling*, cringing, behaviour of others. But such people can never be swayed, moved or intimidated, by the *Brawling* behaviour of others. *Brawling* means noisy quarrelling. Ordinary people may be frightened but men of strong character will not at all care for such behaviour. Back BRAWLING.

18. "Even optimist sometimes feels —" SAD, SAP?

Sap means a silly fellow, a simpleton. There is no reason given at all why an optimist should not sometimes feel a silly fellow. The "even" suggests some strong reason which is not furnished by the word *Sap*. An optimist is a person who is always cheerful, one who always sees the bright side of things. He is not expected to feel *Sad*, depressed, gloomy. But even an optimist sometimes feels *Sad*. This is the thing that "even" hints at. Vote for SAD.

DOWN

1. "Busy boss usually finds time to — dishonest worker." CATCH, WATCH?

To Catch the dishonest worker, the boss must necessarily Watch him first. Here "dishonest" need not be taken to mean misappropriation. The word may very well describe worker who wastes office hours, reads novels when he should work, solve crosswords when he should clear the correspondence, etc. The worker might think that as the boss is busy most of the time he may not notice his idling, etc. But it is the busy boss who usually finds time to Watch, closely observe, dishonest worker. Go in for WATCH.

2. "Bird-lover can sometimes tell by their behaviour whether birds in a district are often —" SCARED, SNAKED?

I really do not understand how it could ever be possible for bird-lover to tell by the behaviour of the birds that they are often Snared in a district. If birds are Snared, caught in a trap or net, they will be sold away or killed. How then to know that birds in that area are snared? By the behaviour of the other birds there? Reject Snared. Ordinary persons cannot know by the behaviour of birds in a district that they are often Scared there. But a bird-lover can sometimes tell by the behaviour of the birds that they are so scared, for being constantly scared the birds will fly away at the very shadow even of any human being! Enter SCARED.

3. "Shrewish wife sometimes makes easy going husband a — man." BETTER, BITTER?

"Better man" here would automatically force us to concede that the easy-going husband was not quite desirable. "Easy-going" does not mean that the husband is a bad fellow. If the shrewish wife is capable of doing anything at all, it will be to make the husband worse than what he is or make him feel annoyed or bitter. It will be too much to say that she sometimes even can make her husband a Better man. As to why even the easy-going husband should sometimes feel Bitter is too evident to be explained. Back BITTER.

5. "As a rule, — we don't understand is very hard to bear." WAG, WAR?

It is not correct to state that it is difficult to bear a War we don't understand for a War we do understand will also be difficult to bear for the burdens would be the same with the difference probably that we do understand why we have to put up with all we have to. Reject War. A Wag is a man full of wit, full of sport and humour. He will talk lightly, make fun of everything. Those who understand his humour will feel immensely amused while those who don't understand him will, as a rule, find it very difficult to bear him. They will think the Wag is taking undue liberties with them. WAG wins.

6. "His — at school is often largely due to a child's being happy at home." SHINING, WHINING?

The "often largely" in the Clue clearly shows that the only or the most important factor is a particular thing, viz., the child's being happy at home. Boy's Shining at school may also be due to good teaching or intelligent study of the books, etc. Hence, reject Shining. When a child is happy at home, he may start Whining at school. At home the child is very happy because it is petted, cajoled, taken much care of, etc. But at school, such attention cannot be possible. Go in for WHINING.

8. "His being over-anxious to get a — sometimes causes youth to fail in his purpose." LASS, PASS?

"To get" should not be stretched too much to mean "to marry" or to "become friendly with." And even if it were to be taken to mean that, how can mere over-anxiety to do so make the youth fail in that purpose? That he would become clumsy, that he would become reckless, too bold? Reject Lass. Being over-anxious to get a Pass in the examination, the youth will worry about it, bother himself too much. This will not help him at all. What he really ought to do is to study hard. Thus, this over-anxiety may sometimes cause him to fail. Enter PASS.

9. "We're apt to resent being made to take — decisions." FATEFUL, HATEFUL?

Fateful decisions are those which affect persons in a vital manner. Fateful decisions might be for the good or bad of the persons concerned. If Fateful decisions like sending son to overseas or agreeing to arrange someone's marriage, etc., have to be made, why should we tend to resent persons' efforts to make us do so? Fateful decisions are necessarily unpleasant. We will surely resent being made to do so. "Apt to" is used to provide for the exceptions when we might not so resent. Back HATEFUL.

11. "Often, his — to be frank with him causes man to lose friend." HATING, HAVING?

A real friend will not only welcome but also appreciate frank talk and frank criticism from his chum. If the man hates, dislikes, to be frank, it means he has mental reservations, etc. This would make him lose his friend for the friend will realise he is not a sincere person. HATING would score. 13694

14. "One may well say that — dominates world politics today!" DIBS, FIBS?

What kind of Fibs? Lies may fool some for all time, all for some time but not for all time! The average man would think that world politics today is a clash of ideologies, of democracy versus communism. The cynic would, however, say that present world politics is dominated by Dibs, money. That is big money. Back DIBS.

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Across :— 1. AGAIN.

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Across :— 2. BLACK, BLANK.

3. REGAIN, RETAIN.

7. FOOL, FOUL.

8. DUDE, RUDE.

Down :— 4. CLOUDED, CROWDED.

5. LIGHT, RIGHT.

6. RANT, RAPT.

10. HELL, WELL.

11. SHY, SLY.

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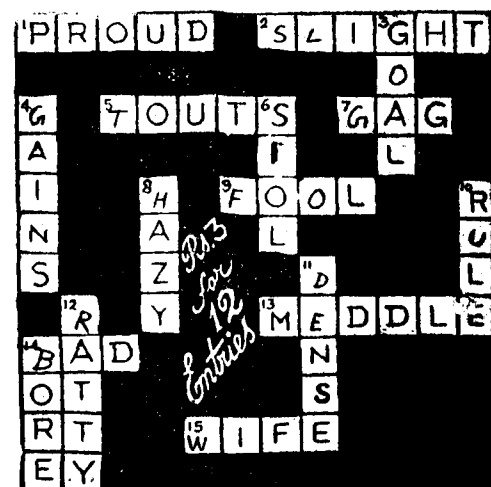
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Across :— 12. SEEDY, WEEDY.

Down :— 12. SAY, WAY.

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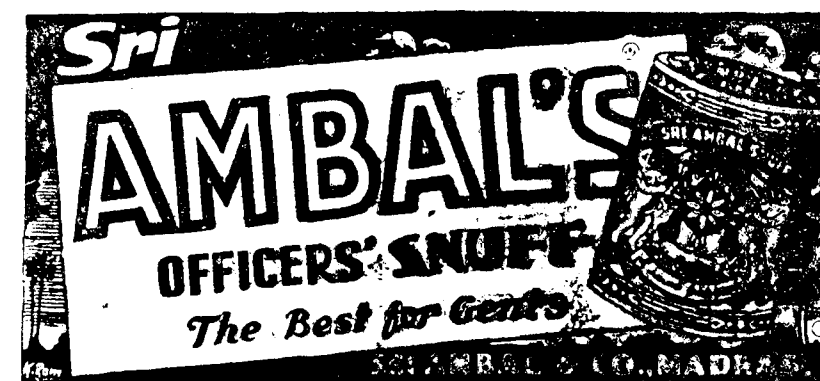
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