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Of course, the 1-2 Number Competition with its undoubted mass appeal will be run side by side with the Crossword Puzzle but they will have different closing dates with a fortnight's interval between the two.

In this connection, we would remind you of the recent judgment of the Bombay High Court that a Crossword contest is a game of skill, not chance. "It is not a lottery but a Competition in which skill, knowledge and judgment on the part of the competitor is a real ingredient in the winning of prizes." So making money with words is as fascinating a pastime as any other and quite an invigorating mental tonic, too. Better you sit down to it without delay.

Now we would like to invite your attention to some of the salient points in respect of our Crossword Puzzle. Quick results are promised. Take MY-

WORDS No. 32, for instance. You will notice that the closing date is Saturday 24th July.

The Key Solution for MYWORDS No. 32 will appear in our issue of 1st August and the Prize List will be published in our 15th August issue. And we will be sending Prize amounts to ALL winners on or before the 25th August, 1954.

Yet another important innovation which we are sure will win your unqualified approval, is that fixed words or bankers, as they are called, have been eliminated from our Crosswords. Formerly, a competitor who chose the correct words from among the alternatives lost his chance of winning a First Prize if he misspelt any Fixed Word. Now you can rest easy on that score. No More Fixed Words Will Bother You!

All you have to do now is to take up your pen, choose your answers carefully from the list of alternatives from which alone the all-correct solution is selected. The list of alternatives, as you will note, is printed on this page itself.

Now go in and win!

Yours sincerely,
Competition Editor.

RULES AND CONDITIONS

A competitor may submit any number of entries. He can win only one share in the First Prize but any number of shares in the Runners-up prizes.

Entry fees are as follows: Eight Annas for the first entry, Re. 1 for 3 entries; Rs. 3 for 12 entries and Rs. 5 for 24 entries. Payment may be made either by Money Order, addressed to: MYWORDS No. 32, My Magazine of India, 32, Broadway, Madras-1 or by Postal Order which must be crossed and made payable to: "MYWORDS No. 32, Madras-1." Entry fees can also be sent in the form of MYWORDS Cash Vouchers which can be obtained from our Agents or direct from our Office.

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LIST OF ALTERNATIVES For Mywords No. 32

CLOSING DATE:— 24th July, '54

ACROSS

1. WARY, WIRY
3. ODDEST, OLDEST
5. CLAWS, FLAWS
7. CLUE, GLUE
9. DAGGERS, DANGERS

DOWN

2. REGARD, REWARD
4. SILKY, SILLY
6. PLANNING, PLANTING
8. PACKETS, PICKETS, POCKETS

INTERLOCKERS

- A-10. NEST, REST
- D-10. NAIL, RAIL
- A-11. FUN, RUN
- D-11. FAKE, RAKE

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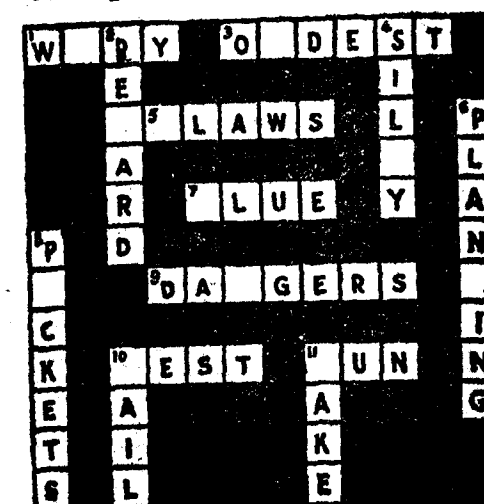
1. Girls of marriageable age often wish for husbands who must be rich as well as —
3. When we come across people who seem — among elders in friend's house, it is often sore trial to listen to them with patience!
5. When young man is hypnotised by blandishments of girl, known to be catty and wayward, he may not discover her these until after marriage!
7. When — is not satisfactory, we often curse a lot!
9. When timid fellow goes through dark, lonely spot in the city, where murders and robberies have been quite common, he shudders at the very thought of —
10. When man has sweated and toiled all through his career and built up a tidy pile of savings, he eagerly hopes to enjoy —
11. A little this every now and then must do good to anyone.

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Saturday 24th July, 1954

Key Solution in 1st August 1954
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ISSUES

All Prizes will be sent on or before
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(For full list of alternatives, see opposite page.)

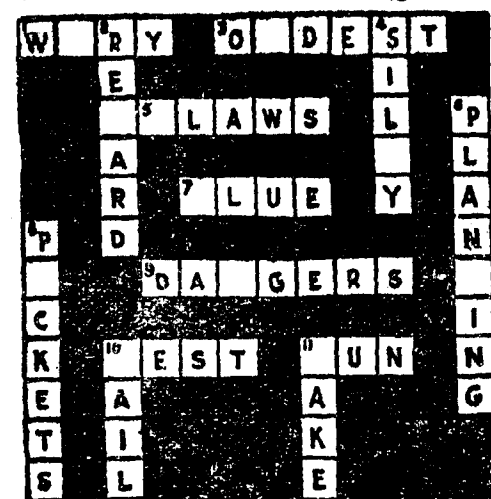
Down

2. When new servant in the household does some heroic work, he merits master's special —.
4. When husband is hard-headed and business-like in his dealings even in his home, he hates to hear his wife talk in this fashion!
6. When we hear politicians wax eloquent on the future benefits accruing from —, we sometimes feel amused and cynical!
8. Experience has shown that it is not so easy to handle these!
10. At times, even an old rusty this will prove immensely useful.
11. Our first feeling is one of disgust and resentment when we are told about a nasty —.

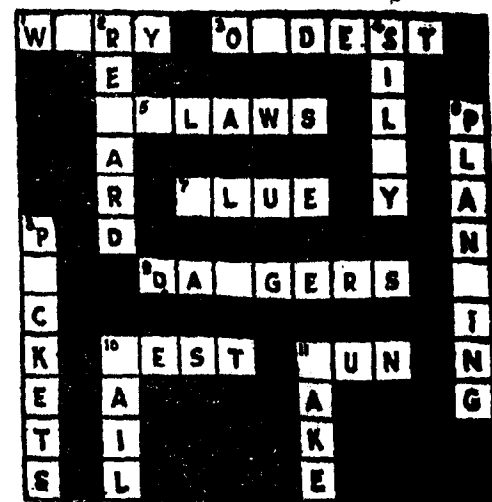
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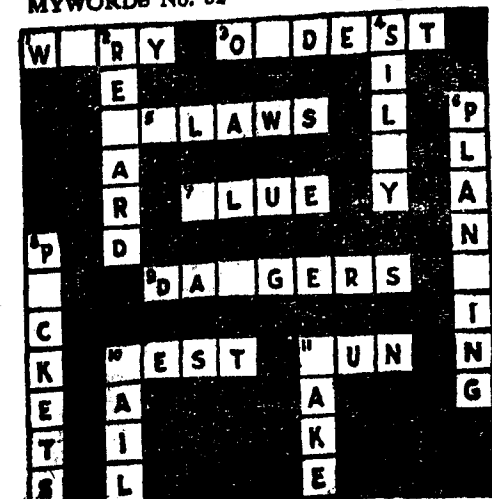
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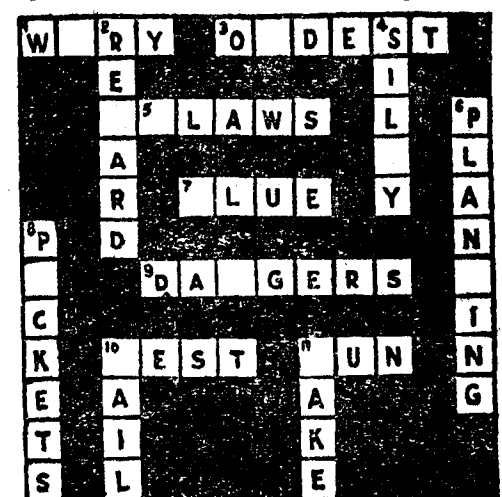
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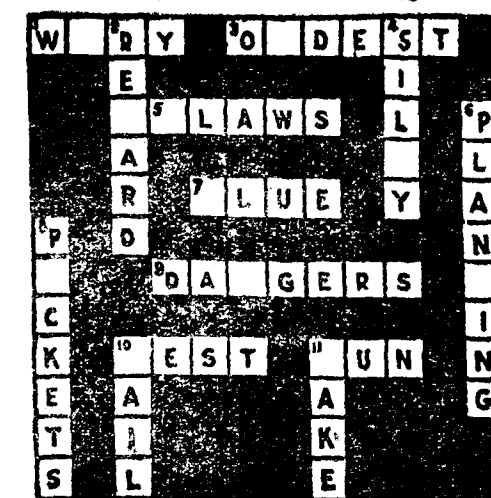
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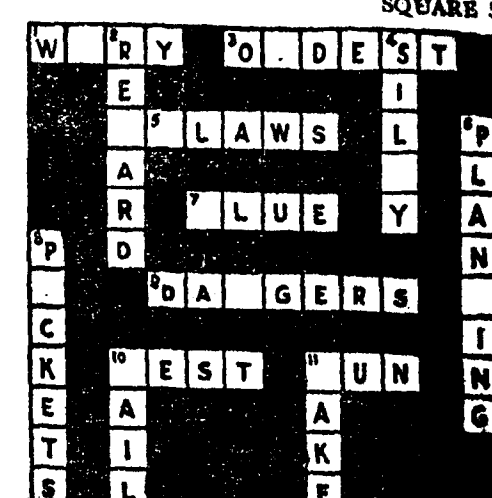
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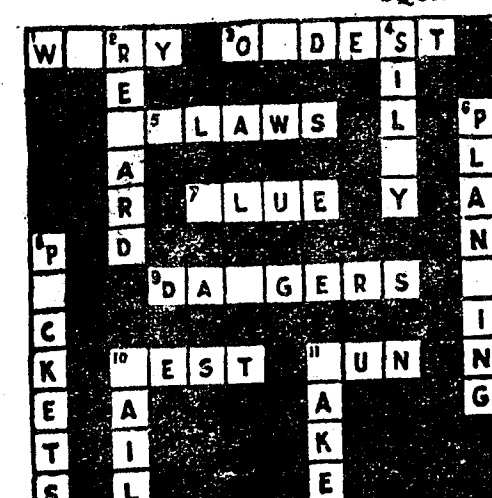
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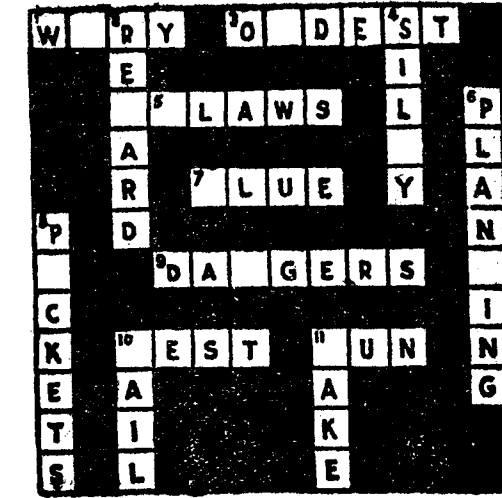
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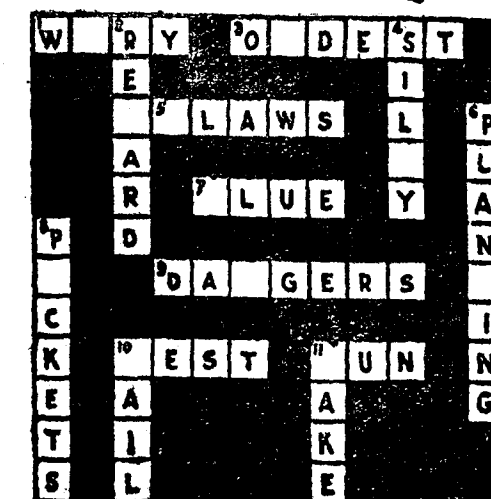
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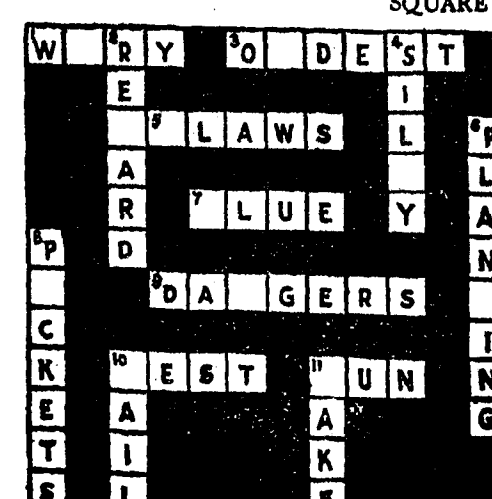
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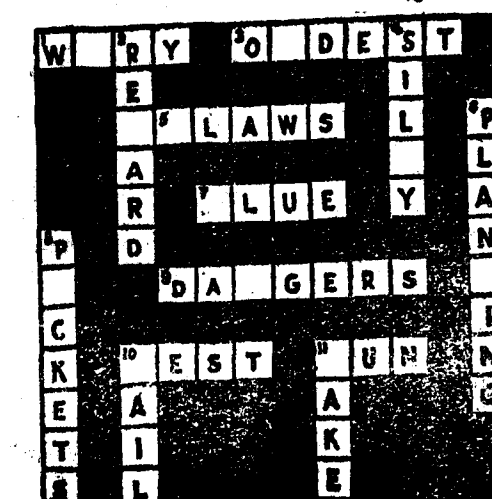
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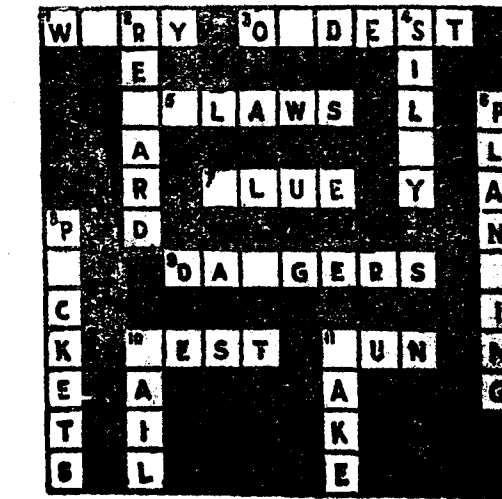
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contribute to the success of the great task undertaken by his worthy wife. But that is a domestic life.

