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IN THE NEWS



Dr. A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar, who has been appointed Vice-Chancellor of the Madras University for a further term of three years.



Carl Rowan, a young American Negro journalist, who is now on a three-month visit to India to exchange ideas with members of the Press. Rowan, who works for the *Minneapolis Tribune*, was selected by the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce as one of America's "Ten Outstanding Young Men of 1953."



Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson, (right) President of Howard University, hands a scroll to Chester Bowles, former United States Ambassador to India, after conferring an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University, upon him and Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe (centre) local government Minister of the eastern region of Nigeria. The degrees were awarded at the University's 68th commencement exercise which was attended by more than 3,500 persons.



Sri Manilal C. Shah, Deputy Minister for Finance, Government of India, is seen purchasing National Plan Loan Certificates from a lady organizer of the Women's Savings Campaign, in New Delhi.

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A Great Step Forward

THE sirens of war in Indo-China have been silenced; the nine-nation Conference at Geneva deliberated for weeks and signed a cease-fire Agreement on Indo-China between Communists on the one hand and the French on the other. With the division of the country along the 17th Parallel an equal share of the territory is assured for both the Viet-Minh and the Viet-Nam. Out of a total population of 22 million people, the new Viet-Minh Government will have thirteen millions under its care. Into its possession goes the rich rice bowl of Red River Delta. This northern area contains many important mines, cement works and textile mills which were French-owned.

In the three States of Viet-Nam, Laos and Cambodia French forces will be permitted to remain. Their withdrawal will be necessitated if any of these Governments chooses to demand it. According to the Agreement, elections will take place throughout Viet-Nam in July 1956 and there will be consultations between the two sides earlier on their method and manner. A salient feature of the Agreement is that neither of the Governments should allow foreign bases to be established nor join military alliances. As Mr. Eden said, "all will now depend on the spirit in which these agreements are observed and carried out."

The chief hero in these last-minute negotiations is undoubtedly the French Premier, M. Mendes-France; the Armistice marks probably the greatest triumph of his career. His pledge of peace in Indo-China within a month of assuming office was fulfilled. He had many difficulties to contend with and several insidious influences to resist and overcome. It was apparent that Mr. Dulles did not approve of these negotiations and left Geneva in a huff. As Pandit Nehru says in the course of a statement, "The Prime Minister

of France, M. Mendes-France, brought his dynamic personality and will to peace to bear upon these difficult problems with which France has been so intimately associated, and there cannot be any doubt that it was the time-limit which he had the great courage to lay down that brought matters to a successful conclusion."

It is well to remember that some weeks ago the conflict in Indo-China threatened to turn into a Third World War when France was feeling helpless and the United States was ready to throw in all its armed might on her side with a view to stemming the Communist flood. In fact, the Armistice had its origin when our Prime Minister suggested a cease-fire agreement to prevent the conflict from spreading. This roused hostile criticism in the United States at first but produced a sobering effect on France. From all her actions and campaigns she could not remove the taint of colonialism. Even the earlier offer by the Paris Government to recognise the independence of Viet-Nam could not make the people rally behind it. On the battlefields of Indo-China, it is estimated, over a lakh of French Union troops have been killed and 114,000 wounded. And France was almost staggering under the terrible financial burden imposed by a war which brought many a home nothing but sorrow and misery.

As for Asia, the cease-fire Agreement signifies considerable gain. The Colombo Powers have been vindicated in the stand they have taken. "The Armistice is only a step but certainly a great step forward," as our Prime Minister indicates. Many here and elsewhere will be gratified that India is chairman of the International Armistice Supervisory Commission. At long last, Indo-China has followed in the footsteps of Korea. The world is at peace, and that is something to be proud of!

Dr. Sir A. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR

A Life of High Attempts and Glorious Achievements: A Unique Phenomenon: The Vice-Chancellor Twins
How true "And One man in his time plays many parts!" as Shakespeare says in "As You Like It."

Perhaps there is no instance in the public life of advanced countries where twin-brothers have, by sheer dint of extraordinary talents and exceptional Services, risen to the highest positions their Country can assign and, deservedly received high honours, each in his own field of activity; such twins are Dr. Sir A. Lakshmanaswamy Mudaliyar (who has already appeared in this Appreciation) and Dr. Sir A. Ramaswamy Mudaliyar.

Few eminent persons, whether in India or elsewhere, could possibly have had such a rich and varied public career as Sir Ramaswami Mudaliyar. Born on the 14th October, 1887, a day of national rejoicing on account of the great festival of Deepavali, he and his twin-brother, Dr. Sir A. Lakshmanaswamy Mudaliyar, had their education in the Madras Christian College and later, as they branched off to two professions, in the Law College and the Medical College.

Very early in his legal career, Sir Ramaswami Mudaliyar came to prominence and gave proof of those great qualities which helped him to advance in Public Life from stage to stage.

It was in 1918 that he first visited England to give evidence before the Commission which was to consider the Montford Reforms. Since that day, Sir Ramaswami Mudaliyar took an active part in politics, sacrificing a lucrative career in the legal profession. To do full justice to his varied activities, it would take many pages; but whatever he took up, he was on the crest of the wave, whether fighting in a winning or losing battle.

He was returned to the first Legislative Council of the State, formed on the Montford Reforms, from the Chingleput Constituency twice, and was of great service to the Party then in power under the leadership of the revered Rajah of Panagal. To Sir A. R. Mudaliyar, Sir P. Theagaraya Chetty and the Rajah of Panagal were real gurus and he had his training under their wise guidance. Sir Ramaswami Mudaliyar has had the unique opportunity of serving in the Legislative Council of the State, in the old Legislative Assembly at Delhi, later, in the Council of State and, at present, again he is a member of the Council of States. His activities in the civic field are no less valuable, and for two years in succession, he was the President of the Madras Corporation.

When the Round Table Conference was held in 1930, he attended all the three sessions and did invaluable work, meriting the encomiums of many, European and Indian. It was in 1936 that he was called upon to take a seat in the old Secretary of State's Council for India, and, during the three years that he was there, his work was so helpful that the other Members of the Council, though much senior in service and experience, had often to seek and abide by his advice.

In April 1939, Sir Ramaswami Mudaliyar was appointed Member of the Viceroy's Executive Council and from that date, till June 1946, he continued to serve as a Member. If the confidential records of that period were ever to be published, his countrymen would learn how grateful they ought to be for the firm stand he would take on many important issues and for the manner in which, slowly but none-the-less effectively, he championed the cause of India at every stage in the old Executive Council.

He was made a Member of the War Cabinet in 1943, and, for one year, he was in England as a Member of that Cabinet with Mr. (now Sir) Winston Churchill as the Premier. His remarkably brilliant career as a Commerce Member has been greatly appreciated by the Indian Business and Mercantile Community. When there was considerable tension between South Africa and India and when a virtual boycott of the



FAVOURITE OF THE FORTNIGHT

NEWS AND NOTES

A Decade of Controls

Consequent on the decontrol of food by the Government of India, the Food Departments in the various States are being wound up. In Madras State, Sri C. Subramaniam has given up the portfolio of Food though he continues to be Minister for Finance, Law, Planning and Information. But the Food Department has been closed and the system of procurement which gave rise in the past to so much of bitterness against the authorities has been given a decent burial. The only relics of rationing now are the fair price shops that will be kept open in some of the deficit districts.

It was given to Sri Rajagopalachariar, when he was Chief Minister, to abolish rationing and lead the way for other States to follow. While Mr. Kidwai, the Union Food Minister, was in favour of total decontrol of food in the country the Planning Commission was reportedly against this move and feared that it would upset all its calculations. But Mr. Kidwai was upheld when it was shown that the country's deficit in foodgrains was a thing of the past and actually there was a comfortable (even exportable) surplus in rice.

Thus ends a decade of artificial scarcity, hardship and privation, inflicted on the people as a result of the war. Of course, good cometh out of evil, as they say, and rations had their good points. They exercised a wholesome curb on the extravagant food habits of the people. The latter learned to avoid waste. Very little was spent on occasions like weddings or funerals. And grand feasts were beyond the purse of the average man and forbidden by the law.

But whatever good there was in the rationing system was outweighed by a number of evils. It bred a new class of society; hoarders and black marketeers snapped their fingers at Authority and exploited the poor. Many became millionaires and even the demonetisation ordinance did little to reduce their wealth.

And following upon decontrol of food, there is to be decontrol of

cloth. Other controls that directly affect people in urban areas, like Accommodation and Rent Control, are bound to go. The last-mentioned benefits only officials and members of what are called the essential services but it is a handicap to the rest of the society. And the sooner all controls of war-time are ended, the better it will be for all.

Struggle In The Pockets

A pleasant surprise was sprung upon the country when the small French Settlement of Mahe, near Kozhikode, on the West Coast, was given its freedom. The French Administrator, Mon. Deschamps, making this announcement, handed over the reins of administration to a Council formed by Sri I. K. Kumaran, President of the Mahajana Sabha. The French official then left Mahe with the Police Force.

This was the happy culmination to the liberation struggle which began early in May. There was a satyagraha by volunteers and in the face of a blockade round the Settlement people migrated in large numbers to the Union territory.

After the proclamation by the French Administrator, Sri I. K. Kumaran assumed office as Administrator of Mahe. He immediately formed a Council of 15 members with himself as President to be collectively responsible for the administration of the territory. The Administrator promulgated two decrees, one granting a general amnesty to all political prisoners in Mahe and the other restoring all properties confiscated for political offences.

But the apparent self-contradictory attitude of the Paris Government is baffling the outside world. While Mahe's freedom has been recognised, the campaign of repression is going on merrily in Pondicherry and Karaikal. In Pondicherry, on French National Day, a procession of pro-merger volunteers was roughly handled. The French police made an indiscriminate lathi charge and several were brutally beaten. Some volunteers who sustained grievous bleeding injuries were dragged along

the road to the lock-up. Women who witnessed this gruesome scene broke down and sobbed. Sri Arul Raj, President of the French India Youth Congress and Convener of the Action Committee, stated: "Never before in the history of Pondicherry has such a savage attack been made on peaceful processionists by the Police... The French will have to answer for these crimes which, far from quelling our spirit, will only strengthen our determination to speedily end their tottering colonial regime."

Portugal's obstinacy and adamant attitude towards her territories in India are even more astonishing and the repressive measures she has adopted in Goa, Diu and Daman are savage beyond description. That she clings to the hope that the NATO Powers will come to her rescue is pathetic but she is bound to be disillusioned sooner or later. Neither Britain nor even America seems inclined to support a discredited colonial regime.

The Working Committee of the National Congress (Goa) at a meeting in Belgaum has decided to launch the final struggle for the liberation of the Portuguese Settlements in India in the immediate future. Sri Asoka Mehta, the Praja Socialist leader, in the course of a statement, appeals for direct intervention by the people of India in freeing the Portuguese territories. He describes as absurd the Portuguese Government's contention that the three Settlements are Portuguese territories and that the citizens are Portuguese subjects.

A grim struggle is thus fore-shadowed.

Nehru Explains

Recent developments have shown that there is a historic change in Asia's status. The Chinese Prime Minister's visit to India and Burma is of far-reaching significance. Asia has now a place all her own in world affairs. Pandit Nehru has given expression to these sentiments in the course of a letter to Presidents of Pradesh Congress Committees.

Explaining at length the foreign policy of India, the Prime Minister

points out that there has been sharp criticism of India for accepting aid from the United States "when we do not always agree with their policy." He agrees that no country which receives aid in very large doses can be very self-reliant. "But aid taken in a limited measure and with a frank understanding of each other's position, is not dishonourable to either."

But the Prime Minister, at the same time, makes it clear that should the United States withhold her assistance, we shall have no grievance and our friendship for the American people will continue as before. Aid from one country to another is undesirable only when it comes with the intention of affecting policies.

Referring to the Communists, Pandit Nehru observes that we have no use for the Communist philosophy, "though we certainly accept the idea of equality, of ending the exploitation of human

beings, and of raising the underprivileged." In regard to some of the policies of the United States, India has her differences. "Whether we agree or disagree with any of these countries, we do not see why we should not be friendly with them and co-operate with them in such measure as possible, but always retaining our own individuality as a nation and holding to our own ideals."

The background to all our policies and ideals, goes on the Prime Minister, has been conditioned by our struggle for freedom under Gandhiji's leadership. We were taught peaceful methods and tolerance, friendship with other nations, but, at the same time, independence of action. Such a policy was naturally opposed to colonialism or the domination of one country by another. "It was based on democracy and the freedom of the individual and social progress aiming at a society

where there was no exploitation by one class over another and where the present inequalities, social or economic, were gradually removed."

Sivanandaji Is Better

We are glad to be able to record that His Holiness Sri Swami Sivananda Saraswati is making speedy progress towards complete recovery. We know this news will cheer up the innumerable bhaktas, followers and admirers who have been following the reports of Swamiji's illness with concern. The doctors who have attended on His Holiness have pronounced him out of danger but request the public not to seek interviews or even write letters. We feel sure that they will cause the least strain to the Master at Anand Kutir by imposing a voluntary censorship on themselves and sending up a silent prayer for Swamiji's complete recovery and restoration to normal health.

Favourite Of The Fortnight (Continued from page 6)

South African goods had been decided on, it would appear there was an attempt made to see that wattle bark, which was an important ingredient in the tanning industry and which was then available only in South Africa, should be obtained at any cost from that Country. It is well-known that, when this subject came up for discussion in the Cabinet of the day, Sir Ramaswami Mudaliyar stood up defiantly against any such absurd move and asked of his European colleagues whether he was to tell his countrymen that they should bear humiliation because wattle bark could not be got from any other country. With a singular devotion to Duty, he saw to it that many of the deficiencies were corrected. It was his genius that was responsible for the starting of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research; and the many National Laboratories which have since been opened owe not a little to him for the grand concept he had of such National Laboratories.

But the greatest service that he rendered to his Motherland was when he was asked to lead the Indian Delegation in 1945 to San Francisco. India was then little known abroad; it was one of the Possessions of Great Britain. The first address that Sir Ramaswami Mudaliyar delivered at that Conference is even now remembered and repeated by the thousands who attended it; and his extempore speech to an audience of over three thousand of the elite of the World has gone down to posterity as one of noblest utterances of any of the Delegates, and it is a remarkable testimony to Indian Culture and Indian moral concept. Little wonder he was made Chairman of one of the important Specialised Agencies of the United Nations, the Economic and Social Council, in which capacity he continued for sometime till independent India thought it worthwhile to change the personnel.

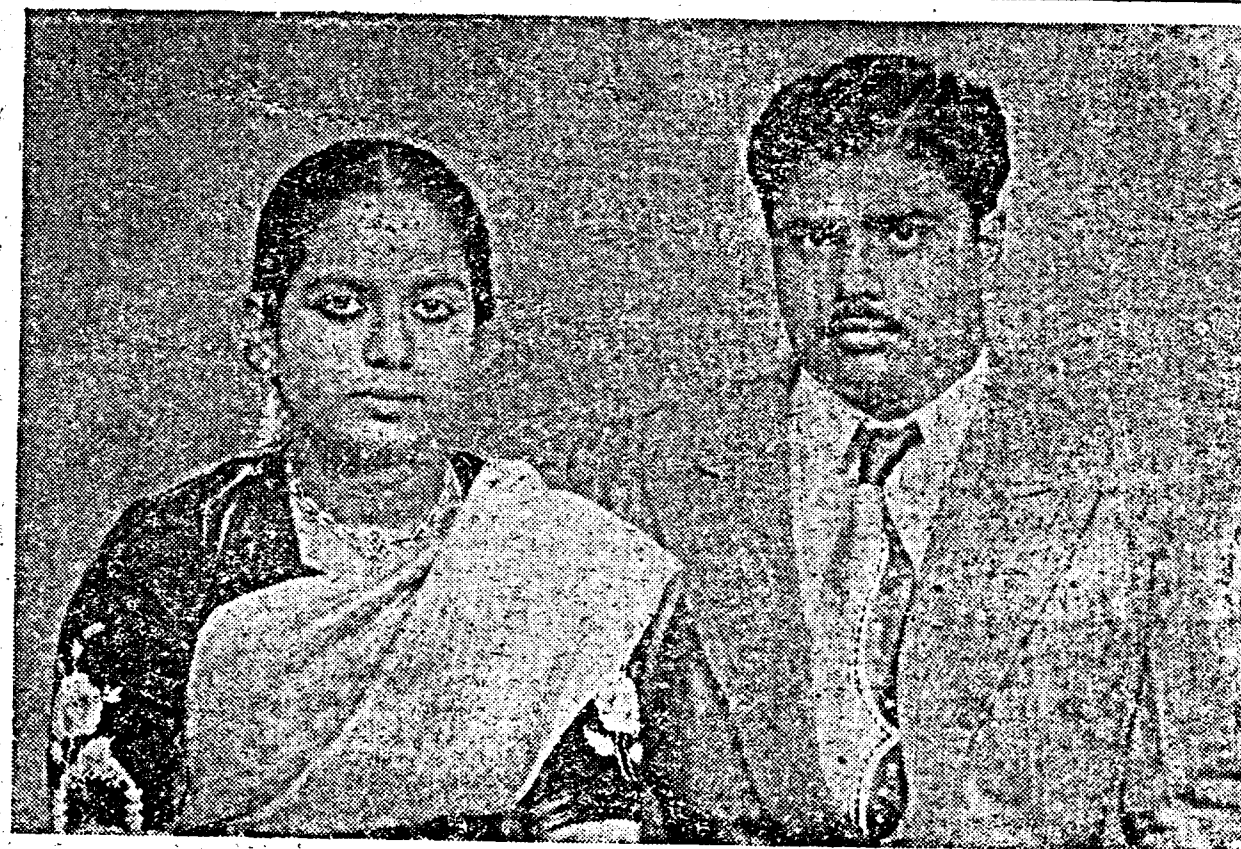
The historic manner in which, with a single speech, he settled the Hyderabad dispute and convert-

ed the Members of the Security Council to the view that India was perfectly justified in the attitude that it took up, will long be remembered.

