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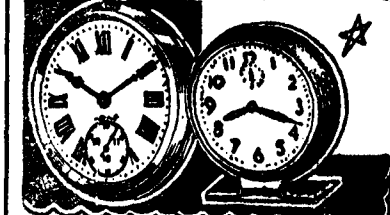
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Regarding the choice itself, it redounds to the credit of the Chief Minister, Dr. C. Rajagopalachariar, without whose knowledge and approval such a departure from time-honoured custom, could not be made though the choice lies with the Education Minister. For, it is matter of common knowledge that Rajaji as Chief Minister is as much interested in the portfolios of his Cabinet as the Ministers concerned themselves can be.

Consideration the First in choosing a Lady for the place of D.P.I., is the fact that Female Education in India, and in the Madras State in particular, though even a few decades back, it had to be propagandised and encouraged by a number of aids, has today advanced to an extent that the early pioneers and advocates would never have dreamt.

Our girls in Schools and Colleges, Arts and Technical, are fast approaching parity with the boys. And yet, there appears to be no clear or thoughtful realisation of what the results of such large scale Female Education would be. Nor does there appear to be any idea as to whether Female Education should proceed on the same lines as the Education of boys or should it take a different course; and if Education of girls should be imparted to achieve the Economic Independence of Women, how should Schools and Colleges shape their studies.

In spite of costly Commissions which tour, interview and formulate schemes about some of the Educational problems now facing Public men, the question of the aims and methods of Female Education does not appear anywhere, either Central or State, to be faced full and square, but is allowed to drift as best it might.

But, Dr. Rajaji abhors "drift."

No matter what the problem, face he must: Fight it, be its result a feat or a defeat. With a realisation of the subtle and intriguing issues involved in the future of Female Education, the Lady D.P.I. has been installed in the place hitherto occupied by men, chosen by blind rule of thumb.

Consideration the Second is that with her pretty long career of nearly three decades, in the Education Department, in its various duties, in many parts of the State, combined with a mind which had been known to take sane and practical views of Educational matters with which she had had to deal and dispose, there is no doubt that the tenure of her administration as D.P.I. will help to solve the problems connected with Female Education not only in our State, but in the Union itself.

No matter to which section or party one belongs, the new D.P.I. has been unanimously welcomed and greeted with Best Wishes.

News and Notes

Air Tragedies

Shortly after taking off from the Sonagaon aerodrome, Nagpur, an Indian Airlines Madras-bound night plane crashed with disastrous results. Thirteen people were dead; the sole survivor was Captain Cartner, the pilot. Among those who lost their lives were Mr. Hariharanath Shastri who founded the I.N.T.U.C. and who did much to promote the interests of industrial labour, Mr. Raghunandan Saran, a popular Congressman and industrialist, and Mr. R. K. Vaish, Collector of Central Excise, Madras.

Within two years there have been three major accidents in the air. In the investigation ordered by the Government of India into the causes of the latest tragedy, it is to be hoped that the pilot's evidence will throw considerable light. Our experts must soon hit upon some device to render air travel safer.

In the same week in Bangalore, Captain M. V. Namjoshi, the well-known test pilot, lost his life when he was practising aerobatics. In a speech at Dehra Dun, Prime Minister Nehru made a touching reference to his splendid achievements.

Old Friends

A very pleasing sight was provided when both Sri C. Rajagopalachariar, Madras's Chief Minister, and Sri E. V. Ramaswami Naicker, leader of the Dravida Kazhagam, appeared on the same platform last week to address a meeting on the High Court Beach. It was held under the auspices of the Tamil Muslim Association to celebrate the birthday of the Holy Prophet. Thousands of citizens were gathered to witness this remarkable re-union of two old comrades. It may be recalled that Sri Ramaswami Naicker was in the Congress years ago.

A more pleasant surprise was sprung upon Sri E. V. R. Naicker the next day when the Chief Minister called at the former's residence at Chintadripet. The ailing leader was only too delighted to receive his friend and both were engrossed in a chat for forty-five minutes. Of course, it was a social call and no political significance attaches to the meeting between the two veterans. It is common knowledge that Britain's Labour leader, Clement Attlee, and Tory Premier, Sir Winston Churchill, are good and amiable friends even though they may cross swords on the floor of the Commons. When parties fight each other on clear-cut principles and programmes, there will be no room for personal animosity or bitterness. We look forward to many more meetings between C. R. and the Kazhagam chief.

Behind the Silver Curtain

Rightly has the Congress issued a directive to all Pradesh Congress Committees for the mobilisation of public opinion in the country against the Pakistan-U.S. military aid talks. Press reports from America, the United Kingdom and elsewhere agree that Pakistan is eager to enter into a military pact with Washington.

Speaking at Poona, Mr. N. V. Gadgil stated that Pakistan had irrevocably and finally cast in her lot with America. Rather vividly did he describe the situation when he observed: "Pakistan is now behind the silver curtain and in the dollar pool." The third World War, he went on, had been brought nearer, both in space and time, because of the proposed military pact. Startling was his disclosure that Pakistan's motive in seeking assistance from America was not so much to defend herself against aggression as to spite India. "If India joined the Western bloc,

Pakistan would join the Communist group, as she had threatened to do some years ago." The times were causing anxiety, he admitted, but assured his listeners that there was no need whatever for panic.

Mr. Gadgil, however, declared that India must be strong in her faith as well as in her defence "for in the present world right would be helpless without might." In the U.S., he added, the Pentagon (the military Department) was dictating to the Administration.

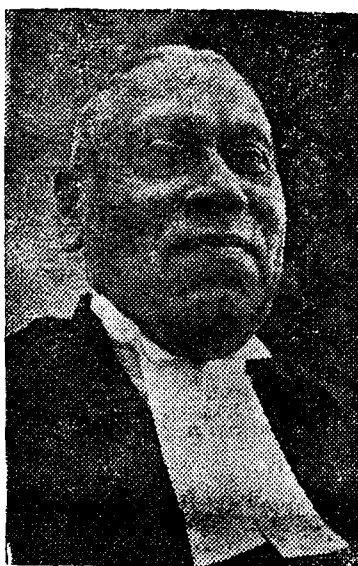
So if any move to counter the growing threat is called for, it is wise for the Government of India to alert the people and explain to them the implications of the proposed pact and its likely consequences. It is needless to point out that all citizens of Free India including the majority as well as minority communities should stand solidly behind the Nehru Government and carry out its behests. Mr. Mohamed Usman, ex-Governor and Muslim leader of the South, has done well to raise his voice of protest against the "unholy military alliance between Pakistan and America." In his view, the policy, pursued by Pakistan, will not only endanger the safety of India but also of Muslim countries like Arabia, Persia, Afghanistan and Egypt. And he has called upon all Indians, "whatever their religions or politics," to give their unstinted support to our Prime Minister in the right policy he is pursuing.

High-Power Commission

The Government of India has set up a high-power Commission to enquire and report on the reorganisation of States. This three-man body, consisting of Syed Fazl Ali, Governor of Orissa, as Chairman, Mr. H.N. Kunzru and Sardar K.M. Panikkar, as members, will tour the country and submit its report by June 1955. To many votaries of linguistic division eighteen months will seem like ages but many vital questions are involved and the consequences are bound to be far-reaching.

While announcing the appointment of the Commission and its personnel, Pandit Nehru made an important statement in the House of the People on the momentous issue.

In The News



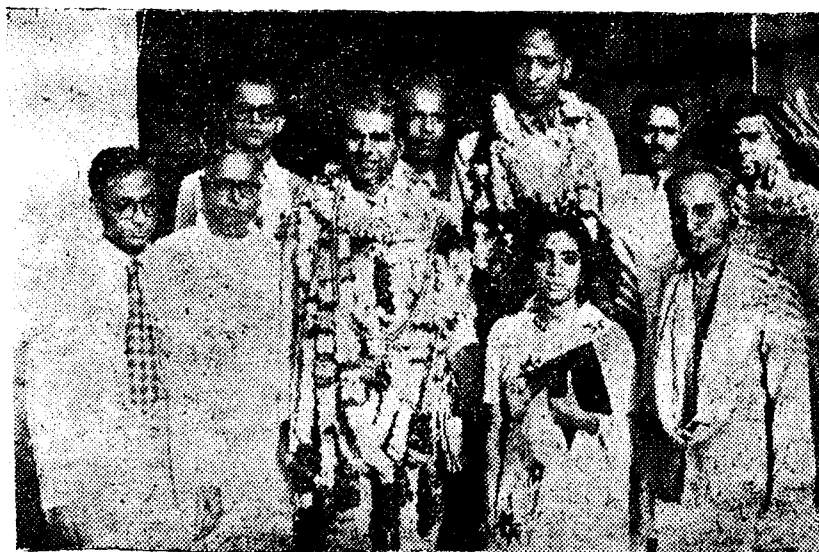
Mr. Justice Mehrchand Mahajan, the new Chief Justice of India. He has been a Judge of the Supreme Court since October, 1948.



Sri E.V. Ramaswami Naicker, Leader of the Dravida Kazhagam, and Sri C. Rajagopalachari, Chief Minister, participated in the Meeladi Nabi celebrations organised by the Tamil Muslim Association in the City recently. The two leaders met on the same platform after more than two decades.



Syed Fazl Ali, who has been appointed Chairman of the Commission for Reorganisation of States.



A warm welcome was accorded by the public to Dr. Cheddi Jagan (third from left) and Mr. L.F.S. Burnham, leaders of the People's Progressive Party of British Guiana, when they arrived at Central Station in the City recently.

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A MOST EVENTFUL YEAR

A MOST eventful year has just gone by. More than once India was the cynosure of all eyes. She took the initiative and laboured hard to bring about a cease-fire agreement in Korea although Dr. Rhee and his henchmen did their worst to misrepresent our aims. The Indian Custodian Force went to Korea on a mission of peace and ably managed the prisoner-of-war camps where non-Communists gave almost endless trouble. As Chairman of the Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission, General Thimmayya won praise for the quiet dignity and thoroughness with which he arranged the meetings and explanations for the prisoners and remedied the grievances of U.N. and Communist representatives.

A signal honour was done to India when Srimathi Vijaya-lakshmi Pandit was elected President of the U.N. General Assembly. When that world body went into recess, delegates of all nations joined in a chorus of tribute to the charm, grace and impartiality with which she conducted the proceedings.

Two other outstanding events deserve mention: the conquest of Mount Everest and the creation of the Andhra State.

The record on the home front was not as satisfactory as it should have been but there was progress all the same. The Community Projects and the National Plan were being implemented although there was no promise of immediate or tangible results. Our leaders laid proper emphasis on the achievement of social and economic freedom and exhorted the nation

to bend its energies to this task. But unemployment was suddenly on the increase and the purchasing power of the people was very low.

The Prime Ministers of India and Pakistan met in Delhi to resolve the Kashmir deadlock. The preliminary talks were considered successful, with more meetings in prospect. In Kashmir itself there were dramatic developments that took the rest of India and the outside world by surprise. Sheikh Abdullah was dismissed and held in detention on grave charges of corruption and nepotism and it was even reported that he was trying to sell the interests of his State to some foreign nation. Bakshi Ghulam Mohammed was appointed Premier and he immediately got busy, tidying up the State's administration and fulfilling the terms of the Delhi Pact.

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A HAPPY NEW YEAR

— Editor.

But elsewhere trouble was brewing. There were shouts of "jihad" among the masses in Pakistan and political circles there insisted, quite irrelevantly and unreasonably, that Admiral Nimitz should be retained as Plebiscite Administrator. But worse was to come. Karachi and Washington were carrying on secret negotiations for a military alliance. It was proposed that arms aid should be given by the United States to equip Pakistan's army; in exchange, America was to have air bases in Pakistan so that the Urals in Russia where the atom plants were situated could be brought within flying range of the U.S. bombers. Thus was the cold war extended to the very heart of South-East Asia and the very doors of India.

to be considered. The claims of language and culture in any given area must be accorded priority, of course, but other factors also would come in for attention and scrutiny. To the preservation and strengthening of the unity and security of India all other considerations must be subordinated. Then would come financial, economic and administrative aspects not only from the point of view of each State but also for the whole nation.

The Prime Minister recalled how the present-day States had their origin in the consolidation of British power in India. With the partitioning of the country and the formation of Pakistan, another process began—that of merger and integration of what were known as Indian States. As people became more politically conscious and regional languages attained a new stature and importance, there were demands for the formation of certain States on a linguistic basis. In response to them, the high-power Commission was set up to go into all aspects of the question, examine all views and representations and present its report.

But India, warned the Prime Minister, had embarked upon an ordered plan for her economic, cultural and moral progress. So any changes that retarded or interfered with the prosecution of the National Plan would not be encouraged.

Mossadeq's Lot

The Military Court in Teheran has imposed upon Dr. Mossadeq a sentence of three years' solitary confinement for treason. Reports of the trial led one to imagine that a worse fate probably awaited the ex-Premier. But, thanks to the Shah's intervention, justice has been tempered with mercy. Perhaps the young ruler had another motive in helping to reduce the sentence. He did not want to make a martyr of the veteran politician who has still a very large following.

It is remarkable that even the Shah openly and generously acknowledges the past meritorious services of Dr. Mossadeq. His

outstanding achievement was to do away with the corroding foreign influence by nationalising the oil industry in Persia. He showed the outside world that his nation had a soul and taught his countrymen to remember their self-respect and dignity and walk with a straight back. But the closure of the Abadan refinery depleted the State coffers and it was economic discontent that paralysed the administration and caused all the unfortunate dissensions.

The present sentence is grudging recognition that Dr. Mossadeq is as selfless a patriot as any Persian is. But solitary confinement is a form of cruelty that no intellectual or statesman can bear. One hopes the Shah will modify it or even remit it after a time.

Right Step

President Eisenhower, addressing the United Nations General Assembly recently, advocated the formation of an International Atomic Energy Agency. To a common pool, under proper supervision, he invited the atomic Powers to contribute from their stockpiles of uranium and fissionable materials. It was a step to hasten the day when fear of atom would begin to disappear from the minds of the people and Governments of the East and West.

NOTICE

MY MAGAZINE OF INDIA'S Special TUTORIAL Section

On account of the New Year and Pongal Holidays in which Schools and Colleges are closed, the Answers to Questions in English subjects for S.S.L.C. and Intermediate Examinations '54, given in the last issue of this Journal, along with fresh Questions, will appear in the next issue coming out on 15th January 1954.

The Manager,
My Magazine of India.

If atomic energy is to be harnessed for peaceful purposes, untold blessings to mankind are bound to accrue. To implement Mr. Eisenhower's plan successfully, the Atomic Energy Agency will be responsible for the impounding, storage and protection of the contributed fissionable, and other material. Experts will then be recruited for the task of applying atomic energy to the needs of agriculture and medicine and providing abundant electrical energy for the power-starved areas of the world.

If this scheme were agreed to, stated the U.S. President, the potential destructive power of the world's atomic stockpiles would begin to diminish. The Great Powers of the earth, both of the East and of the West, would then evince greater interest in human aspirations than in the armament race. They would then shake off the inertia imposed by fear and would make positive progress towards peace.

The President painted a dreadful picture of what would happen to the world in the event of an atomic war between the giants. Atom bombs today were more than 25 times as powerful as the weapons with which the atomic age dawned while hydrogen bombs were in the ranges of millions of tons of T.N.T. equivalent. He conceded that the secret was also known to Soviet Russia and it was no more the monopoly of the United States. Although his country could well defend itself and repel any aggressor, atomic warfare would spell the doom of civilization ultimately. It would "mean the annihilation of the irreplaceable heritage of mankind handed down to us from generation to generation and the condemnation of mankind to begin all over again the age-old struggle toward decency, right and justice."

200 Years of Service

"The best hospital in Asia" was the tribute paid to the Madras General Hospital on the occasion of the bi-centenary celebrations, held recently. Started and built by the East India Company, the General Hospital attracted the ablest of physicians and surgeons to provide over its destinies. As the Director of Medical Services pointed out, these distinguished men put the hospital on the map of the medical world by their research and outstanding services. The Medical College, its latest offshoot, has won renown as one of the greatest centres of medical science and learning.

Among many of the poor folk in our country there is an unfortunate impression that the sick, the ailing and the injured who go to hospital seldom return home. The allegation is that doctors and nurses alike are callous, and that the best of medicine or care is not given to the patient. But such apprehensions are generally dispelled once a patient gets inside the General Hospital. Every case is attended to with care and the best possible treatment is assured. In fact, there is so much of overcrowding that the doctors and nurses are undergoing very severe strain in fulfilling their rounds. There are long, endless queues before the counters at the Hospital dispensary; a patient, for instance, who goes in at 8 a.m. emerges from the Outpatient Department at noon.

Perhaps this is inevitable. Inaugurating the celebrations, the Governor said: "So far as I can see, this great institution has certainly made all of us very hospital-minded, and we see large queues of men and women outside the hospital buildings, anxious to be treated by the eminent doctors and surgeons who work here."

Deserved tribute was paid to the doctors, past and present, among whom mention may be made of Col. Charles Donovan who discovered the causative organism of Kala-azar, Dr. S. Rangachari, the famous surgeon, and Dr. A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar whose

association with the institution extends over a long period and who towers over most of his contemporaries.

But expansion is a vital necessity if the Hospital is to become a centre of research as well as healing and funds are required for the purpose. At least those of the rich and the philanthropic who have had the benefit of treatment at the G. H. should contribute liberally in the cause of ailing humanity.

Two Views

There should be as little governmental control over educational institutions as possible. All great educational institutions of the world function independently though they receive financial assistance from Government. Madras's Governor, Sri Sri Prakasa, expressed this view in the course of a speech while presiding over the centenary celebrations of the Government Arts College, Coimbatore.

Many of us would endorse this opinion. The State can well take over elementary education as the Constitution has stipulated. The Secondary stage is still in the melting pot. But only if Government desists from exercising any control over high schools, colleges and other educational institutions, will private philanthropy be encouraged. If any donor feels that an institution founded by him may later on lose its individuality under State management, he may divert his attention elsewhere.

Dr. P. V. Cherian, Chairman of the Madras Legislative Council, who also took part in the celebrations, said that education should be so directed and controlled that every one who came out of college and school should be fit for some kind of avocation. He quoted with approval the Secondary Education Committee's recommendation of this type of education. Also, he emphasised, young boys and girls had to be given training which would make them loyal and enthusiastic citizens of the country.

Education, health and employment, went on Dr. Cherian, were three of the most essential responsibilities of Government and among these he would accord priority to education. Turning to the importance of physical education, he observed that medical inspection of schools would be a farce unless a check-up was done every year and a case-sheet kept for each pupil. Worth quoting is Dr. Cherian's stern warning against neglect of English which he aptly described as the international language of the present day. "Their (students') advance and progress would be retarded if they had no proper knowledge of English."

Better Deal for Journalists

A welcome assurance was given by Mr. V. V. Giri, Labour Minister, in the House of the People that working journalists would be included within the scope of the Industrial Disputes Act by suitable provisions in the Labour Relations Bill. During the debate on the non-official resolution, moved by Prof. D. C. Sharma, calling attention to the plight of working journalists, several members spoke with sympathy and understanding. "Government are not only interested and sympathetic," said Mr. Giri, "but also are anxious to take action in the matter."

Obviously, the sudden closure of some Calcutta papers focussed public attention on the very difficult conditions under which working journalists have to carry on. Prof. Sharma, in his speech, recalled the noble part journalists had played during the struggle for independence. He contrasted conditions here with those in the United Kingdom, America and Australia where journalists had a better deal ensuring minimum wages, regular increments and other facilities.

The Labour Minister stated that the Press Commission would shortly give an interim finding on the question and that speedy action would be taken on it.