(We offer our sincere thanks to our Readers who offer us esteemed suggestions about deserving Sons and Daughters of Our Motherland for our "Favourite of the Fortnight" series; for, it often happens that the obvious is too often overlooked; and Editors too are not above that peril. We heartily invite names of deserving worthies. — Editor.)

unfeigned, for, from the days that sincere patriots who took the vow to suffer for the sake of India's Freedom, Smt. Durga Bai, a young lady in those early days of Freedom's Battle, was to be found in the forefront of that band of Patriot-Fathers who had made up their minds that no sacrifice was too great or too hard for the Pilgrim-Fathers marching to a Motherland freed from Foreign domination.

Whatever peace-making Viceroys like Irwin or Wavell might have pleaded for "forget and forgive" of all that was perpetrated by the Christian British Government of India, yet, the fact remains that, human nature being what it is, it is impossible to forget, even if it were possible to forgive, for, for the exercise of these ethical virtues there are limits: for, the British Indian Govt. mad with a moral code of its own making to suit its Imperialistic interests, under the saintly garb of Divinely imposed burden on the White Race, crushed with the utmost heartlessness all attempts to secure even the semblance of self-government, and men who could sing the praises of the Blessings of British Rule in India carried away prizes, titles and preferments.

But to the band of Patriots these very advantages were the stimuli to goad them to the utmost Sacrifices, and Srimati Durga Bai was one of that small band whom the offer of bribes infuriated to any suffering because their countrymen were demoralised with the chattel of their own land.

The Patriots' Patience and Perseverance had its own reward, not for the Patriot, but for all the compatriots of the Patriot.

After destruction of the Stranger's rule, comes in the period of Construction. Turn your eyes in any direction, the Sons and Daughters of India find how much there is to do for their Motherland.

What better choice can Smt. Durga Bai make than the promotion of Social Welfare of India? Nor are the directions in which such service towards Social Betterment few in number or limited in volume.

Trodden under foot, uncared for for about two centuries, Social Welfare in its National sense with a view to elevate the people to a level of comfort and dignity, by which National virtues could be engendered and fostered, such Social Welfare was never the least thought of. That neglected Service, Smt. Durga Bai has undertaken. As the life-partner of perhaps one of our greatest Finance Ministers, she must contribute not a little to the success of her illustrious husband, who might equally claim to

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FRENCH CHALLENGE TO INDIA

FRENCH-EUROPEAN troops have landed in Pondicherry and several cases of military stores have been brought with them. According to the latest report, trenches are being dug all round the French Indian capital while police stations in other Settlements are being equipped with machine-guns and wireless sets.

Commenting earlier on the Indo-French negotiations held in Paris, we wondered whether France was not playing for time. Subsequent developments have made it clear that she is keen on sticking to her colonial possessions and that she probably has the secret support and sympathy of some of the Western Powers. The Government of India's repeated declarations that it will not go to war to settle any dispute seem to have re-assured France that violence on her side will not provoke violence.

Within an hour of the receipt of news of the landing, the Government of India lodged a strong protest with the French Government and demanded the immediate withdrawal of the troops. If it was hoped on both sides that the dispute could be settled in a friendly and peaceful manner, there was no need for increasing the military strength in the Settlements, it was pointed out. French Foreign Office spokesmen have denied this allegation and asserted that not French troops but "gendarmes" (policemen) have arrived in Pondicherry to maintain law and order.

The real intentions of the Paris Government have thus been exposed. French India is to be defended by force of arms and the liberation movement is to be crushed at once. According to Mr. Zeevaratnam, a nationalist

leader and former Deputy in French Parliament, the Pondicherry Administration has in the last one month enormously increased the police force by recruiting about fifty men per day. "Provided with rifles and hand-grenades, they have been vigorously patrolling the entire Pondicherry Settlement in jeeps fixed with wireless sets in an effort to intimidate the people and pro-merger sympathisers." But distrustful of even the local police, the Administration has now imported military personnel — white French soldiers, to be precise — from Indo-China.

The quiet but swift manner in which the citizens of Yanam, a French establishment in Andhra, liberated themselves must have provided the immediate cause for this panicky action of France. Volunteers from the neighbouring areas and villages surged into Yanam, occupied all public buildings, took over the administration and proclaimed their independence on 13th June.

It remains to be seen whether the Indian Government will just look on and adopt a neutral attitude if the French authorities try to re-conquer these liberated areas and pursue their repression campaign in the Settlements to the bitter finish. We do not think such a development is likely. A new situation has arisen with the landing of the French-European troops and the Government of India must consider itself free to take any steps to meet this challenge. People in the Settlements are suffering great hardship and agony and only a swift merger can bring them relief. It is time Delhi changed its mind about obtaining the French Government's formal consent to a transfer of power.

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NEWS AND NOTES

Swami Chidananda

At Anand Kutir, Rishikesh, last week the Birthday of Sri Swami Chidananda Maharaj was celebrated in a fitting manner. Ashramites, bhaktas and admirers participated. Glowing tributes were paid by the other Gurubhais on the occasion to the sterling qualities of head and heart of Swamiji.

A profound scholar and linguist, Sri Swami Chidananda is the General Secretary of the Divine Life Society and Vice-Chancellor of the Yoga-Vedanta Forest University. To listen to his learned discourses is a privilege and experience in itself. One of the foremost disciples of Gurudev, Swamiji will always be found right behind His Holiness whether at the prayer meeting or at the dispensary attending to the crippled, the ailing or the leprosy patients. To Swami Chidananda, the motto is: "Service of humanity is service of God." What better inspiring example than this is needed for poor mortals like us to follow? We extend our respectful felicitations to Sri Swami Chidananda on this solemn and holy occasion.

Speed Up The Service

With the re-opening of colleges and schools, City buses which provide the only effective means of transport are getting overcrowded. To say that they are packed like sardines would not be an exaggeration. Passengers are seen precariously balanced on the footboard with one hand clutching at the tail of some other's coat. If some ten people at an intermediate stop have squeezed themselves into a bus, at least fifty people are left behind. They have to wait at least for an hour or more before they get their chance again.

As repeatedly pointed out in these columns, not all buses ply on the roads. Some go on the sick list regularly and some others suffer a breakdown in the middle of the journey. The buses that follow are too full to pick up the

stranded passengers and yet another hour may elapse before they reach their destination.

Clearly, a few more buses, as promised by the Transport Minister, are not going to solve the problem of over-crowding. Private enterprise must be allotted some of the routes in the City and G.T. buses plying in the mofussil must be withdrawn and added to the fleet here.

Sri B. Parameswaran, speaking to pressmen about the City transport problem, proposed to pay special attention to the efficient maintenance and repairs of buses. It would be better to allot a few buses to a limited group of workmen who would be held responsible for the maintenance of the vehicles in their charge. A systematic division of work in this way would eliminate slackness and inefficiency. Thereby the number of vehicles on the sick list could be reduced to a minimum.

The Transport Minister's idea of engaging 'flying squads' to patrol the bus routes and convey news about breakdowns and other things to headquarters is commendable. He also proposed to consider the question of installing telephones at suitable points on different routes and "at all time-keepers' booths to facilitate transmission of urgent messages to and from the Transport Office."

It is extremely doubtful if the tram service will be resumed in the near future. In its absence, Government must make every

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effort to double the number of the buses for quick and efficient service. Also they must lower the fares to the pre-war level. Otherwise, nationalisation will have no meaning.

Geneva Talks

East and West have failed to agree on how to unite Korea. Nearly two months of talks at Geneva between the sixteen Allied nations and the Communist Powers did not produce any result. The West insisted that elections should be held under the supervision of the United Nations but China and North Korea rejected this proposal with scorn. Their contention was that the war against North Korea having been waged under the direction of the U.N., the latter was a party to the dispute. How could it conduct the elections with fairness and impartiality?

Nor did the suggestion of an all-Korean Commission, made by China, prove acceptable to the South Koreans. It cannot be denied that Dr. Rhee occupies a position of vantage and has the full backing of U.S. might and resources. South Koreans have received plentiful supplies of food and dollars and naturally these have attracted people from the North also. Dr. Rhee's spokesmen have already threatened to resume the war to drive out the Chinese and annex the North. Perhaps President Eisenhower has not yet decided what part his country should play in clearing Korea of the Communists.

The only hopeful feature of the situation is that the nine-nation conference on Indo-China at Geneva may soon agree to an armistice. The new French Premier seems to take the view that France can ill afford to have a costly and unprofitable war in Indo-China and is disinclined to toe the line with the U.S. in this regard. The visit to Washington of Sir Winston Churchill and Mr. Anthony Eden may have a sobering effect on the U.S. Administration and prevent a flare-up in Korea.

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MY MAGAZINE

Enough And To Spare!

The Madras Government deserve congratulation on their decision to abolish the zonal system by means of which the distribution and transport of rice were controlled. Hitherto permits were required for carrying foodgrains from one zone to another while there was freedom of movement within.

Government's decision is a clear indication that rice scarcity is a thing of the past. Indeed, the stock position seems so satisfactory that there is to be no procurement of *kuruvai* rice in the ensuing season. According to the Food Minister, "we have about 117,000 tons of rice on hand now." Sri Subramaniam also stated that if the proposal for the formation of a southern zone, comprising the deficit and surplus States in the South, materialised, procurement could be done away with altogether.

Speaking in Mysore, Sri M.V. Krishnasappa, Union Deputy Minister for Food, claimed that there was no food deficit in the country this year and that rice imported from Burma would be kept in reserve. As a result of good rains all over the country, he said, we had attained self-sufficiency, and under the Five-Year Plan the position would improve beyond all expectations.

It is noteworthy that Andhra State has had such a bumper harvest that it wants to export 5,000 tons of very good rice and is seeking the Centre's sanction for such a step. The U.S. Department of Agriculture records in the course of a survey that world rice production has reached a new 'high.' Weather in Asia has been unusually favourable for production. Through the rice season, growing conditions in India and Pakistan were the best in many years. These two countries, after China, are the world's largest producers of rice.

War On A Scourge

"Malaria Week" which was observed all over the country has drawn public attention to this scourge and the effective

ways to eradicate it. In a moving broadcast to the nation Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, Union Minister for Health, outlined the nature and scope of the Malaria Control Operations which would be conducted with liberal assistance from the United States and the United Nations.

It is estimated that over seven crores of people in India suffer from the ravages of this dread disease and seven lakhs die directly from it every year. Among the sufferers the effects on the mental faculties are almost devastating. "Mental activity is dulled, irritability is the rule, initiative begins to waver, ambition loses its spur and depression is constant." Especially children, pointed out the Minister, must be given full protection against malaria.

This war is to consist of two main phases -- an immediate operational period extending over three years and a subsequent maintenance programme that will assure continuity of protection against malaria to a population of 125 millions. About ninety malaria control units fully equipped are expected to function before the end of the year; each unit will be in charge of a million people living in malarious areas. Insecticides like D.D.T. have of course been pressed into service and these may help to wipe out fly-borne diseases also. The first three-year campaign may cost nearly sixteen crores of rupees.

P. S. P. Govt's Record

In his report to the Praja Socialist Party's National Executive, Sri Pattom Thanu Pillai has given an impressive account of his Ministry's work in T.-C. State. Its greatest handicap is its numerical weakness in the legislature. "A party of 19 members had to keep its balance and equipoise in every single step it took while in office" (less than 3 months).

Of course, the Ministry received the co-operation of the Congress, numerically the strongest single party in the Assembly but there was opposition from two other parties and constant sniping from

independent members. Despite these and other difficulties, the Ministry was able to get on very well.

Prohibition policy in T.-C. State, the report goes on, was now being implemented with greater vigour and the Ministry lost no time in tightening control on the sale of spirituous drugs.

On the food front, the rice position having become easy, the Ministry had decided to stop local procurement. Also, an order had been issued that for all Government purposes either khadi or handloom cloth should be purchased.

In the field of education substantial achievement has been recorded. Fees were abolished in all schools in respect of first and second forms. This measure alone cost the State over Rs. 20 lakhs annually. "Now it was proposed to abolish fees for the third form next year which would have the effect of making education free for children upto the age of fourteen."

Although it is four years since the consolidated Travancore-Cochin State was brought into being, the services in the two areas are functioning as two distinct cadres. Now there is an officer on special duty, appointed by the P. S. P. Ministry, to complete the integration of the two services in two months.

During the next session of the legislature, it is proposed to bring forward a comprehensive Bill for agrarian reforms, covering all aspects of the question and assuring maximum equity to all interests concerned.

This is the record of work in less than three months of which the P.S.P. Ministry can really be proud. It is remarkable that the policies and programmes of the Praja Socialist Party are not very different from those of the Congress. There is, therefore, nothing to lose and everything to gain if the P.S.P. merges into the Congress and strengthens the latter's hands.



[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 Laputa's Flappers who respectfully roused the dreaming Philosophers, as it is authentically recorded in "Gulliver's Travels."]

Multiple Choice!