Sir Ramaswami Mudaliyar was the recipient of many Honorary Degrees from different Universities. He received the D.C.L. of Oxford and the LL.D. of Durham, besides Honorary Degrees given by the Universities in India. On the occasion of the conferment of the Degree of Doctor of Civil Law of Oxford, the Chancellor, the Earl of Halifax, a former Viceroy of India, stated: "Most accomplished of men and most eloquent of orators in the field of Economics, you bring from the East the light of your wisdom to a World lost in darkness."

It is impossible, in this Appreciation, to do justice to the brilliant gifts and the great qualities of Sir Ramaswami Mudaliyar. He was a good fighter and yet a clean fighter too, and perhaps left in the minds of some a little of a bitter taste of the fight; but he had always the interests of his Country at heart and generations yet unborn will no doubt realise how Sir Ramaswami Mudaliyar ever tried to serve his Country under all conditions.

To-day, his brilliant oratory and incisive speech is not heard as often as it used to be, because Sir Ramaswami Mudaliyar is now turning his attention to the promotion of Industrial Enterprises. He is Chairman of many bodies and his advice is eagerly sought by the States and the Centre. Yet his love of Learning has not been elbowed out by his Business preoccupations, for, he is the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Travancore, while his twin-brother from 1942 continues to be the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Madras to this day. Few indeed are the names which one can confound to compare with the great qualities that Sir Ramaswami Mudaliyar has shown in public life.



SAROJANI — VENUGOPAL

Sow. Sarojani, daughter of Sri P.K. Vinayaga Mudaliyar, Editor and Proprietor of *My Magazine of India*, Madras, and Sri A.V. Venugopal, B.A., son of Sri A. Vedagiri Mudaliyar, Proprietor of A. Appadurai Mudaliyar & Son, Madras, whose marriage was celebrated in the City last month. Many prominent citizens of the City graced the function. Messages of good wishes and blessings to the couple were received from H.H. Mahamandaleswar Sri Swami Sivananda Saraswati and others.

The Bhakra Canal System

The Bhakra Canal System was inaugurated in Nangal by Pandit Nehru before a mammoth gathering of peasants and distinguished guests. Described as the "world's biggest canal net-work," it is expected to irrigate six million acres of the Punjab, PEPSU and Rajasthan. "I feel more religious-minded when I see these works," observed the Prime Minister.

The Bhakra-Nangal Project, went on Pandit Nehru, should be regarded as a university for training our technicians and labourers in undertaking and completing big schemes for national development. He called attention to the new mighty works like the river valley schemes, Sindri, Chittaranjan and the great national laboratories. Our struggle for freedom brought about the most tremendous revolution even though it was a peaceful one. And because of the very peaceful and non-violent nature of that revolution, people did not realise what

was happening in India. Quiet, solid construction did not make news. But if there was a petty riot somewhere in India, it received the largest possible publicity. As a result of the truly revolutionary venture in many fields, Pandit Nehru hoped that in the course of five or seven years, the whole face of rural India would be changed for the better.

Turning to those who criticised the Government in season and out, the Prime Minister said that in a free democracy there should be free speeches and unfettered criticism. But he did object to irresponsible talk and behaviour. Without realising what their own country was doing, they decried the nation and its achievements. They even went abroad to run our country down. "I would invite people whose view is not to work but talk and talk to run down the country or the present Government," added Pandit Nehru, "to make a tour of India and see

what is being done in India by the people of India." They could see that 300 million people were on the move.

In Pakistan, however, a campaign of hatred and misrepresentation has been started against India and even though Pandit Nehru has given the solemn assurance that the opening of the Bhakra canals would not affect supplies of water to Pakistan, the Karachi papers have opened their broadsides against India. "Naked aggression," "New Threat" and "Hostile Move" are some of the headlines splashed on the front pages of Pakistani newspapers. It is but natural that the Government of India has rejected these charges as baseless. As our Prime Minister said at Nangal, it was against our policy and tradition to do harm to the thousands of "kisans and others by stopping water supply." India looked upon this issue not from the legal point of view but from the human approach.



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

Humbug of Humble Dress

To imitate Gandhiji in his dress, only in his dress, that is, his absolute simplicity, is the latest political style or approved fashion among some of our ultra-humble Ministers.

That is: go about in a dhoti and jubba; no coat or turban or even cap or Gandhi-cap.

But what about their transport? Cars, motor cars, anywhere about Rs. 20,000.

But what about the receptions? Dt. Collectors, Dt. Magistrates and Dt. Officers to wait at every halt.

But what about the functions? From opening Tea-shops to starting Water Works, etc.

But what about publicity of such onerous duties? Photos; Bold headlines in Daily papers; Speeches from grateful orators and public speakers who have received or expect favours.

And lo, this is Humility of a Minister; this humbleness of the patriotic public worker.

Sir A.R. Mudaliyar exposes such poses

Sir A.R. Mudaliyar in a recent speech reveals that such mock humility is a species of show which in any others would be called mountebank charlatanism. No, he says, no, semi-nudity may throw dust in the eyes of many, but not for long. Dress properly. That is the true way to show your

regard for those whom you see or address or speak. That is downright commonsense, frank and honest.

Will our Ministers who strut in mock humility at least now give up their theatrical sanyasism, while they roll in luxury and luxury cars?

Smt. Vijayalakshmi Pandit visited the "Handicapped at School" Exhibition in London; she inspected the production of children with physical, mental or emotional disabilities and was quite pleased.

Does it mean that she was pleased that because the children had defects they were able to produce nice things?

"Grow paddy and feed." Yes; our Ministers so generously admit that our Elementary School Teachers are paid most inadequately. And so, like the Corporation Alderman of Hamelin Town, they racked their brains to improve their lot by every means without the one and only correct means, namely, increasing the salaries.

The latest solution is that the Elementary School Teachers are to take up cultivation.

That is the latest discovery!

The Education Sub-Committee of the Tamil Nad Congress Committee has also had a flash or brain-wave: it suggests that Elementary School Teachers take to farming to augment their income.

Another discovery yet!

And that is, if these Teachers take to farming, that would help, directly or indirectly, in giving training in basic industries in addition.

Surely that is shooting two birds (one bird being the poor Teacher) with one scheme. Better shoot him.

But, I would ask: if the Teacher is to find food by farming, which would receive his better attention: farming or teaching?

Let the Committee answer.

Do Communists think they are ultra-modern in their political ideas? Nehru says they are back numbers; nay, they have loyalty to outsiders.

But then, if you want to give trouble to the Congress ruling Party or any other Party in power, you can surely count upon the Communist Party for support: the Communist is ready to support any Party which is out for demolishing Law and Order.

Acharya Kripalani is ready to use any stick to beat the dog in power: "Offer Satyagraha"; "It is the duty of the citizen to offer Satyagraha"; Kripalani does not mind quibbling if only he can give trouble to the established Govt.

Why does Kripalani not only excuse but extol the appeal to Satyagraha? Because, he and his followers are sure that the "non-violence" ideal of Satyagraha is sufficient guarantee against the lawlessness and demoralisation that is bound to follow the frequent resort to Satyagraha.

True, the ideal of "non-violence" is a sublime one; but what is the actual experience? The sublime and ethereal ideal too often degraded itself into riotous, reckless loot and wreckage.

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That is what Kripalani is drifting to.

Dr. A.L. Mudaliyar is elected Vice-Chancellor of the Madras University unopposed. Dr. A.L. Mudaliyar has been Vice-Chancellor from 1942.

Under the rules a panel of three has to be sent up to the Chancellor for choice. But the Senate has sent up only one name, as it is thoroughly within its rights to do so. The syndicate has understood the Rule correctly in confining itself to the single nomination.

Let those who object read the concerned Clauses 5 & 6 of Chap VI, Act. S 11, (2). and understand it correctly.

And what does that show?

1. No member feels he can stand as a rival;
2. No member thinks there can be a better one for the Chair of the Vice-Chancellor;
3. The Senate would rather serve the real interests of the University and Education than obey the mere letter of the Rule.

The Senate of the Madras University believes in obeying the spirit of the Rule than the letter thereof.

So that if a panel of three names was not sent up to the Governor, and if he bestowed the Vice-Chancellorship on the one name sent up, what irregularity of any kind has been thereby committed?

So far as I can see, nothing contrary or repugnant to the sense or spirit of the Rules has been perpetrated; except in the misled imagination of misguided Readers of the Rules.

It only shows the feeling of the Senate about Dr. A.L. Mudaliyar.

Invasion of South India!

A batch of 35 have arrived in the City of Madras from Punjab. They are closely watching public places of interest and public Institutions like colleges. It looks like a peaceful mission; but, seeing that the batches are made up of National Cadet Corps, one has to be on

guard though the batch is made up of young ladies only!

Members of British Parliament are to go on a mass fast on Fridays. No, it is not Satyagraha against their wives; for the bonnie wives of modern Britannia would only be happy if the man would fast at least one day a week. But, it is because their daily allowance of £2 a day is to be cut off on Fridays.

Replying to the greetings of Mr. Nehru on the Independence Day of U.S.A., Mr. Dulles, U.S. Secretary of State, states that "all countries *honestly* dedicated to advance the freedom of the world, will find ways to work for its realisation."

Quite true; but it all depends upon the one word "*honestly*" which I have taken the liberty to put in italics.

To this day, India suffers from three well known injustices: one from S. Africa, another from Ceylon, and the third and the worst from Kashmir.

If U.S.A. does not aid and abet the aggressive parties, India has a great deal to feel thankful to U.S.A. and then feel what "dedication to advance the freedom of the world" means.

It is, remarked a cunning old man, more easy to get up a Commission than to read its Report.

The Press Commission, appointed by the Government of India, finished its Report and signed it today.

It is a Report of 1,000 pages.

Who is the greater hero: the Commission which has brought out the 1,000 page Report, or, the man who swears to himself, and says, "I shall and I must read the Report, no matter what it costs me or my life or my sanity"?

Thanks to goodness; the members of the Commission are not unaware of the frightful size of the Press Commission Report.

Dr. C.P. Ramaswamy Ayyar, one of the members of the Commission says: "The people may perhaps feel alarmed by the size of the

Report, but we lightened the task in the Summary of our conclusions."

What a kindness to animals that are forced, as a matter of duty, to read such Reports!

Beware, Govt. of India, before you start Commissions!

But, then, such Commissions have a very useful purpose to serve: that is, whenever the Govt. is cornered and doesn't know how to meet the Opposition, the easiest way is to appoint a Commission and get over the quandary or the hard plight.

And the Commission, too, out of gratitude to the employers, produces a report of such volume and vagueness, that very few will be tempted to peruse it.

And, by the time the report is ready, the pestiferous opponent has perhaps gone the way of all the earth, thus letting the good folk of the Govt. sleep in peace.

Yet more torture to the Indians in the French Settlements in India: is it that France and Portugal think that they can crush the merger spirit by such tyranny and torture? Is it not making the merger demand stronger by such ancient barbarities?

Is not France one of the Western powers wedded to Charters for World Liberty and Equality and Fraternity?

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It means exactly what it does not mean: that is, this Force has nothing to do with Police or peace. It is really an army as fully equipped with all that a force about to be engaged in actual fighting needs.

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Let our Dictionaries note the change in the meaning of "Police Force."

To commemorate the 80th Birthday of Sir W. Churchill in next November, 18 contributors including the Aga Khan are to bring out a book.

But Sir Winston will be the best contributor to that Book, for, if any one knows how to blow his own trumpet, Sir Winston does par excellence.

Sri Sri Prakasa, Governor of Madras, speaking at the opening of a new building of the Vasanta College for Women, Banaras, referred to the importance of Women's Education and said that a cultured society was judged by the Education of its Women and the respect and position they had in it.

Should Sri Sri Prakasa stress the need of Women's Education today? Parents of educated girls are not today so much bothered about whether their country will be judged to be a cultured one because girls in it are educated, as they are bothered about how to find suitable mates for their highly educated girls. Does Sri Sri Prakasa know this?

Ceylon is proving more hostile to Communism than even U.S.A. itself: Ceylon is to set fire to stacks of Communist literature which it had confiscated.

Surely this large scale bonfire is for U.S.A. to note and reward the humble and servile submission of Ceylon to the whim and fancy of that modern El Dorado where Croesus and Kubera's knock against each other.

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She believed, like her venerable Auntie Smt. Vinaya, in simple and goodly goodness in its completest sense. That is why she never attached any undue or artificial value to what is called "public opinion." She was her own public opinion; her opinion was her public opinion; if she was confident of her own correctness in all that she did, she did not the least trouble about what others might say about it. Hence, her boldness, her active forward straight forwardness in all that she did. She might easily have been misunderstood; but, that is the one thing she did not care for. She might have shocked the feelings of the slaves of convention, but she smiled at such shocked slaves of ceremonialist formalities.

Was Mallika, then, the ultra modern kind of girl, the girl that would smoke in public places, the damsel that would, to all appearances, break the rules of female decorum in her dress? Was Mallika one such? Far from it! She was simple in dress; her skin has the lustre, not of paints or powders, but the lustre of the healthy glow of cleanly body. Yet, she was more charming than the many young ladies who seek the bubble reputation of beauty at the mouth of reddened lips.

If Mallika did not care for spurious decorations, she did not

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equally care for false or wrong ideas of feminine modesty. She was a blend of the right and the simple; she discarded the wrong old and the vain new.

If she thought there was something she did not understand in what was old, she did not give it up, but tried to study it and find out the secret of its viability.

We shall presently see in this memoir how Mallik combines her reverence for the good old with her loyalty to what is good in the new; so that she would discard, nay, she would follow the practices of the wise of old with reverence.

It was one afternoon that Smt. Vinaya sent a letter to Mallika's college asking her to come over as soon as she saw the letter. Now, of all people, Auntie Vinaya was a person who was never given to fuss or flurry. She had a temperament such as the mature minds of sages and sadhus have. Calm and quiet in her mind gave her peace and repose. Uncle Vinaya was just the husband that would help an elderly lady like Smt. Vinaya to develop a mind unperturbed by passing events. So, when Auntie Vinaya summoned Mallika, there was something quite out of the usual.

The moment that Mallika saw Vinaya's note, she took permission from the Superintendent to go home. What was Mallika's grief when she saw what brought her. She was not so much shocked as grieved—shocked because her beloved Auntie had not sent for her earlier, and

grieved because Uncle Kasyapa, as she found out presently, was there in his bed and not in the verandah in his own special chair, from which he was wont to greet her whenever she went home.

"Uncle, uncle," called out Mallika as she jumped out from the taxi-car which brought her from her college.

"Mallika, come here, he is in his bedroom," informed Vinaya.

Literally she flew up; her toes hardly touched the steps as she ran up to the bedroom of Uncle Kasyapa. There he was, calm and quiet, as if he was having a nap after his midday repast. She approached the bed gently and noiselessly. But, Kasyap gently opened his eyes, though you could not say whether her approach, howsoever quiet, had roused him or whether it was only a chance.

"Mallika," he called.

"Uncle, here am I," she said and she sat by him.

Kasyap took hold of her hands; he placed them on his heart, and silently and steadily looked at her. As he looked at her, tears were slowly coming down Kasyapa's eyes.

"Uncle," said Mallika, and placing her head on his chest, she lay silently weeping.

Neither spoke.

Deep feelings find no words; for, deep feelings cannot be spoken out; even tears are choked on such occasions. Auntie Vinaya followed Mallika and stood by, speechless too. How long the three were thus struck dumb cannot be found.

It was Vinaya that attempted to move; she gently pulled the hand of Mallika from Kasyapa's grasp; Mallika raised her head

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and found out that Vinaya wanted her to follow her. Kasyapa, after he took hold of Mallika's hands, closed his eyes and appeared to have fallen into a quiet sleep. Mallika was led out by Vinaya.

"Your Uncle, it is three days back, he said he had no appetite; he went to bed; save for some light coffee occasionally, he has refused to take any nourishment. I asked him permission to send for you. He would not permit. Only at 10 O'clock to-day he asked me to send for you. Find out, if you can, what the matter is with your Uncle. As for sending for our Doctor Rajan, he would not hear of it. With a gentle smile he said, 'the only doctor that can cure me is Doctor Mallika.' And so here you are, Mallika. You must know your Uncle better, dear child," that is what the good Auntie had to tell Mallika.

Throwing her arms round the neck of that kindest of women, Mallika, embraced Auntie Vinaya; kissed her with tears of love and with tears of deep sorrow, but tears of determination, determination that, cost what it might to her, she would not let her own, her dearest, her kindest Uncle leave her or her own Auntie.

Sincerely as I, the chronicler of these Memoirs of Mallika, would like to tell those that love to know and to hear Mallika as to what Mallika meant by that grim determination, I confess that I cannot, because I do not know. That is why at the very start I told you that Mallika was, if she was anything, a Mystery Girl.

Good Auntie Vinaya could not make out what this young girl meant, yet, star to star their light vibrate, so too, soul to soul, verily, a good soul to a good soul.

"Who knows," thought the good Vinaya, "what in this innocent girl's heart lies? Who knows what power she has? Who knows all the good people whom we see in this mixed world? Who knew what Savitri could do till she brought back her husband from the jaws of Yama?"

"Auntie," called Mallika.

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Mallika left her Auntie. She took a bath; dressed as simply as she could; entered the bedroom of Kasyapa; directed Vinaya to bring her only a glass of water at the hours of her various meals and leave her to herself.

Mallika, when she entered Kasyapa's room, stood by the bed, facing the East, her eyes closed, her two hands closed over her head as in prayer. Here she stood and so she stood, and only Vinaya went in to take her water. After two or three glasses, she did not take even water.