[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."]

Sri Muthuswami Dikshitar, as a well-known composer of sacred songs in Sanskrit, will not be forgotten in S. India, particularly so long as Carnatic music is enjoyed. A portrait of that Saint-singer is quite welcome, especially when the picture of a delightful face such as that found in Ravi Varma's puranic pictures, is painted as that of the Dikshitar.

But, from what source did the painter, Mr. L. Krishna Das, get the material for his picture? But for this small snag, it is certainly a pleasing picture.

This beautifying brings to mind the story of the wealthy lady who purchased a lovely painting of a woman and had her own name written underneath.

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Mrs. Jagan, wife of Dr. C. Jagan, Secretary of the People's Progressive Party, of Br. Guiana, is now being tried for her Communist activities, and for thinking that the Russian way of life was very "nice."

The trial of Mrs. Jagan very closely resembles the trials of sedition against Indian nationalist leaders in the days of the British Raj in India. It was in those days simply acts of mental *tour de force* by which British Magistrates and British judges and their Indian courtiers twisted or tortured words to extract sedition out of even innocent words as the Science Professors of Laputa tried to extract sunbeams out of cucumbers.

Trials like that of Mrs. Jagan are sure signs that the British Empire's Decline has begun. Historians with the gift of Gibbon might start gathering materials for "The Decline and Fall of the British Empire." Perhaps Sir W. Churchill himself might undertake the job for a second Nobel Prize as the Great Historian of the year.

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Two ways of resigning there are open before the Ministers of the Andhra State after their salaries have been cut.

1. They can resign their jobs.
2. They can resign themselves — to their Fate.

The first is certainly not manly to do. Of course, that is the constitutional way of facing the Opposition's success. But then, Sri T. Prakasam, the Chief Minister, is too much of an Andhra patriot to care for such mere constitutional conventions. He would again smile at such untoward behaviour of the Opposition.

Sri Prakasam is a true Casabianca who stood on the burning deck though it was burning all round him, because it was his father's command; here it is the command of Andhra patriotism. So also would his Cabinet feel and stick on.

Further, when the Ministers are working for love of Andhra State, why care for mere lucre?

The second, that of Fate, is also a handy balm for wounds of disappointment in our land where more faith is placed on Fate and his decrees than even on ideas of Supernatural agencies based on Sacred Books of veneration and antiquity.

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"Dr. Rajaji and Mr. E. V. Ramasami on the same platform," is the pulling headline in the Madras Dailies.

After 26 years, the two companions in arms, met on the same platform when there was a very large gathering to celebrate the Birth-day of the Prophet.

Dr. Rajaji greeted E. V. R. as heartily as one can, who keeps political differences outside social fellowship. His enquiries about Tiru Selvi Mani Ammayar, wife of E. V. R., formed a classic by itself.

What attracted such large crowds to the meeting? E. V. R. said that Dr. Rajaji's presence did it. But, Dr. Rajaji, with his adroit repartee and *bonhomie*, at once replied it was on account of both and that it showed that people wanted all to be friendly.

Both Dr. Rajaji and E. V. R. forgot that it was the Prophet's Birthday. Anyway, all is happy which makes all happy.

So, Prophet's Birthday was a day of "greatest joy", as Dr. Rajaji said, to both E. V. R. and himself.

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"Out of evil cometh good," said Sri Sri Prakasa, Governor of Madras. To prove it he said that the Crimean War gave Florence Nightingale and the glorious Nursing Profession. Yet another War gave the Red Cross movement.

Therefore, evil is not so bad, nor the Devil.

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"The poor are better treated in Madras than elsewhere in India," said Sri Sri Prakasa, when presiding over the Bi-Centenary Celebrations of the Madras General Hospital.

If they are, it is so gratifying to Madras and outside. But, I would ask His Excellency, what his data are for his award?

Please note: I do not look with green eyes upon lucky Madras.

Is it improper or ungrateful if I question Sri Sri Prakasa, when he praises the early British Settlers or the Foreign Missionaries, whether the object of their public utility institutions were for the good of the people of India at all? Surely, Sri Sri Prakasa is a good student of History; not that he knows History less, but loves courtesy more.

Why not a Governor of a State from the Scheduled Castes? asked Mr. N. C. Chatterjee and Dr. K. N. Katju replied that high qualifications were needed for a Governor.

We had a woman Governor; and a Scheduled Caste member is only a matter of course. Yet, what needless display of fuss and temper! Not a Cabinet today without a Scheduled Caste Minister.

Professor P. Sambamurthi, Head of Dept. of Music, Madras University, has certainly a right to speak about the effects of music. But, when he claims that music can heal mental diseases, the shoe-maker praises his own leather. Music has its charms but to heal human harms, its charms may not bear out Prof. Sambamurthi's claims.

No better sample of the waste of time and therefore waste of public money, caused by the anxiety of M. L. A's to figure as active politicians, can be given than the question put in the Assembly of Madras by Sri T. Aranganathan about the Information Dept.

Even more illuminating was the suggestion by Dr. K. B. Menon. (P. S. P.) that the "Madras Information" be opened for use by the public, as information meant both ways.

Whatever does Dr. Menon mean by his words "information meant both ways."

It is a piece of originality in inanity.

The reply which the Chief Minister administered is one which M. L. A's who wish to masquerade as politicians taking active part ought to ponder over as the snub is as deserved as useful.

No wonder Dr. Rajaji is so heartily hated by mountebanks and charlatans. But Rajaji's recipes are very badly and strongly needed. Only he must make the doses much stronger.

"I am a world citizen; all countries are my home," said Srimathi Vijayalakshmi Pandit in reply to Pressmen who wanted her to comment on the U.S. - Pakistan talks of military aid. A cosmopolitan, very literally, Srimathi today is. But, now that she is back again to those beloved members of her home, she is sure to forget that she is giving away to her near and dear ones what she owes to the World as its Citizen.

Original home of man, if at all it could be traced in India, can only be in Kashmir Valley area, was the opinion of Sri N. K. Narasimha Ayyangar. Yet another spotlight on Kashmir.

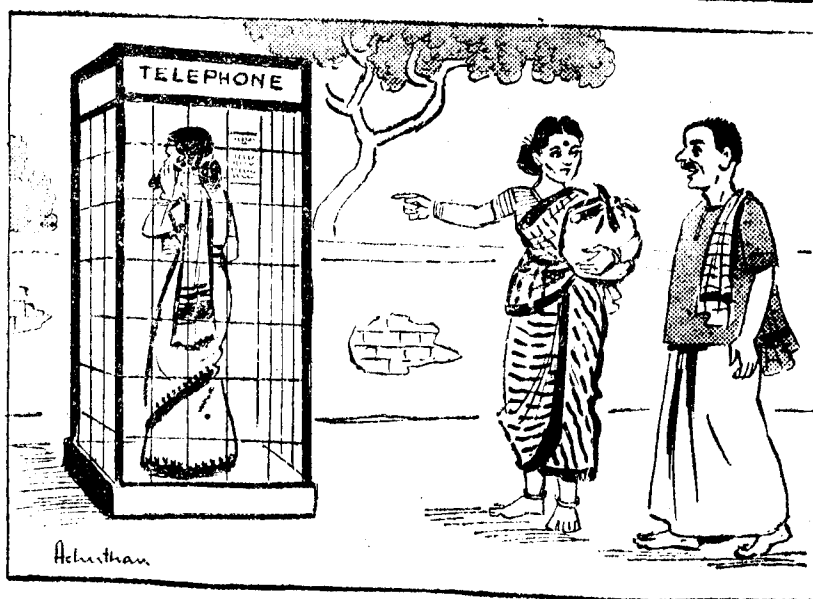
Dr. Ehrenfels, Anthropologist, pleads for a scientific study of the Dasavatham story as giving its conception of the Origin of Man, also for the study of such mythologies of other nations.

Those who claim that all modern discoveries or inventions had already been known to the Ancients will welcome Dr. Ehrenfels' appeal.

Mr. T. Prakasam, Andhra Chief Minister, explaining why he became C. Minister in his old age and with his infirmities, said it was his love for the people and that in the interests of the Andhras he had made great sacrifices.

Firstly: Mr. Prakasam must be assured as strongly as possible that there is no man who is indispensable; that there are as many true patriots in the Andhra land as he is.

Secondly: About Mr. Prakasam's great sacrifices, Mr. Prakasam himself should not be the announcer.



Country Wife: "Is this also a model kept for advertising something, just like the one you showed me in the show-case of a cloth shop?"

Pretensions Of Public People

Examined for Emulation or Exposed for Explanation

While presenting "Favourite of the Fortnight" series to our Friends for the pleasure of dwelling on the estimable careers of our Great and Good Fellow-Citizens, it is also proposed to take up for examination the careers of such of our Public Persons whose activities might not be clear or helpful or desirable. Unpleasant as such examining might be, it cannot be helped, the only consolation being that such unpleasant duty is not only for public good but also for the good of such misguided Public Persons themselves.

Dr. P. Varadarajulu Naidu's Claims as Doctor, Politician and Patriot Examined

Dear Dr. Varadarajulu Naidu,

You have been on the South Indian Political stage for nearly forty years now. Your public career, with breaks now and then, is an interesting one in its own way. Of late, you have been pushing yourself into prominence by your flamboyant notes of threat of self-sacrifice even to slow suicide by shedding your blood drop by drop till you come to the last drop. I do hope I misunderstand you by taking you literally.

I should like, for the sake of better appreciation of your patriotic sacrifices if you can, in *The Mail* itself, which is so hospitable to you, help to clear the following doubts about your good self.

Firstly: You have been calling yourself a doctor.

When and where, in India or outside, did you get that Doctorate?

If your Doctorate is not from any institution authorised to confer such a degree, how did you become a Doctor?

Is it a degree conferred by a body of sincere admirers of yours?

Or, is it simply a title conferred on yourself by self-courtesy?

A person, however qualified or deserving, calls himself a doctor without getting it from an authorised body, what would you think of him or call him?

I assure you that if you do not satisfy this reasonable public curiosity and dispel the doubt or ignorance of the Public, I will be compelled to revert again to the subject "to the last drop" of ink in my pen or pot. Thank you for the phrase. It has become a household phrase.

Secondly: You threaten to shed or endeavour "to the last drop of your blood" to resist Dictatorship. This word had gained an ugly notoriety during World War II, through the tragic careers of Hitler and Mussolini, and perhaps Admiral Tojo of Japan and one or two others.

Can you honestly, without any theatrical hysteria, say that there is anywhere today in the Indian Union anything like Dictatorship?

The one man against whom you tried and try to shoot all your journalistic and other arrows is Dr. Rajaji. (His Doctorate, we know who conferred it.) But what was the effect? How cheaply did Dr. Rajaji dismiss all your most cunningly aimed shafts? Do you know how the public enjoyed your impotent attacks? Why endanger or stake your blood, bone, body and brain in an unavailing struggle?



Like Don Quixote de la Mancha Knight-Errant Dr. P. Varadarajulu Naidu de la Salem attacks phantom Demon Dictatorship "as long as there is a drop of his blood."

Do you recollect how Don Quixote attacked the sails of a wind-mill taking them for giants and goblins? Unfortunately for your theatrical

heroics and Demosthenic Phillippics, you were only able to amuse the public and not to attain your object, namely to resist Dictatorship or oust Dr. Rajaji. If there is dictatorship and if it is to be ended, I am sure, you are not the giant to perform that Herculean wonder.

You would only fare as Captain Gulliver would have fared had he tried to kill by his blow the inhabitants of Brobdingnag.

Thirdly: You talk of your mite in battle for freedom. True, you were a political convict three times in the Home Rule days of Dr. Besant. Of that sacrifice, your audiences have heard in your speeches in the Madras Beach and elsewhere times *ad infinitum* and *ad nauseam*. You were the editor of a Tamil daily. Do you refer to that journalistic career and your jail life as your bit of service to Bharat Matha?

If there is anything else, do tell us through your kindly and hospitable host, *The Mail*.

Fourthly: You say in one of your notes or communiques, that you served the Motherland without aspiring for any public place or advantage, or something to that effect.

Will you plainly tell the public what public place of responsibility you can reasonably or soberly or sanely aspire for with sane chances of success? Was any such public place offered to

you? Did you decline it? Your own Tamil Daily used to publicitise that you were invited to Colombo and other place to advise, admonish, arbitrate and otherwise advance the people inviting you, but often without any sequel.

Fifthly: You compliment that Premier Nehru is one whom you admire but that, in the affair of Dr. Rajaji, in Nehru's not caring for your ineffectual and interested opposition, you say you are disappointed. Can you kindly realise that your approval or disapproval of Nehru will not gladden or grieve him? Do you know the measure of the man whom you so innocently think of praising or paining? Here is a plain and friendly word. Your previous attempt to get into the Legislative Council was a sad failure and the public has not forgotten the humorous incidents connected with it. This time you drew a lucky card. Try to do what good you can to your constituency. As for your attacks, there is no sting in them. Your enemies are as safe as ever. Only by your attacks, you provide some harmless amusement when public life is too grim without any humour to relieve.

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Dravidianism

Examined in the Light of Ethnology & History

By Sami Vencatachalam Chetty

Now that the "Dravidian" movement has been taking an unexpected and certainly quite a deplorable turn, it is high time that those interested in this desirable movement, if only rightly guided, should be given correct values of Dravidianism. It is, therefore, so opportune that Sri Sami Vencatachalam Chetty, a thinker of balanced and sober views, be it in Politics or on Social questions, should in this article discuss the Movement in the light of History and Modern Scientific Thought.

AT a time when all living in Bharat India are contemplating, thinking and talking in terms of one Bharat culture and civilisation, it is a backward step that sections of the people should still be remembering the various cultures, civilisations, and tribes that once inhabited this ancient country.

The Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam has unfortunately become the spearhead for exhibiting or bringing once again into acute relief the differences that once existed. Thanks to the foreign rule of Muslims and the British, the welding of variegated cultures in India have taken place. And this happy blending is demonstrated in the fact this All India was united against the Foreign Rule. With the end of the Foreign Rule one had hoped, and almost taken it for certain, that there would be no differences excepting perhaps those of religion, civilisation, social life, education and political viewpoints. Unfortunately the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam has made itself a great obstacle in the path of collaboration. The Kazhagam has begun to emphasize differences of language, and of race and, to a certain extent, worship as well.

It has been a peculiar virtue of Indians and of all races which settled in India from time immemorial that there was catholicity of views and tolerance of religion among them. This is not, however, to deny that there were aberrations of this 'broad-mindedness', by religious outbreaks between Hindus and Muslims, between Buddhists and Hindus, between Jains and

Saivaites and even between Saivaites and Vaishnavites, not to ignore in this context the local squabbles between Vadagalais and Thengalais. Broadly speaking, the Hindus who formed a large majority of Bharatiyas forget the historical fact that differences once existed between Aryans and Dravidians. Both these large sections having adopted Rama and Krishna as their Gods irrespective of their Aryan origin, followed rites and customs, adopted them as propounded in the Vedas and modified and adapted by succeeding religious thoughts originated by the great teachers of Hindu philosophy.

To make futile differences between sections of the people living north and south of this or that physical boundary, is a wrong and discreditable pose of mind and as the saying goes, there is no good which is not mixed with some evil and no evil which is not leavened with some good. We are today neither Aryans nor Dravidians. We are Indians.

Even before the scientific transfusions of blood came into vogue in the treatment of diseases, transfusion of blood began long ago and we are today the children of such combinations, unities, mergers, that it is simply a ludicrous task to make a research into the proportion of Aryan, Dravidian, or for that matter, Mongolian and Moghul blood in the compositions of every Indian. Today, here is the admixture of the Aryan, Scythian and Mongoloid elements in the Dravidians. Again, some authorities state that the

ancestors of the Dravidians were from three continents, namely India, Africa and Australia. If one wants to take pride that his Dravidian country extended as far as China, Africa, Australia and Comorin, he cannot at the same time escape from the opprobrium of being a mongrel of people living in those countries. Indeed, based upon that theory our Dravidian friends, or at any rate the protagonists of the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam, would have every right to claim the aborigines of Australia as their ancestors. They might also claim to have come to S. India from the Punjab. And if the Punjabis are Aryans, the Dravidians cannot now disclaim the commingling that must have taken place as the Dravidians progressed through the Punjab. Some anthropological authorities claim that the Dravidians belong to the Scythian and that they entered India from the N.W. passes, while some ethnologists lay down that the Dravidians were a branch of the Caucasian stock and therefore closely affiliated to Europeans. Such kind of speculations into the hidden past can be easily multiplied leaving the student, who is earnest to know the truth, in complete ignorance.

If all that is claimed by the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam is that their language is ancient, that their civilisation is pure, nobody need have any quarrel with them. But when such a claim is to inculcate and propagate hatred and enmity, such an attitude is an entirely alien idea to this country never to be tolerated.

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Language Question

Though the difference in racial theory is being obliterated, the difference in language is not effaced. In fact, the national movement for the adoption of a single language for the whole of Bharata Khanda unintentionally stresses this difference and such a stressing is actively opposed by the protagonists of the Dravidian languages.

Tamil is not the only Dravidian language to absorb words from San-krit; other S. Indian languages have absorbed a larger number of Sanskrit or Aryan language words; the opposition from Tamil into which fewer Sanskrit words have percolated is unreasonable. It must be admitted that, however zealous may be the Tamil language votary, he must be prepared to recognise that the Tamil vocabulary does have at least a small percentage of Sanskrit words. That eminent Tamil scholar, the late Mr. Kanakasundaram Pillai, has, after elaborate research, in his Monograph on *Tirukkural*, given it as his considered opinion that *Tiruvalluvar* has used at least from 4 to 5% of indisputable words of the Sanskrit language. Of course, the Tamilians aver that some words which we now think to be Sanskrit words, were really Tamil words which got absorbed in the Sanskrit literature to such an extent as to lose their Tamil identity and origin. Even should the Tamil language succeed in disclaiming the contribution of Sanskrit, the Tamilians have, according to some authorities, to trace the origin of their language to Turanian immigrants who are even more remote than Aryan. **

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OLD GOPAL was gazing hopefully at the bright lights of the theatre. He was not thinking of its beautiful appearance. The soul of a man suffering from immediate hunger, continued malnutrition and over-work and the ailments of old age, is impervious to any aesthetic sense. He was thinking hopefully of the potential passengers who would be presently streaming out of the theatre. It was only in that sense he was feeling that the theatre was like a palace out of which presently a princely passenger would emerge and desire to go by his rickshaw.

Without shifting his gaze, Gopal tried to huddle himself into the lower seat of his rickshaw. All his limbs were aching and he was feeling dizzy. He was acutely aware of the growing of hunger in his stomach. He even felt sleepy and was cognizant of the fact that sleep would act as a balm to all his troubles—but he also knew that sleep was a luxury he could not immediately afford. His hunger was the dominant factor of discord to his well being.

A gust of cold wind blew upon him. He felt that it was like God's slap against a poor man's cheek. A mosquito stung him on the nose,

another entered his ear, making a drumming, deafening noise. He slapped his face, trying to drive off the insects of torture. He sat up cursing, as his rickshaw-puller badge struck his chin painfully as he drove away the mosquitoes.

He looked at his badge—the brand of his slavery. He noticed the wornout thread with which the badge was fastened to his wrist. Better thoughts welled up in his mind. He was thinking of the thin threads of a poor man's life. Here he was, an honest, hard-working, conscientious and God-fearing man, whom neither society helped nor God looked after. He had to help himself and even his luck was against him. All that day he was unable to pick up even a single passenger. It was now well-nigh midnight and yet he was without food so far. It was his unlucky day.