This is yet another Education fraud by which the Educationists themselves practise fraud upon their own misled convictions.

Briefly: Multiple Choice is: Suggesting a number of answers, having the verisimilitude of the correct answer and asking the candidate to choose the right one.

What happens if the Candidate chooses the wrong one? Well, this is where Educational barbarity comes in. The candidate loses marks which he scored on other questions. Perhaps, it might even be that if there are not enough marks to penalise for wrong guessing, the penalty might possibly exceed the marks obtained on correct answers, and the total of that answer book might be thus "—15."

At that rate, the candidate with "—20" might be a better one with "—30" and so on; and tabulation of such minus marks might be made and understood algebraically.

What a feat of Inventive genius in the realm of Examinations!

What are the advantages of this "Multiple choice"?

First of all, it is something so new, so out-of-the-way, so never-thought-of, so full of the charm of originality, that not even the most hopelessly mentally deranged denizen of any Mental Hospital of the world, could imagine such a thing!

Secondly, this most incredibly absurd and thoughtless idea is something so completely out of the beaten track.

What is the idea at the bottom of any test or examination? The object is very simple and straightforward: it is to accurately find out what a candidate knows; not what the candidate does not know. It is to give the candidate credit for his efficiency or proficiency in any subject. For, a candidate, at the age at which he presents himself for a public examination, cannot be expected generally to know as much as or all that the examiner himself knows.

There is an excellent exhortation in the Bible: "Lead us not into temptation". But that is exactly what "Multiple choice" does.

Mind you, when a candidate sits in an examination hall, with the possible doom of failure always staring in the face and haunting the imagination, the candidate is a victim to nervousness and fear. He is not as calm and cool and collected as the examiner is when he is cleverly inventing his claptrap so that he might successfully puzzle the poor candidate-victims and lure them to their failure.

The height of absurdity is reached when this "Multiple choice" is carried on to subjects of calculation,

What really is the object of furnishing our youngsters with knowledge of Subjects? It is to fit them to get on in life and manage their affairs efficiently in their daily lives; so that, when they have to thread their way through the transactions of daily life, they might find the knowledge they have acquired useful.

Now, I would ask, "Where do you find in your daily life occasion to solve such clap-trap problems? Does the business world or the market present you with such conundrums?"

Our great Physicists, our great Astronomers, our great Historians had never had the training of such "Multiple choice" in their early days. And do the protagonists of this latest novelty imagine that the candidates passed through this absurd and irresponsible will o' the wisp will produce any of those great minds that bequeathed to us those great intellectual legacies?

Official prestige will not allow the Education Minister to get rid of this most foolish and new-fangled toy with which the Board in charge of the S.S.L.C. in Madras State is monkeying. Unless some political danger threatens the Ministry, the Cabinet will not care a brass button as to what ruin is wrought to the youngsters who are subject to this savage and ruthless "Multiple choice."

In fact, so lightly is Education in Madras State treated that it is handled by the Finance Minister as a minor item of his duties. Perhaps in the Cabinet of no modern country is Education made a Cinderella of Portfolios. Advanced foreign countries make Education a separate portfolio by itself.

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in Madras State has been the victim of the whim and caprice of any hare-brained politician whom the success of mob franchise pitchforked into power and office.

40 Crores more for Education is being sought by the Central Govt. Let it ask and get; let it knock and open the vaults of Wealth under the 5-Year Plan. But with glaring absurdities like the "Multiple-choice," playing havoc with the youngsters, making them victims to mere gambling games early in their Educational career, Crores and 5-year Plans are of no avail.

Linguistic Partition and Prohibition are the two themes that are making Indian politics exciting.

Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia, the Praja Socialist Leader, wants the division of India on Language basis as that would meet the demands of all the States whereas some of the Congress Committee members think that neither Language, nor Culture nor Economic progress will suffer through the country remaining as it is. They think this Language division is one tending to a fissiparous activity which might be prejudicial to the very unity of the Republic.

Prohibition is yet another problem; to be or not to be gradual? that is the question. Is Prohibition to be ushered in at once all over the country?

At the same time, why not do away with Prohibition and all the costly yet ineffectual machinery it implies? Why not leave the nation to the discipline of consequence? Why pay so enormously for a mere sentiment? Is it that State Governments are unwilling to scrap Prohibition because that might argue their failure to effectively enforce it?

When U.S.A. became "wet" after it went "dry," thus, at one stroke, ending all that Pussyfoot Johnson sacrificed and suffered for it, why not India end Prohibition and make people sober through moral suasion?

Salt Tax, shall it be again brought in or not? That is yet another problem but on quite a minor scale. As a Tax collected from the whole nation, it is something substantial, while the incidence on the individual is quite negligible. These three keep our political philosophers discussing and disputing because these are questions on which "much might be said on both sides"

Smt. Vijayalakshmi Pandit goes to Britain as India's Ambassador: that reminds us of Sangamitra, Sister of Asoka, who was sent to Ceylon by that Immortal Emperor.

French Troops in Pondicherry: Is arming Pondicherry and strengthening the French Indian Settlement the way to a peaceful settlement of the demand for merger with India made by the Indians in Pondicherry?

Is that how France stands for and promotes in the World Liberty, Equality and Fraternity?

More wheat, more rice than wanted. That is what U.S.A., Canada and Australia are suffering from. Countries which were deficient, have now sufficiency. Where then is the market for the superfluous wheat and rice?

To burn or not to burn the surplus wheat and rice, is the burning question of U.S.A. and others.

Mr. C. D. Deshmukh, the Central Finance Minister, compares cancer of the body to the cancer of the States: he attributes the disease to irritation. Get rid of irritation in the body or State and you are safe, advises Mr. C. D. Deshmukh.

Regarding removing irritation in the body and thus curing cancer, medical men must assure us about it; but regarding curing cancer in the State, perhaps it is not so easily cured, so far as we can see.

Multi-purpose High Schools: that is the latest remedy to meet the demands for improvement in

the Secondary Education of the country as a whole.

At present Secondary Education is neither useful as a kind of cultural equipment of a youth nor is it of any aid as a wage earning training. The multi-purpose seeks to achieve both: culture in a lesser degree and means to a calling:

The danger seems to be that the Scheme, as it is proposed to be worked, does not bid fair to help either.

Who is really responsible for it?

The long looked for and prolonged Geneva Conference ended as the proverbial labour of the mountain. But who is to blame?

Soviet accuses the UNO Group; the UNO Group accuses the Soviet and its adherents.

Perhaps neither is to blame, for nobody met to give and take, the necessary condition for all agreement. Each was bent upon taking as much as possible and giving as little as possible. And both succeeded: that is, each brought back what it took: and so passes the Conference the way of all things of the earth.

Failure of Geneva Talks

Gloomy is the outlook for the Great Powers. But for Asia's rising young Powers, this Failure has its brighter side. Its lesson is to draw the Asian Powers closer together for two reasons:

1. The Great World Powers will never really work for World Peace. What World Peace means to them is that Each Power must dominate the World: which will never be allowed.
2. "Asia's Peace must be achieved by Asian Powers," that is what the rising Powers of Asia feel.

Employer-Employee Agreement

Surely, Experience has taught that in all Labour Troubles or misunderstandings, the so-called guides of the Labour Organisation

had more to do with the Troubles than the Labourers themselves. Too often the Labourers or Employees were willing to come to terms with the Employers, but they could not, simply because the Leaders of Labour Organisations would not permit them. And so the result was the rank and file of Labour suffered.

Mr. Giri understood this central fact long, long ago. That is why he was for doing away with Arbitration Boards or middlemen whom he regarded as muddle men or meddle men.

Direct Talk between Employer and Employee was the secret of Henry Ford and Andrew Carnegie of U.S.A.

High Commission of India in South Africa is to be closed. That is the only course the Self-Respect of India can take. For, U.N.O. is not for those who openly flout it: it is a splendid organisation of imposing impotency.

Tutorial Colleges to be closed in Upper India, that is the latest move to purify Education.

What are the crimes of such Tutorial Colleges?

They are mercenary, we are told. Is that a crime? How are those that teach in the Tutorial Colleges to live? Do not Govt. and Private Educational Institutions get fees from their Students?

Do not some of these Institutions charge high fees under the plea that the surplus is reserved for building Extension, for Library, etc.?

If these Tutorial Colleges are closed, where else can students obtain the special aid that students need in the subjects they are particularly weak?

Is the fact that profits are made by any Institution a reason for condemning that Institution? On the other hand, any Institution worked unprofitably is a waste of the resources of the Nation: with losing Institutions to the detriment of the Nation any number. Surely,

Tutorial Colleges are far from such deleterious agencies!

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Co-Existence

After all, a new orientation has dawned about the relations between two hotly opposed ideologies, namely, Capitalism and Communism. Why not both live together, cheek by jowl?

Why not live as next door neighbours? Why not Dulles and Molotov exchange their bank accounts? Let them answer.

Rather too hard on the Indian National Congress:

Dr. P.C. Ghose, Gen. Secy. of the West Bengal Praja-Socialist Party, condemns Congress as a combination of 3 C's: namely, Capitalism, Corruption and Communalism.

Don't you think that it is the Congress which Dr. Ghose condemns, permits, nay, encourages him to openly malign it with perfect Safety?

In fact, that Dr. Ghose can so attack the Congress is itself the highest praise that even Dr. Ghose can pronounce on Congress!

Hamida Banoo beat the Russian Woman Wrestler in half a minute.

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Memoirs of Mallika: 18

MALLIKA, we now know as the undaunted author of any derring-do. Fear of the so-called public opinion, or of her friends, or of her hostel mates and perhaps, even of her professors, she did not so much care for. Not that she was a rebel against elders or their authority. But Mallika was evidently guided, controlled and inspired by only one power. That one power, if it approved of what she thought or said or did, was

herself to the modern ways of an educated girl as her Uncle Kasyapa could, because he was a man of experience and one who had seen men and things in his pretty long life of varied activities.

In these Memoirs, Mallika comes out as one who courts difficulties, nay, dangers; and then she solves them, her *deus ex machina* or her weapon of in-piration or method being her own undaunted and unblemished courage actuated by the highest principles of human rectitude and womanly modesty.

Miss Mukta, a very good-natured lady, but somewhat serious generally, looked up, but excused herself as she was hurrying to a meeting of the professors of the College.

"Why is Miss Mukta so serious, Mallik?" asked Jaya.

"Why, do you want her to be grinning like a mad woman?" asked Mallika.

"Surely, between being serious and grinning like a lunatic, there are ever so many stages, Mallika.

MALLIKA AS MATCH-MAKER

enough, to her all else was something to be given leisurely attention when and after she had done the deed she had taken on hand. Now, that one power was her own conscience. What made her or who made her bow before that Inner Voice, very few can say; nor can I, her friendly chronicler though I have made myself.

But, there seems to be some exception, rather, to be more accurate, exceptions: those are her Uncle Kasyapa, the friend of Mallika's father; the man to whom Mallika's father handed over his only child to be taken care of at the time of his death and which obligation to a dying friend really became a duty of love because Kasyapa and his good wife Vinaya were childless; and to Vinaya it seemed this handing over of Mallika to her, was certainly an act of Divine Grace which granted them such a lovely girl all ready made, as a mark of approval of her many acts of benevolence. For, Smt. Vinaya's charities had become the talk of her place. Now, of the two, Uncle and Aunt, as Mallika called them, she was more mindful of the feelings of Smt. Vinaya and more considerate to her opinions because Mallika knew, by her strong commonsense, that her loving Aunt could not so easily adjust

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But today Mallika is taking upon herself a more serious role to play.

It was one sultry evening in September. Mallika and her faithful followers, Jaya and Nirmal, sat in one of their rooms because the weather was not tempting for a game of tennis or hockey. They sat in their rooms looking out on the flower-beds in the lawns when they saw Miss Mukta, the History Professor, crossing the lawn. Mallika who moved with her professors on terms of intimate friendship, had a good mind to shout and invite Miss Mukta for a chat and a cup of tea. In fact, Mallika had only to get an idea and she immediately did it.

"Miss Mukta, why don't you come up to our rooms? Why not have some tea with us? Here is Jaya and Nirmala too!" shouted Mallika.

But I feel our History Professor can, without actually grinning, look a bit more cheerful. I admit as a History student she has to read about ever so many wars, about the fall of so many dynasties of rulers meeting most cruel tortures and merciless murders, so that if she were to mourn for all those calamities, she can hardly find time for even a smile. Yet, she can relax the tension of a serious countenance, can't she?" asked Jaya.

"Jaya, once you have made up your mind, there is no dislodging you from that idea. You beat hollow that patient animal in downright stubbornness. I tell you Nirmal, do you think our Mukta is so morose as all that? Why, Jaya, girls from other colleges borrow her notes on History and boys too. I suppose she is full of her Subject and doesn't care what opinion some prattler forms of her," said Mallika.

It was Nirmal's turn now. "I do think Miss Mukta is a cheerful person; but hard study and her incubating so strenuously cannot but have its effect, and yet she is not so serious as she is thoughtful. That is how I should put it."

"Look here, girls, why not we have some fun?" began Mallika.

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"What do you mean?" asked Jaya.

"You don't understand fun, don't you?" asked Mallika pinching her arms so hard that she began to yell for sheer pain. For, Mallika was of that type of her sex who bite or pinch or slap even their own children and hug them when they begin to cry out of honest pain.

"Mallik, you are a chimpanzee, that is what you are. Look here, your nails and such deep cuts and blood and your savage grin. Next time you do that, look out," admonished Jaya.

"I love you, Jaya, to a fault," apologised Mallika.

"I don't care for love which bleeds me. No, Mallika, go to Central Africa and show your love. That is the place for you."