From the evening when she ran from the College, she stood in prayer. The following day passed; she stood in prayer; the next day too. Fasting for two days, yet standing, her hand held up in prayer, Auntie Vinaya could not make out what it all meant; nor could any member of the household: but there stood Mallika, in a kind of trance, is it? I do not know.

On the morning of the fourth day, Kasyapa opened his eyes. He saw Mallika standing.

"Child Mallika, is that you? How long have you been standing there? What happened after I took hold of your hands to my heart? I have no idea. Can you tell me?" asked Kasyapa.

"Nothing out of the way, dearest Uncle. I have been waiting here for you to call me," answered Mallika.

"How long have you been waiting?"

"I do not know."

"Were you there?"

"Yes, Uncle."

"Your Auntie?"

"Here am I, sir," answered Vinaya who stood at the doorway.

"I knew I wasn't quite well. Did the doctor give me any medicine?"

"No, Uncle, the doctor did not come because you did not want him."

"Then what brought me back?"

"I do not know, Uncle. I only said to myself, I must have my Uncle; without Uncle, I shall not be in the daily world of hunger, food, rest, nor sleep. It is your voice that brought me back," replied Mallika.

"Where were you then?"

"I do not know, Uncle. Only this I know. You have come back."

Vinaya approached Kasyapa, told him how Mallika went into a fast and trance, and how he came back and that like a second Savitri, Mallika brought back her Uncle and restored the husband to the wife.

"Child, you are wiser and rarer and purer than we can understand. I can say no more," said Kasyapa.

Mallika went back to her College.

As Per Instruction

Climbing up a wrapped box on a shelf, an ant saw a friend scurrying along the opposite edge at a great speed.

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The Tube-well Test!



By Biswarup Banerjee

MRS. GHOSE was known to her neighbours as a shrewish woman of rare quality. Her body was as heavy as a baby elephant, complexion as black as an umbrella, voice as rough as a crow and movement as slow as a snail.

Mr. Ghose, on the other hand, was known as a most amiable gentleman with a handsome appearance and pleasant manners. It was, therefore, no wonder that Mrs. Ghose would succeed in making Mr. Ghose a henpecked husband. Mr. Ghose was a railway officer.

Mrs. Ghose would say to her friends that although she looked very stout and strong, she was the store-house of all kinds of ailments, among which aversion for food and indigestion reigned supreme. But her cook, Bhojohari, would remark, on the sly, that he had never seen such a voracious eater like his mistress.

If anyone would remark before Mrs. Ghose that her health had declined considerably and that she needed proper and protracted medical treatment, she felt infinite pleasure and treated him as her most sincere well-wisher.

ONE day Mrs. Ghose was at the dinner table. Looking at the plate of fish-curry, she shouted, "Bhojohari..... Bhojohari....."

Soon Bhojohari entered the room timidly.

"Why have you not cooked meat today?" growled Mrs. Ghose. "How many times have I asked you to cook meat on Sundays and Thursdays? Have you forgotten that today is Thursday?"

When the fellow stood mumbling, she barked, "Can't you speak aloud?"

"This morning Babuji asked me to cook fish-curry as you had indigestion. So....."

"Shut up, you idiot!" she burst out. "You must obey my order and not Babuji's. Go immediately to the hotel and fetch meat-curry."

When Bhojohari was on the point of leaving, Mrs. Ghose called, "Look here, you forgetful fellow, I require at least one pound of meat."

After dinner Mrs. Ghose took a long siesta. When she woke up, the sun was about to go down.

That evening Mr. Ghose returned from office rather late. When he was putting off his suit, with no ceremony Mrs. Ghose asked straight, "Why are you so late?"

"I had some work," said Mr. Ghose smilingly, "which required immediate attention."

"Have you brought my medicine?"

"Oh, God! It slipped my memory completely!" said Mr. Ghose, expressing grave concern.

"I know you'll forget," sneered Mrs. Ghose. "This morning I told you repeatedly to bring medicine for my indigestion, but you have forgotten. Do you know I have taken only a glass of lemon juice today and nothing else? I was not even able to get a wink of sleep this noon."

"You'd better send a servant to fetch the medicine. I'm feeling very tired, you see," pleaded Mr. Ghose.

"H'm... Have you kept an intelligent servant who may explain properly to the doctor? Please tell me whether you will do it or not."

"All right," submitted Mr. Ghose wiping the sweat off his head, "I'll go immediately."

Mr. Ghose was fully aware of his wife's mania. But he could not do anything in the matter. All his good advice only gave rise

to tremendous family trouble. He was peace-loving. So he did not think it proper to go against his wife's will.

Previously he used to bring medicine from the railway doctor free of cost. But Mrs. Ghose was not satisfied. She complained that the railway medicine was quite ineffective in view of the fact that it was supplied free, quoting the Bengali adage: 'Cheap goods are dear in the long run.'

There was another M.B. Doctor, Dr. Sinha, whose medicine, according to Mrs. Ghose, was infallible; it was perhaps due to the fact that he made exorbitant charges for his medicine.

Walking about one mile, Mr. Ghose reached Dr. Sinha's dispensary and noticed that it was half-past nine. But, alas, Dr. Sinha was out on call. One hour passed by, but still the doctor did not return. Having toiled throughout the whole day, Mr. Ghose felt terribly wearied. Suddenly an idea struck him. He smiled, stood up, took an empty phial from the compounder and set out. At the station he stopped. Looking around cautiously he had the phial filled up with the tube-well water and went home.

"HERE is your medicine," he said to his wife gravely. "The doctor has charged four rupees for it as he said that it was a new drug recently manufactured for indigestion. He also said that within fifteen minutes you'll be greatly relieved."

"Really?" said Mrs. Ghose with beaming eyes. "Have I not told you that Dr. Sinha is a most efficient doctor that I have ever seen? Moreover, he gives special attention to my case."

Mr. Ghose smiled and said, "Now, don't delay. Take a dose straightway and see the result."

"What a wonderful drug it is!" exclaimed Mrs. Ghose with extreme joy after a few minutes. "Thanks to Dr. Sinha, now I'm feeling very fine and hungry, too."

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MAIDEN IN DISTRESS

By Md. Azimulla Baig



WHEN he got into the bus, it was nearly full. He sat down on the first vacant seat and found himself seated behind a lady, young and rather beautiful. At least she looked like that in the smoked lights of the bus. It was already eight. The evening had the characteristic romantic atmosphere of early March.

Madan liked to go by bus at this time of the day. The buses at this time are always nearly full but there is no rush. Everyone in the bus looks like being at leisure and in no hurry. A calm silence prevails.

If at this time a young lady is sitting before you, the pleasure derived from such an evening is certainly enhanced. You forget your destination if you have any but usually you do not have one. You would be willing to sit on in the bus till it goes to its shed or

to hell provided the young lady is there.

And Madan, a young man, could not be expected to have a different opinion on the subject. He looked at everyone in the bus to see if anybody was making a disagreeable face. But none exhibited it. That was enough for him. He leaned back against his seat and sat at ease, looking occasionally at the young woman before him.

SOON the conductor became busy. When he came to Madan, he gave him the money and said, "The public park."

The conductor issued the ticket.

"How far, madam?" the conductor asked, going up to the young lady.

"The public park," she said, searching for her purse inside her blouse.

The conductor gave the ticket and waited for the money. And

Madan began looking at her with a friendly and sympathetic interest as she was also going to the same place.

"Ooh!" she suddenly screamed out. "I have lost the purse! What can I do now? Will you please stop the bus, so I can get down?"

Her tone was pathetic. A little rebuke by the conductor (though such a rebuke was an impossibility) could easily have made her weep.

But, then, the conductor was puzzled. He had neither the heart to stop the bus nor the mind to issue the ticket.

Here was a moment of action for Madan. He gave the conductor the money. "Another ticket to the park, please," he said.

"It's very kind of you but I will....." the young lady said, the sad expression on her face suddenly changing into a pleasant one.

"You mean, you want to return it to me?" Madan laughed. "Don't bother, please."

"Oh, you are really kind. I will always be grateful to you."

THE conductor went on with his work with a mischievous smile on his lips and the young lady continued her thanks: "I have always thought of men as unkind and rude but now I must admit you are an exception. You certainly were very quick in helping me out of a scrape."

"That's all right but are you going for a stroll in the park?" Madan said, thus proving that he knew how to make the best of any situation.

"Yes," she said softly.

"Lucky, I am also going there. Hope you wouldn't mind if I accompanied you. But perhaps you will have other friends in the park?"

"I won't mind it at all and I don't have any friends there. You know, according to Oscar Wilde, 'the only possible society

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is oneself'. But you are different; your company would be a pleasure."

"How sweet of you, and what a witty quotation that one is!"

TEN minutes later the bus stopped near the park. Madan and his friend got down. Now they were free. There was nobody to stare at them with jealousy. They entered the park and Madan asked her name.

"Asha."

"Sweet name."

"Oh!"

"I must now be going home," he said at about nine.

"Why? So soon?" he asked.

"Oh, simply feeling a bit hungry," she laughed innocently.

"Then would you mind if I took you to the Cafe Grand so you may be able to stay a little longer with me?"

"But my father would be expecting me."

"That's all right, he won't mind it on one night, will he?" Madan said convincingly.

"Well, I will manage it somehow, as it is for a man who is different," she said rather seriously. "but why do you want to take me trouble?"

"But it would be no trouble at all!"

They strolled out of the park and entered the Cafe Grand. And when they came out again it was 10-30. Again, they entered the park. They were now more friendly and amiable.

"You are the sweetest girl I have ever met," Madan declared.

"And you are the only man I walked and talked with, and I am sure you are the best. You are so kind and so different."

They sat down on a bench. The night was dark. An owl screeched in a nearby tree and a dog howled in the road.

"Damn these owls," Asha said.

"Why, are you afraid of them?"

"Not much," she said stretching her hand. Madan began caressing it. Her fingers reminded him of the four minarets of the Taj; so soft and pointed were they. It was the hand of an artiste.

"Are you an artiste?" Madan asked.

"Well ... er ... a bit of it."

"What do you specialise in, landscape, human figure or still life?"

"All, all; you know, variety is the spice of life."

"Ah," he laughed, "that's great."

The gardener was to close the gate of the park at ten. Madan and Asha came out of the park. Standing outside the gate was a young man. He smiled at Asha but she didn't.

"Would you mind if I take a rickshaw?" Asha asked. "I can't wait for a bus. Father will be anxious about me. I will meet you tomorrow here at this time."

Madan said "yes" and she took a rickshaw. And he caught a bus for home.

THE next evening Madan stationed himself at the gate of the park a little before ten and stood there looking at the road to see her coming.

But at ten he saw her coming out of the park hand-in-hand with a young man. Madan smiled but she pretended not to know him.

"So you will meet me tomorrow?" the young man asked her.

"Of course, any other man I would have refused but you are different," she said, sitting in a rickshaw.

Madan could not believe either his eyes or ears. As soon as she left the place, he walked up to the young man and asked him who she was.

"Why," he replied, "you shouldn't suspect her of anything low. She is an innocent girl. Poor thing, this evening she lost her purse and could not even pay the bus fare!"

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IT KEPT ON RAINING



By L.T. SARDONE

"WELL, you had it coming to you," Morrison said aloud, as he stood looking at George Mahon. "You wormed your way into my position at the works, and then you stole my girl. You won't do either now."

Which was quite true, seeing that Morrison had just shot him.

It had been a long, premeditated murder. Morrison had first thought of it several months ago, when the discrepancies in the firm's books had first been discovered. As head clerk, he had for a long time been able to lay the blame upon his junior, Mahon.

Mahon had soon established his innocence, but there had been insufficient evidence to bring any charge against Morrison. The company had decided to relegate Morrison to a minor position, and Mahon had taken his place.

From that day onward, a fierce hatred burned in Morrison's heart, culminating when Mahon became engaged to a girl with whom they were both in love.

From the day when the engagement was announced, Morrison had planned this shooting, and planned it well.

Like all good murderers, he waited for a particularly foul

night, to lessen any chances of detection. Telling his manservant he was going to a show — he had taken the precaution of seeing it previously, in case of questions — he drove out to Mahon's country house.

Situated in a small town about 20 miles out of the city, this was where Mahon spent his annual holidays. From here he could make convenient hunting trips into the nearby woods; but this time he had been unable to do any hunting so far, since it had rained particularly hard the whole time — three days — he had been there, and it was still raining.

WHEN Morrison arrived at the cottage, Mahon himself let him in, for he did not employ a servant at this residence.

He expressed great pleasure at the company, for he knew but few people in the town, having spent all his time either hunting or cleaning his guns. Morrison noted with joy that this was exactly what he was doing at the moment.

They went inside and talked for a time, while Mahon continued cleaning his rifles. Working in the same factory, they had much in common, and talked about many things; but Morrison was careful to see that not much time elapsed before he put his plan into action.

Rising, he said: "Well, George, I'll go and make some coffee."

"Righto — I'll come and help you."

"No, no!" said Morrison. "You go ahead cleaning your guns. You never know when this weather will break, and you'll be kicking yourself if you're not prepared for it."

Mahon agreed readily enough.

WHILE making the coffee, there was nothing simpler than for Morrison to slip the powder into Mahon's cup. It wasn't a poison, but a powerful "knockout" powder, for which the coroner would not be searching under the circumstances.

It was only a matter of minutes before Mahon passed out, and Morrison leapt up eagerly, pulling on gloves. He seized the gun that the unconscious man had dropped, and selected a cartridge to fit it.

The gun, butt downwards, was next placed in Mahon's hands, with his finger on the trigger and his chin resting on the muzzle. Morrison pulled the trigger and jumped aside, to allow the body to fall naturally.

The report deafened him, but it was highly improbable that it would be heard outside against the constant beating of the rain upon the roofs.

He then hurriedly cleared the coffee cups away, and removed all traces of his visit. Closing the door behind him, he finally went to the garage and drove away confident that, even if foul play were suspected, he could never be connected with the crime.

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As the road unwound itself before him with the rain slashing down upon it, he felt a great happiness surge over him. The girl, of course, would be broken-hearted for a time, but she would soon forget Mahon, and no doubt turn to him, who would have been so kind to her through her bereavement. Naturally, he would allow a certain time to elapse before he proposed, but ...

GREAT SCOTT! What was that ahead? A police barrier, with constables waving torches at him.

Someone must have heard the shot after all. The police had been informed, and they were now checking all cars coming from the township. — But — and here he slackened speed — how had the police got here so quickly?

"Of course!" he cried, cursing himself for slackening speed. The city police, and not the local constables, must have been informed by telephone. Such a call would have been given immediate priority, and they would have had plenty of time to set up the barrier here, for it was much nearer the city than the town he had just left.

Down went the accelerator pedal, and the car shot forward, smashing through the barrier, and narrowly missing the agile constables.

They were shouting at him, and waving their torches. Let them shout, the fools! They wouldn't stop him. He knew that, if he could get back to town before the alarm went out, he would still be safe.

The night was far too foggy for them to have been able to see either his registration number or the details of his car. Once he made for home, they could never convict him. This thought spurred him on, and the car roared along the wet road.

Then, suddenly, without warning, it appeared — a gaping hole in the roadway, filled with turbulent, smashing waters.

HE never had time to realise that the bridge had been swept away by the same flood waters that had interrupted the telephone service from the city since that morning.

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Love And Work

"Taxi, please," said the dear old lady.

"Sorry, mum," said the driver, "I'm engaged."

"Then I'm sure I wish you every happiness—but you must not let love interfere with work. St. Pancras Station, please."

Remarkable

A financier asked his banker for a loan of one hundred thousand pounds.

"There you are," he said, handing across some papers, "that's your security. It's good enough for anyone. Figures can't lie."

"But it's remarkable," said the banker, "how liars can figure."

More Distinct

"So the doctor couldn't give you anything to stop your husband talking in his sleep?"

"No—what I wanted was something to make him talk more distinctly."

Heroic Work

O'Malley got a job as road-sweeper in Dublin, and the foreman said: "All you've got to do is keep on sweeping in the gutter—keep plodding on and you'll be all right."

That evening all the other road-sweepers turned up at the depot. There was no sign of the new man.

Three days later a telegram came from him stating: "Please send another brush—have arrived at Drogheda."



THE village football team had played badly all the season, so it was a great surprise to one of their supporters when he learned that each player had been presented with a pocket-lighter.

"Why were they given pocket-lighters?" he asked a friend.

"Well," was the reply, "they lost all their matches."

Distasteful Job

"I've got a rather distasteful job," remarked a genealogist. "A woman employed me to look up her family tree, and I've got to inform her that one of her relatives was electrocuted for murder in America."

"Don't worry about that," replied his friend. "Just write that the man occupied the chair of applied electricity at one of America's public institutions."

Referee's Threat!

Two boxers chasing each other round the ring kept treading on the toes of the small referee. At last he lost patience and called them to the centre.

"If you don't stop treading on my feet," he shouted, "there's going to be a fight!"

Result

"I made a poem on Edith's little foot and recited it to her to-day."

"What happened?"

"The foot went to sleep!"

Skin More Important

"Above all," said the doctor, "you must eat more fruit, and particularly the skin of the fruit. The skin contains all the virtues and the vitamins. What, by the way, is your favourite fruit?"

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MAKING tests of a home-made brew which a cautious Scot had submitted for analysis, the chemist said: "I'm sorry, but this stuff is dreadful. If you drank this I guarantee you would be blind for life. You'd better let me destroy it."

"No need to do that," said the Scot, stretching out a hand for the bottle. "My old friend McTavish has been blind for years. I might as well give it to him for a birthday present!"

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Confronted with the sentence a naughty boy had chalked on the school wall about a teacher—"Smith is a lunatic"—two little girls, horrified, expressed their disapproval.

"Isn't that terrible?" one of them exclaimed. "What a thing to write!"