After all his earthly ambitions were not of the highest. All he wanted of life was assured food and clothing. That was his Utopia. He did not yearn for money or position, fame or power. Even what little he needed society often denied him, while it exacted the utmost of his services. All his soul craved now was a passenger, so that he might earn enough to appease his gnawing hunger.

There were so many potential passengers inside the theatre. They were able to enjoy the picture because they were well fed and had homes to go back to sleep. Here he was, discontented and gloomy, because he was hungry and not even certain of a passenger. It was the Age of Competition. There were so many rickshaw-pullers that none could be sure of earning their bread and butter. It was the paradox of poverty amidst plenty.

As his mind dwelt on the unpleasant idea of competition, he shifted his gaze off the theatre and looked around timidly. There were ten more rickshaws nearby—he was decidedly not the monarch of all the passengers he surveyed. But he would gain an advantage over the other comrade rivals by moving his rickshaw to a strategic position. Even in the battle of life of a rickshaw-puller, strategy counted.

HIS chain of thought broke as his ears caught the sound of the closing bell of the show. He immediately became a man of action. He hustled hither and thither with his usual formula, "Rickshaw, sir?"

He feasted his eyes upon the flood of people streaming out

of the theatre gates, and his heart grew full and his professional slogan more vociferous and hearty. Now he was in demand; he would sell his services dearly, with a vengeance. He felt as though he were already at his misery's end.

"Hey, rickshaw!" a fussy old man beckoned.

"Yes, sir, get in, sir," old Gopal answered in his most persuasive tone.

"How much do you want to take me to Sardar Road?"

"Only one rupee, sir. It is cheap at that rate, but I will take you, sir."

"No, I will pay four annas, Take it or leave it."

"At least twelve annas, sir?"

"No, I will pay six annas."

"At least ten annas, sir?"

"No, I will pay only six annas."

NEITHER yielded. The fussy old man moved away. Gopal moved on, deeper into the outgoing mass of people. After all, there were still so many people, and he would be able to sell his services dearly.

"Hey, rickshaw," a Marwari with a huge belly shouted.

The general outward signs of opulence of the Marwari attracted three rickshaws to his side. Gopal also navigated his rickshaw very

near to him. The rich man knew how to set one rickshaw-puller against another and drive a cheap bargain. The rickshaw-pullers underbid one another. The Marwari got a ride for two miles for the pittance of just four annas.

GOPAL swore under his breath. The way the other fellows betrayed one another infuriated him. They allowed themselves to be exploited, because they lacked the sense of sportsmanship and the law of supply and demand.

Gopal cruised his rickshaw towards a man and woman standing together and evidently looking for a conveyance.

"Rickshaw, sir?" he asked hopefully, ingratiatingly.

The woman asked, "We want to go to Bose Road. How much?"

"One rupee and eight annas only, madam."

"That is too much. We will give you twelve annas."

Gopal hesitated. The fare was reasonable. But he would haggle for a little more, before yielding.

"I will take you for a rupee, madam."

The woman appeared to be on the point of yielding. She looked up at her man questioningly.

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The man said to the woman, "Why go by that miserable rickshaw? We will go by the taxi. Come on, get in."

The man and woman drove off.

Gopal again swore. What chance of eking out a livelihood had a rickshaw-puller in this Age of Machines? These confounded taxis would drive out rickshaws soon—just like bad money driving out good. He could not understand why people preferred to go by these confounded taxis—they were engines of death on wheels. Rickshaws were so safe. Well, very few people knew what was good for them. Confound it, his hunger was becoming unbearable.

"Hey, rickshaw!" two young men hailed Gopal.

Gopal hurriedly drew his rickshaw towards them.

"Come on, we will go by a rickshaw," one of the young men said to the other.

"No, I say, I would prefer to walk. The night is fine and I rather feel heavy in the stomach. Come on, let us walk."

The young men moved off.

OLD Gopal again swore—this time at the irony of the situation. The young man preferred to walk because he was feeling heavy in the stomach. But here he was prepared to walk because he was hungry!

Two white-capped people were standing, looking about.

Gopal moved his rickshaw near them and asked hopefully, "Rickshaw, gentlemen?"

One of the white-capped men asked the other, "Shall we go by rickshaw?"

The other man answered, "No, no, on principle I do not go by rickshaw. It is inhuman."

A taxi was passing by. The man who spoke of principle hailed it.

Now a great fear possessed Gopal. Supposing he was not to get a passenger! Something decidedly was wrong with his luck today. His stomach was on the brink of revolution; it threatened to strike and paralyse the entire body. As

he recalled the words of the white-capped man, his thoughts became blacker still. It was indeed inhuman to travel by a rickshaw—but it was not so inhuman to let a rickshaw-puller starve. What a lop-sided sense of humaneness!

He must get a passenger. Oh, for a passenger! No angel would gladden his heart as much as a passenger. A passenger was the only immediate means of his salvation.

HE looked around with a sense of despair. The theatre lights were off and there were very few people nearby. He clutched at the immediate straw of vociferous publicity.

He began to move about feverishly and shout "Rickshaw, sir, rickshaw!" Even to his own ears his shouting appeared like a cry in the wilderness.

Then he beheld two sturdy young men beckoning to him. They looked to his passenger-weary eyes like a couple of angels.

A sigh of relief—almost a sob of happiness—escaped Gopal as the young men got into his rickshaw, without even stopping to bargain. A slow prayer escaped his lips. God was merciful.

Then he found to his horror he could not move his rickshaw forward! His legs were limp, his energy was drained. He pulled again. No, it was no use. He was dead beat.

One of the young men noticed Gopal's plight. He got down and remarked to his companion, "It is no use. The old fellow cannot pull us. Look how he is struggling, poor fellow! Let us walk."

The young man tossed an anna coin to Gopal, as his companion got down. Gopal feebly remonstrated that he would be able to carry them. They passed on.

Gopal looked at the anna coin. The anna probably meant so little to the givers, but how much it meant to him! Yet it was so little, it was some thoughtless charity. People donated thousands and lakhs to schools, colleges, memorials, statues, to this home and that, to one fund or another, yet when they encountered a starving beggar, they

tossed a small coin—an aggravating, not alleviating, 'philanthropy'. That was the difference between public and private charity. What could he do with the anna the young men had given him? It would not alleviate his hunger, but would only show him the magnitude of his hunger.

A cold sweat broke out on Gopal's face. The fear in his heart became almost a certainty. Some malignant fate was dogging him and depriving him of a life-giving passenger. His strength was fast ebbing. Either he must get a passenger or succumb to starvation.

He looked about him with a sense of acute fear. The theatre was closed. There were no rickshaws nearby, neither were there any people around. Yes, he thought bitterly, he was the monarch of all he surveyed—a desert of dead hopes. He ground his teeth and cursed—his Creator, his society, himself.

A thin drizzle of rain broke out. Hunger, cold, hate and helplessness made him rave for a while. Then when he had spent himself, a sense of frustration and realisation came to him—like the euthanasia that comes to a sick man who had been struggling to survive a chronic disease. Well, he was for it—for starvation to start with. He felt quite resigned and philosophic.

THEN the most unbelievable thing happened. As though dropped out of heaven, a well-dressed man was coming towards Gopal, shouting, "Taxi, taxi!"

Gopal rubbed his eyes unbelievably. Could it be true?

The sight of the silly fop, shouting for a taxi, when there were no taxis anywhere near, was the most welcome sight Gopal had ever seen in his life. Suddenly, an oasis had opened in the vast desert of his hopelessness. He was galvanised into action; he felt the strength of ten men. He forgot he was old, starving, frozen and far from being well.

He advanced—even leisurely, assuredly—towards the fop crying in vain for the taxi.

"Sir, there is no taxi," he said. "Neither is there any other rickshaw than mine. You cannot

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have any other conveyance at this time of night. Where do you want to go?"

There was a thin edge of triumphant mockery in Gopal's voice.

THE fop got into his rickshaw, without even arguing about the fare Gopal had demanded with a vengeance. He had demanded a fare of two rupees for a distance of two miles.

Rain poured down upon Gopal mercilessly. He shivered under his thin, threadbare clothing. But his heart within was warm, happy with the thoughts of food he would be able to buy with such a colossal amount as two rupees.

The fop got down and paid two rupees. Gopal put in a little whining and wheedling act. The fop paid two annas more and left Gopal.

Gopal stood for a while looking at the two rupees and the two-anna coin the man had given him. He took out the anna coin also from his pocket. He looked at the money gloatingly, as though he saw heaven and happiness therein. Even the wail of hunger seemed hushed in the presence of so much money.

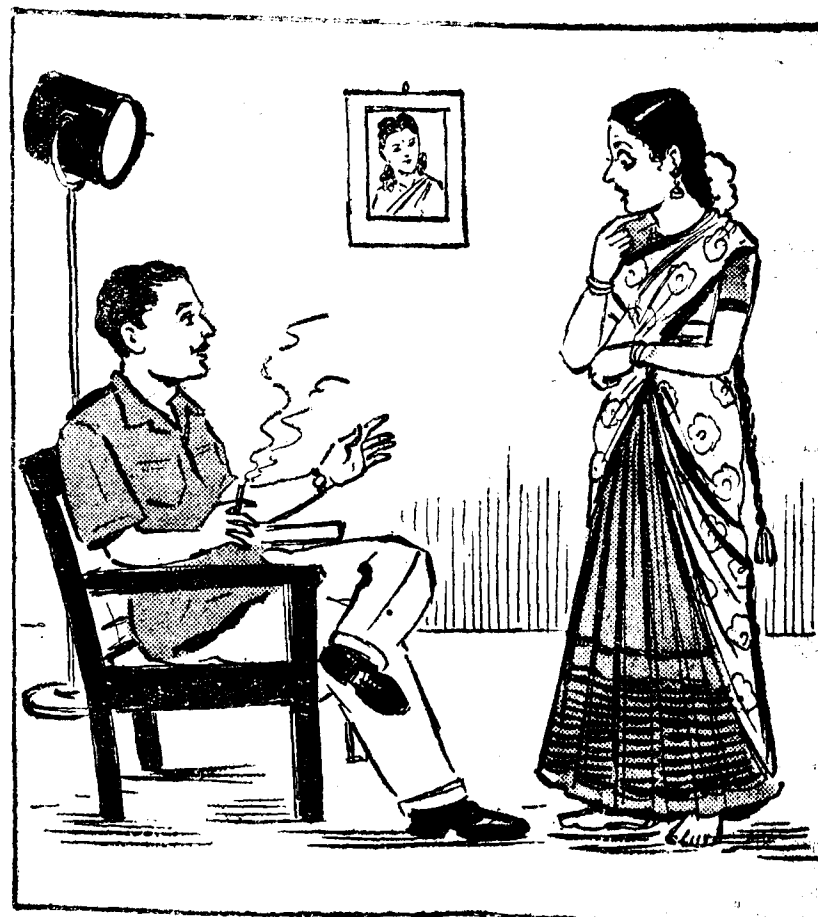
Gopal felt a hand laid on his shoulder. He turned around quickly and looked into the grim face of a policeman.

"Where did you get that money?" asked the constable.

"I earned it," proudly answered Gopal.

"Did you? Where is your badge allowing you to ply a richshaw?"

WITH a sinking heart, Gopal looked at his hand. The badge he had had on his wrist earlier in the night was no more



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Gopal answered in an agitated, whining whisper, "I had it, sir; I had tied it with a thin thread. It seems to have given way. I had not noticed the loss in my hurry, sir. Please excuse me, sir."

"No, no, it won't do. I know all about such thin threads. Come on, bring your rickshaw to the Police Station."

The voice of the policeman was unrelenting; his eyes were on the money Gopal still held in his hand.

Gopal held out a rupee in a trembling hand to the policeman.

The policeman shook his head and added gruffly, "March to the Station. Get moving."

His eyes were still on the money in Gopal's hand.

With a wrench, Gopal added three annas to the rupee he held out in his hand.

The policeman said, "No, I won't be bribed. Get moving."

His eyes still lingered on the solitary rupee Gopal was clutching in his other hand.

THEN something snapped within Gopal. A great fury shook him. He lost his head. His hunger, cold and hatred of society came back to him a hundredfold. He lost his head; a veil of blackness shrouded his mind. He fell upon the policeman and assaulted him.

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The second said: "This is too sweet of you. And if I had only a few diamonds to put with them, they'd make a lovely necklace."

The third girl sadly and gently put the precious stones from her.

"I do not need such things," she said in a soft and ecstatic purr. "All that I ask of life is love."

So the King, who knew enough to come in when it rained, married the first of the three.

Moral: In a life partner, affection is almost as undesirable as greediness.

First Letter

A boy was sent by his doting parents to a big public school.

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"There are 370 boys here," he wrote. "I wish there were 369."

Amended

A guest at a dinner party, arriving late, found a seat reserved for him near the head of the table, where a goose was being carved.

"Ah," he exclaimed, "so I'm to sit next to the goose." Then, observing the lady on his left, he made haste to amend an awkward phrase.

"I mean the roasted one, of course," he said.

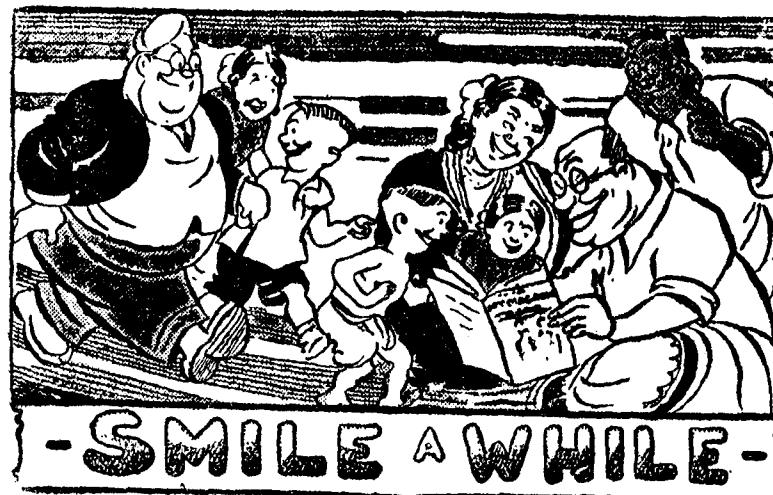
So Thoughtful!

"You're not very nice to me," said the girl to her fiancé.

"Why not?" said he. "I come to see you every evening at home with your parents."

"Yes, you come every evening, but you spend all the time playing cards with my father."

"Well," said the young man, "if we're to get married I thought I'd better do something about earning some money!"



AT a horse fair all sorts and conditions of horses were being offered for sale. Every old crock seemed to be there.

The auctioneer stood ready to start business, which looked like being pretty bad. An old farmer came up with an aged steed gone at the knees and walking on three legs.

"How much?" asked the auctioneer.

"Fifteen pounds!" came the stolid reply.

The auctioneer, pained and surprised, replied: "I want to know your price — not the weight of the animal!"

Too Dizzy

"Have you followed my instructions?" asked the doctor.

"Yes, doctor," replied the patient. "all except the mile walk every morning. I can't do that. I get too dizzy."

"Dizzy? What do you mean?"

"Well, I never told you — but I'm a lighthouse keeper."

Pinching and Law!

A parson was having a serious talk with one of his parishioners. "Yes," he said, "education is a very important thing, and we parents must sacrifice our pleasures for our children's benefit. Do you know, I had to pinch like fury to send my boys through college."

Looking startled, the woman answered, "Oh, but my husband's too afraid of the law to do anything like that."

A NOTORIOUS miser, running after a tramcar, panted to the conductor: "How much to the station from here?"

"Twopence," replied the conductor.

The man continued to run, and, having covered another stretch, inquired breathlessly of the conductor: "How much now?"

"Threepence," was the reply. "You're running the wrong way."

Two Wishes

"What do you wish, miss?" the waiter asked the glamorous blonde.

"I'll have soup, fish, chicken, vegetables, ice-cream and wine," said the blonde.

"And what is your wish, sir?" the waiter asked her escort.

"I wish I hadn't brought her," said the fellow, sorrowfully.

Hardly Fair

"Darling, if I were to die, would you marry again?" she asked.

"That's hardly a fair question."

"Why not?"

"If I were to say yes you wouldn't like it, and to say never again wouldn't sound nice."

Great and Sincere

"Were you at the meeting last night?"

"I was."

"Wasn't it a great speech the candidate made?"

"It was. And about as sincere as a commercial traveller's handshake."

THREE explorers lost in the jungle with no food drew lots for their last remaining cartridge. The winner set off but had not gone far before he was faced by two lions. He immediately fled back to the tent, hotly pursued by the beasts. Just as they made their final spring he stepped smartly to one side, allowing them to burst through the tent opening.

Quickly he closed the flaps and shouted: "Start skinning these two while I look around for some more."

Terrifying Three

When a certain convivial gentleman suddenly stopped drinking, a friend remarked, "I've often wondered what caused you to take the pledge so suddenly."

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"Yes."

"Well, when I opened the door I saw three of her."

Polite Reminder

The disgruntled shareholder was venting his wrath on the chairman of the company meeting.

"Sir," he said, "I think you're the biggest rascal unhung!"

The chairman retained his dignity. "Sir," he said, "you forget yourself!"

Father's Harvest

Johnny had given the rather surprising information that December, January and February were the harvest months.

"Who told you that?" asked his teacher.

"My father, miss," replied Johnny. "He's a plumber."

No Quarrel But...

A man was taken to hospital in a frightful condition with his coat-collar torn, and bruises all over his body. In the casualty ward he was questioned for the records: "Are you married?"

"No," he replied. "I was run over by a car."

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What are your experiences in meditation? Do you feel that you are overpowered by laziness while you meditate? When do you sit for meditation? How long are you able to control your thoughts at one stretch without allowing other conflicting thoughts to interfere?

Niskamya Seva is a great purifier. Render some sort of service with pure unselfish motive for at least half-an-hour a day. Serve old and sick people. When you serve, have the feeling that you are serving the Lord. This is the right attitude while doing service. If you have this *Bhav*, you will evolve quickly.

Kindly increase the number of *Japa*. For advanced students 35 *malas* is too small a number. You should do at least 200 *malas* of *Japa*. A wholotimed *Sadhana*, you must find time for at least 200 *malas* of *Japa*. Even busy people in the world carrying on their business etc., do 200 *malas*.

During meditation you must dive deep into your mind and drive out from there all the subtle *Vasanas* and hidden *Samskaras*. Then only will you be able to enjoy the bliss of meditation. Otherwise it will be mere closing of the eyes and sitting in the dark.

Become established in *Brahmacharya*, physical and mental. Mental *Brahmacharya* is more important. You may succeed in

physical *Brahmacharya* but you must succeed in the mental *Brahmacharya* also. You should carefully avoid the eight kinds of enjoyments viz., *Darshan* (looking at women with passionate resolve), *Sparshan* (touching them), *Keli* (play), *Kirian* (praising the qualities of the other sex), *Guhya-bhasan* (talking in private), *Sankalpa* (determination), *Adhyavasaya* (nearing the other sex with the desire of gratification) and *Kriyanivritti* (actual sex act).

Be very cautious and vigilant. It is very dangerous even to call oneself a sincere aspirant. No doubt, one should be optimistic, but he should never allow even a slight taint of ego to take seat in his being.

Do joyfully whatever be your duty. Do it in a spirit of dedication and surrender to the Lord. Thus you can convert every action of yours into glorious *Karma Yoga*. Devote more time to mental *Japa*.

Service of the needy will purify one's heart; repetition of the Lord's name will cleanse the mind of the dross, *vivek* and *vairag* will guard one from all evil influences.