"Thank you, Jaya, I shall also take you when I go. I read in today's news that the community of gorillas is woefully lacking in ladies. Maybe you will be heartily welcomed by the very chief who is by no means a monogamist. Now, about our Mukta. What do you two chaps say to a visit to Miss Mukta after our dinner tonight?" suggested Mallika.

"Certainly, but you call that fun, do you, Miss Mukta's study with maps and charts and what not?" wondered Nirmal who was not such an ardent student of History, for, to her the Histories as studied in Colleges were studiously silent about Sarees, jewels and powders and paints in Ancient or Modern Palaces.

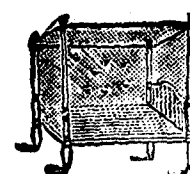
"Nirmal, you are as vain as a peacock. Yours is the world of dress and Vanity Fair. But it is mammy and her awful lots of embarras de richesse that is at the bottom of it all. You see, going to one of our Profs is by itself fun, don't you think so?"

"We do come, fun or none, Mallika. Yours is a Martinet discipline," cried Nirmala.

DINNER over, the three friends started for Miss Mukta's chambers, but not before they got ready wreaths of jasmine for the wrists

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and neck, and a fine bouquet of roses for the vase of Mukta's reading table.

Miss Mukta, never mind what these three light-hearted girls said of her, was a lady who had, in a way, devoted herself to study and lecture. Yet, she was hardly thirty; of a comely appearance, sweet disposition and kindly temperament and talk, so that the estimate of students about teachers must be taken with as much caution as we exercise in understanding the inscriptions on tombstones or the certificates which colleges give to students.

PROF. MUKTA was so happy to see the three girls, especially Mallika; for, in Mukta, though serious study had made her a bit thoughtful, yet, even in herself too there lurked a maiden's love of fun, frolic, joke and nonsense. She ran up to the girls and embraced them more as a sister or as one of them, rather than as a professor who had been so early chosen for the place on account of her unusually brilliant University career.

Chat, cakes, nuts and cool crush prepared by Prof. Mukta, occupied the party while the girls planted the roses in the vase and wound the jasmine round the neck and wrists of the Professor, for, it is not unusual, specially on sultry days, to have wreaths of cool jasmine round the neck and wrists and strew them on the bed for the cool touch here and there as you lie down.

"Mallik, Jaya and Nirmal, where did you get these fine flowers? Whence are you, young devils, coming?" said Mukta enjoying the sweet smell.

"Well, Professor, we had an early dinner and we all had a stroll to our Maths Prof. Mr. Sherwa; he gave us some, and, when we told him that before going to our room, we would be seeing you, he added these fine roses from his own vase. The meaning is clear, Miss Mukta. He meant that the roses are for you, and there you have it," answered Mallika, while looking sternly at her friends lest they should contradict her.

"But that is real kind of him, though from what I know of Prof. Sherwa, I should not think it natural," said Mukta.

"No, Miss Mukta, we have so often been questioned, whenever we visited him, if we were coming from your place. In fact, he gave us the roses because we remember telling him that you had a peculiar fancy for roses. Whenever we go to him, he expects to hear about you, Miss Mukta," added Mallika.

Half an hour with Miss Mukta, the girls returned to their rooms and buried themselves in their books. Nor did Nirmal and Jaya question Mallika why she brought Prof. Sherwa into the flowers.

The following night the girls got ready some rose nosegays and a few sugared almonds and visited Prof. Sherwa. Here Mallika gave out that the flowers and sweets were made by Miss Mukta who sent him some, because they told Miss Mukta they were visiting him.

Naturally Prof. Sherwa was so pleased. Sherwa was in his early thirties — a nice looking decent man, who, though a professor, was practically as good an all-round sportsman as any student in the college. But the only regret about Miss Mukta and Prof. Sherwa was that they had a kind of unexpressed aversion mutually. How or why it came about, nobody knew. But that these two Professors would avoid each other if only they could, was known to all the girls and boys of their colleges.

The ground was prepared. Mukta and Sherwa began to feel friendly towards each other because they both believed what Mallika said about the flowers. A few more such visits by Mallika to Miss Mukta and Prof. Sherwa practically removed the aversion. A bolder step was next taken. Mallika invited the two for tea to the girls' Hostel. She told both of them that it was quite a private tiny affair. The two attended believing that it was only for each of them. But when they came in, the girls made them sit, and pleading some excuse or other, the girls, one by one, left them both to themselves.

Alone, left to themselves, not having any subject in common, for there is no common ground between History and Maths, each thought of the fragrant floral presents, and so, in a gentle manner expressed the thanks which each felt for being so kindly thought of. But, the meaning was not so plain. For, the truth is that Mallika, Jaya and Nirmala made these presents to Mukta and Sherwa, to each in the name of the other. However, this meeting by themselves removed their repulsion without any difficulty.

Mallika and her friends were watching how their plan was working. With a woman's instinct, they saw that their scheme worked as it should.

When the girls entered they found that both had learnt to understand each other. Perhaps a lurking disapproval of a woman-Professor led to a dislike and dislike has its own reflexion. But now all that was gone.

Both were single; and by a little more of tactful moves, Mallika managed to get their photos exchanged and placed on their tables; yet a few more chats, the three girls made them believe that they were in love, for there is nothing very formidable in bringing about an intimate understanding between two such well-behaved and well-placed gentleman and lady.

The next pretty long recess in the Colleges saw the wedding of Mukta and Sherwa.

"Ah, I now see," said Jaya, as they were having a dinner in the house of the newly weds. "Ah, I now see what you meant by having some fun when we started out for Miss Mukta's rooms. Is that not so?"

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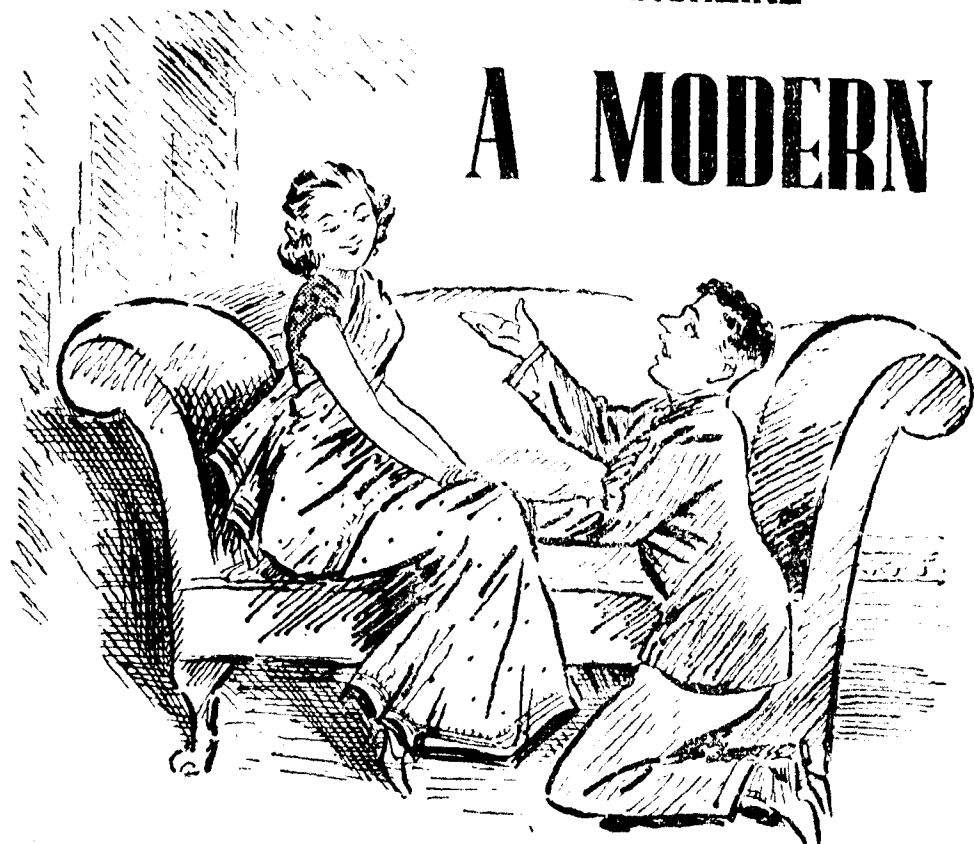
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I came to the city. Nothing new. Many before have come and gone. And ere I proceed, I must introduce the first person singular. I am a man, and even if we waive the question of sex, I remain at any rate an adult, for I have survived 23 years of existence, and am the son of a gun, a big gun, for that is what my father was till he lost half his health in heavy drinks and the other half pining for it due to prohibition. Leaving me in the care of his widow he left the world, without having to do much shuffling with the mortal coils. Judging from the final frozen grin on his face, his exit seemed to be from a maliciously happy mood. Being a Saivite he must have banked on going straight to Kailash where Shiva holds his court, ready to throw open his third punitive eye if anyone dared to withhold intoxicants. Personally I have no doubt that his soul has quenched its thirst.

Having disposed of my father, I will finish off his better half in a paragraph, for I am in a hurry, waiting—but why put the cart before the horse! My mother was burdened with the Zamindari which was to be liquidated. Having foresight, rare in women, as attested by my twenty-three years of experience, she sent me to the city to study so that when the Zamindari is gone, which, I might add in parenthesis, is now gone without getting the compensation, I might be equipped with the means of earning my livelihood. I thoroughly resent this contingency; it is illogical. Why should I be called upon to support a life I have not ushered into this wretched world? When I was born, I was never consulted, at least there is no document to prove that I was, and so I feel within my rights to resent being thrust with the responsibility of looking after and providing for my life. All the same, I have to write to my mother and report progress.

Fortunately I have not much progress to report, although I find my college days quite delightful. I get plenty of time to study the idiosyncrasies of my professors and the dead earnestness of some of

my class mates. Never getting through the examinations for the last three years, I am now accepted among the permanent appendages of the class room, like the black-board, wall map and the new print of the old face of our President. Sitting pretty in the same class could be quite tolerable but for the cussedness of the textbook committee experimenting with changes each year!

Each day I am being enriched in worldly wisdom, but if my erudition cannot keep pace with my wisdom, how can I help it? I have no interest in things that will have no bearing on the practical aspect of my transit through this life—and most of the subjects like calculus, political economy and the rest of the nonsense cease being useful after transit through the college.

MAYBE this attitude could be ascribed to some inherited trait. To explain this I might have to drag back my dead father from Kailash. In all respects he fitted in with the decadent landed aristocracy of his time except for the fact that he would never talk straight and come to the point. For instance if he wanted a cup of tea, he would shout at the servant and start as follows:

"Is there water in the well?"

"Yes, master!"

"Has it been brought to the kitchen?"

"The pitchers are full."

"And how do you boil it—on coke or charcoal?"

"I do not understand."

"You would not be a servant if you did! Well, do you know at what stage it should be poured to brew good tea..."

My mother would often interrupt at this stage and send the servant to make tea, and then turning to father would blame him for starting with a prologue instead of being direct.

"Indian culture, my dear!" my father would reply with a smile. "It is like the thrill of angling for the fish before you land it. Like a lot of wordy war before you come to blows..."

I STILL remember vividly the day he called a barber to give me a crop. The barber made the scissors rattle up a war dance in quick tempo before going after my recalcitrant hair. My father stopped him.

"Have you seen a 'gora'?"

"Gora? I do not understand, Sarkar."

"Arey, Gora, a tommy who carries a gun and fights!"

"Yes, of course, but from a distance."

"Quite right and wise. It is risky to get near him. Have you seen his head?"

"No, Sarkar, the military barbers shave them. Those I have seen always had their topees on."

"Never mind. But if you had seen, you would know what kind of a hair-cut I want this brat to have!"

Once my mother was sick. The manager summoned a doctor in a hurry. My father collared the doctor.

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"Really! I wonder why they go to Edinburgh then!"

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And as I was trying to explain, this exasperating habit of my father made me hate prevarications and ambiguity. I believe in direct frontal attack. If my father had not been an Indian, I could quite picture him proposing in the following way:

"I say, Roly-Poly, have you time?"

"Why?"

"I am just asking—no harm in replying to the point, is there? I might, for instance, have something to say to you."

"What is it?"

"Something important. Concerns first the future and then the past!"

"I do not follow you."

"But a wife should follow the husband!"

"But I am not your wife, nor you my husband!"

"Not yet—but once we get married, which is the future, you will curiously try to delve into my case history, which is the past. So I would like to finish with the talk now..."

"Is that a proposal to marry?"

"What the hell did you think it was—catechism?"

AND at this picture of a paternal escapade, I am made intensely conscious of what has just been happening. Perhaps you have not seen Lilly—Lilly, my class mate of the year, of course a girl, her national name being Latika or Lilavati or something. But then what is there in a name? She is sweet and like those tenacious flies my feelings clamped on her. Being wise and direct—as you must have learnt by now—I put no faith in slow wooing. Preparing the ground

with a couple of ice-creams, I took her to my dig. I made her comfortable on a soft low divan. Lilly half closed her eyes in pleasant anticipations, expecting me to coo words of romantic nonsense. Poor thing, she did not know that I was not my father. The sooner she realised it the better. So I slapped her hard on her back and dropped on my knees. She winced and opened her eyes wide in wonder.

"Lilly, I like you!"

"Me too!" she muttered.

"Your grammar sounds faulty, but your meaning sounds true. Look here, my sweet, life is short, youth fleeting and happiness is not to be found even in the black market. Knowing all this, we could live like husband and wife to overcome the monotony of the college schedule."

"Oh, it is sweet of you to propose to me—but wouldn't it be proper to tell father!"

"I should think not—I want you, not your father!"

"But he has to give his consent to our marriage!"