"It's awful," agreed the other. "It should be 'Mr.' Smith, shouldn't it?"

Why Bother?

Walking on the top of a hill a tourist came across a man with nothing on except a hat. The tourist asked him if he always went about like that.

"Yes, no one ever comes up here."

"Then why bother to wear the hat?"

"Somebody might come."

Two Letters

A son at college wrote to his father: "No mon, no fun, your son."

The father answered: "How sad, too bad, your dad."

What He Needs

"Been standing here long?" asked the wealthy man from the depths of his fur coat.

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"Cold?"

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Precepts FOR Practice

BY

His Holiness Maha
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SARASWATI

Every one born in this world need not necessarily marry. Marriage is meant to regulate one's life in the world. But for the institution of marriage in society, life would become irregular and beastly. But where there is no passion in the heart, where the desire for God is strong, where there is a longing for spiritual pursuits, marriage is not compulsory. Such a man can lead a *Naishtik Brahmachari's* life.

False beliefs and wrong notions are rooted in *Moola Avidya*. These will persist till True Knowledge dawns on you. Acquire this wisdom through the practice of Yoga.

Beware of the forces of darkness. Be on your guard against the insidious mind and its somersaults. Take refuge in the Lord's feet and stand four-square to all evil winds. Plunge into *Sadhana* as an armour against impurity and backsliding. Serve your parents, your fellow beings with humility and reverence. Let all your work be dedicated to the welfare of humanity. Feel that you are an instrument in His hand.

You have only to lift your foot with the intention of placing it a little forward on the spiritual path, before you are flooded on all sides by the grace of the Lord and the blessings of countless saints. They are ever present everywhere to help deserving *sadhaks*. The only trouble with most of the *Sadhaks*

is that they do not sincerely wish to tread the path of spirituality and Truth.

Do everything with *Nishkamya Bhav*. Try to imbibe the teachings of *Bhagavad Gita*. Constantly introspect. Entertain no evil thoughts.

Humility is the most covetable possession on earth. It is the greatest treasure in all the universe. It is in the tranquillity and quiet of the night that the seed slowly sprouts forth from under the soil. The bud opens in the depth of the most silent hours. So also peace is found in the profound silence or Absolute Calm.

One can have permanent peace if he turns his mind from the objective universe and lives in the Divine within. Life is a long dream. It is the jugglery of *Maya* that keeps up this universe. The five senses delude you every moment. Life in the world is chaotic, fragmentary and full of unrest.

Silence the bubbling senses. Quieten the mind. Silence the surging thoughts and emotions. You will attain the highest bliss.

Avoid undesirable company. Do not read any book that might agitate your mind. Meditate on the import of some select passage of *Bhagavad Gita*. That will elevate your mind and drive away evil thoughts.

Meditation may look to you monotonous in the beginning.

Chase your thoughts. Be a silent witness to them. Do not identify yourself with your thoughts. Gradually increase the period of meditation. Start with one minute. Try to keep your mind blank, free from thoughts at that time. When thoughts rush in refuse admission. Gradually you will succeed.

Wealth is not to be condemned. It is *Sri*. It is the Divine *Shakti* of the Lord. Only the way in which you earn wealth is important. You should earn wealth by honest and fair means. You should not increase your material wealth at the cost of your spiritual wealth.

Vedanta and study of *Yoga Vasishtha* will indeed be very elevating. They give great solace to the afflicted soul. It saves you from monotony and gloom. It shows the way to eternal peace and bliss. But surely it should not make you egoistic. The little ego should be mercilessly killed before *Vedanta* is taken up. In humility lies real knowledge. Remember this always.

Age is no consideration for treading the spiritual path. If you have previous good *Samskaras* you will begin *Sadhana* even in the third year. You will watch keenly spiritual practices done by others in that young impressionable age and slowly imitate them when you grow older. Your practices will never go in vain. It will bestow supreme good.

Train your family members also in *Sadhana*. Then you would have converted your house into a virtual *Vaikunta*.

Face all eventualities boldly. Be calm. There is an end to every situation, and it is not far off. Have full faith in Him. He will ease the situation.

Before you criticise any one, look to your own side. Scrutinise whether you have the same defect. No one is perfect in this world. It is only the Lord that is perfect. So blame none.

A regular routine of *Sadhanas* should be kept up, in order that your thoughts and acts might be in the plane of righteousness always. Otherwise, the mind is such an artful and insidious dodger that there might be regular determination and eventual backsliding.

Therefore, always cultivate, and live and act in an atmosphere of pure thoughts, lofty ideas and right actions.

The purpose of taking spiritual resolves is to stick to them, to evolve quickly through their adherence and to reach the goal in this very birth. You should be very alert and vigilant. You should ever watch your mind. It is ever ready to dupe you at the least slackness. Maintain the spiritual diary without fail. Then you will be able to find out where you have been deceived by the mind and what methods you should adopt in curbing the mind.

The Lord is seated in your heart deluging your entire being with His Grace and blessings. Then, what can it be that stands in your way of evolution?

Find out the cause of your inability to stick to the routine; it is either that you have bitten off more than you can chew or that you yield to temptations. In the first case, you can slightly modify the programme just to suit your capacity and circumstances.

Make it a point to observe complete *Mouna* till the morning and evening *Sadhana* is completed. Conquer *Alasya* (laziness) by *Asans* and *Pranayama*. Give your entire mind and heart to the Lord and refuse to allow distractions. Gradually you will get success. You should not sleep before you complete your usual quota of *Japa* and meditation.

Very frequent fasting does harm. The digestive apparatus is impaired and the vitality is lowered considerably. You should take nutritious diet. Periodical fasting will no doubt do good. Fast on every *Ekadasi* or once a week. That is enough.

Asans, *Uddiyana*, *Nauli* — a cup of cold water just after getting up from bed, will help the proper movement of the bowels. Keep a glass of water while going to bed near you. Take that as soon as you get up. This is *Ushapan*, highly enlivened by *Yogis*.

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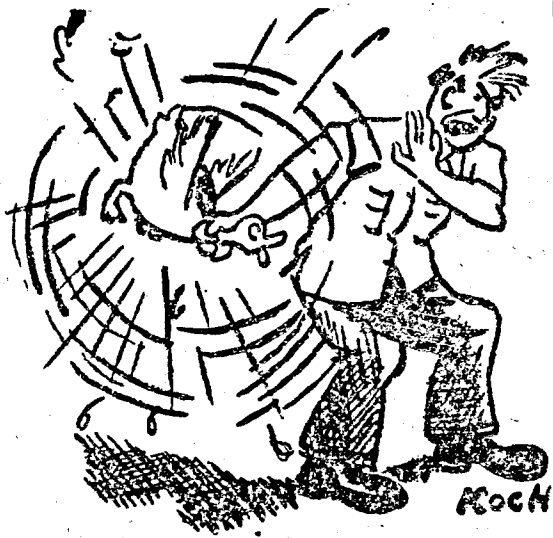
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OUT FOR A DUCK!

BY
Roland M. Koch



DONALD was a duckling, picked up by the brat from the bazar for six annas in the course of a morning's walk.

"Isn't he a cute little fellow?" the wife asked when I returned from work to find a fluffy, yellow-downed character waddling bow-legged on clammy webbed feet about my clean bed, and leaving behind a trail of undigested duck-food in its wake.

When the veins on my neck were reduced to their normal size and my face had returned to a natural hue, I was able to say, "It's not a fellow!"

My statement was based on such an authority as D. Duckworth who, in his excellent book *The Care and Management of Ducks*, points out that the female of the species has an upturned tail — and Donald's tail or what there was of it was certainly turned up.

"It is a fellow, too!" piped the brat and an affirmative *cheep-cheep-cheep* from Donald brought the discussion to a close, at least for the time being.

I was able later to differentiate between a *cheep-cheep-cheep* and a spirited *tweet-tweet-tweet*, the former signified that he was hungry while the latter was an expression of exultation.

That first night Donald went to bed with the brat — at least for a few hours, during which period his composition for one voice ranged from a slow movement through a gradual increase of tone to a pitch that musicians would call fortis-

simo. At the height of the crescendo the brat joined in with an ear-splitting, sustained "Wa-a-ah!" not unlike the inclusion of the chorus in the final movements of an operetta.

After this the brat lost all interest in Donald for the duckling, realising the ineffectiveness of his aria, had peeked out a staccato on the fleshiest portion of the brat's anatomy.

DONALD'S fate was decided at the breakfast table next morning. My wife's connections with the Bird Lovers' Association and my business acumen decided us in favour of turning thumbs down to the brat's persistent plea of feeding Donald to the family cat.

At the moment I visualised the possibility of a prosperous little business in ducks, for, notwithstanding his, I mean her name, I was certain that Donald was a female, and it does not take a biologist to know that a duck and a drake spell a run-full of ducklings.

So the drake was bought and I made certain that the bird was a male.

Then I set to work to make the birds feel at home. From the *Care and Management of Ducks* I learned that they required a pond in which to disport and accordingly made over the bath-tub for this purpose.

I built a duck-house in the shed in the compound. It was dry, well-ventilated and had straw on the floor — for Donald to lay eggs in.

This move ruled out any hope I might have entertained of co-operation from my wife and the brat. Their attitude towards my project was now definitely hostile, in view of the fact that the shed had hitherto been used to store a lot of junk that was now shifted indoors. And, of course, the brat was deprived of an ideal hide-out in which to play.

The ducklings' menu was carefully supervised. Strict instructions were given to the servant to see that they were fed every two hours at the start. The second week they were fed every three hours on a crumbly paste of biscuit meal, ground oats, middling and bran mixed with skimmed milk. I supervised the mixing to see that no uncalled-for ingredient was added; later, their diet was supplemented with barley meal, fish meal, bone meal and very fine grit, to which were added large quantities of chopped green food — from the night's salad.

The ducklings steadily grew but made no attempt to pick slugs and insects, as should have been natural at their age. I consulted Duckworth's valuable treatise and learned that in addition to insect food they should be fed three times a day with barley meal, sharps, household scraps and anything else handy — giving them on each occasion as much as they could gobble up clean.

THE house was now in a state of minor revolt. The wife objected to "wasting good food on those damn ducks," the brat resented having to dig up insect food and the servant complained of extra work.

And then they were at that age when it is reasonable to expect an egg or two. Donald was now a white, full-chested bird with glossy brown feathers on the back, whose contours, I felt, should attract any male bird with an eye for such beauty. But the birds refused to oblige. Knowing that ducks do their laying during the night or early in the morning, I prowled into the compound night after night only to return disappointed. "Feed them extra well to get eggs almost daily," the book advised, and their rations were doubled — to no avail.

After much deliberation, during a restless night, I came to the

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conclusion that something was wrong with the drake; like the poor chap next door who, though married for twelve years, was yet heirless.

So more drakes were added, and when these were not found satisfactory, another two, and another two, till the shed was full. The servant quit, the wife went to stay with her parents and the brat begged to be sent to a boarding-school. I was alone with my obsession.

MY nocturnal excursions to the duck-run had resulted in insomnia. I was sitting by the radio one night not long after the family crisis, listening to a news programme, when my neighbour walked in with a duck in his arms.

He let the bird flutter to the floor, dusted his hands, then took a deep breath.

"Just because you can't sleep," he shouted, "is no reason to keep other people awake!"

He looked at the blank look on my face, then asked, "Is this your duck?"

I looked at the duck waddling about the linoleum.

"It's not a duck," I said, proud of my knowledge, pointing to the straight tail. "It's a drake."

"Duck or drake!" he exploded "Is it yours?"

I looked again at the full white chest, the glossy brown feathers on its back and the well-defined contours.

"Donald!" I exclaimed, then chuckled to myself. "No, Donald was a duck, this was a drake."

"Where did you find this bird?" I asked.

"In my kitchen, trying to get fresh with a duck we bought yesterday and making the deuce of a noise about it!" he replied through clenched teeth.

I looked at the bird again. This was preposterous. I dashed into the shed.

Donald was not there!

As I dragged myself back to the house, the awful truth dawned on me. Donald was in the living-room and he was a drake — not a duck!

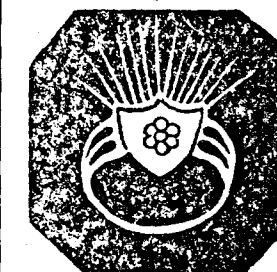
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They provisionally got accommodated at Vanita Samaj, and despite the difficulties which young people, and that too, the fair sex, have to encounter in a Metropolis like Bombay, they got themselves fixed up in the same office because of good luck.

It seemed as though Providence had so fated their company for a march of continuous life when one day Leela told Prema, "We have been fortunate in living together always and how ridiculous it would be if both fell in love with the same person — but this never happens, for it is only spoken in jest."

Vithal & Co., Bombay, where these girls were working, was run by Mr. Suresh, a happy-go-lucky gent, whose appearance seemed as though he was an American sleuth. He had the swagger and dash that often goes with the impressionable city youth. But Suresh was not a youth, for he was on the brink of forty and his deportment was so nice that it belied his age. Yes, it was Suresh who employed Prema who first approached him for a job, and later it was her influence that paved the way for the appointment of her friend, Leela, in the same office.

As could be guessed, Suresh had, from the beginning, an eye on both these smart ladies—if it was Leela who went out for lunch with him on Monday, it was Prema who would dress up for the next day for, had not Suresh always invited them by turns? And this game went on—one day Prema and the other day Leela. At the beginning, our friends enjoyed the city life thinking that after all life was a spell of gaiety.

One day Leela returned unduly late and when she came with a big packet the first seeds of jealousy were sprouting in the heart of Prema, for it was a saree with border in the latest fashion.

Twice during the same week, Prema was invited but she refused thinking it might make Suresh more anxious for her company. When Leela noticed the change, she was not able to fathom the reason.



By J. Nilakantan

And it so happened that when Suresh told her that he could bank on her company, Leela decided to tackle Prema and argued on the loss of interest by Suresh and the rather cool way in which she was behaving.

Unable to control herself Prema burst out, "After all, Suresh is your man. I had guessed long ago and I was a fool to think he employed you because of my persuasion. I should have realised long ago that your charm needed no persuasion from anybody, to accept you."

Surprised at Prema's outburst, Leela said: "This man means nothing to either of us — we were of the opinion that if a man was sporting enough to fawn upon us we had no objection to honouring him. As for Suresh liking me, I think he likes you more. Was it not you whom he took in the office and was it not to please you that he took me in when actually there was no necessity? Let us not allow a clever outsider to ruin our long friendship with his

whimsical mood. Why, not we invite him to a picture?"

But it did not happen. For before Leela could approach him Suresh came to Prema with some tickets and Prema was looking at Leela! Excitedly, Leela made signs for her acceptance.

That evening while Leela was alone various thoughts flashed in her mind. Did Prema really love Suresh that she should take offence at Suresh inviting her? Late in the evening when Prema showed the sari to Leela, the pang of jealousy

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in her heart was on the increase; the price label attached to the sari was the cause, for while her sari cost only Rs. 35/- the other was priced at Rs. 45/-.

NEXT day when Leela was invited she refused. One evening both were talking of Suresh, each arguing her own way. Suddenly there was a knock on the door, when Prema bashfully told her friend that Suresh had come to call Leela. The knock was repeated and Leela, the more spirited, found, on opening the door, that it was an elderly lady with a child in her arms! The woman rushed in and looking at both the friends said in a jarring tone: "I do not know which is Leela or which is Prema but I know that both of you are trying to betray a family woman. Not that I care much for a man who with one woman at home chases others at the office. But this," said she, pointing to the child, "I cannot throw away."

Why should we go further? Without further query as to the identity of the lady both Leela and Prema quickly grasped the situation. And the irrepressible Leela retorted, "Why, Mrs. Suresh, you should know it is that silly husband of yours who is responsible for the misunderstanding between ourselves."

Turning to Prema, Leela said, "Did I not tell you that Suresh is not so young as he looks?"

At this Mrs. Suresh burst out. "Young you say? You should know my husband is forty-eight!"

Next day, to their amazement, both the friends saw in the office a sulky Suresh. No longer did Leela or Prema feel that the sulkiness was reserved for them alone. They knew that Mrs. Suresh was the source of all that change.

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By K.R.S.

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A.—Keep up the status quo and the Editor will thank you for sparing him the trouble of shedding tears if perchance (or mischance?) you happen to send them to him!

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Q.—Why is a good actor like a good architect?

A.—Because both are keen to build the best of reputations for themselves.

V. Sambasiva Rao, Vadiamudi

Q.—Do you believe in God?

A.—Yes, for there is none better!

R.V. Sreehari, Narasapatnam

Q.—What is the end in life?

A.—The dead-end called *rigor mortis*.

B. Boruah, Shillong

Q.—Where lies the pureness of love?

A.—In the ripe imagination of an over-romantic man.

Miss M. Rodrigues, Bombay-2

Q.—My friend is a little bit dark and she wants to turn fair. So she seeks advice from me. What advice should I give her?

A.—Tell your friend that all women who are fair don't necessarily fare well in life. Other causes contribute to success. Being fair alone does not always lead to an affair. Dark dames have roped in Romeos by other charms, remember!

R. Krishnaswami, Katpadi

Q.—What is the meaning of love?

A.—Absolute attraction born in the eyes, nourished in the mind and felt by the body.

P.R. Ganapathy, Poona-1

Q.—I want to marry a film actress. To whom should I write, please?

A.—To her, of course!

Designs Of A Siren!

By J.K. Gupta

"THOUGHTLESS girl, what have you done?"

"I have committed no sin, have I?"

"But you have ruined your chances of a successful marriage in a very prosperous family."