Let His Will work out. Stand aside as a witness. Surrender to His Will. Be always cheerful. Do *vichar* constantly. Like a dexterous bull-fighter, step aside cautiously, avoiding the bull's horns—*kama* and *krodha*. You are sure to be victorious.

Sadhana Chatushtaya is of paramount importance for a seeker after *Jnana*. First acquire *Devi Sampatti* to perfection. Be pure. Speak always the Truth. Do virtuous deeds. Have a burning thirst to realise the Self. Understand the unreality of the world and the Reality of God clearly. Shun worldly objects and pleasures. Develop serenity and forbearance. Purify your heart and mind through untiring selfless service, charity and study of *Gita*. Steady the mind through the practice of devotion. Then *Jnana* will dawn on you of its own accord.

What have you resolved for the year 1954? Such a resolution is a most effective means for quick progress in *sadhana*. Stick to your resolves tenaciously. Do not be discouraged if you fail to carry out some of them. Every failure is indeed a stepping stone to success! Aspire zealously. Persevere. Keep the Lord always in your heart. Repeat His name, and serve Him in all. May God bless you!

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Progress in the spiritual path is gradual and not sudden. Doing the *Sadhana* by fits and starts is no good. Feverish hurry in acquiring mastery in *Yoga* overnight is also undesirable. There should be no strain either for the body or for the mind. There is no use tiring yourself. Be cautious. Use your common sense. Look to your capacity and ability.

Call of Sivananda

The admirers, devotees and disciples had another proof of the greatness of His Holiness Mahamandalashwar Sri Swami Sivananda Saraswati as is evident from the following report which was splashed in all the newspapers last month.

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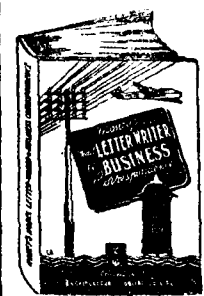
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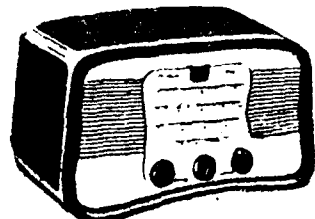
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Everything went smoothly during the first month. We wrote down our expenses everyday, checked up the account and drew up the balance every other day, believe it or not! At the end of the month everything was in perfect order. Every single pie was accounted for. We had found out where our money went! My husband and I congratulated each other, and felt proud of ourselves. Not that we had saved anything that month. We had just squared the income and the expense. But we knew where our money went!

The initial enthusiasm diminished. Since we had discovered

where our money had gone the previous month, we slackened and no longer wrote down our expenses every day, or checked up the account every other day. When we accused each other of not writing the account regularly, we both pleaded guilty and gave forgetfulness as the reason. I gave six pies to a beggar, eight annas to the orphanage boys and never remembered to enter it in the A. B. (account book). The lady next door happened to visit me when a vegetable vendor came to our house and asked me to buy some brinjals and lady's fingers for her, promising to pay me later. So, as I expected her to pay me the thirteen annas nine pies, I naturally did not put down that sum in our A. B. But the lady "forgot" to pay me and I "forgot" to ask her for the money back, or to enter the sum in the A. B.

AS for my husband, he bought the evening newspaper outside his office, left it behind in the bus and forgot to enter the purchase in the A. B., as he did not even remember he had bought the newspaper. He paid his subscription to some Association in the office and forgot all about it, since he never bothered to attend the meetings of that organisation. That is how we came to start the

G.O.K. (God Only Knows) column that month.

This simplified our account-keeping considerably. We tallied the accounts and the difference between the book balance and the cash on hand was duly entered under G. O. K. But when two months elapsed we discovered that the sum entered under G. O. K. was increasing by leaps and bounds and assuming too big a proportion in our total expenses.

SO we decided to be more careful the next month. But our forgetfulness only took a new turn. It was the first week of the month. The first few days had been spent in doing the monthly shopping. That day I

By RAMA

was busy in the kitchen when I heard my husband shout out for me. When I walked up to his room, I found him frowning over the A. B. He looked up at me and growled, "What have you done with rupees three, eleven annas and six pies?"

That pricked me and I retorted with sarcasm, "I do not remember doing anything with such an amount."

"My dear, it won't do if you say you don't remember. Do you know what this thing is for?" He brandished the A. B. in front of me.

"I do."

"You are expected to write down in this whenever you spend anything."

"I know that."

"Then what happened to the Rs. 3-11-6?"

"Ask me another!"

We exchanged a few more hot words and I went back to the kitchen, while he entered the sum in the G. O. K. column. We were both in a nasty temper that day.

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loose change in it. It gave me a shock. I quickly took out the four other handbags that I had taken out shopping that month and found some coins in all of them. Yes, I had forgotten to put back the change in the cash box after we returned from shopping. I counted the coins now and found that they added up to Rs. 1-11-6. I racked my brains trying to remember what I might have done with the remaining two rupees. I gave up after sometime.

In the evening I felt quite ashamed of having to admit to my husband that I could now account for part of the unaccounted sum. He said just what I had expected him to say.

"THERE! What did I tell you? I was sure you had done something with the money. Now go and make sure if the remaining two rupees are also in one of your handbags."

But the emptying of handbags did not reveal the missing sum. Suddenly he remembered something.

"I know what! You must have lost the money in that shop, when you dropped your handbag that day."

"No. I am sure I picked up everything."

"How can you be so sure? Anyway your bags are so stuffed with scraps of paper, shopping lists, bills and things that I am sure you would not know even if you dropped a two-rupee note."

That silenced me because what he said was a fact. But I made the resolution then and there to keep my handbags in better order.

The incident closed that day with our putting of the Rs. 1-11-6 in a separate box which we decided to call our U.S.B. (Unexpected Savings Box), since the amount was already entered in the G.O.K. column and we did not want to be bothered re-writing the account. That is how both our G.O.K. and U.S.B. came to stay along with the A.B., the money and the purse.

Two days later the dhobi brought our weekly wash. After he went away, while I was stitching one of the missing buttons on my hus-

band's trousers, something like paper crackled inside the trousers' pocket. I took it out and found it was a two-rupee note, washed and ironed by the dhobi, along with the trousers! It was a surprise the dhobi had not explored the pockets before I did!

That evening I waited with impatience for my husband to return from his office. When he came I waved the two-rupee note triumphantly in front of him and said, "Guess where this was?"

"In one of your handbags, I suppose."

"No. You put it to the dhobi along with one of your trousers," I said, feeling even more triumphant.

"No, it can't be!"

"Why can't it be?"

"I have never done such a thing in my life!"

"Well, you have done it now!"

By this time I was screaming and he was shouting. Then we both realised this and shut our traps for good. He then remembered that one day, while shopping, he had absent-mindedly shoved the two-rupee note that a shopkeeper returned him into his trousers pocket instead of putting it in his purse.

SO we subsided into silence. In fact, I had the upper hand since the sum of Rs. 1-11-6 found in my handbags was put in the U.S.B., while this two-rupee note could not be—it had been washed and ironed so thoroughly by the dhobi!

Now not for anything in the world will I give up the A.B., the G.O.K., or the U.S.B. They provide us something to laugh about with our friends. They also provide something to quarrel about when we are alone. I am sure you will agree with me that married life would be dull unless punctuated with a quarrel now and then. Over and above this, they have given something for me to write about and inflict on you!

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N.R.V. Nathan, Matunga, Bombay

Q.—May I congratulate you on starting the new MYWORDS 1-2 Competition and may I also know whether you will be adding any new features to the Competition section?

A.—Thanks for the compliments. Yes, you will find two important changes in the MYWORDS Cross-words Competition. From MYWORDS No. 32 onwards, there will be no Interlockers—only straight Clues, each having its own Alternatives. And, from MYWORDS No. 31 itself each Clue will have Two Alternatives only. Previously, two Clues out of the thirteen Clues in each Competition had Three Alternatives. This will not be so hereafter. All the 13 Clues will have Two Alternatives for each one of them.

Mathukumalli, Nellore

Q.—What is the real meaning of Art?

A.—Exquisite expression of the finer feelings of our fellowmen.

P.V.S. Vasan, Madras-2

Q.—What are henpecked husbands?

A.—Masochist males.

J.R. Sethuramayya, Seshadripuram

Q.—Can you please define a cold woman that is, one who behaves in the way in which she should not because of certain mental reservations?

A.—Abnormally subnormal Eve.

Joseph Raphael, Sholapur

Q.—Will you please enquire from Mrs. Nesan whether she will provide me with a cup of coffee as Sri K.S. Ramaswami Sastri forgot to take his coffee in his "This Fickle Fashion" published in the 1st December issue?

A.—The cup that cheers but does not inebriate will surely be yours if you can contribute to the full flow of reason and feast for the soul at Mrs. Nesan's place.

P. Anjaneyamurthy, Guntur

Q.—Why has God created women?

A.—So that man may rave at her while in a fit of passion and beg of her for favours when passionate.

M.R. Bail, Mangalore-3

Q.—While appreciating the new MYWORDS 1-2 Competition, may I venture to suggest that you should give the dictionary meaning of the various Alternatives?

A.—As the Alternatives are words easily understood, it was felt that dictionary meanings need not be given. However, if several Competitors so desire and write to us about it surely we will do so. Competitors will hereafter find the Alternatives of the Clues of MYWORDS Crossword Competition mentioned opposite each Clue instead of separately as was the case till now. The MYWORDS 1-2 Competition can be solved even by those not knowing English for the Clues of this 1-2 Competition are available in Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam and Hindi. Those who require these Entry Forms with Clues in the regional languages should write to us. This is what I learn from the Competition Editor. Enough, friend?

Junaid Alam Lasi, Ballia

Q.—Why does not the Indian Screen's beauty queen Madhubala marry while she is still young?

A.—That she is already wedded to her art may be the reason why no man has so far been able to capture her heart.

V. Guravappa, Panyam, Kurnool

Q.—If love is blind, what are lovers?

A.—Divers of the emotional depths.

B.N. Bag, Jilinda, Cuttack

Q.—Had Nehru been the Prime Minister of England, Churchill the Prime Minister of Russia, Stalin the Prime Minister of India, Eisenhower the President of China and Mao Tsetung the President of the U.S.A., what would have been the state of affairs of the world by now?

A.—The peace of the grave of humanity would have been in no way more gravely threatened. As in the case of individuals so also in the case of nations there is an unseeable force maintaining the balance of life viz., growth and death.

Ramsarup Narain, Bareilly

Q.—What does snow, powder, rouge, lipstick, mascara, etc., make of our modern girls?

A.—Buttressed beauties, thanks to these artificial aids.

Gleanings

The World's Strongest Woman!

MY Kati got a letter the other day. It was addressed to The Strongest Woman in the World and forwarded to me from the circus training grounds in Sarasota, Florida, writes Max Heymann in the *American Weekly*.

"I don't remember your name," it said, "but many years ago I saw you lift a 1,200-pound cannon to your shoulders and I never forgot it. When I told my 10-year-old grandson about you recently, he couldn't believe that any woman was that strong. I am hoping that you write and tell him that it is true."

It is a long, long time since my Kati got a letter like that, so I sent the writer one of her old circus posters, the one showing her holding the cannon. Even with the poster, though, I wonder if his grandson will really believe that Kati Sandwina ever existed. I was married to her for more than half a century and she has been dead for only a year, but sometimes I even find myself wondering whether it wasn't all just a wonderful dream.

First Meeting

Kati was 16 when I first saw her, tall and supple and lovely as a spring morning. She had been born in a gypsy wagon in Germany. Her father, Philip Brummbach, came from a long line of wandering strong men.

For years, Kati's family had travelled across Europe with a circus act. The high point of the act came when Herr Brummbach offered 100 marks to anyone who could pin his daughter to a wrestling mat. Many men were smitten with the idea of wrestling so pretty a lass as Kati but, as I was to find out, no one ever collected the 100 marks.

I chanced upon the act in a little town in Saxony in 1900. I was not nearly so intrigued by Kati as by the chance to make some money. I was 19, an unemployed acrobat and very much down on my luck.

I barely saw my opponent. I was too busy counting out the prize money in my mind. As I stepped into the ring all I could think of was that this would be the easiest 100 marks a man ever made.

The next thing I knew, I was spinning high in the air. The blue sky above me seemed to be coming closer.

Call of Love

Then, with a sudden swoop, I was flat on my back, gasping for breath and consciousness. The girl was bending over me. I alone could hear her worried whisper: "Are you hurt?"

And for the first time I really saw her. Her blonde hair brushed my face. I knew that I had never before been in the presence of such loveliness. Before I realized what I was saying, the words were out: "I love you."

She glanced quickly over her shoulder, then bent closer. "Shhh. Do not speak." Then she lifted me in her arms as though I were a toy doll and carried me inside her dressing tent.

Years afterward, Kati explained how she fell in love with me. "I fix you good that time, lordy, and when I pick you up and hold you in my arms—can you believe it? I fall in love."

Before the day was out, we decided to get married. We knew that Kati's father would never permit it. He had 15 other children but Kati was his livelihood. So a few days later we slipped out of the tent and took the night train to Norway. It was the farthest place we could think of.

Lifted Twenty Men!

Herr Brummbach sent the police after us, as we expected. But by the time they caught up with us, we had a marriage licence and there was nothing they could do.

So began our life together. It was to last for 52 years. Not once in all that time did a single cross word ever pass between Kati and me. She was strong—six feet to

my 5 ft. 10 in.; 210 pounds to my 160—but my Kati was as gentle as a little kitten.

Sandow Was Beaten

Almost at once, she became famous. We joined a travelling circus—Kati as strong woman and I as her manager—and began a grand tour. We played before kings, presidents and prime ministers. Crowds roared when my beautiful Kati in tights, balanced an iron bar holding 20 men in the air. She won decorations from the kings of France, England, Denmark and Spain, and the Czar of Russia.

Once against my advice—it took me years to realize just how strong she was—Kati challenged Sandow, the celebrated strong man, to a weight-lifting duel. Once, during a United States tour, we were in a small athletic club in New York when Sandow entered. He came over to watch Kati work with the bar bells. An amused look crossed his face.

Kati, annoyed, said to him: "Perhaps you would like to try it?"

Sandow bowed and began to lift each of the weights as Kati put them down. They grew heavier and heavier. Finally, Kati hefted a 300-pound bell, pulled it higher and then pushed it over her head.

Now all eyes turned to Sandow. He braced himself. He strained. He could bring the bell to his chest. But he could raise it no higher. At last, he lowered it to the ground, defeated.

"Young woman," he said gallantly, "you are very strong indeed. Thank you for the contest."

With that, he left.

Kati and I decided that from that time on, she would be known as Kati Sandwina, Strongest Woman in the world.

Press Interview

While we were in the United States we played the Keith-Orpheum circuit. Kati was like a little girl, enchanted with all the attention that was paid to her. When reporters came to ask her questions, she said anything that came into her mind.

Queer Facts

Through a series of mishaps, the wedding of film actress Joan Fontaine, 35, and producer Collier Young, 44, in Saratoga, California, almost turned into a slapstick comedy. When they arrived in Saratoga from Hollywood, they found that their baggage, including the wedding licence, had missed the plane. It was rushed to them by another plane and by cab, and the delayed wedding was witnessed by the bride's mother and step-father and her adopted daughter, Martita Perera. Then the couple dashed 60 miles by car to Oakland—but just missed train connections to Chicago. They postponed their wedding trip till the next day.

Two Post Office officials sent into a remote area near Tenterden, Kent, to see if a telephone kiosk was justified soon found out. Their van broke down, and they had to walk miles to 'phone for aid!

When their Latin teacher promised them they could skip final exams, in the unlikely event Zsa Zsa Gabor dropped in on the class, enterprising students of Fairfax High School in Hollywood sought out Miss Gabor's press agent. On the day scheduled for the finals, Zsa Zsa showed up to dazzle the students and Latin teacher David McGrath. "This is the biggest thing that's happened to Latin since the fall of the Roman Empire," gasped McGrath. But he was as good as his word: there were no exams. On the school blackboard he wrote: "Zsa Zsa omnia vincit (Zsa Zsa conquers all)."

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"Do you take any exercise?"

"Every morning I lift my husband over my head with one hand."

Only this last was true—and it was the one thing the reporters didn't believe. But no matter what Kati said, they were captivated. One, Miss Kate Carew, wrote: "Frau Sandwina is the most bewilderingly beautiful woman I ever have seen. She is as majestic as the Sphinx, as pretty as a valentine, and as wholesome as a great big slice of bread and butter."

Amazing Feats

It was during this tour that the first of our two sons was born. Kati had given two performances in Sioux City, Iowa—including a speciality act in which she lifted three circus ladies whose total weight came to 364 pounds—when she said to me, "Max, I think it is time."

I got so excited I don't remember what I did, but I guess it didn't make much difference. That night, Theodore Roosevelt Martin Beck Heymann was born. He was named after the two Americans Kati and I most admired. Four days later, Kati was lifting the circus ladies again!

As Kati's fame and success increased, so did the magnitude of her feats. She broke all kinds of records for weight-lifting. Two of her marks, the right and two-handed continental jerk for women, still stand. Once, she supported a wooden bridge on her chest, and smiled while 40 men and four horses rode over it, to be followed by a car carrying six passengers.

A regular feature of her act was to lie prone on a bed of nails, holding a 250-pound anvil on her chest. Men in the audience were invited to pound the anvil with sledge hammers. If they failed to make it ring loudly enough, Kati called on two special assistants who had no compunctions about hammering the anvil with all their strength.

New Challenge

In London once, Kati relaxed her iron muscles for just an instant as the 10-pound hammer fell. She spent a week in the hospital, lying on her stomach while inch-deep holes in her back healed.

One night, we were both in a theatre watching the great Sigmund Breitbart, who called himself "the world's strongest human." He learned that we were present and, sneering, called up to our box. "Come down here, Miss Sandwina. Let us see if you are as good as your husband has been telling us."

Kati promptly leaped down to the stage, just in time to catch a heavy chain that Breitbart had thrown at her.

"Here, Kati," he said mockingly, "try to break this. It will be good training for you."

I held my breath as the spotlight picked up Kati studying the chain. Then she carefully took off her gloves, wound the chain around her fingers—and broke it with one quick motion.

Tossing the pieces back to the strong man—whose jaw now hung slack—she said in a voice loud enough to be heard in the last balcony: "Thank you for the lesson, Breitbart. I think it is over."

Breitbart didn't give up trying to get the best of Kati. He used to watch her perform and, from the audience, often dared her to try feats of strength which he himself had accomplished. Kati never turned down a challenge and never failed to meet it. Finally, we heard, Breitbart instructed his managers never to book him into any city where Kati was playing.

Strain of the Years

As the years passed, Kati and I decided to give up the tours and the daily exhibitions. We bought a nice little bar and grill in New York and began to enjoy our middle years. Frequently, Kati performed for the customers who became our friends, and she never missed her morning exercises.

It seemed as though Kati would go on forever. But the years and the strain took their toll at last. One morning, she fell as she tried to get out of bed. Barely able to stand, she insisted on doing her exercises.

"Please, Kati," I begged her. "Try to get some rest."

But the routine of a lifetime, the tremendous drive that had brought her fame and fortune, would not let her rest, even at 64. The months dragged by. She got weaker and weaker.

With Kati sick, I could no longer take care of the bar. People forgot the great Kati Sandwina. In the end, we had only each other.

Kati got worse. I had to take her to a hospital. There, in the dead of night on January 21, 1952, as I watched, sobbing and helpless, she died.

One last time, the world paid homage to The Strongest Woman in the World. Newspapers told of her Herculean feats, of how she defeated Breitbart and Sandqv.

They all said she had the strength of 10 men. None of them knew—as I did—that she also had the warmth and loveliness of 100 women.