"MARRIAGE! Who spoke of the stupid rituals of a formal marriage? Be modern, girl! We are free, and it would be absurd to perpetuate the tyrannies of traditional and senseless customs. A few mispronounced 'mantras' can never make a marriage real or happier. You stupid, real marriage is the marriage of the souls, the real 'mantra' is the magic of love, passion, yearning..."

"You seem to be quoting one of the progressive novels!"

"That is a very unkind remark, Lilly. It smacks of plagiarism and hurts my sense of honesty. You know very well that even for the life of me I cannot remember the notes dictated by the professors..."

"Oh, but you couldn't be serious!"

"I have never been more serious. We can live like husband and wife in the true spirit of the word, without raising economic problems. We become one and yet preserve

our identities. As long as we are in love, we remain husband and wife, and when out-blossomed love droops like a flower and is sundered from the stalk of desire and yearning, we can part and become strangers..."

"I admire your impudence, proposing to live with a girl without the sanctity of marriage. You wait! I will go and tell father!"

So I am waiting. It is almost an hour since she rushed out of the room. I like her all the more for her quick decision. I am expecting her back any moment now.

While waiting for her with a beating and expectant heart I want the world to know how the new generation is forging ahead to create a brave new world, shorn of sham and senseless traditions. And if Lilly succeeds in convincing her Papa, it will be a great achievement, and I will love Lilly all the better for it. Those who do not think much of me at the college will sit up and take notice—the college will create a precedent in starting something which all young men and women would love to do but fear to attempt...

WAIT! I hear footsteps. From where I sit writing I can see the whole of the courtyard. Ha, there comes Lilly's father striding up jauntily. He seems excited, naturally. But where is Lilly? Her Papa is quickening his steps, brandishing something dark in his hand. He is behaving like a mad hatter—no, that seems to be a gun! Strange thing to bring along to bless an unconventional son-in-law with! There, he 'hollers' my name! I don't like the cadence in the voice, I won't reply. I think it wiser to sink down the fire escape before he comes up. Don't you? ☺☺

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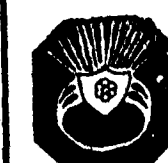
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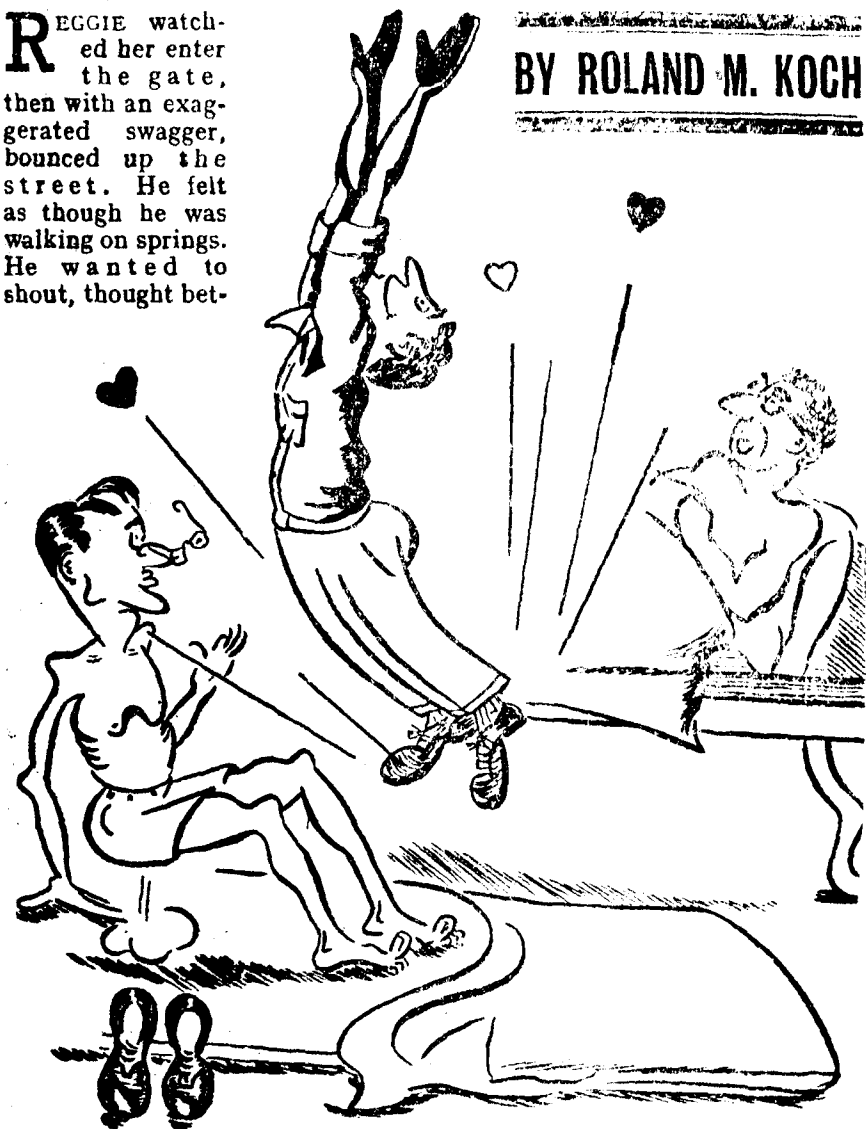


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REGGIE watched her enter the gate, then with an exaggerated swagger, bounced up the street. He felt as though he was walking on springs. He wanted to shout, thought bet-



BY ROLAND M. KOCH

Because you're mine, the breeze that hums by becomes a melody and why? Because you're mine, because you're mine...

He skipped past the pan-walla and blew him a kiss in answer to his request for yesterday's cigarette money.

Tripping up the three steps in the dark he bumped into the closed door of a middle-aged spinster. He took the opposite door and was well inside before he realised he was in the common water closet. Groping his way out he kicked open the centre door, lit a candle on the improvised shelf and gave vent to the shout that he had suppressed since he said good-night to her.

"Ye-e-e-e-o-o-o-ow!" he yelled.

Corky opened his eyes on the cot and Freddie sat up on the mattress on the floor.

REGGIE leaped on to the cot, executing a semi-spiral with his arms flung heaven-wards, like a dame—in some weird ballet. From the cot he pivoted over the seated figure on the ground and advanced on the full-length mirror in the cupboard.

"The light's too dim to do me justice," he said airily, looking at his reflection.

"Pull your tongue out and turn on the bulb at the end of your nose," Freddie said.

"I can afford to ignore that tonight," Reggie said condescendingly.

"Why such levity?" Corky asked, reaching for a cigarette.

Reggie took the cigarette away from him, lit it from the candle and blew out a cloud of smoke.

"We're going to eat," he said.

"We've eaten," Freddie protested.

"What about a snack?" Reggie suggested.

"Who's paying?" Corky asked.

"All right, so we won't have a snack, but I'm throwing a party tomorrow," Reggie said.

"What's the occasion?" Freddie asked.

"Wait and see," Reggie replied, kicking open his mattress next to Freddie's and falling into bed without undressing.

Celebrate? Sure, he would even throw a party tomorrow. It was customary to make such announcements at parties. He thrust his hands into his pockets and the whistling stopped. But only momentarily. What if he was broke? His credit was still good around town.

He went through a couple of variations of the jig steps and turned left into the home-stretch. In the lane he nodded to closed doors, patted lamp posts and burst into song.

"Because you're mine, the brightest star I see looks down my love, and envies me
Because you're mine, because you're mine.

ter of it and settled for a popular tune that he whistled with gusto.

At the corner he kicked over a garbage can, did a jig step and continued bouncing up the road.

He looked with amusement at passers-by shivering in their heavy overcoats as they slouched home after the last show. He looked down at his silk Hawaiian shirt and cotton trousers and laughed. Love kept him warm.

Further along, he noticed that the little cafe in which he and his room-mates ate was still open. He decided to bring them back for a snack. After all, this was an occasion to celebrate.

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Reggie stood in front of the mirror. This was a special occasion—a very special occasion. He opened the cupboard. He would wear Corky's new cream shirt and brown pant with Freddie's brown tie and English tweed coat. His shoes were new and the holes in his socks were in the soles.

As he made liberally with the Chlorophyl, shaved and washed, he decided that he was the luckiest man in the world. For weeks he had been pestering her to marry him. Then in desperation he had poured his heart out to her in a letter and begged for an answer. And last night she had said:

"I'll let you know tomorrow."

He took infinite pains with his hair, scowling at the uneven shrubs that sprouted at the sides and back.

He wished Freddie was at home to tie a Windsor knot for him, then decided that he was better off with Freddie out of the room as if that fop was present then there would be no tie to tie—Freddie was fussy about letting him wear his clothes.

He tied a grandmother's knot, slipped on the coat and ejaculated.

"Wow!" he said, "how can she say no!"

HE paused outside the gate for half an hour before he heard her come tripping down the stairs, like a fairy, he thought. She came through the gate and he went up to her, a starry look in his eyes. He placed his hands gently about her and looked into her eyes.

"Are you ill, Reggie?" she asked.

"Huh?—Oh, no. No, I'm fine," he stammered.

"I've decided to—" she began.

"Darling!" he whispered.

"...go to the Lighthouse," she said, "the picture there is about the best this week."

His hands fell to his sides.

"But the letter, darling?" Reggie persisted.

"Reggie, how forgetful of me!" she laughed. "I've been so busy, I haven't had time to read it yet."

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Precepts FOR Practice

BY

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The world is a product of *Bhagavan's Maya*. For one who sees the Lord in His creation, there is no *Maya*. The very characteristic of *Maya* is *Trigunatmika* (consisting of three *Gunas*). Every created being is swayed by the three *Gunas* (*Sattva*, *Rajas* and *Tamas*) in varying proportions. By Divine Grace you can win victory over the threefold *Gunas* of *Prakriti* and reach the *Param Dharma* or the supreme abode of the Lord.

There is nothing bad in this universe. All is good. Falsehood exists to glorify truth. Hatred exists to glorify love. You must see good in bad, beauty in ugliness and pleasure in pain. All is sacred because Lord Hari is seated in every being. Give up pretence, petty-mindedness, wrong *Samskaras*, superstition, false beliefs, opinions, doubts, laziness, foolish convictions, etc. Then you will grow quickly in the spiritual path.

Who told you that you are a weakling? Know that you are not your body, you are more than that. You are not your mind even, you are still more than that; you are the taintless *Atman*. Know this fully well. Endeavour to know this by regular *Sadhana*.

The Eternal Lord, the *Paramatman*, the Inner Reality or Self, neither takes birth nor is He ever affected by the changes that seem to take place in this universe. He

is Ever-Existent, Unchanging, Undying. The phenomena that occur to our external vision are false, the effect of diseased perception.

You should know the technique of gaining control over your habits. Once you know how to exercise your will power to eradicate an evil quality, you have learnt the art of tapping power at the very source.

The real method of approach to the *Vedas* is meant to be neither physical, nor geometrical, nor historical, nor mathematical, nor astronomical, nor psycho-physiological. The real method is the spiritual approach. The *Vedas* are expressed in the language of the soul, the language of Truth and Divinity. No temporal approach to the *Vedas* can bring permanent satisfaction to humanity. Real Divine Life is to lead the life that is in tune with the Divine Presence, the Root and the Source of all.

More academical researches are not going to pave the way to the emancipation of the world. One has to see through the eye of the Spirit, if he is to know what is buried in the eternal words of the *Vedas*. Discipline yourself through the rigours of *Sadhana* and understand the *Vedas* as the revelation of the Highest Divine Intellectual. Curiosity is one thing and spiritual knowledge is another thing. The *Vedas* treat of the latter.

The *Atman* is ever-pure; the abode where it has found an embodiment—the body—should also be kept pure and untainted by the sins of the flesh. Thou art pure *Satchitananda Atman*. Thou art the source of Bliss; the pleasures of the three worlds are but a fraction of your Inner Bliss.

Merge your mind in that Silence which is your *Atman*. In that silence, all desires will be annihilated.

Real *Brahmacharya* is to keep the mind ever in the quest of *Brahman*. *Sannyasa* is ruthless annihilation of the ego. *Gita* is the ideal. In *Gita* we find the qualifications of a *Sannyasin*. To be free from hatred and attachment, not to get elated by praise or depressed by censure, to be free from fear and grief, to be above the *Gunas*, to transcend the *Dwandvas*—that is the *Sannyasin's* highest duty.

Reflect constantly on the significance of the *Mahavakyas*. Chant 'OM.' Thou art "*Satchitananda Swaroopa Para Brahman*."

Spiritual power is the capacity to perceive the world as it is and not as it appears to the naked eye. Through the practice of *Yoga* you should acquire that Divine Vision through which you will see Truth, the inner Reality of things and not as the external appearance. You should ignore the *Nama* and *Rupa* and perceive only the *Satchitananda* aspect of a thing.

What can man do? The great Lord Who created this universe uses all of us as His tools in His hands for His own purpose. Hundreds of reformers have come and gone! Yet, the Lord's Divine *Lila* goes on. You would have helped the world if you, through *Yoga Sadhana*, achieve *Atma Gyana*.

Man's essential nature is Divine. This is overlaid in most cases with a thick layer of ignorance, which makes it impossible for the True Nature to shine forth.

The more I think of noble spiritual souls the more am I convinced of the truth in the Hindu theory of transmigration. Plough souls with power latent in them take their birth in various spots on

the earth. They yearn and yearn more intensely. In due time they find their own company, the same *Yogic* atmosphere once again and complete their evolution.