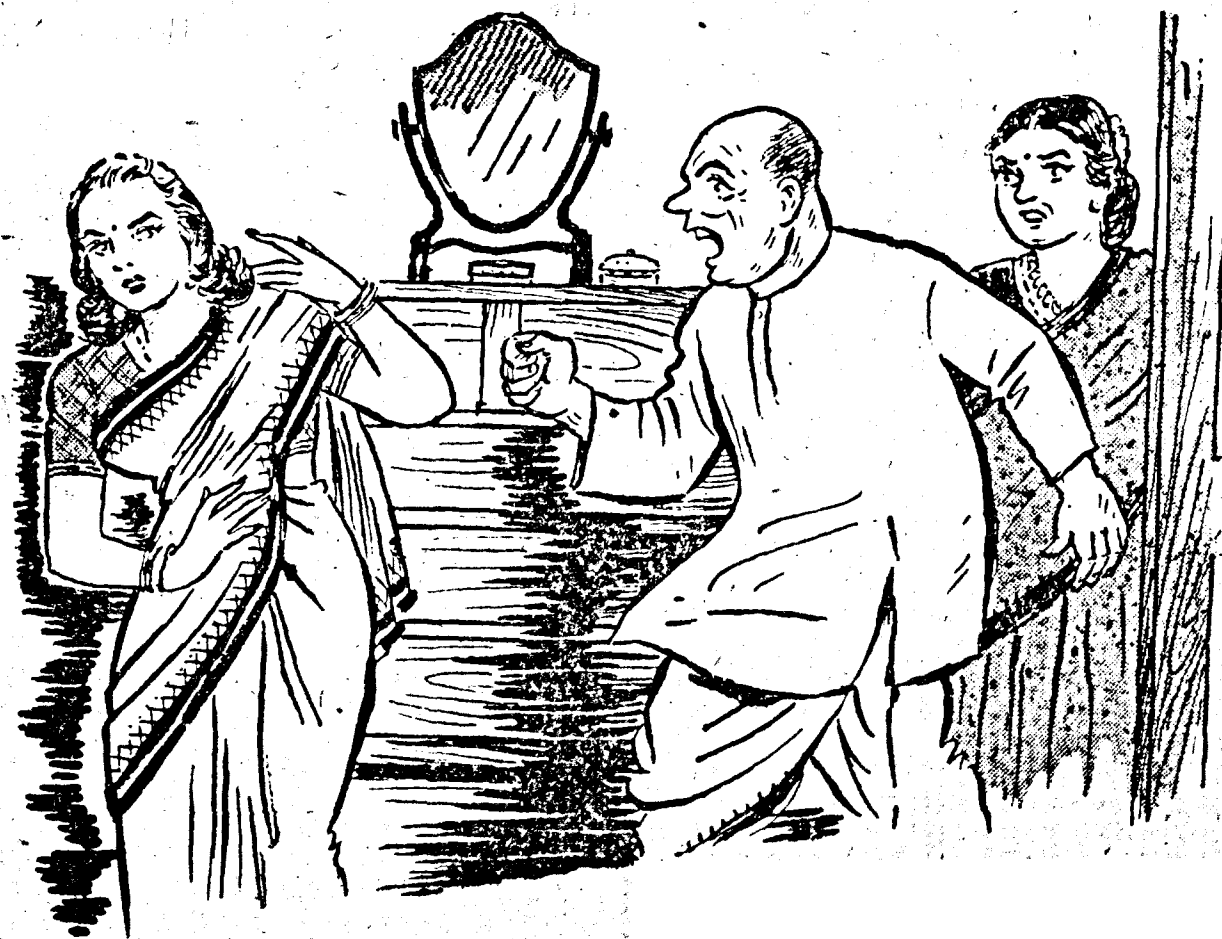
we are anxious that your marriage should take place in the next few months."

"I wish you could permit me to join the Medical College."

"No, no. That is impossible. If I had got a suitable match for

I now see that you are determined to unsettle our plan."

Poornima did not reply. She returned to her bedroom. She had seldom seen her father in such a terrible mood. She was always a favourite child of her father's as she happened to be the youngest. She



"I am not at all anxious for marriage at the moment."

"You may not be. But your mother and I know our duty towards you much better than you claim to know your duty towards us. We have chosen a really suitable bridegroom for you and

you when you passed your Matriculation Examination two years back, you would have been married at the time. Good matches are so rare these days. The parents of bridegrooms make exorbitant demands on one pretext or another. It is extremely lucky that we have arranged this match.

was a tall, slim, fair-complexioned girl. She was both intelligent and industrious. Her teachers in the Science College hoped that she could continue her studies with profit to herself and the country.

At the last I.Sc. Examination, she obtained a merit scholarship

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and she intensely desired to prosecute her studies by joining the Medical College. She wanted to be a physician as she felt that the number of really qualified lady-doctors in the State was negligible. If once she became a physician, need for marriage would cease to be imperative. She might choose to remain single if no agreeable life partner was forthcoming.

But her home was humming with talks about negotiations regarding her forthcoming marriage. Her elder brother and his wife, her elder married sister who happened to have come here at the time as also her erstwhile classmates envied her lot. A rich landlord who had hundreds of acres of land under his own cultivation apart from several hundreds, settled with *ryots*, had approved of Poornima as a suitable match for his only son. He was pleased with the charming figure of Poornima, her educational attainments and, last but not least, her proficiency in the culinary art. But in order to give an opportunity to his own son to indicate his choice, he had proposed that his son would visit next week to see Poornima for himself.

Naresh, the prospective bridegroom, was a young man of athletic frame as he had had

plenty of opportunity of indulging in wrestling during his early years. His complexion was slightly dark but impressive. He possessed a winning personality. According to reports, he had managed to pass the Matriculation Examination after a number of unsuccessful attempts. But her parents said that he was not going to seek service as a petty clerk in any office, mercantile or Government. A sensible girl should attach more importance to the security offered by the wealth of the prospective bridegroom rather than a few letters after his name. In any case, money makes the mare go.

But Poornima was not convinced. She preferred young men who could spurn their inheritance and insist on standing on their own feet by earning their bread with the sweat of their brow. Obsessed by these new-fangled ideas, she had decided that she could not persuade herself to pass the rest of her life at the feet of an ignoramus born with a silver spoon in his mouth.

She had known that her prospective parents-in-law came of an orthodox family and Naresh was very obedient and devoted to his parents. Inhabitants of villages are very conservative as a rule and do not brook any modern fashions affected by womenfolk.

Therefore, with a view to falling into disfavour with her prospective bridegroom, she decided to give him a rude shock which was likely to develop into intense hatred for her.

During her childhood, her parents preferred that she should wear her hair in a bob which varied from below her ears to her shoulder in length according to her taste and the current fashion. As she grew older, she liked her shoulder-length bob after the fashion set by the Indian film stars. When she was about twelve, her mother insisted that she should no longer get her hair cut and allow it full scope to grow. She was not sure whether any prospective bridegroom would prefer a girl with a Western hairstyle as his wife, howsoever wholeheartedly he might admire his favourite stars adopting these very styles. Naturally she followed her mother's dictates. To her delight, her hair had grown black, silky and lustrous and reached down to her waistline. Her erstwhile friends in college were indeed envious of her tresses.

She imagined that if now she got her hair bobbed again in the current Western style, it was likely that the country lad, Naresh, might develop an aversion for her and persuade his parents to cancel the

negotiations. In this way, she could get some respite for a few years and if her father felt so inclined, she might join the local Medical College after all.

She stood before her dressing table and unplaited her hair. It fell like a cascade of sheer black beauty over her shoulders. It was indeed a pride for any daughter of Ind. She brought from her back some mass of hair in her hand before herself and silently appreciated its gloss, softness and texture. A sweet fragrance enveloped the atmosphere. It would be a sacrilege to apply scissors to this precious wealth which she herself had developed with infinite care.

She took a pair of scissors and mercilessly cut off her own tresses below her shoulders. She was horrified at the change which confronted her in the dressing mirror. She closed her eyes for a while. So she had, after all, sacrificed her long-cherished tresses at the altar of education. She picked up the shorn mass from the floor, hugged it to her palpitating heart and then wrapping it up in waste paper wanted to throw it away. On second thoughts, she kept the packet in a drawer.

She covered her head immediately with the end of her sari and stealthily went out to a hairdresser who trimmed her shoulder-length bob as glamorously as he could.

When she returned home, a gust of wind blew away the end of the sari from over her head and her father stood agape...

The exchange of words, as recorded above, affected her considerably. Tears welled into her eyes and she hurried to her bedroom, burying her head in the pillow. She did not know when she fell asleep.

Her sister and sister-in-law, at the suggestion of her mother, dressed Poornima very carefully with a mass of false hair, so that she could meet Naresh in the drawing room. Her head was amply covered by her sari which was deftly fastened to her hair by hairpins so that a casual observer could hardly imagine that her head had been bobbed just to scare him. Poornima submitted to these

operations because she did not possess enough courage to defy her parents' wishes regarding her marriage in a really prosperous family.

Naresh was literally swept off his feet when he saw Poornima—a veritable vision of beauty. Her charming features kept him spell-bound for a while.

After an exchange of a few words of usual courtesy, the interview came to an end. Naresh's approval was apparent from the smile stealthily playing on his lips.

Poornima's parents heaved a sigh of relief when they heard from Naresh's father about the dates suitable for 'Tilak' and marriage.

All the dreams and subterfuges of Poornima to prosecute her studies in the Medical College were dashed to the ground.

It was only after marriage that Naresh and his parents could know that Poornima wore her hair short in Western style. This revelation sent a shiver of reaction through the orthodox veins of his parents. But now it was too late. Both father and son had been deceived during the interviews, they felt, though in fact only the son had been.

In the dim light of their bedroom, Naresh threw away the portion of sari almost completely covering Poornima's head and forehead. A wealth of black, glossy hair met his gaze. His two hands gradually converged towards her rosy cheeks, pressing the soft curls framing her head. He lifted her chin by both the thumbs and planted an impulsive kiss on her ruby lips.

"Well, I could never imagine that you could be so lovely after all," he muttered. "As lovely as a star of the screen."

Naresh felt that he had married a film actress actually.

Poornima lifted her eye-lids slowly. Her heart beat hard. She stifled her emotions. She wondered if she had indeed intended to prosecute her medical studies. And she smiled back at her husband with all the warmth of her new love.

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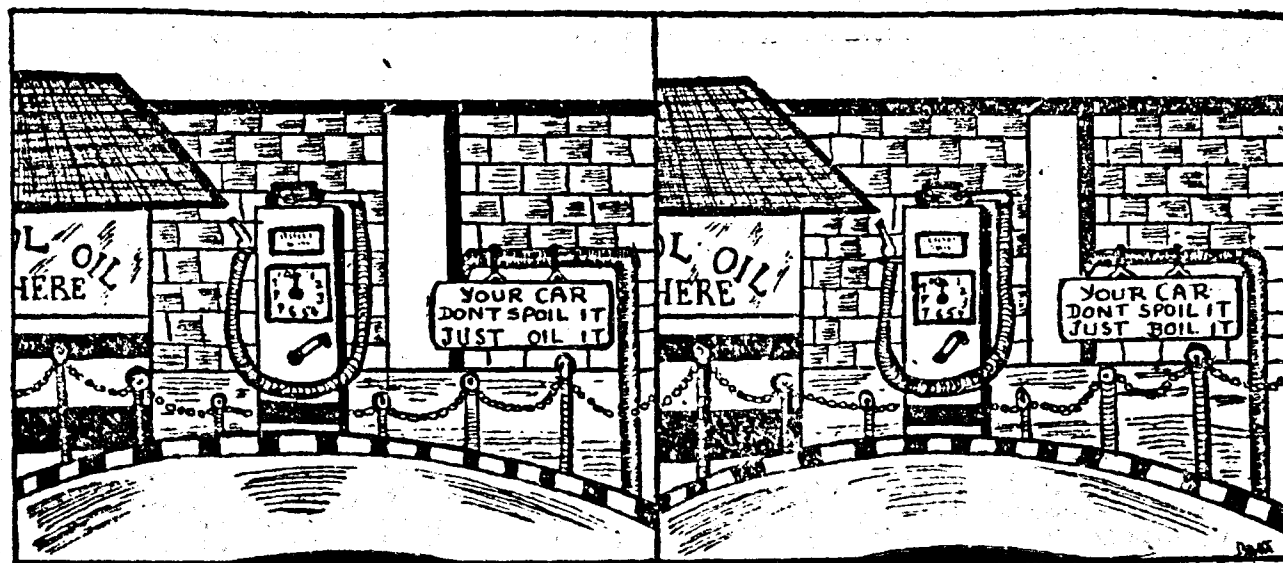
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SINGARAM was a gentleman of fortune. When I say a gentleman, I mean one. You cannot call him a common thief, for he would not care even to shake hands with a common thief, if he met one. Anybody who knows something about the world of thieves will admit that they also have as many classes and strata as our own society. Singaram belonged to the aristocracy in this fraternity. He had nothing but contempt for pick-pockets and common thieves and condemned them as vermin who brought the whole profession into disgrace.

Like any other gentleman, he had a code of etiquette and prided himself on his principles. One of them was to avoid violence in his activities. He never liked to cause hurt to people whose money he was gracious enough to take. "Violence is the weapon of cowards," he used to say. It was his proud boast that he had never used a stick in his career, let alone a gun. He would say that hurting the people who have amassed money for your use is the height of ingratitude and is against the noble Indian tradition.

The followers of his profession are generally cynical and distrustful of others, but Singaram was unusually so. He was cynical to such an extent that he had decided against having anything to do with partners in his business. He looked down upon all others of his calling with a lofty contempt as if he was afraid that his dignity would be compromised if he got their help. His self-confidence and self-reliance were remarkable. If anybody offered to serve him, he would shake his head with the air of an office-manager saying 'nay' to a job-hunter. He would speak about the many great men of his fraternity who were undone by weak and foolish associates. Flesh is frail, he would say, and there is no knowing what a harassed fellow would blurt out when threatened with the prospect of a life-time in prison.

Singaram took his job seriously and made of it a fine art. He did

not believe in wasting his ingenuity and dissipating his energy in a number of petty ventures. His work was something not to be trifled with, but to be undertaken only after a good deal of deliberation. After doing a job neatly, he would live on the proceeds of it comfortably for about a year and then only think of another adventure. He would select his victims and settle down to work on the details of execution with as much punctiliousness as if he were a general planning a major offensive.

This caution of his made him invulnerable, and he was the despair of the police. He never left behind a clue to oblige them. In fact, when a job was neatly done, the police had come to believe that Singaram was responsible for it, but they could not arrest him on this supposition. This exasperated them and they would have given anything to see him in the dock. Once or twice he seemed about to be caught, but he had sprung a break-proof alibi and laughed at their discomfiture.

SUNDARAM PILLAI had made a name in the town for his wealth and stinginess. It was an open secret that he had jewels and a large amount of cash in his house. It was said that he did not believe in banks and kept thousands in his safe in his office room. Singaram had his eye on him for many years. But he had not dared to execute the project for he had to reckon with Velu. The miserly Sundaram Pillai had only one servant Velu, who was both servant and watchman. He filled the place of an army of servants and was a source of immense strength to Sundaram Pillai. He was a tall, hefty man with a formidable personality calculated to strike terror into the most courageous heart.

Many legends were current about his watchfulness and prowess. He was credited with uncanny powers of hearing and it was said that he never slept during nights. Rumour had it that once he had tackled three determined desperadoes

single-handed, and after a long struggle one of them was crippled for life and had fallen down and the rest had run away.

FOOLHARDINESS was no part of Singaram's character. He knew that facing Velu, alone, was impossible and had, therefore, given up Sundaram Pillai to be tackled at some indefinite future date when there would be no Velu to reckon with.

But a lucky thing happened when he least expected it. It was a week before the Pongal. Singaram was walking leisurely along the bazaar which was humming with activity. A daily promenade in the bazaar or wherever people gather was part of his work. His ears were always alert for scraps of information which he could make use of in the course of his work. That day he overheard Velu telling some friend of his that he was going to celebrate the Pongal festival at the temple of his family deity and, therefore, would be away for a week.

This was just the opportunity that Singaram was waiting for. Velu was the only obstacle to the success of his job, and if he was away it was as easy as child's play. Sundaram Pillai's money was simply waiting to be taken. A day's reconnaissance satisfied him on the point. Sundaram Pillai's 'office room' was at one end of the verandah on the ground-floor and the stairs were at the other end. Sundaram Pillai and his wife used the bedroom upstairs, and so there was nobody to disturb Singaram when he was at work. He planned everything and waited only to make sure that Velu had gone away. After satisfying himself on the point, he put his plan into operation.

THE lock at the door of the 'office room' had not presented much difficulty but the safe was really a problem. But Singaram was prepared for it; directing his powerful torch at the lock of the safe, he set to work with slow deliberation with his tools. The

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tick, tick of the clock was the only sound heard in the silence of the night.

SUDDENLY there was another sound, a regular tap, tap, the sound of footsteps at a distance. Singaram pricked up his ears and listened. Yes, it was somebody coming slowly down the stairs. Had he made some noise unwittingly and awakened up the man? It was improbable, he reasoned. He had not made the slightest noise, and even if he had, it could not have been heard upstairs. Maybe the fellow had no inkling of the burglary and had just come down casually. In that case he might go away without coming near the room.

He switched off the torch and stood behind the door listening. His heart was in his mouth and he was in a state of curious agitation. Till then he had never found himself in such a predicament. Generally when his victims woke up, he would be miles away from them. But now he knew fear face to face.

The footfall was no longer on the stairs but on the floor. There was no mistaking the approaching sound! The man was walking towards him with a confident tread as if he was sure of catching Singaram red-handed. Singaram's blood froze. What was he to do? Ah, if only he had had a stick with him! He would then have given this man a bit of his mind.

The footsteps were heard very near. Singaram was in a panic. His plan had misfired, and he had been trapped. His only concern was to get away somehow. One minute more, and the man would be on him ... Opening the door he rushed out ... In his blind hurry he did not notice the rug. He tripped over it, and fell down. His head struck violently against the stone-floor, and he fell into a swoon.