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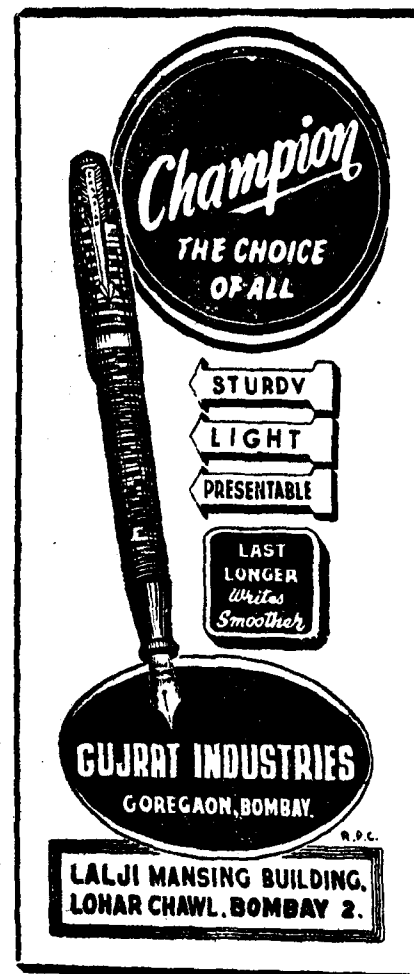
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Mad and Wicked!

Were they wicked, these earls? It is only a century or two since a mad Earl of Queensberry frenziedly attacked a Holyrood cookboy who was turning the spit in the kitchen, and spitted and roasted him before the fire. A few years later an Earl Ferrers murdered his steward, rode to the gallows in his own coach and six and was hanged with a silken rope!

More charming was the third Earl of Tankerville, who in 1715 fell madly in love with a Durham butcher's daughter. When the young lady was banished to Rotterdam the young earl pursued her and hid on board her ship in a cask.

When they were well out to sea, the earl emerged. And butcher's beauty and handsome aristocrat duly landed for a runaway marriage.

Family by family, the "Putney Report" records these stories and spares the feelings of no peer's descendants. Other men began "The Complete Peerage"—as this monumental reference work is officially called—back in 1884. Five have died in the editorial chair. But the thirteenth massive volume appears this year, and Geoff White hopes he may live to see the great task completed—some time in 1956!

Woman Sold to Duke!

Thanks to the Putney probe, legends of blue blood and high birth are mercilessly discounted. One Duchess of Gloucester was the natural daughter of a Mayfair milliner. A Duchess of Chandos began as an oiler's wife at a roadside inn. Before marrying the Duke, she was actually sold to him with a halter around her neck at a country fair!

Owners of a huge slice of Mayfair, the proud Earls of Berkeley could trace descent through 800 years—but at one time the line was saved only by a publican's daughter. The Barrymores, too, descend from a sedan-chair porter. Tailors, carpenters, highwaymen and gipsies have sired some of Britain's greatest families.

A thousand people a week tour Knowsley Hall, stately home of the wealthy Derbys. Yet the line of Derby was saved in 1747 by little Lavvy Fenton, who rose from a cheap cafe to become the most prominent actress of her day—the original Polly Peachum in "The Beggar's Opera."

Eccentric Fossil

In some cases, close-kept secrets from the past now disclose the sources of present-day wealth. The Westminster wealth was implemented in the eighteenth century when an Earl of Grosvenor secured £10,000 damages for his wife's adultery with the Duke of Cumberland, the King's brother. In 1719 the eighteen-year-old Duke of Richmond saved himself a fortune when he married the thirteen-year-old daughter of an earl

under an arrangement which cancelled gambling debts between the fathers.

Then there was the old Lord Rokeby who saved himself money by wearing only one garment... but to comply with convention he made it look like a full set of clothes. A shirt top and cuffs were sewn to his coat, his socks were part of his shoes and linked with the hems of his trousers.

The noble lord climbed into this strange garment through a slit arranged under his coat-tail!

Deepest Probe

Some of the wicked ladies, too, make as strange an appearance in the records as the men. Back in 1598 the baleful Lady Marischal died from laughing at a killing. Under Charles II the notorious Countess of Castlemaine carried on so many love affairs that when her daughter, Anne, was born, two lords claimed the honour of fatherhood as well as the King!

A work of eminent scholarship research on the Putney Report has cost over £4,000 a year. Public records have been searched, old deep boxes emptied, documents turned out in the attics and cellars of old houses. Altogether over £85,000 has been spent, showing up for peers—and for the whole wide world—some of the startling histories of their forefathers.

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Young women who have lured their swains to the machine to undergo the kiss test declare it is infallible. Many say that they will make use of it before accepting a proposal of marriage.



THIRTY WIFE: "You need not spend anything for a new diary this year, dear. Here's the extra diary you bought by mistake last year."

Memoirs of Mallika: 6

Mallika's Love Letters:

•WRITTEN AND RECEIVED BY HER

By Orr-Bee

K.R.C. Hostel,
Room No. 32.

Dear Miss Mallika Kumari,

Your remark last evening in the tennis court when we were playing a match; that I was an excellent "smasher," is one for which I am extremely grateful to you.

I had hardly come out of the Retiring room where I went to have a change of dress and a wash to make myself a bit presentable, when you were off like a tendril of *hijli* or lightning; so fair, yet so quick.

In fact, the kind compliment was quite appreciated by the whole set who play with us. I could hardly compose myself to study, still less to sleep. It was a joy.

Perhaps you have been endowed not only with the gift of passing a nice word, but also with that peculiar grace which makes the word double its value.

And when "smasher" comes from one like you—a tennis player ranking among the first line of tennis players—the value of it can only be appreciated by one who has the stuff in him to do so.

Thanking you again,

Hoping to hear that my respectful note has reached you,

With all Respect,
Arka Prabha.

K.R.C.W. Hostel,
Sisters' Hall, K.R.C.

Dear Mr. Arka Prabha,

It is so kind of you to send me a note of your opinion about what I said in the tennis court and about the place which you think I hold among tennis players. Personally I do not think I play so well as you would have me think of myself.

I assure you I do not disclaim your praise on account of modesty. I know people do affect modesty and refuse to accept any praise simply to get stronger doses of flattery. Some of my girl friends think I am a hopeless rebel of all the rules of the game and I have no reason to doubt the sincerity of their remark nor their motive. For, I do not know whether the men's section of our college know the spirit of sisterhood rampant among us girls.

If I am known at all in your section, it is by some nick-name of which our girls cannot be quite proud. We all know in our girl-section that they have given me an eke name, namely, "man-girl." But do not imagine that I or my hostel girls are in any way scared about it.

Perhaps, it would not be quite out of place to tell you why I am so named by your friends.

Maybe you remember Ragho, one of your hostel mates. Recently he ran up to my Hall and wanted some notes when I was in the Boxing room punching with the dummy. Ragho was brought into our gymnasium where the girls were hitting and banging away in our shorts and tights. Ragho stood staring and as I pushed him out, the poor thing spat out two teeth and a decent quantity of blood. I got him a nice pair instead. But the worse worst of it was my foster-parents—my good beloved Uncle Kasyapa and my beloved Auntie Vinaya, came to know of it when the dentist's bill was paid. No, they didn't mind the bill, but the tale behind it. And as Ragho, good chap, made no secret of his dental adventure, I hear your section had some fun at the "man-girl."

However, the most interesting part of it all is, that I did not call

you "smasher"—that is, one who gives a crushing smash to the ball.

I was there in the tennis court when you came out with your dress changed, though you thought I had left. And you had done the trick so quick that you looked like a regular "masher." So that all the thanks you have given me are without my deserving them.

I only wish you could now compose yourself to your study or sleep whichever has the prior claim on you.

Yours etc.
Mallika.

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K.R.C. Hostel,
Room No. 32.

Dear Miss Mallika Kumari,

Rather funny the mistake I made about your humorous remark. It was not a mistake that I alone made; in fact, all the chaps in the field said the same thing. They went so far as to shake hands with me, every one, that I had such a praise from one like you, well-known for your fearless and frank disposition.

Surely I take your remark that I was a masher in the kindly spirit in which, I am sure, you made it. We shall all have such hearty laugh at the mistake we made.

But one remark I should like to make about the nick-name you refer to.

True, the Ragho-tooth knock-out-and-substitute incident is common property in my hostel. Ragho too has recently left us, but the incident with all its details and actors in that tragi-comic show is still fresh and green. But, I would assure you and all the good ladies with you, that we men recollect it with all good humour and good fellowship. So that if there is anything behind the nick-name it is pure good feeling and only that.

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It would be so graceful if you can pass a line that I have made the attitude of our hostel chaps clear on the matter.

Respectfully,
Arka Prabha.

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K.R.C.W. Hostel,
Sisters' Hall,
K.R. College.

Dear Mr. Arka Prabha,

I assure you once again that the girls of our Hall in no way misunderstand and least of all take any offence at your nick-names or at any remarks of your friends.

If any of your friends are such good geese to cackle any silly remarks, we girls are not at all surprised. Be sure that your hostel is not the only one to have a monopoly of silly goats and funny fools. We have brothers' and sisters at home, and so we have surely met fools—plenty of them too—before we met them from your hostel or on the tennis court.

We girls, you do not know, how much we are given to plain-speaking among ourselves. Maybe such exchange of hard truths seems unseemly enough. But, at any cost, we girls have long, long since given the go-by to platitudes and insincere courtesies. They are the sole property of our grannies.

So completely we criticise or exchange truths about each other, that there is very little bad to speak in the absence of our sisters: that is the virtue of face-to-face abuse or blow-to-blow exchange.

Tell your friends that there is nothing to worry about.

Yours etc.,
Mallika.

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K.R.C. Hostel,
Room No. 32,

Dear Miss Mallika Kumari,

I read your frank note. Your note refers to my friends in the Hostel, and, therefore, I thought it only proper that I should pass it on to them.

They read it and they had a mass reading of it in our dining Hall. It was a noisy hullabaloo that your note provoked because the contents of your note were such.

Some resented the allusions. Some said that your acceptance of any nickname for the reason that you give, is more insulting than if you resented or showed any bitterness at such a nickname.

Yet, on the whole I can assure you that the chaps made such a huge uproar over your letter. Not that they were angered, but we fellows only want some excuse to convert ourselves into a pandemonium. Finally, it was agreed to send you a note to request you to let us know whether you meant any real insult or treated us with that familiar and loving rudeness which can only pass and re-pass between brothers and sisters who are doggedly determined to throw convention and formalities to the winds, because college folks nowadays regard such shows called good manners as insincere theatrical mummeries.

If only you can just give us a line, our whole gang will hail you as our Dare-Devil Diana. I am sure you will not grudge us this small bit of goodness.

Respectfully Yours,
Arka Prabha.

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K.R.C.W. Hostel,
Sisters' Hall, K. R. College.

Dear Mr. Arka Prabha,

I surely thought that a parcel of students like you had some sense of humour and could take a joke. You all surely have a taste for the atrocious and the absurd, so I presumed.

But, from your letter, which need not at all have been written to me at that length—what a waste of words and time—I see that a good many of you have no more fun in you than a herd of chimps or rhinos or hippos. All these days I thought that your friends had only talent for smacking the rules of the College or getting unruly and rowdy just for the fun of it. But, I see from your letter that your friends have an awful lack of play or fun.

But that is none of my headache. I make this plain as a pikestaff: we girls enjoy ourselves in our own way. And anybody monkeying with us will not go unrewarded.

Real kind of you to let me have a kind of glimpse at your

menagerie to which in the ensemble, we girls wish all boom.

Yours faithfully,
Mallika.

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K.R.C. Hostel,
Room No. 32.

Dear Miss Mallika Kumari,

Did you in any way take it that my friends thought your words were rude or insulting? Far from it. If any such impression was created in your mind, it is my fault, or fault of my words. On the other hand, the whole hostel is, as one man, treating you as the nonsuch of a lady student or, for that matter, of all students.

The hostel is an unanimously agreed band of your admirers. We might treat the Ragho incident in a lighter vein. But the poor fellow and the whole scene is a delicious scene for the movie.

In fact, all my friends want me to convey their sense of fellowship to you in person. Personally I may add that I have myself a desire to see you and express my regard and admiration. If you can only permit me, by telling the Supdt that I am a relation of yours, I can place before you what my gang want me to tell you as well as my own feelings. I should like to have an undisturbed half an hour by ourselves. I am sure you understand me. They say a young lady can understand a young man.

With my heartiest and affectionate regards.

Most Respectfully,
Arka Prabha.

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K.R.C.W. Hostel,
Sisters' Hall, K.R. College.

Dear sir,

I am not to get visitors to my place. We girls have no room as such: We have no reserves: it is one girl in the whole hostel though that one girl may run about in many bodies—one of them might box the other—still it is one girl-show. However, if you can put up with a bit of give-and-take, you can come over after 8 in the evening.

Yours faithfully,
Mallika.

How the Interview took place and what resulted from it will appear in the next issue wherein Mallika plays her usual practical joke and displays humour and her own self-respect.

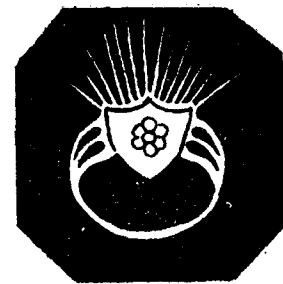
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Baba DOODLE'S Diary

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1st Fri. Andhra Leaders of all Parties issue a Joint statement that the future capital of their state should be called "Sriramulu" after the manner of the capital of U.S.A. being called Washington, the Father of U.S.A. (Differences, acute and bitter, are clearly audible about whether it is to be "Potti Sriramulu" or Sriramulu. But as such differences have become quite the rule, nobody is seriously perturbed.)

A neglected and negligible minority are pointing out that there should be a fixed capital first before christening is allowed to figure as a fresh cause of quarrel.

A peculiar sound has been heard in many parts of U.S.A. and mid-Atlantic while quite a score of Flying-Saucers were clearly seen by hundreds of people in the Western parts U.S.A.

2nd Sat. Full accounts appear in the U.S.A. papers about the men, to be accurate, two ladies and three men — who landed on Earth yesterday from the Flying saucers which seem to have come from our neighbour planet Venus.

George Adamski, the author of the book, "Flying Saucers have Landed," (British Book Centre) written in collaboration with Mr. Desmona Leslie, gives a graphic account of the visitors from Venus, who visited us yesterday because they knew

it was New year's Day on Earth and they wished to convey their Greetings.

(Conversation between George Adamski, who had already seen a Venusian on Nov. 20th 1952, and the visitors was the only snag as they could not understand mutually. Mr. Adamski says that they managed to understand each other by signs etc.)

3rd Sun. The huge Monster stalking over the snows of the Himalayas was seen to come far down to the lower valleys of the mountain ranges. The villagers who saw the monster describe the monster in contradictory accounts: the only sure point seems to be the monster. Geographers, Ethnologists, Physiologists, Geologists, Chemists, Novelists and Poets are hurrying to the neighbourhood. Photographers, Press Reporters and Movies' men are hurrying up in their thousands.

4th Mon. Govts of Nepal, Indian Republic and Tibet have today issued orders prohibiting any harm to the monster as the question. Of which Govt. he is subject, has not been settled.

Pictures of the Monster gleaned from the accounts of the villagers near about appear in today's Papers, though no two drawings of the monster are alike: some show odd number of limbs, like five legs and three arms etc.

5th Tues. Letters from the Public appear asking what they should do, to believe or not to believe, is the question, seeing that some of the greatest scientists are among the exploring party, about the puzzling appearance of the monster of the mountain.

6th Wed. Tasmanian Journals insist upon Queen Elizabeth ruling over the different parts of the Empire and Commonwealth for six months in each part, because the present Regency arrangements can go on as it is and things are going on smoothly enough in Britain during her Majesty's absence.

7th Thur *The Mail* of Madras writes a very long and thundering leader against the proposal giving a number of weighty reasons: one very strong argument is that such prolonged stay in each part will make Royalty cheap in the eyes of the Empire and even the world.

The Mail threatens that it would devote its last drop of ink, last type and last bit of paper to oppose such a move: *The Mail's* fervour calls back to our memory the great Chatham who entered his oratorical and palsied protest during the days of the American War of Independence against "the dismemberment of the most ancient and glorious monarchy in the world." (Though it was neither his patriotism and loyalty and perhaps his

ignorance must be his excuse.)

8th Fri. Papers from Scotland give graphic accounts of the somewhat neglected Loch Ness Monster which was recently sighted by more than half a dozen boatmen in the Lock: the length of the neck which rose above the water level seems to be anywhere in the neighbourhood of 150 feet; but the boatmen were out of reach — at least 6 furlongs away — and the accounts of the monster are not quite uniform as the weather was very foggy and as the seamen are not adepts at narrating events accurately.

9th Sat. Piltdown Man figures in today's papers though he doesn't draw the chat in clubs and coffee hotels.

"Sun's Son" is a new dramatic performance which has created quite a furore because the chief actress, Miss Draksha, is strangled on the stage, and according to the three doctors of great eminence, she is really dead. She remains on the stage before the spectators. Exactly half an hour after, Miss Draksha is alive and goes through the rest of the Drama.

10th Sun. U. S. A. Universities wireless to President R. Prasad and

Nehru begging them to send Srimathi Draksha over by plane offering her remuneration on her own terms.

11th Mon. Today's papers announce that Srimathi Draksha flatly refuses to leave India as she cannot forego her daily bath in the very ghat of the Narmada where Sita is said to have bathed; another reason being, that she, as a human being cannot use a *vimana* which Celestials and Deities are said to have used. (A minor reason seems to be the spate of 'plane accidents recently).

12th Tues. Peasants of some of the villages in the North and South of India have occupied by force arable lands which they wanted: their plea is that Bhoodan scheme is to be worked in peace if possible, and by force if found fit or so needed, and that needless labour and strain may be saved to our immortal Acharya Vinobha Bhave who has most unselfishly given away lakhs of acres of Zamindars' lands to landless farmers.

13th Wed. Landless farmers cannot resist the inspiring example of Acharya Vinobha Bhave: to the dismay and dread of impatient land-holders almost every landless farmer seems to be an Acharya Vinobha

Bhave and stay-in or sit-in or cultivate-in or plant-in or reap-in acts or strikes seem to be common village occurrences.

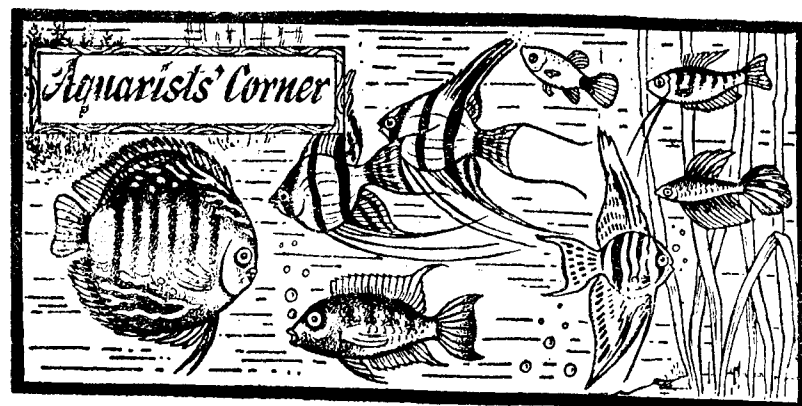
14th Thur. Acharya Vinobha Bhave threatens to fast himself to death if anybody should talk disparagingly or jocularly about his Bhoodan scheme, because somebody said that in the days of the Pindarees, men lost their lives and property; today the land-gift scheme lets you live.