Every activity, like rearing children and managing a house, can be converted into *Yoga*. Kindly study the first six chapters of *Gita* again and again. Mere running away from crowd is not a sign of *Yoga*. Inner detachment and negation of the *Kartitwa Abhimana* (doership) and *Bhoktritwa* (enjoyership) should be there. Performance of all actions as an instrument in His hands, the consciousness that this world is indwelt and pervaded by Him—the supreme spirit—is called *Yoga*. This attitude will lead you to emancipation or *Moksha*.

Fortunes, failures, successes, bereavements, etc., are to be looked upon only as manifestation of the Lord's Grace. The all-loving, all-merciful and compassionate Lord will arrange things at the right time in the right way. You should not be proud of your attainments or be sorry for your failures and so-called misfortunes. Treat them alike and be cheerful always. This is the secret of everlasting joy and happiness.

Everything in this phenomenal world is bound to perish. It is only a trick of the mind that something appears pleasant and others appear painful. Everyday countless persons die and countless ones take their birth. Are we concerned with all of them? No. Why? Because we have no attachment or *Mamata* for those beings. Therefore absence of *Mamata* is the secret of happiness. That alone keeps you away from sorrow.

Stand steadfast in the path of spiritual endeavours. Be regular in your *Sadhana*. Concentrate your mind on service to the sick, to the poor, the needy, to your preceptors, to your parents. Serve your mother country. These are your primary duties.

Control your tongue. Control your senses. Palate is a great obstacle if it is allowed to run riot. It will take you to great mental and physical sufferings. Give up chillies, onion, tamarind, eggs, meat and alcoholic drink. Give up all sorts of stimulants.



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Journey's End



By Ramani Muthanna

MANJULA sat in a corner of the carriage, a little removed from the rest of the occupants. She held a book in front of her pretending to be engrossed in it and successfully evaded the attempts on the part of other women to draw her into conversation. Their voices reached out to her in a continuous babel raised above the noise and clang of the moving train. Her eyes stared unseeingly at the print while her mind teemed with thoughts.

They must have discovered the letter by now, she thought. It must have caused quite a furore. They must be even now shaking their heads in puzzlement and

asking each other, "But where could she go? She had no one but us."

Manjula's lips twisted into a wry smile as she pictured their confusion and anxiety. They were a smug lot. Her action would have given them a tremendous jolt. She had run away from home. Even now she couldn't quite believe the fact. She hadn't imagined herself to be capable of taking this extreme step. God knows, she would never have ventured thus hadn't she been driven to it. She wouldn't have thrown caution to the four winds and run away from home if she hadn't been desperately anxious to escape from her sur-

roundings. Oh, why couldn't things have been different, cried Manjula inwardly. Why couldn't she have had a normal girlhood as any of her contemporaries?

From the beginning she had been something of an oddity, a being who had no set place in any society. Always whispers had followed in her wake. "Have you heard Manjula's story?" they asked one another and proceeded to relate it with great embellishments...

HER story! Whenever she thought about her past she was filled with a vague sense of frustration. It all began with her

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marriage about eight years ago. She was a girl of fourteen then. She was hovering on the threshold of youth. She had submitted without murmur of protest to her mother's earnest desire that she should wed early. She had thrilled to being the heroine of the occasion. She had enjoyed every moment of it, the feastings, the ceremony itself, the fun and frolic with her playmates. She had noted with maidenly pride that her husband was well built and handsome and verily an embodiment of all the heroes she had read about in tales.

In the midst of the ceremony there had been a great commotion. The wedding came to a standstill. The bridegroom and his party left the marriage *pandal*. Hot words were exchanged between the groom's father, Seth Khushalchand, and Manjula's two elder brothers. Manjula herself was whisked away inside the house where her mother had gathered her into her arms and wept heartbrokenly. It transpired to her later that the dowry that Manjula's brothers offered to the bridegroom's father had fallen far short of the latter's expectations. He had been given to understand that they would do more handsomely by their sister.

WHEN thwarted thus, he refused to go on with the ceremony until they fulfilled their promise and the brothers as bluntly refused to comply with his wish. "We are not here to bargain for the bridegroom," they had flung back. They were hotheaded youths, full of new ideals. The old man walked away in a huff. "Do not trouble to send your sister to our house until you can send the full amount of money with her."

Manjula's mother begged her sons to comply with Seth Khushalchand's wish and send Manjula to her husband's house. "The girl belongs to her husband. We have no right to keep them apart. What matters a few thousand rupees compared to her happiness?"

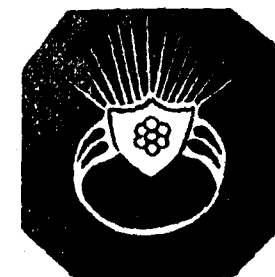
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of us. Don't you worry, mother," they assured the old lady. "Our Manju is too good a pearl to be cast before that swine, Avinash. We will cherish her to the end of our days. And, besides, we feel sure that Avinash and his father will come to their senses in due time and return to us of their own accord to beg for Manjula."

SO Manjula had stayed in her parental home and gone to school and college. She was happy enough till her mother's death. Her troubles dated from the day her mother died which was about three years ago. Her brothers had long come to take for granted her presence in the house. The episode of her marriage was a half-forgotten affair with them. They had lost all interest in Seth Khushalchand and his doings. They no longer even mentioned his name in the family. They had apparently written him off as a bad bargain. And, besides, they were too wrapped up in their own families to concern themselves on Manjula's account.

If ever they felt a prick of conscience at the way they had sealed her fate, it was kept carefully hidden. They kept assuring themselves that Manjula had fared better by remaining with them. After all, weren't they exceptionally good to her? They never took a meal without her and never forgot to buy presents for her on festivals and feast days.

But, secretly, Manjula pined for companionship. With the death of her mother she had lost a confidante. Her sisters-in-law were insincere and jealous. They never missed a chance to take a dig at her and never let go of an opportunity of reminding her that she was a dependant on their husbands.

When Manjula wanted to take up a situation as school teacher they threw up their hands in horror. Her brothers asked her with pained surprise whether she thought that they couldn't support her. The wives vehemently disapproved of her plan. She was much more useful at home where she could be nursemaid-cum-governess to numerous odd tasks

whereas a job would take her out for the major part of the day and give her wings as it were.

Manjula had to stay put at home. Life at best was a drudgery, a dreary monotonous round of chores. And what made the present more unbearable was the thought of the abysmal dark future. What was to happen to her? How long was she to continue thus?

In her quest for companionship she had turned to Sudhir, her neighbour's son who was of her own age. They shared many common interests among which were the cinema, arts and books. One day when Manjula and Sudhir had gone to attend an art exhibition they got stranded by rain and returned rather late at night. As soon as Manjula entered the house she was confronted by an irate brother.

"I do wish, Manju, that you wouldn't move so freely with Sudhir. I know he is a good lad but people are apt to talk ill of you two. And you know we have a reputation to keep up."

"But, Bhaiyaji," Manjula protested. "We had only been to the exhibition as you know. What harm can come of it?"

"You might succeed in convincing us," interposed her sister-in-law, "but how will you convince the world? The others are not so gullible as we are. And, besides, who knows there may not be more in it than meets the eye?"

THE insinuation in her voice made Manjula splutter with rage. They were ready to believe the worst of her. They thought she had compromised the honour of her family. Suddenly she hated them all. She wished to avenge herself and really bring disgrace upon them. She longed to do something outrageous that would shake them out of their complacency, frighten them out of their wits. They grudged her even the little pleasures she yearned for. Why should she cling any more to the bond that they themselves had severed by their unkindnesses?

She made up her mind then and there to leave her home and go to

Delhi where her husband was reported to have taken up a job. She would trace him somehow and beg him to accept her. After all, hadn't she some claim on him as his wedded wife? Wouldn't her supplications melt his heart? It all seemed so easy to her in contemplation.

And what if she failed in her plan? Manjula refused to consider such a possibility. She was sure some way would suggest itself to her when such a contingency arose.

She trudged many miles of road before she arrived at her destination. She was almost dropping from fatigue when she was shown into Avinash's living room. She cut a sorry figure in her dishevelled clothes, her straggly hair and wan appearance. She feared that Avinash would be so repulsed at her very sight that he would turn away in disgust.

THE curtains parted suddenly and a man entered from an inner room. The sight of him made her catch her breath. Yes, it was him all right and yet he had changed quite a lot in the last eight years.

"Yes? What can I do for you?" he was addressing her.

Manjula fumbled for words. Now that the moment was upon her she was strangely inarticulate. And even before she could speak she saw a woman enter and stand close to Avinash, her hand resting possessively on his arm.

The words died in Manjula's throat. Who was the woman? Had Avinash married again? All her hopes were dashed to earth in that instant. The anxiety of the past few days, the terror of moving amidst strangers and of being caught—everything culminated in the present moment and made her giddy. She swayed on her heels and pitched forward...

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By F.L. Atkinson



BERT kicked an empty cigarette packet along the ground, as he trudged wearily on towards the drab, semi-detached house, where he lived with his widowed mother.

What a life, he thought to himself. Up at six in the morning, home again at five in the night, and for what? All for a lousy fifteen quid a week. This would teach him for deciding to go straight, he told himself. He never should have listened to that silly old woman of his. Killed all his ambitions, that's what she had done.

He had been doing so well too. Only one conviction in six robberies. That was a very good average, although they had only been small jobs. But they were a start. Then, of course, there was the conviction. He had had a break there. The judge had let him off on a bond. Something to do with evil influences, and his tender years. But then the judge didn't know about the other five jobs.

It was after this that his old mother had stepped in. Put her foot down good and proper she had. And a big foot it was too. Took a size seven, and stood five feet ten inches without 'em. But it hadn't been his mother's big feet that had worried him so much. It was the cops. Very early in the piece, Bert had developed an allergy to cops. Even now, when his slate was clean, he would quiver and shake at the sight of a uniform. Cops, he muttered darkly.

Bert was almost at his front gate, when he saw Tom striding towards him. He brightened. It was a long time since he had seen poor old Tom. "Hi, there," he said. "How was it in the cooler?"

"Fine," drawled Tom, puffing at an expensive cigar.

"Yeah, you look all right," conceded Bert.

"Can't say the same for you," said Tom, glancing at the battered bag, which Bert clutched in his right hand.

Bert glanced from his working clothes to Tom's well-cut suit. He grinned self-consciously. "Things got a bit slack," he mumbled. "I thought I'd get myself a job."

"Sure," said Tom, and added: "Well, guess I'd better be going."

"Say, you haven't got anything lined up, have you, Tom?"

"You know where to come, if you're interested," said Tom, walking away.

Bert watched Tom swagger off down the street, then he took another look at his working clothes. He looked just like all the other crums around these parts, he told himself. And that was something he had always promised himself he wouldn't be. He was going to be like Tom, and like Tom had said, he knew where to go, and, as soon as he had eaten, that was just where he was going.

AFTER Bert had consumed the meagre dinner his mother clamped down before him, he shaved, washed and put on his best suit.

"Where are you going?" thundered his mother, when Bert emerged from the bathroom.

"To the pictures," mumbled Bert.

"And make sure it is the pictures," responded his mother, towering over him, and shaking her fist at his nose.

"Sure, sure," he said, making a hasty exit.

Once outside, Bert broke into a run, and didn't stop until he reached the end of the street. Then he combed his hair back into position, and swaggered off to Sammy's hamburger joint.

Sammy was a well-known stand-over man, and his hamburger business was just a front. His half crazy daughter ran this side of things, whilst he conducted a more lucrative trade on the floor above.

Bert was almost at Sammy's door before he saw the police car, and then he didn't recognize it as such, until he saw a burly uniformed man dragging Sammy from the shop.

At the sight of that uniform, Bert stood transfixed, and, as he watched, he saw another cop emerging with Tom. This was too much for Bert, suddenly he turned and began to run. As he did so, he heard somebody call out to him to stop. But he didn't take any notice. He just kept on running. Then he realised that somebody was running after him. He turned to have a look and saw that it was one of the cops.

PANIC-STRICKEN, he ran faster. Then the pace began to tell. He heard the footsteps growing louder. He looked around for some means of escape, and, in doing so, failed to notice the gutter. The next moment he lay sprawled on the road side. Quickly he scrambled to his feet. But it was too late, the cop was almost on top of him.

"What's your hurry?" gasped the burly policeman, grabbing Bert's arm.

Bert didn't bother to explain, he wrenched his arm free, and threw a right, which contacted with the policeman's eye. The big man shook his head, then his hand shot up and hit Bert flush on the jaw. Bert went down for the count.

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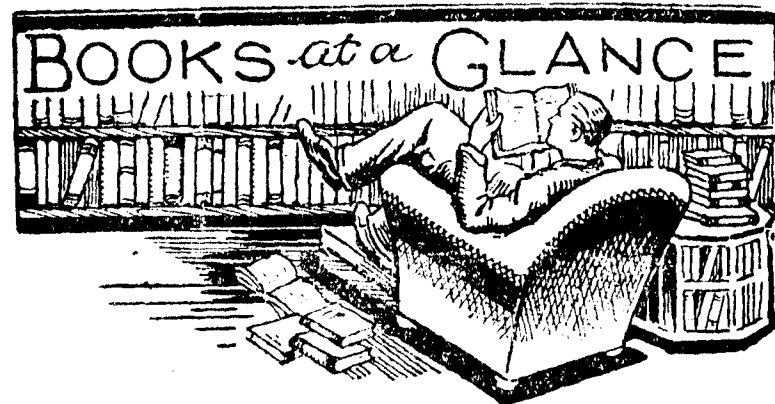
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taking into consideration, as it does, the sentiments on both sides ... will England make this gesture of goodwill to enable the people of India to reciprocate it?"

Yatra Marga Darsi (By Ragam Venkateswarlu. Published by Sree Seetharamanama Sankirtan Sangham, Sree Ramana Kshetram, Guntur. Price Rs. 3/8).