IN the lock-up, he was mad with rage at the dirty trick that Fate had played upon him. "How the devil was I to know," he cried, "that the fellow is a sleep-walker and that he would not have noticed me even if I had stood before him?"

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Bridges Through The Ages

BRIDGES, like so many other familiar objects which are closely woven into the pattern of our everyday lives, are apt to be overlooked or taken for granted.

The ordinary citizen is not concerned with the problems of design which have had to be solved before the bridge can withstand all the traffic loads and all the buffeting which may come on it; nor with the problems of erection inherent in getting some of these immense structures into place and providing foundations to keep them stable for generations, writes Sir Donald Bailey in the *London Daily Telegraph*.

All the man in the street usually asks is that the bridge shall be there when required for his service and convenience, and he hardly spares a thought for the research and toil which must necessarily go into its creation.

But when in time of war, flood, or earthquake, destruction overtakes it, the resultant dislocation focuses attention on its vital importance and he is made more conscious of its place in his life.

Story of Civilization

President Franklin D. Roosevelt once said: "The story of bridge building is the story of civilization and by it we can readily measure an important part of a people's progress."

And so Mr. Shirley Smith in his recently published book *The World's Great Bridges* starts at the very beginning when the fallen tree, the boulder washed down by the floods and other natural formations were the only means of passing dryshod across a river.

Then he progresses through the time when early Man had developed elementary tools sufficiently to reproduce and improve on the natural structures, until he reaches the great bridges of today.

Many thrilling tales of the bridge in peace and war unfold as the pages turn.

Bridge For Eternity

Imagination calls up a vision of the Roman bridge builder Caius Julius Lacer who, having been commanded by the Emperor Trajan to bridge the River Tagus, exclaims with pride on its completion: "I have left a bridge that shall remain for eternity."

Now, 2,000 years later, the Alcantara Bridge can still be seen to re-assert his boast.

We see the patient priest building to the glory of God and for the good of his fellow-men—possibly guided in the proportion

he chooses for his structure by those proven satisfactory for the arches in the naves of the great cathedral churches.

The Church took a prominent part in the building of bridges, both in Britain and on the continent of Europe, in the early stages of history.

Old London Bridge, so closely associated with the life of London and its vicissitudes of war, fire, and plague for more than six hundred years, was one of the many to be built by a cleric; its builder, Peter of Colechurch, found his last resting-place within the structure he had built so well.

Notable Milestone

As time went on cast iron, wrought iron, and, in later days, steel gradually came into use for the construction of bridges in place of wood and stone, and their coming opened the way for the great spans soon to be built.

But the theory underlying the strength of structures was to take years to develop, and the properties of materials were by no means reliable. So we find the careful Telford load-testing, one by one, the links for his Menai Suspension Bridge.

A notable milestone on the way towards scientific design was the foundation in France, in 1716, of the Corps des Ponts et Chaussées. From that time bridge design gradually developed from a matter of trial and error towards the remarkable precision which can be attained today.

The Corps was charged with the task of approving the design of all bridges, canals, and roads; and to ensure competence its members had to be graduates of the Ecole de Paris.

Great Disasters

It was a forerunner of our own Institution of Civil Engineers, of which Thomas Telford became the first president in 1820 and which has ever since maintained a high standard for the professional engineer in many lands.

The coming of railways naturally caused a great increase in the requirement for bridges, no fewer than 25,000 being built in a period of seventy years. It was a period of great triumphs, and also unfortunately of great disasters.

In Britain the destruction of the Tay Bridge occurred in the life-time of some living today. During a terrible storm on a night in December, 1879, the Edinburgh Mail was crossing when watchers saw "a flash of sparks in the darkness and then a long comet of light sweeping down to the waters of the Tay" as the train and much of the bridge disappeared for ever.

It was the climax of a number of failures caused by wind pressure. After that accident an intensive study was made of the forces which can be exerted by wind.

Until quite recently it had been thought that enough was known of wind effects to avoid all danger, but a new form of failure occurred when the great 2,800 ft. span of the Tacoma Narrows Suspension Bridge in the United States failed in 1940.

The Howrah Bridge

This time comparatively light winds produced spectacular oscillations both vertically and sideways, causing the span to collapse four months after its completion.

Subsequent investigation showed that this was due to aerodynamic instability of the flexible bridge deck, which is very similar to the phenomenon of wing flutter in aircraft. So, like the aeroplane designer, the bridge engineer has to make use of the wind tunnel to check the security of structures of this kind.

Queer Facts

In 1804, Prof. Pontus, of Cahors, France, announced to the French Academy particulars of a shower of frogs which fell near Toulouse, during a storm. The roads and fields were full of the creatures, in places 3 or 4 feet deep.

Record in kisses was revealed when a divorce was granted to a woman living in Cleveland, Ohio. A private detective said he watched the woman's husband give a seven-minute kiss to another woman in her car.

The ice-flower, the Soldanella, forces its way up through the solid ice to blossom in the sun. It grows in Switzerland.

The Arabian Desert is not in Arabia, but in Egypt.

Camel's hair brushes are not made from camel's hair, but from squirrel's.

The soya bean, only recently recognized in this country as an important food, has been eaten by the Chinese for the past 8,000 years. Glass, plastics, paint, and explosives are among the products now being made from soya beans.

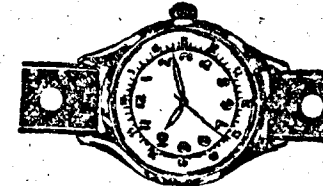
Those present at a German fancy dress party applauded when what they took to be two men dressed as a bull entered the hall. Then there was a rush for the exits. The bull was real!

Recently exhibited at the Hamburg Horticultural Show was a lotus plant raised from Japanese seeds 2,000 years old. The plant was grown in Japan from seeds found in a tomb.

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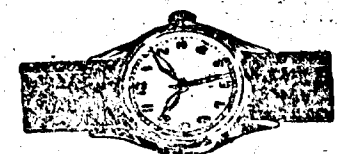
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Then a messenger brought the news that the bridegroom had vanished from his Midlands hotel about forty minutes before the ceremony was due to start.

For more than an hour the worried bride, near to tears, waited for the missing groom. He did not come. The wedding and reception were cancelled.

What was the reason for that young man's non-attendance at his wedding only a few weeks ago? Shyness—yes, plain shyness!

"I was just bashful," he said later. "So I didn't turn up."

Overcoming his bashfulness, he went along and saw his puzzled and disappointed sweetheart next day. Together they walked in their local lovers' lane, and soon the bashful bridegroom was discussing a new date for the wedding.

Too Self-conscious

It was, of course, no isolated case of wedding "nerves." Many a young man's courage has failed him at the last moment—even when he's got as far as the church door—and he's turned tail and bolted rather than face the responsibilities of married life. Often, it's merely the idea of going through the wedding ceremony—as the object of all eyes—that makes a prospective groom's nerve fail him at the eleventh hour.

Shy folk do the queerest things because of the self-consciousness which constantly afflicts them.

A titled woman, whom no one suspected of being at all sensitive, caused a sensation on the day she was due to launch a new steamer in the north of England.

As the moment approached for her to dash a bottle of champagne against the vessel's side, she turned to an official and said: "It's no good. All these people watching me make me nervous and I'm quite overcome with shyness. I can't launch the ship."

Before the astonished official could reply, she had run from the launching platform and disappeared. The launching was postponed and later performed by a local big-wig.

Led To Suicide

Shyness led to a Southend clerk committing suicide.

Before putting his head in a gas oven, he wrote to his sister: "I can't stick this shyness any longer. I have always been lonely right from a kid.... It is my own fault for being shy."

"That is why I never had a girl. I could never get to know one because of my shyness. The evenings I have gone out have all been camouflage."

"Not once a month have I ever spoken to anyone. If I meet a strange man or a strange woman, my brain ceases to function and I can hardly utter a sound. I just cannot think of anything to say so I sit and smile inanely and everybody says 'How quiet you are.'"

The shy man's letter concluded: "I've always longed for a wife and a home, but I shall never get one if I live to be a hundred—I am too shy. For a man to get to my

age (37) and say that he had never taken a girl out, means that he never will."

So extraordinarily shy was Lord Lyons, British Ambassador to France in the 1870s, that he never dared to look any of his footmen in the face.

He usually dined alone and he used to remember his footmen's names by memorizing the contours of the calves of their legs!

Pretty Women Scared Him

The philosopher, Henry Cavendish, was at times almost paralysed by shyness. His housekeeper had to receive his orders by notes which he deposited on the hall table.

As for pretty women, they scared him. It chanced that several of his household servants were rather comely. So, in the seclusion of his study, Cavendish wrote the following remarkable note to his long-suffering housekeeper: "I am afraid I must ask you to make and strictly enforce this rule—that if one of the female servants even accidentally crosses my path, she must be instantly dismissed."

Another terribly shy but famous man who could never overcome his bashfulness was Christopher Smart, the English poet who went mad. He was once reluctantly persuaded to introduce his handsome wife to a certain powerful lord and patron.

He did so, timidly. Then, almost overcome by shyness, he darted from the house without hat or coat, leaving his embarrassed wife to explain his affliction.

One of the early Dukes of Portland was so shy that when he went out walking in his park he always carried an enormous umbrella, which he put up hurriedly even on a sunny day if a stranger came near.

Cured His Shyness!

A man of genius who cured his shyness was the nineteenth-century wit, Sydney Smith. Asked how he did it, he replied: "It was not long before I made two very useful discoveries. First, that all mankind were not solely employed in observing me—a belief that all young people have—next that shamming was of no use, the world was very clear-sighted and soon estimated a man at his right value. This cured me of shyness."

To-day we are less shy, although some psychologists declare that on the whole men tend to be more shy than women in the presence of the opposite sex.

One expert told me: "The shyness you see in some teenagers to-day springs from an intense desire to delight and impress and interest other people. One way to prevent this is for their elders never to snub them in public."

Lying Down On The Job!

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FROM 1st TO 15th AUGUST 1954

AUGUST, 1st Sun. "Tour-as-and-where-you-like" plane service is started from every capital city of the major States of the Indian Republic to make the people of India air-minded.

The charges are half the running cost; the public are invited to take advantage of the great National idea which is certainly nothing new, because it is clearly stated that after the victory of Rama, he and his spouse returned to their native place in a plane.

2nd Mon. Dr. C.P. Ramaswami Ayyar, one of the Members of the Press

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 Cheerful Chum by all his Old Friends and the New friends which his Genial and Refined Humour is sure to ensure for him. — Ed.

Commission, has offered, for the second week, a prize of Rs. 10,000 to any Indian, no academic qualification needed, who will study the 1000-page Report of that Commission and prove to the satisfaction of two judges that the candidate has made even a superficial acquaintance with that Report.

3rd Tues. Though the offer of Rs 10,000 prize has been before the public in all the journals of India, there has not been a single entrant for the Competition; hence, Dr. C.P. Ramaswami Ayyar has raised the prize for the person showing a fair acquaintance with the Report of the Press Commission, to Rs. 50,000.

This night's Broadcast announces that the generous prize has not brought a single entrant upto the hour of the Broadcast.

It is rumoured that Dr. C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar, who has never experienced any set-

back in his career, is thinking of raising the prize to full One Lakh of Rupees.

4th Wed. M. Pierre Mendes-France, Prime Minister of France, announces in the French Chamber of Deputies that he is determined to work the French Govt. in the true spirit of the Constitution; that is, he is determined to grant the demands of the Nationalist movements in Tunisia, Morocco and French India; as for the muddle in Indo-China, he will do just what will usher in peace, no matter how Mr. Dulles of U.S.A. or Sir Winston Churchill takes it.

5th Thur. M. Salazar of Portugal has sent a strong note to M. Mendes-France that his soft and supine example is acting most injuriously to the Colonial interests of Portugal in India; M. Salazar declares that, whatever other Premiers might do, he will not be a party to the liquidation of the Portuguese Empire, in the building up of which great and pious members of the Portuguese Royal Family like Prince John have wrought with such true Christian chivalry.

6th Fri. Eisenhower, President of U.S.A., leaves U. S. A. on a special man-of-war, it is confidentially rumoured, with vast bags of American money, to be freely distributed among the States situated in the S. East and S. Western Asia, including Pakistan, Ceylon, Siam, etc., and any other State which has the prudence to show goodwill and commonsense just as Goneril and Regan

showed to King Lear before he partitioned his dominion.

7th Sat. Pandit Nehru wire-lesse a long and strong message of welcome to Ike telling him that his will be the glory of being the first American President to visit India in his official capacity, though William Jennings Bryan who was very nearly getting the President's seat had visited India; Nehru suggests that a visit of the ruling President of U.S.A. would go a long way to establish feelings of friendship which no amount of protestations or professions or even financial Aids could accomplish: reply is anxiously awaited.

8th Sun. Ike replies that as things at present stand, he is not in a position to accept the very kind and loving invitation of Nehru and President Prasad, though, in his own heart of hearts, he cannot find it to refuse to comply with the request from two whom he holds in the highest esteem, not merely for the position occupied in their own native land, but in the World at large; he still hopes that it might please Providence to grant that, though he might not visit the ancient and holy land of India as the President of U.S.A., it might yet be possible that it be vouchsafed for him to visit the land of the Birth of Lord Buddha, as a private citizen of U. S. A., which is no stranger to the spiritual lustre of a land, which, towards the end of the last century, sent over Swami Vivekananda.

9th Mon. The Rickshawallahs of the capital of the

Madras State today waited in deputation on the Chief Minister Kamaraj Nadar, to place before him their claims to be considered in the working out of the Five Year Plan II; they assert that they do not in any way oppose the Chief Minister's idea of re-opening the condemned Tramway service, but they only want that their claims for improvement in their condition not to be overlooked; that they want that every Rickshawallah should be given a Rickshaw for himself which should be guaranteed against breakage or damage for three years with right for free repair in that time; and that they should be given free quarters for dwelling, suitably supplied with water, light and play-ground for their children.

Papers announce that after giving a patient hearing to the Rickshawallahs, the Chief Minister assured them of his very careful consideration; and, after shaking hands with every one of them, he sent them with a gift of a day's earnings as the C. Minister thinks that the Rickshawallahs discharged a public duty in enlightening him about the condition of that group of public service men.

10th Tues. M. Mendes - France, the French Premier, issues a statement that he is not quite happy about the arming of Western Germany, whatever might be the hurry in which Ike might be about the matter, supported by Sir W. Churchill of England along with his loyal supporter, Mr. Anthony Eden; M.

Mendes-France openly declares that, in spite of all that Ike and Churchill might say and secretly promise, the idea of an armed Germany cannot make for a happy or jovial France after its experiences in the two World Wars.

Ike and Churchill are baffled at this dour stand of Mendes-France; Churchill retires with a fresh box of strong cigars to brood over the matter.

11th Wed. The Chief Minister of Madras State has chosen a body of Tamil scholars, poets and wits, to compose proper slogans for various purposes or movements, no matter whether any movement is for or against the Congress party which is in power; complaints, the Chief Minister announces, have reached him to the effect that the slogans shouted are harsh, unmusical, jarring, and therefore grate on the ears to the prejudice of the aesthetic susceptibilities of the public; hence, the new slogans to be published which the youth are requested to make full use of.

12th Thur. Dr. Jagan, the ousted Chief Minister of Br. Guiana, is given certain books which he should be reading in the jail during his waking hours, which if he does not, he is warned that special disciplinary action would be taken; a special set of guards have been placed over Mr. Jagan to see that he really reads and answers questions properly; the books, by the way, are "Blessings of British Rule," "Merciful Treatment of



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Backward Races under British Rule," "How British Rule Saves Uncivilized Human Races," etc.

13th Fri. Sri C. Rajagopalachari, or Rajaji, in an angry and violent broadcast on the A.I.R., Madras, lasting for an hour and a half, specially allowed in consideration of his exalted position formerly, and the likelihood of his again stepping into power, emphatically denies that Mr. Naga Raja Sarma is in thorough bad state to criticise his views about Epic and Lyric, in connection with his classification of the Ramayanas of Valmiki and Kambar; the former Chief Minister makes no hiding of his anger at such headstrong opposition to what he said and that he would be the last man to accept any bookworm correction of his views based on intensive and highly esoteric appreciation of the inner soul of Valmiki and Kambar; he roundly asserts that no man can dare correct him or his views on such matters; he goes so far as to say that even C. Rajagopalachari cannot correct C. Rajagopalachari.

14th Sat. Smt. Vijayalakshmi Pandit's Book on her recent trip to the West is published: its title explains the contents of the Book: "Europe Today: Its Freaks called Fashions, Its Frenzies, Its Fears and Its Futureless Future."

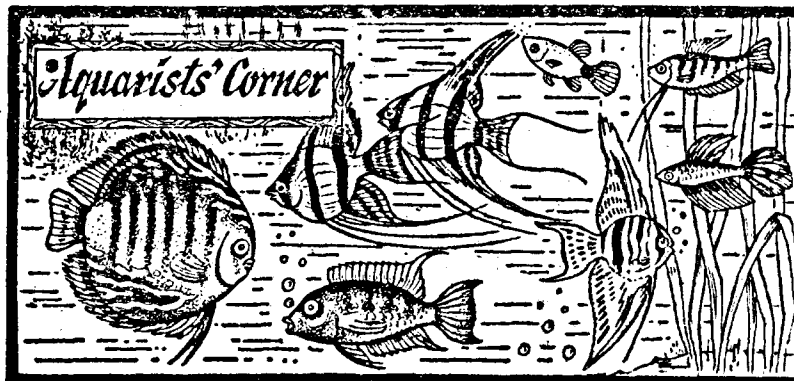
In all book shops the demand exceeds the stocks; and, as the Book is also issued in the Regional Languages, men and women of all ranks and grades of

Education are rushing in a panic, such as has never been known in the history of Book Sales of the World.