15th Fri. News comes from a town in Persia that an old Persian, who is said to be more than 300 years, claims to have known and seen and lived with Nadir Shah on terms of intimate friendship; that he was a favourite of that great military commander because he celebrated his exploits in a Persian epic almost rivalling the Shah Namah.

The vital point is that this man has seen the famous Peacock Throne and knows its present whereabouts which he can confidentially give if he is properly rewarded.

Govt. of India and Pakistan and Archaeologists of East and West are seriously considering the aged Persian's offer.





OUR INDIGENOUS FISH—9

The Catfishes And Other Oddities BY "BIVIOR"

The "Indigenous Fishes" series comes to an end with this article.—Editor.

AMONG aquarium fishes there are some that are unusually decorative, others that are kept because of some strange habit, and still others that are purely grotesque. Every aquarist likes to keep in his collection one or two oddities of the under-water world. These creatures may not be beautiful in the aesthetic sense but they are liked on account of their strange shapes and odd behaviour which provide great fun in the home aquarium.

Surely, the many kinds of *Catfish* that are now being collected in the rivers and lakes might be considered the clowns of the aquatic world. With their thick heads, their long whiskers which give rise to the popular name, their silly mouths which enable them to do thorough scavenging of the aquarium bottom, their antics of gliding, twisting, hiding and darting suddenly, all furnish the comic relief of the aquarium world.

One striking feature of this fish is that it has no scales on its body like most other fishes; the skin is leathery. Though we do not have in our country the popular exotic armoured *Catfishes* known as *Corydoras*, we have in our waters more than 115 species of *Catfishes*. Most of them are edible and grow to a huge size. But the young of all these *Catfishes* are always a source of great attraction

and of high utility value in an aquarium.

In Tamil and Telugu they are known popularly as *Kelthi* and *Jella* respectively. All the *Catfishes* are good scavengers, and clean up particles of food and decaying vegetable matter that might otherwise foul the aquarium. The *Mystus Catfishes* commonly found in and around Madras and the south are really good at this work.

THE most grotesque-looking of all the *Catfishes* that can be kept in an aquarium is the melanistic (black) form of *Saccobranchus fossilis* popularly known as the "Stinging Cat." In Tamil it is called the *Thaeli*. The usual colour is leaden like other *Catfishes*, but along its elongated body run two yellowish bands. This *Catfish* has eight long whiskers. Very commonly melanistic and albino forms occur in this *Catfish*, and especially when they are young they look pretty.

One must be very careful when handling the *Catfishes*. Some of them have strong spines emerging from the first pectoral rays, and they are sometimes highly poisonous. Even the fishermen dread to handle them.

We do not have the popular glass *Catfishes* commonly found in the East Indies. But many

young of our *Catfishes* are glass-like, and they are more beautiful than the glass *Catfishes* because they have odd colour patterns longitudinally marked along the bodies.

All *Catfishes* do good work in an aquarium but they must be best avoided in big breeding tanks as they will eat any fish eggs that may have been deposited there.

One of the most curious fish in the world is what is variously known as the *Mudskipper*, *Walking Goby*, and the *Pop-eyed Fish*. There are two species of this fish commonly found in our waters. They are mostly found along the margins of backwaters. These are the *Periophthalmus* and the *Boliophthalmus*. In Tamil they are known as *Vaetti*. They can live out of water for a considerable time, and spend much of their time on land waiting for insect prey. If forced to stay under water for too long they will drown. Apart from its wonderful air-breathing mechanism, unlike other fishes, the pectoral fins are developed into strong, muscular flaps and the stiff rays are used as sturdy legs to skip distances and to hold and climb elevated places out of water. They are as weird in appearance as in habits! They usually grow up to five or six inches. They have large mouths and the eyes are telescopic. When under water, the pupils of the eyes contract. When out in the air the eyes extend, giving the fish a curiously pop-eyed or frog-like appearance. One interesting feature of this fish is that the eyes move independently of each other, like the chameleon's, and it is funny to observe that while the *Periophthalmus* keeps one eye on you, the other is roving about looking for a morsel of food!

IF the aquarists desire to enjoy keeping this fish, special arrangements in the aquarium are needed. A shallow and expansive aquarium, say 36" x 24" x 12", is needed. Brackish water is preferable, and must be filled up to a depth of two inches only. There must be sandy flats rising from the shallow water with suitable sloping platforms to enable the fish to clamber and climb to still higher levels and perch on rocks. A top

glass is necessary for the comfort of the fish when they are out of water. They like to remain out for longer periods in about half inch of water, and they roll in the water, like pigs, very often to moisten their bodies. They also use their pectoral fin like a paw to wet their faces, in order to keep the eyes moist.

The *Mudskipper* does not lack in colours too. The body is olive brown with irregular spots of neon blue markings, especially about the head. The colours of the front dorsal beginning at the bottom are blue, white and black. The *Mudskippers* become tame very soon and try to take small insects from your fingers. As soon as they see you holding an insect in your hand over the aquarium, they come out of the water and walk on the stone and jump at your hand and snatch the insect!

YET there is another fish common in our waters which is supposed to climb trees and is known as the *Climbing Perch*. The Tamil name of this fish (*Panayeri Kendai*) denotes also that this climbs up the palmyrah tree. This is only a fallacy. It is a labyrinth fish and has got auxiliary air chambers to draw in atmospheric air and therefore lives for quite a long time out of water. The fish has spiny edges on its gill plates; by extending the gill plates and using the serrated ventral edge and using a clumsy rocking motion, it can make fairly good progress out of water. It is a swell performer when thrown out of water and it is pitiful to look at the struggling fish, but it doesn't seem to mind. Though this fish is a labyrinth fish like the *Gouramies* and the *Fighting Fish*, it builds no bubble nest. It simply scatters its buoyant eggs in every direction, whereupon they rise to the surface and float until they hatch.

The eyes of the *Climbing Perch* are large and beautiful. Its movements are graceful and majestic. This fish is a long lived one. The writer kept an albino *Climbing Perch* for more than nine years in a small aquarium!

The most comical of all the fishes are the *Puffers*. Scientifically they are known as *Tetrodons*.

Popularly known as the *Puffers*, *Blow-fish*, the *Balloon fish* or the *Globe fish*, most of them inhabit the salt water regions but a few live in the fresh waters. The salt-water species also can be acclimatized like the *Scats* and the *Monodactylus*. This is a very interesting show piece in an aquarium. When frightened or handled roughly the *Tetrodon* puffs itself with air and becomes balloon-like, and the fish is able to maintain this balloon form only for about a minute or two. Soon it collapses and the fish quickly drops to the bottom of the aquarium like a punctured balloon. This is nature's own device to enable the little fish to escape from bigger predatory fishes—a perfect means of self-protection. Another interesting feature of this fish is that it can make a rasping noise with its teeth when agitated. The fish has four teeth, two above and two below, forming a beak with which the larger species can give a formidable bite. The biting habits of this fish are also interesting to watch in an aquarium. They become tame enough to take feed from your hand, and when you hold a full sized *Guppy* in your hand just above the surface of the water in the aquarium, the *Puffer* will catch it, bite it into two halves with its chisel-like teeth, and carry it away while you still hold the other half!

ANOTHER oddity in the aquarium is the *Spiny Eel*. There are two species found in our Indian waters, the *Mesacembalus* and the *Rhyncohdalla*. In Tamil they are known as *Aara*. This fish is snake-like and has a curious appearance, the dorsal fin which is extended to the farthest end from the pointed needle-like snout and the anal fin correspondingly situated beneath the dorsal, and the fan-like caudal fin give it the appearance of an arrow head. Like the common *Eel* it has the peculiar habit of burrowing itself in a flash and keeping its head peeping out grotesquely. This fish becomes more active during night time when it swims about the surface of the sand, but can be trained to eat in the day time. They like small worms as their mouths are very small.

Yet there is another weird looking fish with both the eyes

situated on one half of the upper side of its head. This is the *Sole*, which in Tamil is known as the *Naakku meen*. The structure is more like a flabby leaf. The odd behaviour in this fish lies chiefly in its method of swimming. The fish glides in a horizontal position, forcing a series of undulations on the entire sole-like body. When the fish begins to swim about it looks exactly like a magic carpet flying into the clouds! Certain *Soles* occur in the fresh water also and they can easily thrive in an aquarium feeding on daphnia or crab meat.

HOW about the *Glass Fish*? This is odd in the sense that it is one of the most nearly translucent of all fish. Were it not for the opaque, silvery, sac containing the internal organs and the large swim bladder above it, it would really be difficult to see this fish at all. Its skeleton is fairly visible, but the flesh from the intestines to the tail is truly glass-like. When a light is held so as to shine through the body, it displays a wealth of prismatic colours.

There are ever so many oddities like these little creatures which could by no stretch of imagination be called beautiful but which, because of their very strangeness of structure or outline, add what might be called an element of humour to the home aquarium. ♦♦

ELECTED Vice-President

Sri P. K. Vinayaga Mudaliar, Proprietor and Editor, *My Magazine of India*, was elected as the Vice-President of the Madras Aquarist Society recently. Sri K. S. Janakiraman is the President of the Society. The two Secretaries are Sri S. Ponnuswami and Sri B. V. Ramanjulu.

SOUND AND SHADOW

Look Out For The Coin-In-The-Slot Films!

Something has happened here that may change the way you live. It happened in Palm Springs this month.

Ginger Rogers, Bill Holden, Pat Crowley and Paul Douglas came into the homes of this dollar-rich desert resort in the film *Forever Female*. They came in response to eighty cents dropped in a slot!

On this undoubtedly historic occasion, Paramount delivered its fresh-from-Hollywood film direct to the living-rooms of its customers. For this privilege, the arm-chair picturegoers paid at a

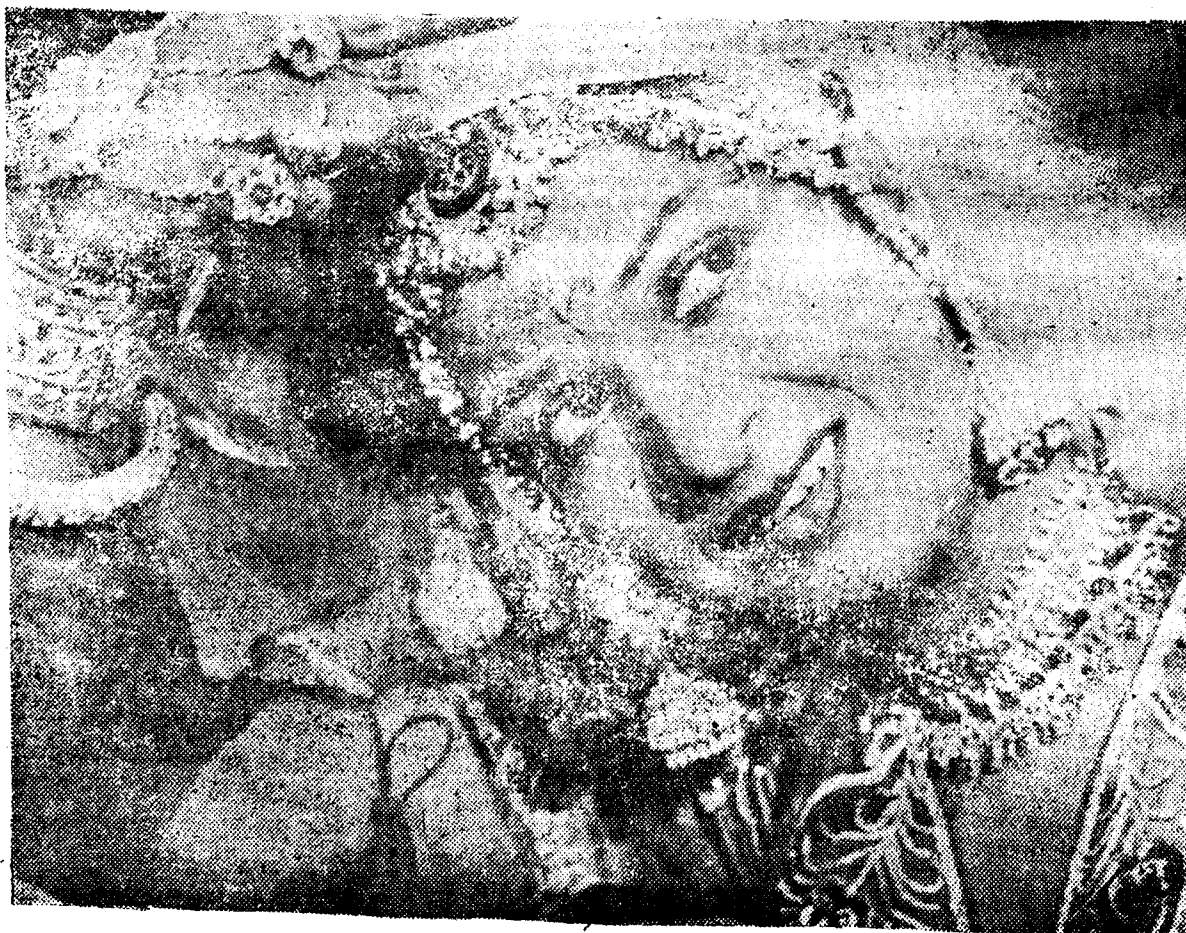
kind of box office—a meter attached to their TV sets. "International Telemeter Corporation" fed a scrambled picture to their screens. Tuning to it, customers saw a jumble of meaningless lines; but a clear voice—tape-recorded, on a continuous loop, like the voice of T.M.—said: "At seven and eleven, you will see *Forever Female*, a Paramount picture, with Ginger Rogers.... A deposit of eighty cents will unscramble the picture."

It did. And threw the greatest scramble into the cinema business since Cinemascope. Wide-screen

once seemed the only answer to TV, when it originally posed its A-bomb kind of threat to Hollywood. But Paramount, half-owner of Telemeter, hopes to have pressed Button B, runs a *Picturegoer* report.

The clank of the wheel is ironic. Paramount was started by Adolph Zukor, who founded the business on coin-in-the-slot films, the long-forgotten Nickelodeons of New York.

What of the picturegoing future? Will it be a choice of 2-D plain on tap at home, or 3-D coloured at the local?



Here's breath-taking Kamini Kaushal in the ravishing role of Radha in *Radha Krishna*, India's first mythological in Gevacolor.

Madame Tussaud's Now Has Alan Ladd!

Alan Ladd has won a place in Madame Tussaud's famous wax-works museum. His measurements were secured while he was in London recently, thus ensuring that the figure is truly "life-size." The model will be dressed in the authentic costume worn by Ladd in Paramount's *Shane*, in his role of a crack-shot gunfighter. The police finally gave permission for a gun to be carried by the effigy, but for the sake of safety plaster "stocks" are to be made.

The model will have the curly hair style assumed by Alan Ladd in *Shane*. An interesting point is that the hair used for the wax figures is obtained from the heads of convent girls, whose hair is shorn when they take their final vows. Incidentally, Alan Ladd's figure will be the only one in the museum to be equipped with a double hair style. After some months, it is proposed to change the *Shane* costume for an ordinary suit with a mackintosh and slouch hat (an outfit often worn by Ladd in earlier films), and the curly hair will then be replaced by his normal hair style.

Silver Jubilee of "Anarkali" In City

Filmistan's *Anarkali* had the distinction of a silver Jubilee celebration in the City. The function got up at Select Talkies was representative of fans, producers, distributors, actors, etc. The continuous run of *Anarkali* for 25 weeks and that too to full houses for each show of each day of this period bears ample testimony to the greatness of the picture and adds to Filmistan's prestige.

Govt. of India Buys 16 M.M. Prints of New Theatres' "Naya Safar"

It is understood that the Government of India have chosen New Theatres' *Naya Safar* for use in publicizing the ideals of good citizenship during their campaign for the Community Development Project scheme. The Govt. of India has placed an order for a large number of 16. m.m. prints. *Naya Safar* has a story full of progressive ideas and methods in the field of education. It demonstrates through the film a practical

way how, through an altogether different approach, the entire stereotyped system of juvenile education can be revolutionised.

Burmah-Shell Club Enacts "Kaviyin Kanavu"

A new high in amateur histrionics was reached by the members of the Burmah-Shell Club who put on board *Kaviyin Kanavu*, in Tamil. The story and dialogues of this drama were written by Sri S.D. Sundaram. The drama was staged at St. Mary's Hall in the City recently. Mr. N.K. Ramsay, Branch Manager of Burmah-Shell, presided. The superb acting and dialogue delivery were the results of Sri P.C. Gurunathan's direction. He has directed the Club's dramas for the past twenty-five years with admirable ardour and superb skill. The costumes, lighting, make-up, scenic arrangements, and musical score were really excellent. Among those who acted, particular mention must be made of Sri S.V. Jagannadham, Sri T.N.C. Vijayaraghavan and T.N. Venkataraman. The first was very forceful as the Raj Guru, reminding one at times of Sohrab Modi. The clock-like precision with which the drama was staged and the flawless manner in which it was enacted were due to the extraordinary organising skill of Sri A.C. Srinivasan, the member-in-charge of the histrionic section of the Burmah-Shell Club.

New Release In South

Sri Raja Rajeswari Film Co.'s *Lakshmi* in Tamil was released at the Paragon, Crown and Saraswathi theatres in the City and at all Centres in Tamilnad recently. Kannamba, Vanaja, M. Saroja, C.K. Saraswathi, Manobar, L. Narayana Rao, Friend Ramasami, Chandra Babu, T.V. Sethuraman and others are in the cast. The picture was directed by Sri K.B. Nagabhushanam. The thorny problems facing every family are convincingly depicted through the powerful story of the picture.

Viswa Bharati Films' Two Ventures

Meenar, the maiden vehicle of Shri Viswa Bharti Films Ltd, the *muhurat* of which was performed quietly, without the usual ostentation recently at the Famous Cine



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Laboratory at Mahalaxmi, Bombay, began a continuous shooting schedule at that studio from November end. *Meenar*, which concerns the fascinating subject of intense human emotions and conflicts, stretches beyond the barriers of time and space. The story affords great scope for acting, and its characterisations are so unusual that Bharat Bhushan, who stars in the film, is reported to have said that "this is one of the most unusual roles of my career, and one which makes much demands on his histrionic ability." Besides Bharat Bhushan, the film stars lovely Madhubala with Pran, Sheila Ramani and Chandrasekhar and Pratima Devi in support.

"The pre-planning of my film has been done with such a fine attention to detail," producer R. Chandra told some pressmen recently, "that I plan to finish my film, which, by the way, is a very elaborate production by March, in a period of just three months."

The music of *Meenar*, which is in the hands of that hit-maker C. Ramchandra, is now being attended to. There will be eight songs in *Meenar* and, since the subject itself is unusual, an unusual musical treatment is planned for it. *Meenar* is to be directed by Hemen Gupta. Shooting of the first set will continue for a week, after which a second set will be erected, and work will proceed continuously from January.

Enterprising producer R. Chandra and Shri Vishwa Bharati Films Ltd., are well under way with plans for their second production *Sahab Kabir*, shooting of which will start by the end of this month. Paper work on *Sahab Kabir* is now being done. Its story, screenplay and dialogue are being penned by Nebendu Ghosh, while Chaturbhuj Doshi will direct the film, and Roshen compose the music. *Sahab Kabir* will star Bharat Bhushan in a recreation of the role that, many years ago, first brought this handsome young actor screen fame.

Pretty Girl Artiste Put Agha Out of Action!

India's first mythological in Gevacolor, G. P. Sippy's mammoth production *Radha Krishna*, is fast proceeding to completion. Minerva Color Studios became more colourful with the picturisation recently of a Holi dance which was so elaborately staged that filming it required six days. This Holi dance is easily one of the most spectacular ever presented on the Indian screen, executed as it is by some of the most beautiful girls, doing some of the most breath-taking dance-steps used for film dancing. Over 40 beauties and 12 men dancers led by beautiful Kamini Kaushal as Radha participated in this dance.