The title of this Telugu book would read as "Pilgrim's Guide" in English. The author has himself been on a pilgrimage to several places. He has not merely been a pilgrim but has been a statistician also for he has noted down very many things, which record has helped him considerably in the writing of this book. He has also made use of the experience of other pilgrims known to him. He has divided the book into three important sections. The first deals with the necessity for and importance of pilgrimages, how to travel, what are the things to be observed during a pilgrimage, how to refer to guide books, etc., etc. The second section details the various important shrines which must be visited by a pilgrim in his tour of the South, beginning from Guntur to the very tip of Cape Comorin. The third section gives the important words and sentences that a pilgrim will have to use during his travel in a novel manner. The words and sentences are first given in Telugu and then their Tamil, Canarese, Malayalam, Marathi, Gujarati, Hindi, Bengali, Oriya and English equivalents are given. And the list of words is very exhaustive, indeed. There is also a list of the important choultries in the

various shrines. The mention in detail of the charges payable in the very big shrines for the various items of worship is also an intelligent addition. Every intending pilgrim knowing Telugu must have a copy of this book. The second and third volumes of the book to be published, it is stated, will deal with the shrines in North India and those in the Himalayas respectively. A map showing the various rail routes is also included. It would be fine, indeed, if the publishers could find their way to publishing English, Tamil and Hindi editions of this valuable book.

The New Year Book 1954 (Edited by P. C. Sarkar. Published by S. C. Sarkar & Sons Ltd., 1-C, College Square, Calcutta-12. Price Rs. 3/4/-).

To the students preparing for Competitive Examinations, journalists requiring a ready-reference book on several topics and to all those who wish to improve their general knowledge, the book under review is indispensable. It is this indispensability and accuracy of the facts that has ensured the continuous publication of the book year after year. The feature "Dictionary of Political Terms" which was discontinued since some years has now been added.

Art and Ideology (By Francis Watson. Published by Casements Publications Ltd., Oak Chambers, 11, Oak Lane, Fort, Bombay 1. Price As. 4/-).

In this booklet the author, a well-known journalist and B.B.C. broadcaster, has tried his best to show that art in Soviet Russia has slowly become doctrinaire and asserts that ere long art will finally disappear from there. "Religion was attacked by the founders of Communism. Art was almost ignored," he asserts and gives as his verdict: "What, then, do we find in the U.S.S.R.? It has had more than thirty years in which to encourage the free and organic growth of a popular art. But in fact it has produced an art that is entirely dependent on a minority—a political minority, the Communist Party."

Magic Pearls The Bud and Blossoms (By Krishna Srinivas. Published by Kesri Publications, Madras-14).

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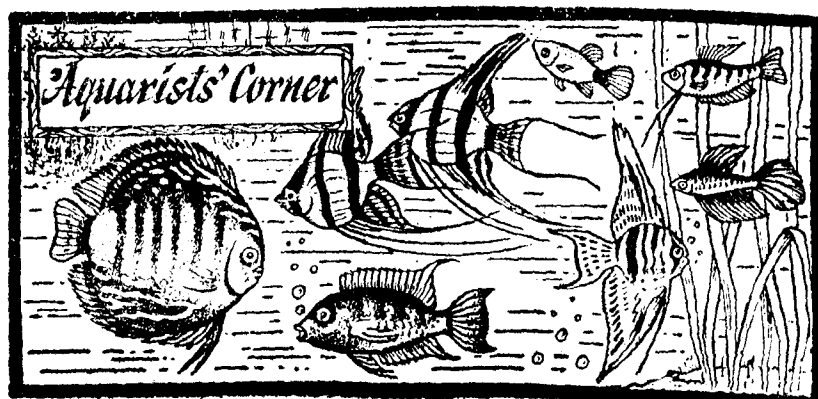
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Scavenger Snails

By

S.K.

IN the beginning stages an aquarium enthusiast, in his anxiety to keep them alive, is apt to over-feed his fish pets, and the food that remains uneaten descends to the bottom and begins to decompose. As a result of this, the water gets foul. Hence, it becomes necessary to keep in the tank a water-creature which will "hunt" for these "leftovers" and eat them. For this purpose tadpoles, fresh-water shrimps and snails are usually kept. Of these, the tadpoles and shrimps usually disturb the sand and plants. The snails are ideal for this purpose. Besides, snails usually browse on the algae that cover the glass sides and help to keep the aquarium clean. Of course, one cannot expect the snails to clear the entire surface of a big glass tank, but they do help to keep the glass clear.

The snails belong to the *Phylum Mollusca* so named because these animals possess a soft body without any segmentation. The body is usually found inside a hard shell into which the body can be withdrawn. These shells are generally arranged in whorls which get bigger as they near the opening through which the snail protrudes its body. When it first hatches out from the egg, it generally occupies the smallest whorl and as it grows bigger, larger ones are added. The shell substance is secreted by the cells, found at the edge of that part of the snail which is found immediately underneath the shell. While feeding, the snails

usually rasp off the food and for this purpose it has rows of teeth arranged on a moveable band which is worked backwards and forwards like a file.

IN the South, we have four common snails, viz., the *Viviparus*, *Pila*, *Indoplanorbis* and *Lymnaea*, which are suitable as scavengers in an aquarium.

Viviparus, as the name suggests, is a live-bearer. The young develop within the parent and are born as tiny replica of the adult, quite ready to start an independent life! This snail has a thin fragile shell and is of an olive green colour. It is usually found in paddy fields and ponds and is nearly an inch across.

Pila, or the apple snail, can be at once recognised by its large size (reaching 2 inches across) and a nearly globular shell, with a low spire and a large mouth. It is olive green in colour. The mouth is provided with a lid, which is called the *operculum*. Since this snail lives in paddy fields and ponds which usually dry up in summer, it is provided with accessory breathing organs. During

hot weather it usually aestivates under mud. It has a long chamber from which a muscular tube is sent up and air is taken in for the purposes of breathing. In the hot summer months the animal withdraws itself into the shell and the mouth opening is tightly sealed off by the horny *operculum*. In this condition it has been reported to have lived for over a year and more. Unlike in most of the snails the sexes are separate, the male being slightly smaller than the female. It starts breeding in the rainy months and the eggs are large and attached together in masses. It breeds in the aquaria also. The egg-laying goes on for several hours and usually it takes place in the morning. The eggs are arranged in a compact mass in a sheltered hollow. *Pila* is eaten by the poorer classes of people in our country. In the Philippines it is said to be a regular commodity in the market.

Indoplanorbis or the Ram's horn snail is usually found in ponds and pools and is a very common one. It is brown in colour, with a discoidal shell, coiled in a flat sinistral model. The shell is thin and fragile. This snail has the habit of crawling upside down beneath the surface film of water. This snail is a hermaphrodite, that is both the sexes are found in the same individual. The spawn is a colourless gelatinous mass and is usually deposited in the water plants or stones. Several species of this snail are known to occur.

Lymnaea is the common pond snail. Several species of them are known to occur in Madras. These also lay the eggs and are quite hardy.

SNAILS are an additional attraction in an aquarium. If large snails like *Pila* are kept they will provide endless sources of amusement. They do not eat the fish but they may eat away the eggs of the fishes. The snail's eggs and young ones serve as food for the fishes. They are interesting creatures and are easy to collect and once introduced in an aquarium they do their job—as the proverbial saying goes—at snail's speed but effectively.

Baba Doodle's Diary

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1st Thur. Mr. Kamaraaj Nadar, the Chief Minister of Madras, in a special broadcast, swears that he will dedicate his whole life, to the last drop of blood, to help by every means in his power, both the Handloom Industry and the Mill Industry without the least harm to either the one or the other.

2nd Fri. Weaving Communities all over South India hold mass meetings to glorify the benevolent philanthropy of the Chief Minister.

3rd Sat. Some of the leading Mill owners and people interested in Mill Industries and Pressmen today questioned the great philanthropic Mr. Kamaraaj how he could

reconcile the conflicting interests of the Mill and those of the Handloom. Mr. Nadar replies that therein lies the secret Magic of his Ministry. Friends of Baba Doodle will be so happy to meet again his familiar figure, as he has been a cheerful companion these forty years, bringing sunshine and cheer to many a home and many a merry club gathered to make the best of life, no matter what its shadows might be. Babaji, now in his lively Eighties, will, we are sure, be heartily welcomed as their Gheerful Ghum by all his Old Friends and the New friends which his Genial and Refined Humour is sure to ensure for him. — Ed.

4th Sun. Acharya Narain Dev is not satisfied with the pace at which Bhoodan is proceeding; he condemns the present rate as a mere show. Acharya Dev asks what about the *Artha Dan* or equal distribution of wealth? He asks what is the use of mere Bhoodan without the capital to work it? Why stickle at "Equality in wealth?" He asks, "Are the great protagonists of Bhoodan scared at the idea of calling upon the Capitalists to yield their wealth?"

5th Mon. Chou En Lai, the Chinese Minister, now a guest in Delhi, speaking to the University members, declared that the Chinese language was intimately connected with the Sanskrit language of Hindustan and exhibited a number of drawings showing the close similarity in design and drawing of the two alphabets; he further points out the wonderful peculiarity found only in the two alphabets, namely, that the letters bear a close

resemblance to the organs involved in producing the sounds represented by those letters; and he proves that the Chinese and the Hindus are the same people in Culture, Social life and Ethnology.

6th Tues. French Govt. sends a batch of 90 men to its Indian Settlements with the special uniforms as those worn by its Police to show that France is in no way increasing its military strength in its Indian possessions; France insists on its rights to take any steps she likes to ensure peace and order within its territories. Sri Nehru has not, it is announced, changed his attitude.

7th Wed. Mr. Subramaniam, the Madras Minister in charge of Education, announces that he is suffering from a deluge of suggestions about the reforms to be made in the changing Elementary Education after jettisoning the Reform Scheme of Rajaji, the former Chief Minister of Madras State.

8th Thur. Dr. A Lakshmanaswamy Mudaliar, the Vice-Chancellor of the Madras University, today broadcasts 36 ideas suggesting new Industries which any young man or young woman can start with even a capital of about Rs. 20 and which will easily yield an income of Rs. 2 per day; he assured that each of his ideas would help about 2,000,000 hands; so that his 36 schemes would employ about 72,000,000 young men and women; the learned Doctor finally wonders whether the country can afford to find so many people willing to work his schemes; in other words, he avers that Employments would suffer from want of enough employees.

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9th Fri. Pressmen to-day question Dr. A. Lakshmanaswamy Mudaliar about his being so certain about his 36 ideas; his reply is that he wants every man and woman and child to consume or buy or absorb all that is produced by the workers of his new ideas; India with its vast millions, says Dr. A.L. Mudaliar to the Pressmen, can easily consume all that is offered to her. He asks, "Did not India prove such an excellent market for all the goods that Foreign countries, specially Britain, dumped into the country ever since Industrial Revolution started in the Western countries of Europe? Why not do the same thing to-day to patronise the workers of our own motherland?"

10th Sat. Russia is so happy to find that, though England is avowedly against the Soviet principles of Russia, there are many Russians now settled in England receiving every kind of help which she can render to people settled in her land; the only objection that Soviet Russia raises is that her Nationals now in England, are encouraged to hatch plots against Russia and that the Soviet Settlers are encouraging renegades from Russia.

11th Sun. Britain replies that all through her History, whether it be refugees from Revolutionary France or from Nazi Germany or from Fascist Italy, Britain's policy was Hospitality which did not shut the door against a homeless refugee.

12th Mon. Communist Countries as well as the 6 Nations supporting UNO, are

jubilant over the breakdown of the Geneva pourparlers: both claim that the points, which each insisted on, have been fully vindicated; at any rate, both announce that their Principles have been asserted and upheld. Nations like India and others are unable to understand how the breakdown of the Geneva Talks can be reckoned as a success by both the opposed Parties.

13th Tues. President Eisenhower today unveils a huge Atom Bomb in Washington in the presence of more than a million Americans. The President explains that in future all advanced Nations of the Earth will worship the Atom Bomb as a sacred idol because the Atom Bomb is, at this moment, the most powerful agent for the good or destruction of mankind. He explains to the vast gathering the many ways in which the Atom Bomb may be used for the Peace, Progress and Prosperity of Mankind.

14th Wed. M. Nikita Krushchev, the Soviet Communist Party Secretary, declares that Soviet Russia produces its Atom and Hydrogen Bombs for the sole purpose of protecting Soviet Russia against its enemies; and that Soviet Russia has no mind to add the Atom Bomb to the Pantheon of any people.

15th Thur. South Korea's President Syngman Rhee publicly announces that he and his people feel that they are now quite free. The Failure of Geneva Talk Day is to be henceforth a Public Holiday in all South Korea.

SOUND AND SHADOW

United Artists' Proud Record

IT'S a birthday. Not a star's birthday—stars don't normally shout with glee when they reach thirty-five. No, it's the birthday of the United Artists Corporation. And UA is doing a lot of shouting. Naturally.

UA has a pretty distinguished history, both picture and star-wise. On April 17, 1919—when it was less than a minute old—it could already boast of its stars. Three of the most distinguished players of the day, alongside director David Wark Griffith, were the Corporation's founder-members.

Their names: Mary Pickford, Charles Chaplin and Douglas Fairbanks. And these people had ideals, writes Ernie Player in the *Pictograph*.

Their aims: "To improve the photoplay industry and its artistic standards, and the methods of marketing photoplays." And to "market photoplays in the interests of the artists who create them."

The founder-four met resistance within the film business. They faced a few threats. They had rows among themselves.

For instance, by September, 1919, Griffith and Chaplin were complaining that Mary Pickford and Fairbanks would prosper at the expense of the Corporation as a whole. But they made pictures—real pictures, packed with the action-romance that made the early cinema.