15th Sun. All the Editors of the Indian Newspapers in one body march with Civil and Military Honours to the Rashtrapathi Bhavan where they are most sumptuously treated by President Rajendra Prasad and Pandit Nehru who serve themselves and the gathered guests, this ceremony being held in honour of the glorious Day of Indian Independence.

At the meeting of the Editors held in the Durbar Hall, the Editors, almost all of them, make such lengthy speeches that President Prasad permits half a dozen to harangue simultaneously to save time and to give the chance to every one to speak, and even thus, the President confidentially declares that he wonders whether all the assembled Editors would have finished by midnight.

In the afternoon, President Prasad, as the Principal Leader of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Newspaper Reading Animals, presents each Editor with a Silver Pen, with the words "Short and Light" inscribed on it; President Prasad explained the motto to be an exhortation, or even a prayer, to make their Leading Articles as Short and Light as possible because he finds that the Nation groans under the burden of heavy and mercilessly long Leaders at present; after taking the oath to abide by the President's request, the Editors disperse.



The Kissing Gourami

ONE of the most individualistic of all the fish in a community aquarium is the Kissing Gourami (*Helostoma temminckii*). To anyone seeing them for the first time, "Pigs" is the immediate reaction, for pigs they certainly resemble with their silver pink colour, their black beady eye and their protruding lips. In their habits, however, they have much to recommend them for the Aquarist's collection.

Two full-grown kissers, by their size, will contrast all the fish in the tank with the exception of the larger *Cichlids*. At breeding size, the female should be about five inches long by two-and-one-half inches deep, and the male slightly smaller at four inches long by two inches deep. Their gleaming flesh-pink is ideal for showing up the reds, blues, black and gold of other fish in the collection.

In spite of their size they can be kept safely with even the smallest fish. I have kept them in a tank with spawning Pearl Gourami and they neither disturbed the nest nor ate the fry. However, in common with many other fish, they do chase each other, but seldom to any detriment.

It has been suggested that they are good algae eaters, for when other fish are browsing the bottom for food, the Kisser will be busy on the glass of the aquarium and up and down both sides of the water plants; it is my opinion that they are feeding rather on rotifers, verticilli and other phylum that inhabit the algae.

This interesting article, written by L. Penwarden, is reproduced by kind courtesy of *The Winnipeg Exotic Fish Club Journal*.

The size of the fish would lead one to believe that large-sized food should be fed, but even when full-grown these Gourami have trouble swallowing a worm as large as a full-grown white worm! Because they have no teeth of any size for the biting or chewing of their food, but rather a pair of bony-ridged turn-back lips, the food for all ages can be of micrograin size and certainly no larger than medium. Food that absorbs moisture slowly is to be preferred, so that it floats on the surface long enough for them to have a good meal. I have had very good success in raising the young by starting them on egg powder sifted on the surface of the water, changing later to ground and sifted dog biscuit. With five- or six feedings a day, growth is rapid.

Father As Fish Hobbyist!

This delightfully humorous article written by Sharon McCormack in *The Fish Tale*, Journal of the Pasadena Aquarium Society, is reproduced by kind permission.

THERE are disadvantages to having a father who is a fish hobbyist just as there are to having a father who has stamps spread all around the house. My dad has something like that though. We

In their own breeding habits, however, they prefer a roomy tank of from fifteen to thirty gallons, and to be entirely by themselves. They build no nest, and the eggs, which are laid in the dark hours of the morning, float gently up to the surface and rest there; even when disturbed they are not adhesive, do not stick to plants, but float back up to the surface. In sixteen to eighteen hours, at 78°, each fertile egg can be seen to give a little spin, the tail straightens out, and a beautiful, active and hungry fish is born.

After three days, during which time the yolk sac is absorbed, infusoria drip feeding is started and continued for a week, or until experimental feedings show that the fry are surface feeding. Because of the large number of eggs these fish lay, the young should be split up into tanks of suitable size as soon as they can be safely moved (after six weeks) and the frequent feedings continued.

There are no visible sex differences in the Kissing Gourami, and pairing can be done only after the fish has reached adult size when the thickening of the female can be plainly seen. The act of kissing is no indication of a desire to spawn, as even young of six to eight months can be seen kissing, and they should be between two and three years old before they spawn for the first time. After spawning, the parents may be safely left with the young, although some eggs may be lost in the natural feeding habits of the fish; or they may be taken out of the tank right after spawning, if so desired, as the young require no attention from the adult.

have a closet that used to be known as our record cupboard. I say used to because three years ago, when my dad became editor, the people from all the other aquarium societies began sending their bulletins to dad. What was originally our record cupboard is still considered that but I can't

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Close-Up View Of Danny Kaye!

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THERE are many men starring in *Knock On Wood*, the Paramount picture that I made in Hollywood. Their name is Danny Kaye! You see, Danny is an intricate human being. He is not one man, but ten. He is a very complicated person to understand.

I got to like him very much. And I think I got to know him very well, writes Mai Zetterling in an article in the *London Picture-goer*.

I will describe to you what it was like filming *Knock On Wood* with Danny. In so doing, perhaps I can tell something of his many-sided personality, something of the reality behind the greasepaint and the grimaces.

I was very excited when invited to play opposite him. I had seen him on the stage at the London Palladium, and I had seen all his films. I had always been a great admirer. Go to Hollywood to work with him, however? That prospect was a different thing altogether.

I am quite a quiet person. I had heard a lot of stories about Kaye, how he was always making fun of everybody, always gagging. "How is that going to be?" I wondered. Also I was doubtful about Hollywood itself and its ideas of presenting actors and actresses. I had read much about Hollywood.

Film fans who were lucky enough to see Danny Kaye at Bombay and Delhi recently and such of those Danny Kaye admirers who weren't that lucky will find this article on the actor interesting and informative.

These were little qualms, you understand, and not really big worries. Indeed, I looked forward to the film, for I had read the script and it was a very well-written part for me — not a big, fantastic role, but a good straight part, as a psychiatrist. Also, I love travelling. I love seeing places. So I did not hesitate in deciding to go to see sunny Hollywood.

When I reached the airport in California, I stepped from the plane to find Danny Kaye waiting. I had not anticipated that. It was a most pleasant surprise. Danny was friendly, and my nervousness vanished. He did joke with me, as I had expected, but not in an unkind way. And there was a lot more joking in the first week. That week was spent in rehearsals — very helpful, because I got to know everybody in the studio and could feel thoroughly at home before shooting began.

One of the first things I found out about Danny was that not until he actually starts work does he become serious. But at once, I see, I am meeting difficulties in describing this man of many parts. I make it sound as if he is frivolous all the time, except when he is working. This is not so.

Danny can be most sober and thoughtful. He is extremely intelligent. He can discuss most subjects knowledgeably. For instance, he has a deep interest in surgery. It is quite amazing; he can talk to a doctor for about an hour, using all the technical terms fluently. Opera is another great love, particularly Mozart. Danny has the scores of all the operas. Often between shots he would produce a Mozart score and we would sing together — yes, quite a "straight" rendering, and no burlesque! It was great fun.

However, it is true to say that the Kaye most often seen when he is not working is the Kaye who gags and jokes. On the set, between takes, he gives impressions and imitations that keep everyone in the unit in fits of laughter.

One day, he was playing a scene in the film where he was supposed to be drunk. He went on acting after the call of "Cut!" and gave a performance that was so comically realistic that two members of

the crew began to feel unwell, too, and had to go off stage! Either Danny is making everybody laugh on the set, or he is in a completely opposite mood: not saying a word, and very sad. He very seldom shows his own self.

How shall I sum up the Kaye who goes before the camera — the Kaye with whom I acted? He dominates the proceedings through force of personality, and one must be very much alert when responding. This Kaye does not meet you half way. You must follow him all the time. If there are several takes for a scene, he does not do a succeeding take exactly as he has just done the preceding one. He changes things suddenly, perhaps putting in another line of dialogue, or omitting a line. You have to be ready to play on his inspiration, his timing.

Spontaneous Improvisations

All this is very tricky for the director. The producer-directors *Knock On Wood*, Norman Panama and Melvin Frank, know Danny and his behaviour well, and everything went smoothly.

I found it very stimulating. I learned a lot. Kaye plays so much on his feelings for the moment that he spontaneously he achieves is tremendous. You can appreciate that some actors and actresses find working with Danny very difficult. Consider, say, an older actor who has his own established method of working.

This actor has thoroughly rehearsed a scene at a breakfast table. He has worked out his movements so that in every take he puts down a cup on the same spot at the same moment, and he picks up a spoon at the same point in the dialogue. Then Danny Kaye makes his spontaneous improvisations. The line of dialogue which the other actor is relying on as a cue is not spoken by Danny at all. The actor is thrown completely out of gear.

Often I wondered if Danny himself knew what he was going to do in the next take. He would never explain in advance to me what he intended. He did not like to discuss his technique of working, but from my observation I would

say that he has a line of approach that he follows right through a picture. When he steps before the camera, he knows roughly what he will do. Although he is slightly different in every take, he always follows that main guiding line.

Danny loves his work, and he is most conscientious. He learns his dialogue amazingly quickly. He looks at his lines two or three times and can go right through them without a fluff. He always arrived on the *Knock On Wood* set a quarter of an hour earlier than everybody else. When the rest of us turned up, he would gag: "I've been waiting all day."

Did he get there early in order to rehearse? No. Honestly I do not know why he did arrive so soon. Perhaps it was to practise his golf! Between takes he would practise, incidentally, behind a black curtain, which had been hung across a corner of the stage.

I repeat that Danny loves his work. Much as he enjoys filming, he loves more appearing on the stage. Though he is excited at the beginning of a picture, he is a bit depressed by the time it is nearing its end. He feels he is held down, confined, by the discipline of the cameras.

Love of the Stage

The stage is his life. One evening at the Hollywood Bowl, I could see how vibrantly he responded. He took me to an enormous "do" there, where all the stars were doing something for charity — singing or dancing or talking. To watch Danny go on and do his piece was stimulating.

"I can appreciate how he feels about the stage. I myself am at home in the theatre. I love film work, but it is so seldom that you get a chance to make a really good picture. You are lucky if you can find half a dozen in a lifetime.

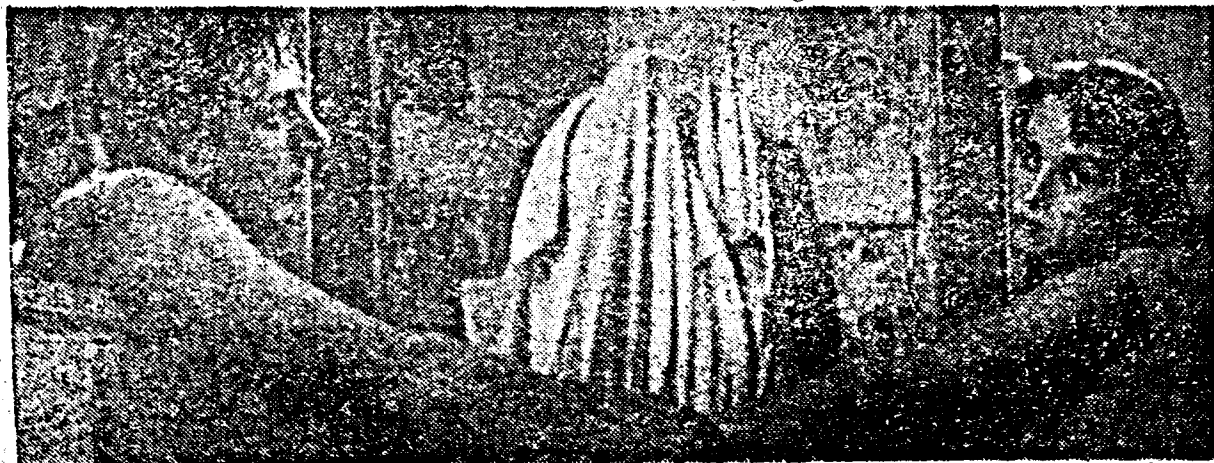
Is *Knock On Wood* a really good picture? It is very funny. I honestly think that it is the funniest picture that Danny Kaye has yet made. As for my own performance as the psychiatrist with whom he falls in love, I can

only hope that I do a better job of work than I have done here in trying to analyse Danny's character for you. I feel that I have painted an inadequate picture of the actor and the man.

I did say, however, that he was an intricate and complicated human being, didn't I?

Plea For Preservation Of "Koochipoodi" Tradition

Before a representative gathering, Lalitha Natya Kala Samiti was inaugurated in Thyagarayanagar in the City recently. Sri Neelamraju Venkata Seshaiiah presided. Sri V. Nagiah paid glowing tributes to the Koochipoodi style of dancing which is representative of the Andhra genius. He pleaded that every Andhra should strive his best to see that this Koochipoodi tradition is not lost forever owing to lack of interest or helpful appreciation. He deplored the tendency to start rival organisations in any field, especially the cultural one. Every Andhra, he pointed out, would have done a timely duty if he helped in every possible way the preservation and glorification of the Koochipoodi style. Sri Lingamurthy, during the course of a spirited speech, said that just as our Government saw to it that only such men whose wives are well educated and attractive are selected as ambassadors so also should the Government stipulate that the ambassadors' wives should be talented dancers or songstresses. By such a selection foreign countries would come to appreciate our dancing and music which are essentially Indian. The organiser of the Lalitha Natya Kala Samiti is Sri Vempati Chinna Satyamu. It would be in the fitness of things if lovers of the Koochipoodi style could persuade personalities of the Andhra film industry to produce a documentary film so that the art could be preserved forever thereby. Each producer, actor or studio owner should contribute a share of the expenses. The Andhra Government would also do well to request the Films Division of the Information & Broadcasting Ministry of the Govt. of India to produce a full-length documentary on the Koochipoodi style alone.



INTRIGUING incident in the film *Knock On Wood*. Danny Kaye is evidently having quite a grip on the situation as it were with Mai Zetterling in this bathroom scene!

Anti-Indian Films Agitation

Pakistan's Punjab Police arrested several well-known personalities of the film industry of Pakistan for defying the prohibitory order which banned processions and demonstrations in Lahore. These leading producers, actors, directors, etc., are against the import and screening of Indian films in Pakistan's theatres. They allege that the Pakistan film industry which is still in an infant stage would suffer thereby. In the opposite camp are the exhibitors and distributors who feel convinced that there is an undeniable necessity for the import and that it would really prove of considerable help to the industry. Neena and Noorjehan, the well-known actresses, interviewed the Chief Secretary of the Punjab Government in connection with the arrests, runs a press report.

Test Case Filed Against Show Tax Act

The Mysore Film Chamber of Commerce, under the initiative and direction of the Film Federation of India, has filed a suit in the Mysore High Court challenging the validity of the Mysore Cinematograph Shows Tax Act of 1951. Sri R.M. Seshadri, who was till recently the secretary of the South India Studio Owners' Association, is appearing as the advocate for the Mysore Film Chamber of Commerce.

Kashyap Productions' Musical Hit

The romance between a poet who is a commoner and a poetess who is a princess and its tragic sequel forms the story of Kashyap Productions' *Shama Parwana*. Suraiya plays the role of the poet-princess. Shammi Kapoor plays the role of the poet who is a commoner. Roopmala, Mubarak, Sunder, and Ulhas are in the supporting cast. Rajendra Malone's photography, Majrooh Sultanpuri's songs, Hussianal and Bhagatram's music have all contributed to the success of the picture. There are several "hit" tunes in this musical romance. Directed and produced by D.D. Kashyap, *Shama Parwana* was recently released in Bombay.

Death Of A Veteran

South India's well-known stage and screen actor S.V. Subbiah Bagavathar passed away recently. He was connected with the stage for over 40 years and had also acted in several films. Like the late S.G. Kittappa and Velu Nair, he was one of the stalwarts of the histrionic field in the South.

Marathi Hit In Telugu Version

Vachinichya Bangdya, the Marathi picture which proved a box-office hit, will now be produced in Telugu by Gokul Pictures. Anjali Devi will play the main role. In the supporting cast will be Relangi, Amarnath, Chellam and others.

Production Points

Ashok Kumar plays the role of a police officer in *Sardar*, a Gyan Mukherji Productions' picture fast progressing in Jagirti Studios, Bombay.

Vijay Anand, who is the youngest brother of Dev Anand, makes his screen debut in *Joruka Bhai*, maiden venture of Mahashakti Films. Sheila Ramani has the heroine's role. Chetan Anand directs.

Kamala, sister-in-law of music director Naushad, will play-back some songs in R.F. Pictures' *Mehfil*.

Snippets from the South

Ramdas in Telugu will be produced by Mahalakshmi Productions, a new concern. V. Nagiah will play the role of Ramdas. He will direct the film and give the musical score also. Lingamurthi, Gourinatha Sastri, C.S.R. Anjaneyalu, Kannamba, T. Suryakumari and T.G. Kamaladevi are also in the cast.

Sukam Engas? is Modern Theatres' next in Tamil. Directed by K. Ramnoth, the picture has in its cast Savithri, K.R. Ramaswami, Thangavelu, T.K. Ramchandran and others.

Jungle Queen is the title of the picture to be produced in Sinhalese and Tamil by Ceylon's leading film distributors, Razack Ismail and Dr. Karuna Rathna. Shooting will be at Syamala Studios, Madras.

Father As Fish Hobbyist!

(Continued from page 45)

see how. On the very top shelf in the far corner is a folder with all our records in it. The rest are bulletins. And believe me, you can collect a lot of bulletins in three years!

Another thing, when we go on vacation we always make sure we have a map with all the fish hatcheries marked on it. Then we visit all of them within a fifty mile radius. Last year we went to one and the sign said two miles. It was a dirt road and we came to a junction of three roads. Luckily we chose the right one. We had to drive the car along a road where at one place a stream went over the road. We really didn't think we were going to make it.