The atmosphere of this dance set became more exciting and enjoyable with the presence of Agha, who kept insisting on throwing "a beera" and "gulal" in the faces of everyone present who came within his comic reach. Even Agha's producer, Mr. G. P. Sippy, was not spared this fun! However, our funster Agha himself got into a bit of trouble when a pretty girl artiste threw "gulal" at him, which quite put him out of action for a while! The director, Raja Nene, had to use a novel method of taking care of Agha by spraying water in his eyes from his mouth. Straight from the director's mouth, seems to be an apt method of describing it!

Over a hundred spectators watched the dance as audience and also as the inhabitants of Nandgaon. The end of this dance was followed by outdoor shooting at a specially selected location in the jungles of Thana. This location was used against which to film the poignant parting of Krishna from Gokul, one of the heart-rending climax scenes, when Radha lies on the road, pleading with Krishna to pass only by stepping on her. This scene heralds the near-completion of this film, and G. P. Sippy is to be commended for such swift shooting schedules.

Radha Krishna stars Kamini Kaushal as Radha and Rattan Kumar as Krishna, with Agha and others. Direction is by Raja Nene, and photography by Y. D. Sarpotdar, with musical score by

S. D. Burman. The picture is due for early release in Bombay.

Amateurs' Fine Arts Academy Inaugurated

The number 13 is usually looked upon with superstitious dread. No new venture will be undertaken on the 13th of a month. But the 13th of December of the year just gone by proved to be a very auspicious day for the world of fine arts for it was that day which witnessed the birth of a Kala Samiti in the City. This Kala Samiti is an amateurs' organisation of fine arts. As all true artists are highly unconventional, it is very likely that they considered 13 as lucky while the conventional folk consider it as unlucky!

The inauguration of this Kala Samiti took place at Vani Mahal in Thyagarayanagar in the City. Sri Devi Prasad Roy Choudhury, Principal of the Govt. School of Arts, delivered the inaugural address and the Hon. Justice A.S.P. Aiyar presided. The Kala Samiti, it was stated, will strive to promote and encourage artistic talents of amateurs by organising performances of and discourses in the fine arts, foster a spirit of fellow feeling among the amateur artistes, collect a library of books both ancient and modern on the fine arts, establish cultural relations with other national and international bodies of a similar nature and bring out publications on behalf of the Samiti. The distinguished guests, members and well-wishers of the Samiti were treated to a three-hour thrill of dances, one-act plays, instrumental music, ballets and songs. Deserving special mention were the dances by K. Srimani and Baby Rajakumari and instrumental music by Muralikrishnan. We wish the Kala Samiti a glorious career and trust that the till now neglected needs and talents of the amateur artistes will quickly receive the recognition that is definitely due to them.

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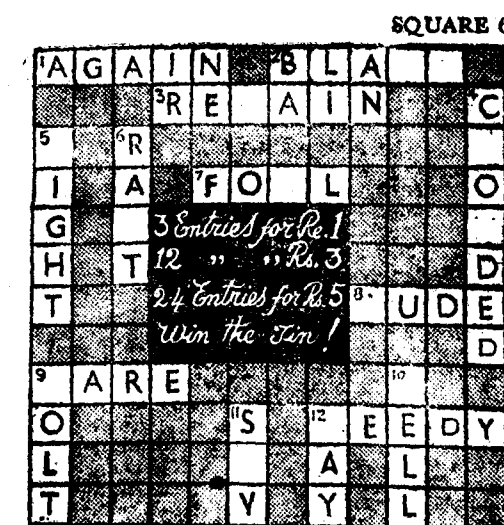
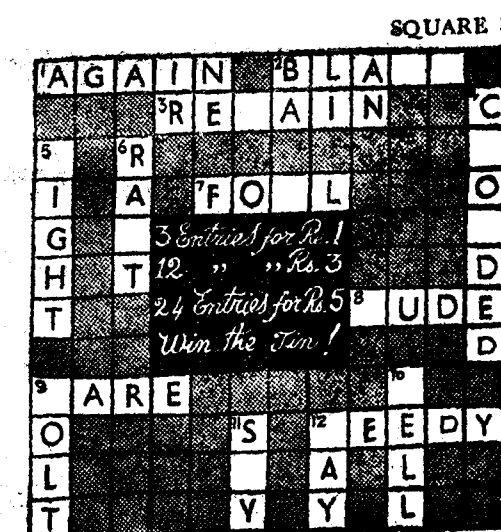
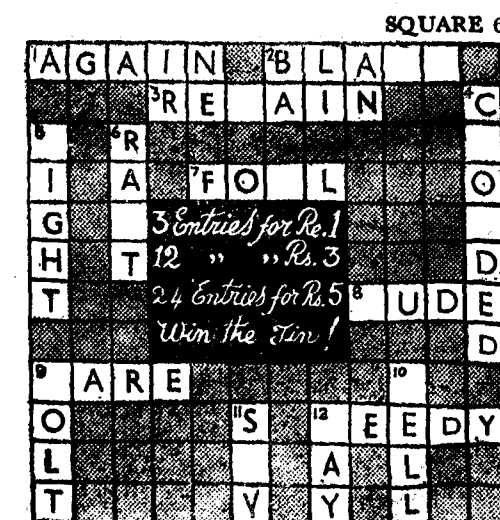
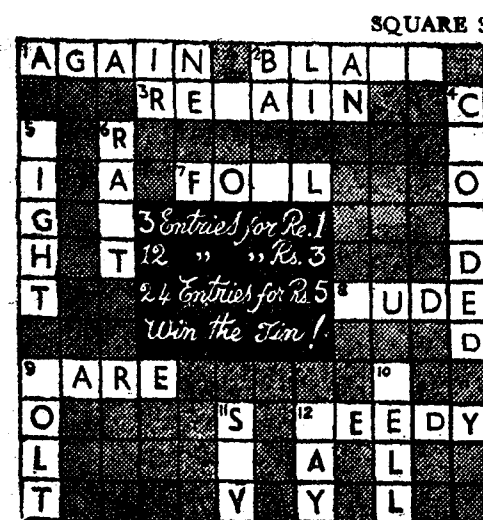
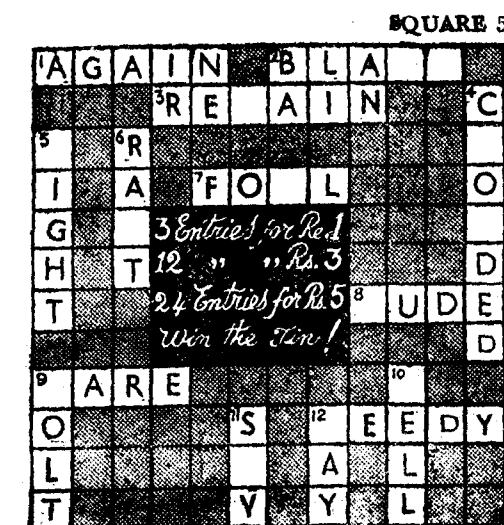
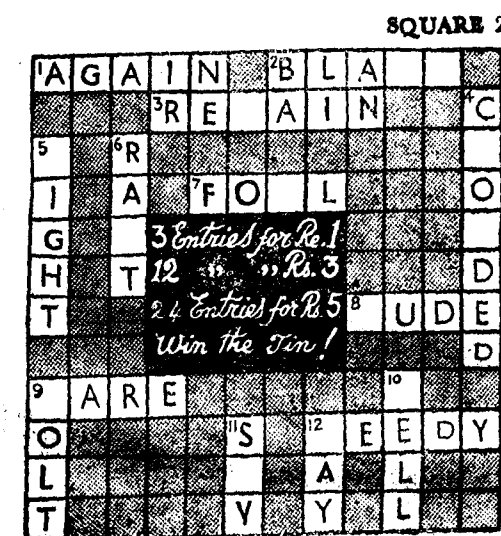
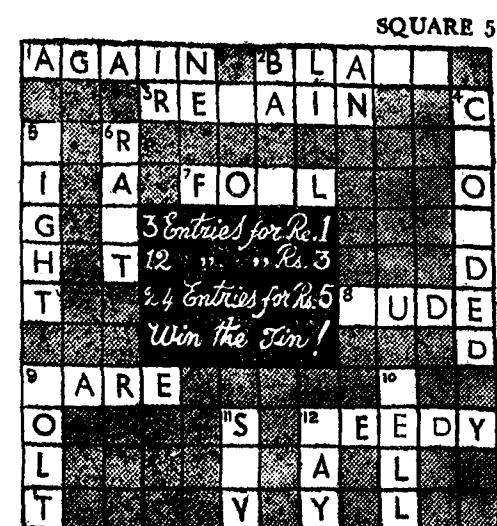
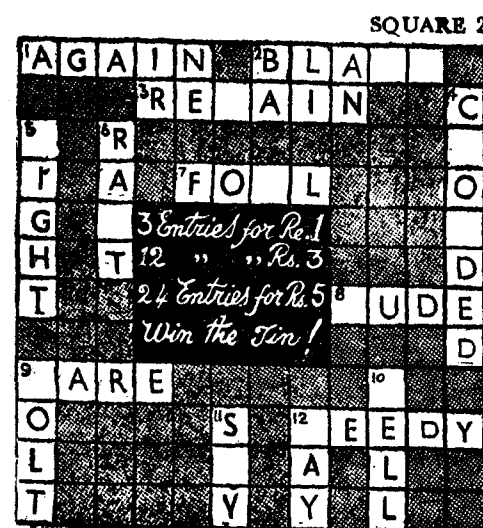
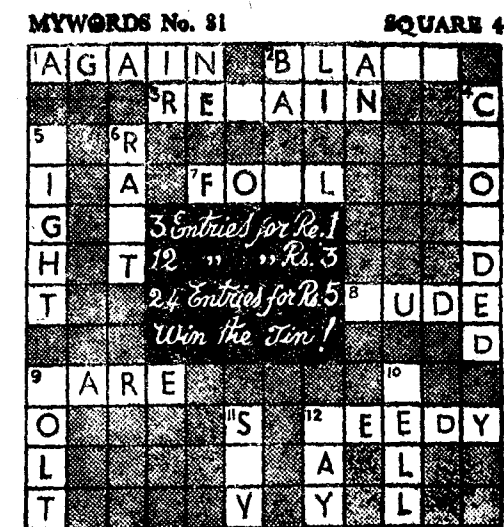
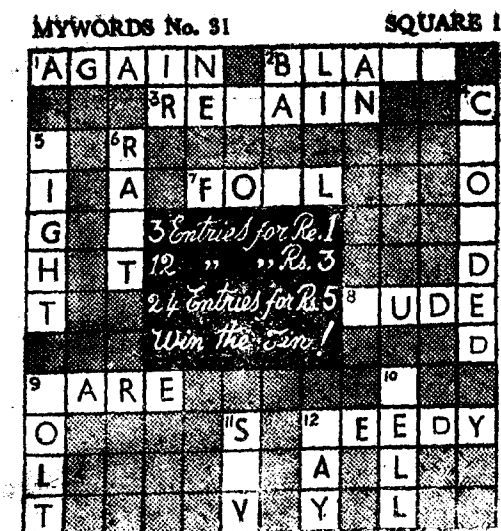
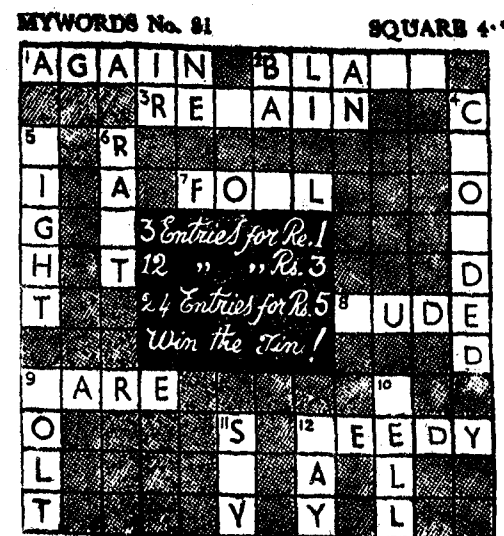
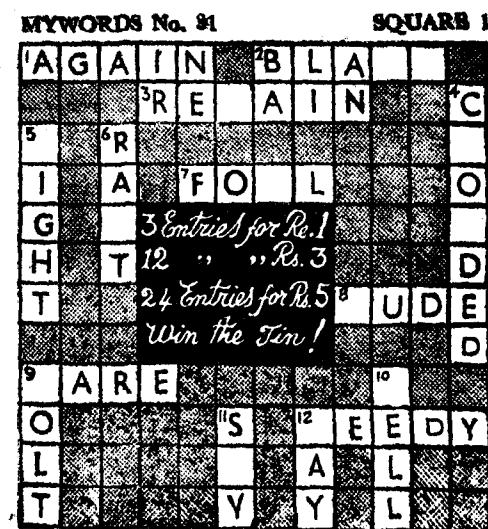
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I thank you very much for your congratulatory letter intimating me about my success in MYWORDS No. 26, wherein I have shared the First Prize with five others and acknowledge the receipt of your Cheque No. DLP 595503 for Rs. 350 on the Punjab National Bank Ltd.

I have studied upto S.S.L.C. and could not continue my studies further due to want of funds. On Completion of my school studies in the year 1949, I joined the Posts & Telegraphs Department in 1950 through Competitive Examination. I am now aged 22 and am a bachelor.

I am a regular reader of *My Magazine of India*. I began solving MYWORDS only from No. 26 and I had sent the entries only one day prior to the expiry of the Closing Date in Madras. A week after, when I saw the Official Solution published in *My Magazine of India*, my joy knew no bounds for I had sent an All-Correct entry. This was my first attempt in MYWORDS and am glad to tell you that it was crowned with success.

Regarding the tackling of Clues, in my opinion, I would like to inform my fellow Competitors that no particular method is necessary than studying the Clues two or three times in detail, and going through the Adjudicators' Viewpoint in previous Competitions. This is the only way which helped me to submit an All-Correct entry and thus enabled me to bag the First Prize.

I am quite confident of beating the Compiler by submitting All-Correct entries in the forthcoming Competitions and I pray God that MYWORDS Competition should be the leading one in the near future.

With sincere and best regards to you, sir, and to the staff of *My Magazine of India*.

Sincerely yours,

(Sd.) N.R. VENKATARAMAN.

Clerk, Posts. & Tel. Dept.
Mayuram R.S.,
TANJORE Dt.

Dear Sir,

May I thank you, not for publishing my name in *My Magazine of India* of 1st Nov. 53, at page 59 among the two-error winners in the Prize List, but for your honesty and integrity, just and fair running of the Competition? Honesty is the appreciative policy which goes to the door of success.

I am a regular Competitor of "Common-sense Crosswords" but have tried in vain.

One friend of mine not only advised me but also insisted upon my taking part in solving MYWORDS. And my experience urged me to prefer MYWORDS. This is MYWORDS, your words; whoever says MYWORDS surely means they are our own words.

Recently, I went on tackling your Clues and here in MYWORDS No. 27 I won a two-error prize. Your Clues are so simple, construction of sentences is so lovely that I can't leave them aside even though I have to prepare for an additional subject in the B.A. examination.

Say to Mr. Compiler, that I am as dead sure as death of winning a nil-error (All-Correct) Prize in the very near future because of your fine Clues.

In the end I solemnly declare to my fellow Competitors: "Say not the struggle not availeth."

s/o P. Banarsi Das,
Delhi Gate,
HISSAR.

Your Competitor,
(Sd.) RAJENDRA
PRASAD SHARMA.

FULL LIST of
FIXED WORDS & ALTERNATIVES

GIVEN BELOW IS THE FULL LIST OF FIXED WORDS AND ALTERNATIVES FOR "MYWORDS" No. 31. THE ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE'S SELECTION OF THE APT WORDS WILL BE FROM THIS LIST ONLY.

— COMPETITION EDITOR.

MYWORDS No. 31

CLOSING DATE:— 9th FEB. '54

Fixed Words

Across:— 1. AGAIN.

Alternatives

Across:— 2. BLACK, BLANK.

3. REGAIN, RETAIN.

7. FOOL, FOUL.

8. DUDE, RUDE.

Down:— 4. CLOUDED, CROWDED.

5. LIGHT, RIGHT.

6. RANT, RAP.

10. HELL, WELL.

11. SHY, SLY.

Interlockers

Across:— 9. CARE, DARE.

Down:— 9. COLT, DOLT.

Across:— 12. SEEDY, WEEDY.

Down:— 12. SAY, WAY.



Dear Sir,

Thank you so much for your kind letter of congratulations. I am so glad to hear that I have shared the First Prize with five others in MYWORDS No. 28. I am employed in the Southern Railway and am drawing a salary of Rs. 80 per mensem. I have often attempted to win Prizes in MYWORDS and have at last succeeded. My leisure hours are spent only in solving the Clues of MYWORDS.

224/6 C Type,
Golden Rock,
TRICHY, S.Ry.) Yours faithfully,
(Sd.) S.K.P. KOTTI

Dear Sir,

I acknowledge receipt of your Cheque for Rs. 350 drawn on the Punjab National Bank, being my share of the First Prize won in MYWORDS No. 26 and am very thankful to you for the same. I will make every attempt for an outright win of the First Prize. I again thank you and the staff of *My Magazine of India*.

Yours faithfully,

(Sd.) KHANCHANDANI MURCHUMAL
GULAB RAI.

Vakil Bldg, Near
Dhanasutars pole,
Relief Road,
AHMEDABAD.

Dear Sir,

I am glad to receive your Cash Coupon for annas eight towards the third Prize won by me in MYWORDS No. 27. Thank you for the same.

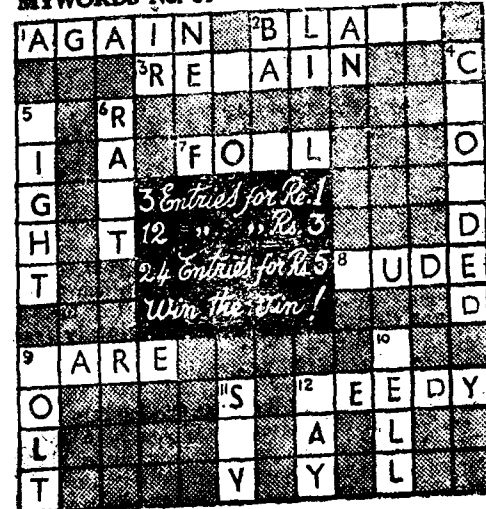
I purchase *My Magazine* regularly. I found MYWORDS Clues are simple, easy and very few and I wish to become a regular Competitor for MYWORDS, till I get a First Prize. I wish to offer best wishes to you and to your staff.

Yours faithfully,

(Sd.) ALLAM SWANAKATODU.

Kavalakuntla,
Badvel Tq.,
CUDDAPAH Dt.