First one to carry the "released through United Artists" label had its world premiere on October 24, 1919. Title: *His Majesty The King*. It opened in the Capitol Theatre, New York—most luxurious cinema of its time.

It was the first UA picture. Douglas Fairbanks's first UA picture, *Poligamist*, shown in 1920.

D. W. Griffith pitched in with *Broken Blossoms*, starring Lillian Gish and a new discovery named Richard Barthelmess.

There was a longish gap before the first picture came from founder-owner number four—Chaplin. Not until 1923, in fact, did his *A Woman of Paris* arrive. He wrote, produced and directed, but didn't appear in it.

But back, for a moment, to 1920—the first full year of the new organization. D. W. Griffith made *Way Down East*, again with Lillian Gish and Richard Barthelmess. Additionally in that year, UA took over distribution of *The Birth of a Nation*, the already classic film of the Civil War, which Griffith made in 1915.

And in 1920 UA decided to invite various independent pro-

ducers to let it handle its films. Result of this decision during the next six years:

"Outside" pictures such as *I Accuse*, based on the Dreyfus case; *The Man Who Played God*, starring George Arliss; *A Doll's House*, starring Nazimova and Alan Hale; *Beloved Rogue*, with John Barrymore.

In this period, too, came Buster Keaton's *The General*—revived to wide acclaim last year at London's National Film Theatre—together with a couple of pictures starring one Rudolph Valentino. These were *The Eagle* and *Son Of The Sheik*.

In the middle twenties, three new member-owners came into the UA picture. Their names: Joseph M. Schenck, Gloria Swanson and Sam Goldwyn.

Several of Goldwyn's pictures had already been released through the company, including *Stella Dallas* and *The Winning Of Barbara Worth*, which introduced a young man named Gary Cooper.

Look at the star names that appeared on UA credit titles



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Nor were the films so dusty. How about Chaplin's *The Circus* and *City Lights*; Ronald Colman's *Bulldog Drummond* and *The Devil To Pay*; Eddie Cantor's *Whoopie*; Walter Huston's *Abraham Lincoln*, *The Front Page*, and *Hell's Angels*—Jean Harlow's first picture of consequence?

Big events in the early 1930s included a deal to handle Disney cartoons and to take productions from Alexander Korda, including *The Private Life Of Henry VIII*.

In 1935 David O. Selznick joined UA as producer, afterwards turning in pictures such as *A Star Is Born*, *The Prisoner Of Zenda*, *Nothing Sacred*.

Now In Healthy Prime

Other production names during the thirties: Walter Wanger, Edward Small, Hal Roach. Other pictures during the period included *Arrowsmith*, *Scarface*, *The Count Of Monte Cristo*, *Modern Times*, *Things To Come*, *Dead End*, *Wuthering Heights*.

There were a few failures, too. But let's keep this a happy birth day piece.

By 1940, only two of the original founders of UA remained. They were Chaplin and Mary Pickford, and only Chaplin was active. Griffith retired in 1933. Fairbanks died in 1939.

Other members withdrew, and getting pictures became an acute problem. Then, in 1951, a group of young executives approached Mary Pickford and Chaplin, seeking management of the company.

They hunted around for films. Things looked up again. Pictures like *Limelight* and *High Noon* came along.

Today United Artists is in a healthy prime. Pictures coming your way soon?

There's *The Moon Is Blue*, to start with. Soon: *The Barefoot Contessa*, starring Humphrey

Bogart, Ava Gardner; *Apache*, starring Burt Lancaster; *Vera Cruz*, starring Lancaster and Gary Cooper; *Indiscretions Of An American Wife*, with Montgomery Clift and Jennifer Jones.

Altogether, the studio lists forty-eight pictures as heading your way. Not a bad birthday present for picturegoers.

Kumari Kamala Weds Cartoonist Laxman

The marriage of Kumari Kamala, the well-known Bharathanatyam dancer, with cartoonist R. K. Laxman was celebrated on a grand scale in the bride's house in San Thome in the City on the 25th of last month.

Kumari Kamala learnt the exquisite but difficult art of Bharathanatyam under the tutelage of the famous teacher Vazhuvur B. Ramiah Pillai. She danced first in Hindi films beginning with *Ram Rajya* and later on in several Tamil and Telugu films. Only recently, she played the role of a heroine in Sukumar Productions' *Vilayattu Bommai* in Tamil. Cartoonist Laxman who was in Gemini Studios during the days Sri Vasam experimented with cartoon-picture production is now on the staff of the *Times of India*. His cartoons of political leaders in *The Illustrated Weekly* and those of stars under the caption "Stars I have Never Met" in *Film Fare* have made him familiar to all.

Censor Board's New Chief

Sri B.D. Mirchandani who is the Home Secretary to the Government of Bombay has been appointed to be the Chairman of the Central Board of Film Censors. He will also continue to be the Home Secretary for the time being. Sir Clifford Agarwala, the out-going Chairman, was given a farewell party by the officers and staff of the Central Board of Film Censors as also by several prominent members of the film industry in Bombay.

First Hindi Talkie's Recordist Passes Away

Among the many things to the credit of Rustom C.N. Broacha, who passed away recently after a heart attack, was that of being the

recordist of *Alam Ara*, the first Hindi talkie film produced in Bombay. He was one of the founders of the Indian Motion Picture Producers' Association.

Danny Kaye Delights Fans in Bombay & Delhi

As the United Nations ambassador-at-large for the promotion of the cause of the U.N.C.I.E.F., Danny Kaye is touring the South-East Asia and the Far East. He was in Bombay for two days and later on for a few days at Delhi. In Delhi he filmed the work of the Centre run by the U.N.C.I.E.F. All the fans who met him went into raptures of delight at his quips, repartees, practical jokes and bonhomie.

Studio Snippets

J. J. Films will shortly shoot the well-known saga of Persia "Sohrab and Rustom" for which Pandit Sudarshan has written the script. His son Shashi Bhushan and Producer Radheshyam Jhunjhunwala are directing it jointly.

Chandni Chowk, Hira films Muslim social, is nearing completion at the Famous Cine Laboratories & Studios. In the cast are Meena Kumari, Shekhar, Yashodhara Katju, Achala Sachdev, Kumar, Pratima Devi and others.

Bharani Pictures' *Vipranarayana*, in Telugu, is fast nearing completion at Bharani Studios, Madras. Bhanumathi is in the main female lead as the Devadasi devotee of Lord Vipranarayana. Her husband Ramakrishna directs the picture.

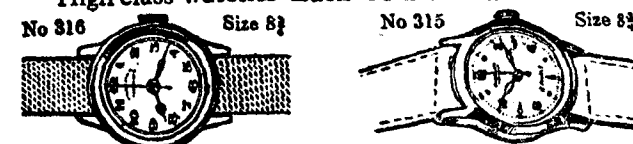
Raju Peda, in Telugu and produced by B. A. S. Productions, based on the story *The Prince & The Thief*, has been certified by the Censors. Directed by B. A. Subba Rao, the picture has in the cast N.T. Rama Rao, Laxmi Rajyam, Relangi, S. V. Ranga Rao and others.

Modern Studios, Andheri, witnessed the *muhurt* of Suhail Art Productions' *Dr. Vishvam*, a Hindi picture.

A few days' out-door shooting, the recording of eight songs and the filming of four indoor sets mark the quick progress of Vaubini's *Bangaru Papa* in Telugu. It is produced and directed by B.N. Reddy.

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ACROSS

4. "His being much in the company of women who — each other is apt to make a man cynical." HATE, RATE?

If two women *hate*, abuse, scold, each other, it is difficult for any man to be "much" in their company. He may himself be rated rather soundly! There may be several reasons for women to *hate* each other. When man is in the company of such women, he is bound to learn a lot about them for each woman will tell him stories about the other. This will make him cynical about women, view them with a certain amount of disdain. HATE scores.

6. "We're apt to be very surprised when we find that a — woman is an intelligent one!" LONELY, LOVELY?

It is not mere surprise that is indicated here but great surprise. It is not usual to think that a *lonely* woman will not be intelligent. Her being intelligent need not therefore cause great surprise. It is usually thought that beauty and brains don't go together. So, when we find that a *lonely* woman is intelligent also we will feel greatly surprised. BACK LOVELY.

9. "How easy it usually is to — young woman in love!" DEJECT, DETECT?

The young woman in love will have great confidence in her lover and so it may not be so easy usually to *deject* her, depress her spirits. Reject *deject*. Young woman in love may not like the fact to be known, but her looks, cheerful nature, etc., will betray her being in love. Bet on DETECT.

10. "Women are usually quicker than men to sympathise with a man who makes a mistake for his — life." FAST, PAST? 136696

As the compiler has not specifically mentioned that the man's *past* life was bad, I see no reason why the man should make excuses for it nor why the woman should sympathise with him. *Fast* is said to have led a *fast* life, he lived in a disolute manner. When man *fasts* excuses to another man about his *fast* life, he may not get sympathy. But women are usually quicker than men to sympathise with such a man for they are easily fooled. Go in for FAST.

13. "We usually admire man when repeated failures make him — on doing his best." KEEN, KEEP?

To be merely *keen* on, eager to do his best is not enough. The man must actually make further attempts. Normally, a man feels disgusted if he fails in an attempt to do something. And repeated failures would surely disgust most men and kill all enthusiasm. So, when a man keeps on doing his best, perseveres in spite of repeated failures we usually admire such a person. Vote for KEEP.

14. "It's often easy to beat in argument man whose arguments are —" TRIPE, TRITE?

If the arguments of a man happen to be *tripe*, mere nonsense, rubbish, then it is always easy to beat him in argument. The "often" in the Clue hints at exceptions which have no place with *tripe* and so reject it. It should often be easy to beat, to get the better in argument man whose arguments are *trite*, hackneyed, commonplace. BACK TRITE.

15. "Woman who acts — with her admirers is apt speedily to lose them." GRIMLY, PRIMLY?

To act *grimly* with admirers will definitely result in her losing them and not just "apt to" as is so clearly put in the Clue. To act *primly*, to behave in an affected, over-modest way is likely, apt to act as a damper on the admirers' feelings and so she might lose them. Enter PRIMLY.

16. "Philanderer might well feel uneasy when woman he flirts with questions him a lot about his —" LIES, TIES?

If she knows about him, she won't have anything to do with him. So reject *Lies*. When the philanderer is questioned about his *Ties*, relations, etc., by woman he flirts with he might well feel uneasy for he knows that she wants to know if he is worth marrying whereas he has only an idea to flirt with her! Vote for TIES.

17. "We usually think more of a man for doing good deeds when he does them —" SHYLY, SLYLY?

Shyness does not ensure secrecy. People boast of even the trivial help rendered by them. So when a man does a good deed *slyly*, in a manner which would ensure others not knowing about it, then we will usually think more of him for his is a real heart and the deed was not done for sheer vanity. SLYLY scores.

DOWN

1. "Men are apt to be shaken when they find that woman's — can be relied on!" WORD, WORK?

At this stage of the twentieth century when even business executives are women, it is not correct to make the remark that the Clue would mean with *Work* as the word. From the days of Eve, it has come to be accepted that a woman's word cannot be relied on. So when we find that woman's *Word* can be relied on they will feel shaken. WORD wins.

2. "Parents sometimes feel small when children they've punished for naughtiness — it." REPEAT, REPENT?

It is difficult to imagine that children would *repent* their naughtiness in such a way as to make parents feel small. When parents find their children being naughty when guests are in the house, they will punish the children. If the children *repeat* the naughtiness before the same guests, then

those parents are likely to feel small, humiliated or embarrassed. BACK REPEAT.

3. "Sonny's attempts to show his — are apt to give mummy many a headache." HANDINESS, HARDINESS?

Not all sonnies are that hardy as to try a demonstration. It is sonny's attempt to show his *Handiness*, ability to be useful, that will cause her many a headache for he may break things and soon get on *HANDINESS*.

5. "When man shows it's easy for us to — him, it's often because he wants something from us!" ABUSE, AMUSE?

How exactly can a man show it is easy for us to *abuse* him? Reject *Abuse*. By laughing at our jokes man might show it's easy for us to *amuse* others. By creating such an impression, he tickles our vanity and then will slowly tell he wants something from us. AMUSE scores.

7. "Women usually like to give men the impression that other men — their advice." HEED, NEED?

Need is not at all apt. Before some man the woman might like to create the impression that other men *heed* her advice whereas he doesn't or that he should because others do so. This is true to facts of life around us. Go in for HEED.

8. "Often, when slacker is given hard work to do, his chief concern is how to — it easy." MAKE, TAKE?

Take merely indicates the reaction to the hard work given whereas *Make* indicates the actual line of action he wants to pursue. The slacker would plan means by which the hard work given is passed to others! MAKE wins.

11. "Often person who is — makes us say more than we had intended." TEASE, TENSE?

Person who is *Tense* will neither say much himself nor would he like to listen to what others have to say at length. He is not capable of making you say more than you wanted to. But a *Tease* will for he knows how to suggest things or put questions to elicit information. Enter TEASE.

12. "Cynic might well say that much of polite conversation is —" SILKY, SILLY?

If the cynic were to concede that much of polite conversation is *Silky* flattery, it would be at least somewhat true. But a cynic would condemn such conversation as being *Silly*, meaningless, insane. SILLY should score.

14. "It's apt to shake criminal when — reward is offered for his capture." TIDY, TINY?

Tiny would mean here that the criminal feels he has been slighted. We do not know why he should feel shaken. If *Tidy* amount is offered for his capture, then the criminal would feel shaken for he knows that many would be on the look-out for him. BACK TIDY.

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