When we go for a ride on Sunday we get all dressed up and mother and I think we are going to see some friends or a pretty view, but it always seems as though we end up at a fish store. We spend our day at the store and dad usually has to buy some fish, then mother has to hold the carton between her feet all the way home.

A couple of weeks ago Bill Robinson gave my dad a pair of breeder angels. I thought that it would be wonderful to have a whole lot of little angels, but I found out there is more to it than I thought. One day when I was dusting the tank, I got them excited and one of them started banging his head against the tank. Some times they won't eat, and they pout most of the time. A couple of days ago I was getting ready for school and I was standing by the tank. One started zipping around the tank, then he went up to the top and took a nose dive toward the sand. He buried his nose in the sand clear up to his eyes. I had a long-sleeved blouse on and I had to roll up my sleeves and rescue him.

Even though Dad's hobby has its disadvantages, I still would rather have a father who is a fish hobbyist than be a golf orphan!

P.S. Any resemblance to the incidents listed above and the happenings at your house is probably not coincidental.

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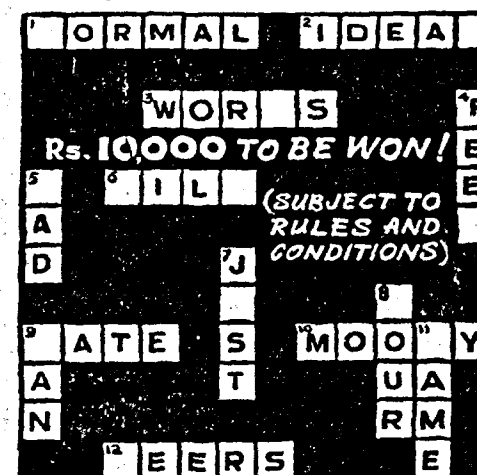
1. Personality test will show whether candidate's ——— manner is becoming or not.
2. Man can make a success of his life if he perseveres with definite ———.
3. The ——— of great men usually prove inspiring to imaginative youth.
6. Friend whose nature is ——— is apt to place us in embarrassing situations.
9. It is shocking, indeed, to find how indifferent some people are to their ———.
10. This kind of youth is apt to find domestic life a sore trial.
12. If a man constantly ——— at people, it is usually due to frustration complex.

**CLOSING DATE IN MADRAS :
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(For full list of Alternatives, see page 55.)

Down

4. When child does not ——— well, parent would be very foolish to take it to task.
5. The more sensitive a man, the more will he feel ——— over deliberate insult.
7. Even though it be ———, criticism made in the presence of strangers is apt to hurt even the best friend.
8. Even the most cheerful man is apt to feel ——— when he finds his mother-in-law has come down for a long stay in the house.
9. Film ——— has reason to feel sorely annoyed if his star gets only a passing mention in a press review.
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Dear Competitors,

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

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LIST OF ALTERNATIVES

ACROSS: 1. FECKLESS, RECKLESS 3. RETARDS, REWARDS 5. BRAVE, GRAVE 7. WAITS, WANTS 14. STAFF, STIFF 16. CALLING, FALLING 17. CARRIAGE, MARRIAGE.

DOWN: 2. DIE, LIE 4. DAYS, WAYS 6. PUSH, RUSH 8. BARS, CARS, JARS 9. SHIN, SKIN 10. CRIMES, CRISES 11. LADY, LAZY.

INTERLOCKERS: 12-ACROSS with 13-DOWN and 15-ACROSS with 15-DOWN.

ACROSS

1. "One would hesitate to rely on person reputed to be —" FECKLESS, RECKLESS?

To rely to what extent and about what? What has a man's being *Feckless*, spiritless, got to do with one relying on him or not? If man is reputed to be *Reckless*, rash, then no one would like to rely on him about anything and in any manner. RECKLESS scores.

3. "Meticulous attention to small details sometimes — efforts of police to bring criminal to book." RETARDS, REWARDS?

It is wrong to state that meticulous, scrupulous, attention to small details could ever *Retard*, thwart, hinder police in bringing criminal to book. Reject *Retards*. It is the careful attention bestowed on small details that sometimes *Rewards* police to bring criminal to book. A coat button, a hair, etc., have incriminated many a criminal. Back REWARDS.

5. "In time of crisis prime minister may have to make — decision." BRAVE, GRAVE?

Any prime minister's decision in time of crisis is bound to be a *Brave* and not a cowardly one. But in time of crisis, the decision may be a *Grave*, serious, one like declaring war, etc. GRAVE wins.

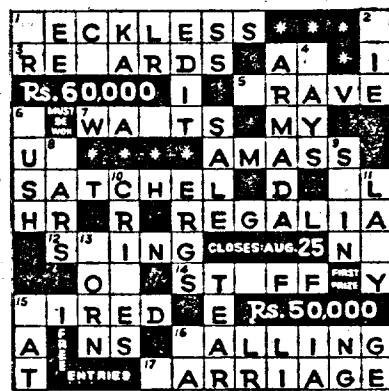
7. "One who — a long time to make up his mind often misses good opportunity." WAITS, WANTS?

Here, time is of the very essence of the situation. The opportunity is there for him to exploit. If he *Waits* for a long time to come to a decision, he might miss the chance invariably. "Often" thus goes against *Waits*. Instead of acting immediately, man who *Wants* a long time might miss the chance. "Often" indicates this probability. WANTS is a good bet.

14. "Good executive doesn't fight shy of handling — problems." STAFF, STIFF?

Every executive, good, bad or indifferent must handle problems of the *Staff* under him. Reject *Stiff*. A good or capable executive will never hesitate to handle *Stiff*, difficult problems involving responsibility, initiative, foresight, etc. But a bad or indifferent executive will try to shelve it or pass it on to another. Enter STIFF.

16. "Dad is apt to get annoyed when he's left to look after toddlers and they keep —" CALLING, FALLING?



By "SPOTTER"

Why should they keep *Falling*, tumbling down all the time? Even if they do so, dad can always take steps to see that they are safe. But when they keep *Calling* him all the time he's left to look after them, he is apt to get annoyed. Even if he asks them to shut up, they will go on calling him, if only to answer silly questions! Vote for CALLING.

17. "Royal — is bound to attract a lot of attention." CARRIAGE, MARRIAGE?

If it is the *Carriage* used for ceremonial processions, it would attract a lot of attention and not otherwise. A royal *Marriage* will, as was recently seen in the case of Prince Phillip and Queen Elizabeth II. Bet on MARRIAGE.

DOWN

2. "A true friend would rather — than give away his comrade." DIE, LIE?

Not all friends can be like Damon and Pythias of Greek legend to be prepared to *Die* rather than give away comrade. Any true friend would prefer to utter even the most brazen *Lie* than to give away comrade. Vote for LIE.

4. "It's usually pleasant to recollect the carefree — of our youth." DAYS, WAYS?

The *Days* refer merely to the time factor whereas *Ways* refer to the manner in which the time was spent. With age comes lassitude or tendency to avoid exertion. Enter WAYS.

6. "Successful insurance agents are usually full of —" PUSH, RUSH?

Even the not so successful insurance agent must have *Push*, initiative, drive. The "usually" is not apt with *Push*. An insurance agent should be seeing various people to get business. Successful insurance agent will be more so. Hence they will be full of *Rush*, be very busy. RUSH scores.

8. "Sophisticated moderns seem to have a fancy for those — with highly-polished look!" BARS, CARS, JARS?

Only those sophisticated moderns who drink will have fancy for *Bars* with posh appearance. So reject *Bars*. Only those genuinely interested in antiques or even in modern *Jars* will care to buy them whereas sophisticated moderns may not care. All sophisticated moderns do seem to have a fancy for those *Cars* with highly-polished, stream-lined, posh appearance and not for those having other qualities. CARS should score.

9. "After gruelling match footballer often emerges with bruised —" SHIN, SKIN?

In a gruelling match footballer is likely to fall down several times but he need not sustain injuries in the *Shin* only. It is likely that the bruise is in the hands or legs, shins, face, etc. Wherever the injury, bruised *Skin* is inevitable. Bet on SKIN.

10. "Strong-handed methods are needed when Government has to deal with major —" CRIMES, CRISES?

To deal with major *Crimes* like murder, arson, etc., any government already has its own police, courts, etc. No extra methods are needed. But when any government has to deal with major *Crisis*, political, social or economic, it will necessarily have to go in for strong-handed methods. Go in for CRISES.

11. "Marriage usually becomes strained when husband is poor and wife wants to be —" LADY, LAZY?

Lazy here does not necessarily mean she does not cook or do any work. She may do so in a leisurely manner or do the work quickly and feel lary afterwards. Why should this strain the marriage? If wife of husband who is poor wants to be *Lady*, dress and spend like a rich woman, then that marriage becomes strained. LADY wins.

INTERLOCKERS

Across: 12. "He's a poor fast bowler who has pace but no —" STING, SWING?

Fast bowler's delivery of the ball will be quick and furious. Unless there is *Swing*, there can be no fast bowling. The two go together. So, reject *Sting*. Fast bowler is no good to the team unless such bowling has *Sting*. That is to say, the ball hits the wicket viciously. STING scores.

Down: 13. "Second-hand book won't fetch so much if some of the pages are —" TORN, WORN?

Even if the book were to be so well kept as to look almost new, still it is a second-hand book. But if the pages are not much *Worn*, it may fetch more than half the price of the new book. But when the pages are *Torn*, then the book won't fetch much. Back TORN.

Across: 15. "In efficient organisation man is never — without good reason." HIRED, FIRED?

Whether organisation be efficient or otherwise, man is always *Hired* for the very good reason of getting his services. In an inefficient organisation, an employee may be *Fired*, dismissed, for even silly reasons. But it will not be so in an efficient organisation. Vote for FIRED.

Down: 15. "Woman conscious of her looks will be extra-careful about putting on —!" FAT, HAT?

Putting on *Hat* may not spoil the good looks of a woman so much as her putting on *Fat*. So, woman conscious of her good looks will be over-careful to see that she does not become fat. Go in for FAT.

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List of Alternatives For Mywords No. 33

CLOSING DATE: 7th August 1954

Across

1. FORMAL, NORMAL
2. IDEAL, IDEAS
3. WORDS, WORKS
6. OILY, WILD, WILY
12. JEERS, LEERS

Down

4. FEED, FEEL
5. MAD, SAD
7. JEST, JUST
8. DOUR, SOUR

Interlockers

- A.—9. FATE, MATE
- D.—9. FAN, MAN
- A.—10. MOODY, MOONY
- D.—11. DAME, NAME

LIST OF ALTERNATIVES For Mywords No. 34

CLOSING DATE: 7th September, '54

ACROSS

1. LANDING, LENDING
4. GRASS, CROSS
9. CRONE, CRONY
10. ROGUES, VOGUES
11. CASH, DASH

DOWN

2. SHY, SLY
3. CRANK, FRANK
6. SPEEDS, SPENDS
7. SCREWS, SHREWD, SHREWS

INTERLOCKERS

- A.—5. HEALTHY, WEALTHY
- D.—5. HEAVY, WEARY
- A.—8. COAX, HOAX
- D.—8. CURT, HURT

LIST OF ALTERNATIVES

ACROSS: 3. LIE, LIP 5. CRUDE, PRUDE 7. WAGER, WAVER 8. HEALTHIER, WEALTHIER 9. STAFF, STUFF 11. DREAMY, DREARY 14. ASSUMED, ASSURED 17. FEAR, HEAR 18. HEED, NEED.

DOWN: 1. LOSES, LOVES 2. SLUR, SPUR 4. WARILY, WARMLY 6. RENT, REST 9. SCRAPE, SCRAPS 10. MADDEN, SADDEN 12. CURSE, NURSE 13. HOUND, SOUND 15. SEE, SET 16. UP, US.

ACROSS

3. "We're usually readier to excuse — from youngster than from an adult." **LIE, LIP?**

Lip means insolence. There is no reason why we should be readier to excuse insolence from youngster than from adult. It's different with Lie. If youngster lies, his age and his fear of reason for the lie will be taken into account. We expect an adult to be really truthful and so lies from him will not be excused. Back LIE.

5. "Person who isn't — is apt speedily to get tired of company of person who is —" **CRUDE, PRUDE?**

One who isn't Crude is apt to get disgusted with and not just "tired" when forced to be in company of person who is Crude. Prude will put on airs and behave so queerly that one who isn't a prude is apt to speedily tire of such company. Enter PRUDE.

7. "It usually makes argumentative person happy when he's able to make his opponent —" **WAGER, WAVER?**

The argumentative person will be happy if he makes opponent Waver only when he has the betting habit himself. To see opponent Waver, hesitate in replying, is a sure sign of his likely defeat in argument and this will make argumentative person happy. WAVER wins.

8. "The — a man the less likely he is to be cynical." **HEALTHIER, WEALTHIER?**

It is thoroughly unsafe to assert that a man's being cynical or not depends on the degree of his financial status. Sickly man is bound to have a cynical view. But the healthier a man is, the less likely he is to be cynical. Remember, "sound mind in a sound body." Vote for HEALTHIER.

9. "We're apt to be amused when shopkeeper takes as personal compliment customer's praise of his —" **STAFF, STUFF?**

Shopkeeper taking customer's praise of Staff as compliment to him is only natural. He has much to do with how Staff behaves. But when he takes as personal compliment customer's praise of his Stuff, it is amusing for he has no hand in the production or quality of things sold by him. Bet on STUFF.

11. "Startling work after long holiday tends to make one —" **DREAMY, DREARY?**

After long holiday, working again may be pleasant or a nuisance to a man. It all depends on his nature. But it will not tend to make him Dreamy. But his feeling Dreary is quite understandable. Back DREARY.

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14. "Woman's manner with men is more likely to be — than is man's manner with women." **ASSUMED, ASSURED?**

The extent to which manner is Assumed depends on circumstances and not on the sex of the person. If at all women do talk to men, their manner would be more Assured than that of men who have to talk to women. Men feel nervous or uncomfortable on such occasions. Enter ASSURED.

17. "It's seldom hard to get women to talk about what they —" **FEAR, HEAR?**

Women might hesitate to talk about what they Fear. But it will be quite easy, "seldom hard," to get them to talk about what they Hear. Gossip is the very breath of their life! Back HEAR.

18. "Knowing that people — our advice usually makes us more ready to give it to them." **HEED, NEED?**

Even though people Need our advice, we won't care to give it to them if they don't make use of it. But if they Heed it, it would surely make us more ready, willing to give it to them. Vote for HEED.

DOWN

1. "Woman often shows her true self by her attitude towards man she —" **LOSES, LOVES?**

When man she Loves is securely with her, woman's real nature cannot be known. But when she loses him, then her real self will be known by the way she talks about him, etc. LOSES wins.

2. "The more conscientious a worker the more likely he is to regard boss's rebuke as —" **SLUR, SPUR?**

Being conscientious, worker will not at all regard boss's rebuke as a Slur, stain, on his character. But the rebuke might make the conscientious worker feel he should work better than ever to please boss. The rebuke thus acts as Spur, incentive. SPUR scores.

4. "His having lost much money he can ill afford usually makes man accept — chance of making much more." **WARILY, WARMLY?**

Having lost "much", man need not and will not be wary to accept chance of making more. The eagerness to make more than he has lost will make him accept Warmly chance to do so. WARMLY is a good bet.

6. "Probably best way to improve slums is for tenants to give landlords no —" **RENT, REST?**

By mere demands, it is not easy to ensure that landlord is given no Rest. But when no Rent is given, that will make the landlords sit up and do something to improve the slums. No other way could be more effective. Enter RENT.

9. "Schoolboy who carefully avoids getting into — is often mocked by his fellows." **SCRAPE, SCRAPS?**

Not the carefully avoided getting into Scrape, perplexing situations but into Scraps, fights or scrimmages would be mocked by schoolboy's fellows as cowardice. SCRAPS should score.

10. "Doctors are apt to frown on visitors who — their patients." **MADDEN, SADDEN?**

No visitor will ever be so foolish as to Madden a patient. But some visitors unthinkingly tell a patient about his exact condition, about various other things regarding family, etc., which would surely Sadden him. This is harmful. Hence, doctors are apt to frown on such visitors. Back SADDEN.

12. "The longer we've had a servant the less likely we are to — him." **CURSE, NURSE?**

Length of service cannot prevent our cursing a servant if he is inefficient. We will have to Nurse, groom carefully, only when servant is new. So the longer we've had him the less likely we are to nurse him. Go in for NURSE.

13. "Criticism of man who is — is usually resented by his friends." **HOUND, SOUND?**

Hound stands self-condemned. When man is Sound, thoroughly dependable, it is only natural for his friends to resent any criticism of his nature. SOUND is a good bet.

15. "Hard-hearted indeed is the mother who doesn't want to — her children on the right path." **SEE, SET?**

See implies the children are already on the right path. Mother who doesn't want to Set such of her own children on the right path is not so bad as mother who deliberately doesn't want to Set them on the right path. Vote for SET.

16. "When we're seriously ill and doctor gives — hope of cure, we usually want our friends to know." **UP, US?**

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Are you blaming world depression or adverse influences? There is only one factor in any business; that is to buy cheap and sell at a profit. If you are unable to tackle this simple problem then you require spiritual guidance.

AILMENT INCURABLE?

Has medical aid failed you? There are over 3,000 different diseases in this world. So far only one-third have been conquered by medical science. No known specifics have been found for the remaining diseases. If medical aid is of little help to you, then you should place yourself under spiritual treatment. Regain good health and enjoy the fruits of healthy life.

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There are two factors governing the wheel of fortune — TEJI AND MANDI. Are you unable to correctly assess the trends of markets in spite of all your experience, trade conditions, newspapers' and brokers' reports? If you have the right intuition at the right moment, a fortune is yours. Read the booklet, "SOURCE OF SUPERNATURAL POWER." It is free.

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