MYWORDS No. 31 SQUARE 1



SQUARE 2



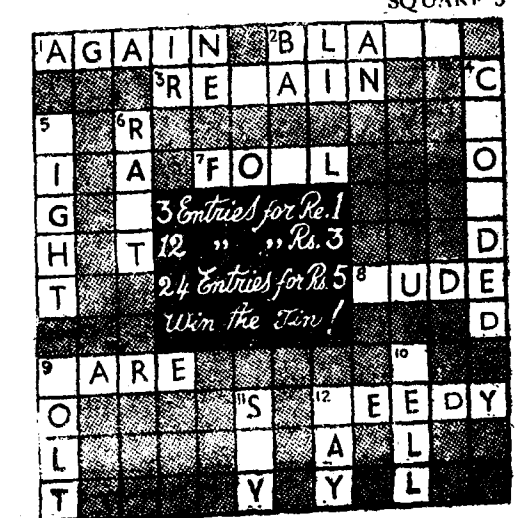
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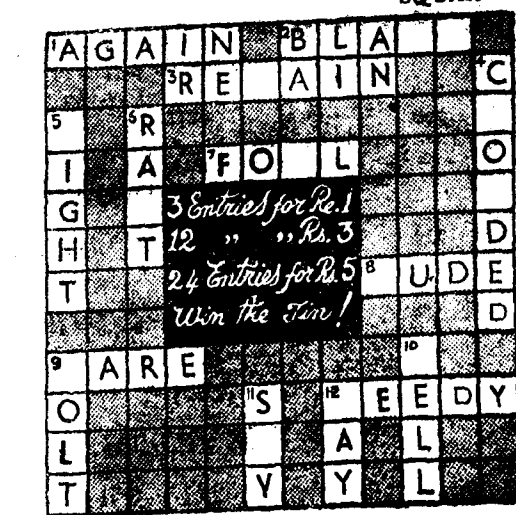
MYWORDS No. 31 SQUARE 4



SQUARE 5



SQUARE 6



I have read the Rules & Conditions governing this Competition and agree to abide by the same and also to accept the Competition Editor's decision in respect of this Competition as final and legally binding.

FULL NAME (in Ink and Block Letters) } Mr./Mrs./Miss

FULL ADDRESS

STATE

Enclosed P.O. or M.O. Receipt or Cash Voucher No.

"MYWORDS" COMPETITION

COMPETITION CORNER:

MYWORDS 1-2 COMPTN. CLUES IN 5 LANGUAGES!

Dear Competitors,

Thank you so much for the very many letters you have written congratulating us on the starting of the new MYWORDS 1-2 Competition and the many really good suggestions made in this connection.

It is with pardonable pride and pleasure that we say that MYWORDS Competitions have opened a new chapter in the history of Crossword Competitions. The MYWORDS 1-2 Competition's Clues and Alternatives will be published in 5 languages, viz., English, Hindi, Malayalam, Tamil and Telugu. This is being done with a view to make every one easily understand the purport of the Clues and to select the apt word from the two Alternatives given.

Each Competitor will hereafter not bother trying to translate the Clues into his own language for he will have them all ready-made, waiting to be tackled and help in winning a First Prize!

Write a post-card specifying your language preference and you will get the Entry Form which will have the Clues in English and in the language asked for. And remember, you get these Entry Forms absolutely free.

Lest you have forgotten it, we wish to draw your attention to the 3rd Consistency Bonus Scheme which comes to an end with MYWORDS No. 30. The Closing Date for this Competition is the 7th of this month. If you have scored points in the other Competitions in this series, viz., from MYWORDS No. 25 onwards, don't forget to post the Entries for MYWORDS No. 30 lest you should lose a Consistency Point by oversight or indifference. It may well cost you a prize in the first category. (viz., 6 Points) itself! So, do hurry up.

Lastly, here are our best wishes to you all for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Yours sincerely,
Competition Editor.

HOW TO SOLVE. There are 12 Clues to be solved in this Competition. Opposite Each Clue, are given two words, one of which alone can be the really apt answer. If, after careful thinking, you decide that the 1st word or the 2nd word is apt, then fill up in the blank opposite the words the Number 1 or 2 as the case may be. In this manner, fill up the blanks with the Numbers 1 or 2 from top to bottom opposite each of the 12 Clues.

CLOSING DATE. Competitors should note that the Closing Date (25th Jan. '54), refers to the date of receipt of Entries in this Office and not to the date of posting of the Entries.

KEY SOLUTION and Prize List. The Key Solution of this Competition will be published in the 1st February '54 issue of *My Magazine of India*. The Prize List of this Competition will be published in the 15th February, '54 issue of *My Magazine of India*.

ENTRY FEES. Competitors should send the correct Entry Fees and in time, for under-paid or delayed receipt of Entry Fees will render the Entries liable to disqualification. Entry Fees may be sent by M.O. or by crossed Indian Postal Orders or by way of Cash Vouchers supplied by this Office. British Postal Orders may also be sent but such sterling payments must be at the rate of 1sh 6d per rupee. Competitors from Pakistan and Ceylon should send B.P.O.'s only.

PERMUTED ENTRIES. Competitors who wish to permute the alternatives must do so on the Entry Form itself and the entire permutation must be fully worked out by filling up the various Columns. Otherwise, the permuted Entries will be disqualified.

ENTRY BOXES. For the convenience of the Competitors, Entry Boxes have been kept at various places. The cover containing the Entries and the Entry Fee P.O. or M.O. or Cash Voucher pinned to it should be dropped in the Entry Boxes. The Competition Editor, however, does not undertake any responsibility in regard to the safety or custody or proper and timely despatch of these Entries. Covers containing Entries dropped into these Boxes are dropped at the Competitor's risk.

EXTRA ENTRY FORMS. Competitors who require more Entry Forms than are printed in this Journal will be mailed to them direct. Mention clearly the Number of Forms required and the relevant Competition Number.

ADDRESS THE COVER containing Entries to: MYWORDS Competition No. 1, 32, Broadway, Madras-1. Mention on the back of the Cover the Name, Initials and Address of the Sender and also the Number of Entries (Columns). If Postal Orders are sent as Entry Fees, cross them and make them payable to MYWORDS Competition, Madras-1. If Money Orders are sent, address the remittance to MYWORDS Competition, 32, Broadway, Madras-1.

READ THE RULES. Competitors would certainly do well to read the Rules and Conditions governing this Competition. And, do check up your Entries before posting them.

* CASH VOUCHERS *

Competitors can save on M.O. Commission or Postal Order Commission by buying our Cash Vouchers and sending them as Entry Fees. Each Cash Voucher Book has 15 Sheets of Cash Vouchers and Each Sheet has 4 Cash Vouchers of the value of Annas 4 each. These Books are available at all our News Agents and Authorised Collectors. Those who wish to get them direct from us should send us Rs. 15/- plus As. 8/- for postage. These Books can be sent by Registered Post only. These Cash Vouchers can be sent both for MYWORDS Crossword Competition and MYWORDS 1-2 Competition. Remit the Amount to:

Competition Manager, MYWORDS Competition, 32, Broadway, Madras-1

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OFFERS Rs. 2,500
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CLUES

1 ANSWERS

CLUES

RUNNERS-UP CAN WIN ANY NUMBER OF SHARES!

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	Clues	Answers
Wives who hate the in-laws tend to make	Children	Risky	Health	Land	Assertive	Colour	Women	Misleading	Resentful	Common	Actresses	Training	Clues
—scapegoat.													Answers
At-travel is not preferred by many													
because it is —													
Dying dozen Yoga Asanas daily will													
cause perfect this.													
Sensitive youth will be embarrassed by													
the — talk of a woman.													
Wives of meek husbands are usually this.													
Psychological films can be hit these days													
only if they are — productions.													
Brilliant men have failed in life due to													
the sway of this.													
Nowadays, politicians make speeches that													
are —													
The more exacting the wife, the more													
— would hubby be.													
He be hard towards timid children is													
very —													
Most women are very clever these,													
surely!													
Many athletes don't hit the grade for													
want of proper this.													

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FULL NAME (in Ink & Block Letters) Mr./Mrs./Miss

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WANTED AGENTS for selling MYWORDS CASH VOUCHERS. Apply for Terms and Details.

MYWORDS 1-2 Comptn.

Rules and Conditions

1. The Number 1 or 2 alone should be written in the relevant blank spaces opposite each Clue.

2. Each Entry is the Column of 12 blank spaces (filled up), counted from top to bottom.

3. Entries should be filled in with Ink or Typewritten. Entries filled up with pencilled Numbers, those indistinctly written or over-written will be disqualified.

4. Entries not accompanied by sufficient Entry Fees or those insufficiently paid for will be disqualified and the Entry Fee thus received will not be refunded.

5. Entries should be from the Form printed in *My Magazine of India* only or from the Forms freely supplied by this Office on request.

6. Entries submitted by several members of a family having the same surname or initials may be sent in one cover and paid for by a single remittance. For every name, however, separate Entry Forms should be used.

7. Entry Fees should be paid either by Money Order or Crossed Indian Postal Order or by Cash Vouchers sold by this Office or by its authorised Agents or Collectors. Postal Orders should be crossed and made payable to: MYWORDS Competition No. 1, Madras-1. British Postal Orders may also be sent but sterling payments must be at the rate of 1 sh. 6 d. per Rupee. Money Orders must be addressed to: MYWORDS Competition No. 1, 32, Broadway, Madras-1. Postage Stamps, Postal Orders with Stamps affixed, Cheques, Bank Drafts and Currency Notes will not be accepted and the relevant Entries will be disqualified. Entries received after the Closing Date will be disqualified.

8. Entry Fee is: Annas 4 for every Column, Re. 1 for every 5 Columns, Rs. 3 for every 20 Columns and Rs. 5 for every 36 Columns. Entry Fees received will not be refunded under any circumstances. Entry Fees received in respect of one Competition will not be adjusted towards another Competition. Local Competitors can personally hand over their filled in Entry Forms and pay the Entry Fees at our Office and obtain the Official Receipt for the same. Entries with the necessary Entry Fee by way of M.O. Receipt or Postal Order or Cash Voucher and enclosed in a cover

properly addressed may be deposited in the Entry Boxes kept at various places but at the Competitor's risk.

9. The Management will not be responsible for any Postal irregularities, nor for Entries or Postal Orders or Cash Vouchers or M.O. Receipts lost, mutilated or delayed. The Management will not be responsible if the Entries dropped in the Entry Boxes kept at various places are not forwarded or are mutilated or are disfigured.

10. The Prize Amount is that which is mentioned in the Entry Form. The Runners-up Prize will be distributed to 1 and 2-Error winners only.

11. First Prize winners will not be entitled to more than one share of the First Prize even though they might have submitted more than one All-Correct Entry. They are, however, entitled to the benefit of multiple shares in the Runners-up category.

12. Runners-up (that is to say, Competitors in the 1 and 2 Error categories) are entitled to as many shares of the Runners-up Prize as they have such 1 and/or 2-Error Entries.

13. The Official Key Solution is that solution which is decided by the Adjudication Committee as containing the most apt words (indicated by the corresponding numbers 1 or 2) to the Clues. This Official Key Solution and the Prize Winners' List will be published in such issues of *My Magazine of India* as are mentioned in the Competition pages. The Competition Editor will count, while checking the Entry, each Square in the Column as an Error if the number (1 or 2 as the case may be) is indistinct, erased, mutilated, disfigured or over-written. Competitors are allowed to send in permuted Entries provided (i) such permuted Entries are on Forms printed in *My Magazine of India* or on the Extra Entry Forms supplied by this Office,

(ii) they fill all the blank squares in each Column fully. Failure to observe these Rules regarding permutation will result in the Entries being disqualified.

14. The First Prize will be awarded to the Competitor whose filled in and duly paid Entry agrees in every respect with the Official Key Solution referred to above. In case no such All-Correct Entry is received, the First Prize will be awarded to that Entry which is nearest to the Official Key Solution. If there are several All-Correct Entries, the First Prize will be divided equally among such All-Correct entrants. The same Conditions apply to the Runners-up Prize also. The Runners-up Prize will be distributed in such proportion among the 1 and 2-Error winners as is decided by the Competition Editor. The Closing Date is that which is mentioned in the Entry Form itself. The Closing Date may be extended or altered but any such extension or alteration will be notified in the important Newspapers.

15. The sending of paid Entries with the printed declaration that the Competitors have read all the relevant Rules and Conditions governing this Competition automatically creates a binding contract between the Proprietor of *My Magazine of India* and each Competitor and such a contract shall, in every case, be deemed to be made in Madras and intended to be carried out in Madras. Any suit in regard to any matter arising in any respect under this Competition shall be instituted in the High Court of Madras only and not in any other Court of any other place. No other Court shall have jurisdiction to entertain any such suit.

16. No suit shall be instituted in respect of a Claim for a Prize unless Notice in writing setting out in clear terms the grounds of such claim has been given to the Competition Editor within 21 days after the publication of the Prize List of the relevant Competition in *My Magazine of India*.

17. Under no circumstances whatsoever shall the Proprietor of *My Magazine of India* be liable for a Claim for a Prize arising under this Competition after the expiration of 21 days from the date of the publication of the Prize List in *My Magazine of India*.

18. Employees of *My Magazine of India* are debarred from taking part in the Competition.

COMPETITION CORNER:

9 Lucky Solvers Share Rs. 2,250!

Result of "Mywords" No. 29

FIRST PRIZE: Rs. 2,250/-

The Compiler had an unexpected reverse at the hands of 9 skilful solvers who were able to submit All-Correct Entries. The First Prize amount of Rs. 2,250 has therefore been shared by them, each All-Correct solver getting Rs. 250.

59 One-Error, 258 Two-Error, 772 Three-Error and 1628 Four-Error solvers share the Runners-up Prize amount of Rs. 1,250. Each One-Error solver gets Rs. 3/6/-, each Two-Error solver gets Rs. 1/-, each Three-Error solver gets Rs. 8/-, and each Four-Error solver gets Rs. 4/-.

Appearing below are the names and full addresses of the One-Error solvers alphabetically arranged. For want of space the full addresses of the Two-Error and Three-Error winners could not be given. Instead, their names and places, in alphabetical order, are given. The number shown in brackets indicates the number of shares won by a Competitor. Four-Error Winners' List is not published owing to pressure on space. Every Four-Error winner will be informed by post on 10-1-54.

The Prize Amounts declared as won by Competitors are subject to Scrutiny Claim Rules and Conditions.

RUNNERS-UP: Rs. 1,250/-

If any Competitor feels he has won a Prize and it is not stated in the published Prize List that he has won such a Prize or has not been notified to that effect by the Competition Editor or that the number of shares won in a Prize has been incorrectly stated, the Competitor may demand a Scrutiny (see page 59).

The last date for receiving Scrutiny Claims is 21st January, '54.

The Runners-up Prize Amounts will be sent on 1st February, '54.

The present Competition, MYWORDS No. 30, is the sixth and last in the 3rd Consistency Bonus series. The Closing Date of MYWORDS No. 30 is 7th January '54. Remember that this 3rd Consistency Bonus Offers Rs. 1,000 for you all to win! You may well score in this Competition the Point which would make you 6 Points Winner! So, do hurry up with your solving the Clues and posting of the Entries. Post early to catch the Mail!

All-Correct Solvers. Each Awarded Rs. 250-0-0

ANTHONY FERNANDO, Kilavaipar P.O., Via Villathikulam, Tinneveli Dt., S.Ry.
 EARANKI SITARAMA SASTRI, Retd. Police Actt., Anakapalle P.O., Visakapatnam Dt.
 KULKARNI G.B., "Aram," High Class Lodging, Race Course Cross Road, Bangalore.
 MEYAPPAN A. PL. AL., Venkatachalam Chettiar St., Kottaiyur, Ramnad Dt., S.Ry.
 MURTY V.S.R., 15-B, Satyen Dutt Road, Calcutta-29.
 NAGARAJA H.S., News Agent & Correspondent, Gandhi Bazar, Hassan, Mysore.
 VEERASWAMY G.S., 9/247, Singarajagari Street, Kothapet, Vijayawada-1.
 VYUNANDANA RAO P., c/o P.V.R. Nayudu, C.B.C., Nellore Railway Station, Nellore.
 ZUBAIRI M.H., New Mallapalli, Az-Zahra, Hyderabad, Dn.

One-Error Solvers. Each Awarded Rs. 3-6-0

AMBIKA Saran Varma, c/o Dr. H.P. Varma, Gandhinagar, BASTI, U.P.
 BALASUBRAMANIAM C.G., Coolimuttam, Polpulli P.O., S. MALABAR.
 DESAI R.K., c/o K.T. Kulkarni, Gadag, Dt. DHARWAR.
 DEVARAJAN G., c/o Sankey Electrical Stampings Ltd., Bhandup, BOMBAY.
 (2) DORAISWAMI IYER P., Shukla House, Dharampet, NAGPUR.
 EARANKI SITARAMA SASTRI, Retd. Police Actt., Anakapalle P.O., VISAKAPATNAM.
 GANESH Mahabaleswar Chitrigemath, Hegde P.O., KUMTA, N.K.
 GOPALACHARI K.C. (Mrs.), 19, Reddiappa Mudali St., VELLORE, S.Ry.
 IVATURI Veeresalingam, Taluk Supply Officer, Tadepalligudem, W. GODAVARY.
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 KANNAN T.C., 48, K. Narayanagar, Kitchipalayam, SALEM.
 KANNIAPPAN M.V., Secy Sec. No. 4, Div. Sig. Regt., c/o 56 A.P.O., NEW DELHI.
 (2) KARUNAKARA MENON T.K., Thekke Kunnompath, Aiyanthole, Trichur P.O., COCHIN.
 KRISHNAMURTY A., c/o Murty & Brothers, WARANGAL, Dn.
 (2) LAKHESHWARI S.P., Ganeshganj, LUCKNOW.
 LAKSHMAN RAO J., Geeta Store, Near Roshan Market, ADONI.
 LAKSHMI C.S. (Mrs.), c/o C.A. Narasimham, 4th Floor, New India Bldg. Fort, Bombay-1.
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 MADHUSUDHANA RAO Lakkaraju, Teacher, Govt., Middle School, DORNAKAL, Dn.
 MANGHARAM P. Kirpalani, Publications Division, Old Secretariat, DELHI-8.
 MANI P.S., 36, Thiruvayarpadi, Ponneri Post, CHINGLEPUT, S.Ry.
 MANIAM R.S., c/o T.S.R. Iyer, 100, Coral Merchant St., MADRAS-1.
 MD. MUNIER, Flour Mill, Tungabhadra Dam, MYSORE.
 (4) NAGARAJA H.S., News Agent & Correspondent, Gandhi Bazar, HASSAN.
 NAGARAJA RAO R.N., Teacher, Mahatma Gandhi High School, Kunigal, MYSORE.
 NARAYANAN V., Postal Clerk, Asa House P.O., NAGPUR-1.
 NIRMAL SINGH, Assistant, Capital Secretariat, CHANDIGARH, I.P.

Bijapur; Ivaturi Veeresalingam, Tadepalligudem, W. Godavari; (2) Iyengar S.M., Madras-7; Iyer C.A.K., Dadar, Bombay-14; Iyer T.V.A., Nungambakkam, Madras-6.

JAGANNATH Aggarwal, Ambala Cantt; (5) Jagatheesvaran T.P., Madras-17; Jain M.L., New Delhi; (4) Jaini K.K. (Miss), Delhi; Jaini M.D. (Mrs.), Delhi; Jairam Singh (Hav.), Delhi Cantt; Janarthan M., Royapuram, Madras; Jane Ratnaswami (Mrs.), Ranipet P.O., S.Ry.; (2) Jaya K. (Miss), Salem; Jayanthi M.A., Virajpet, S. Coorg; Jaya Prasana P. (Mrs.), Mercara, Coorg; Jayaraj D., Munnar, T.C.; Jhamatmal Tejmal Bagwani, Jaipur, Rajasthan; Jiwan Mal Amritsar; John D. Gonsalves, Bandra, Bombay-20; John Santiago, Royapettah, Madras-14; (2) Joonus Sait J.M., Pondicherry; Joseph D.M., Kurwad; Joseph G.R. (Mrs.), Cuttack-1; Joseph Sathyasheela Barnabas, Nampally Stn. Rd., Dn.

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