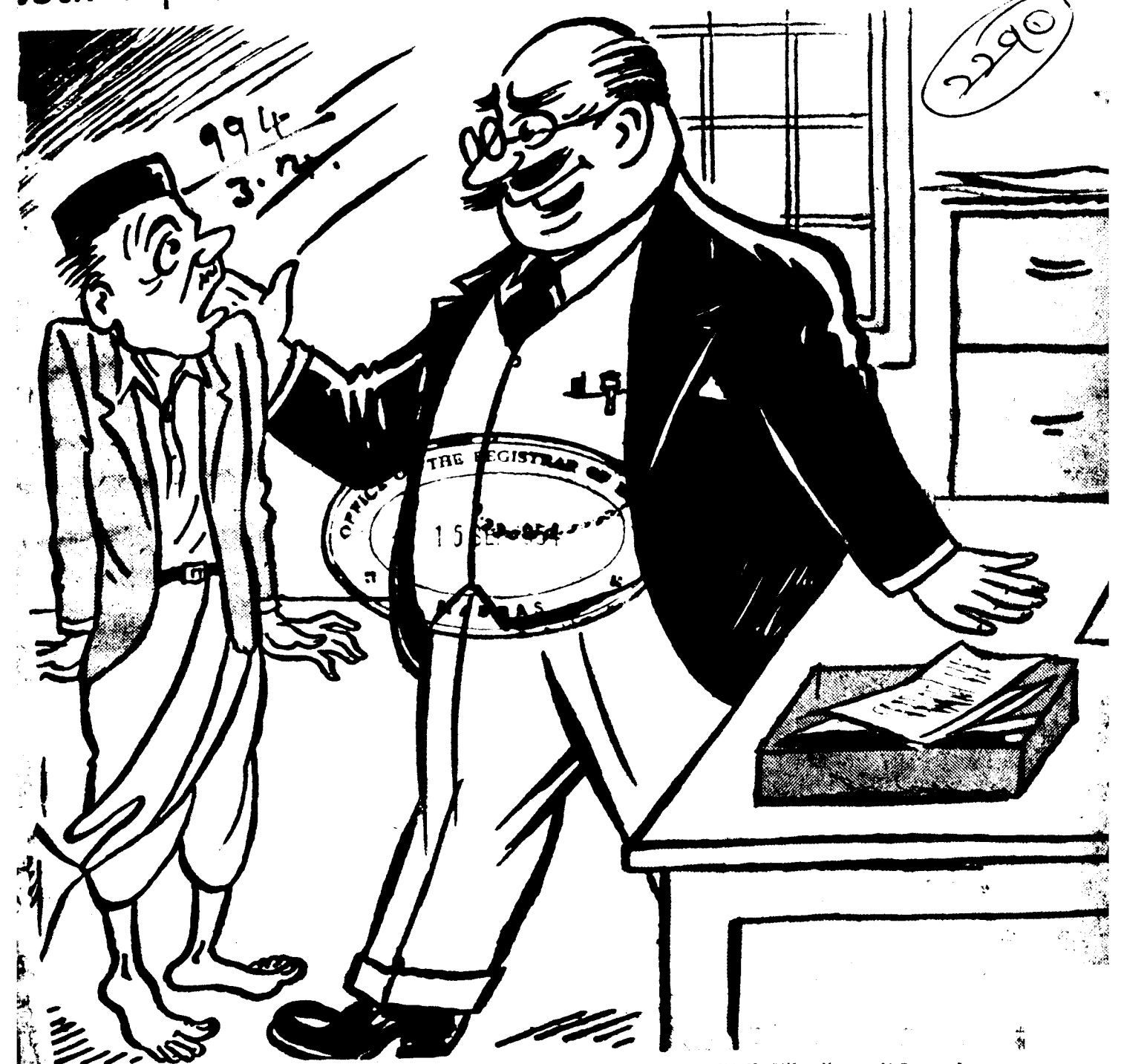


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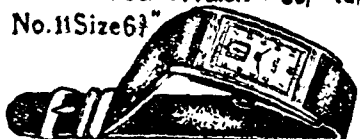


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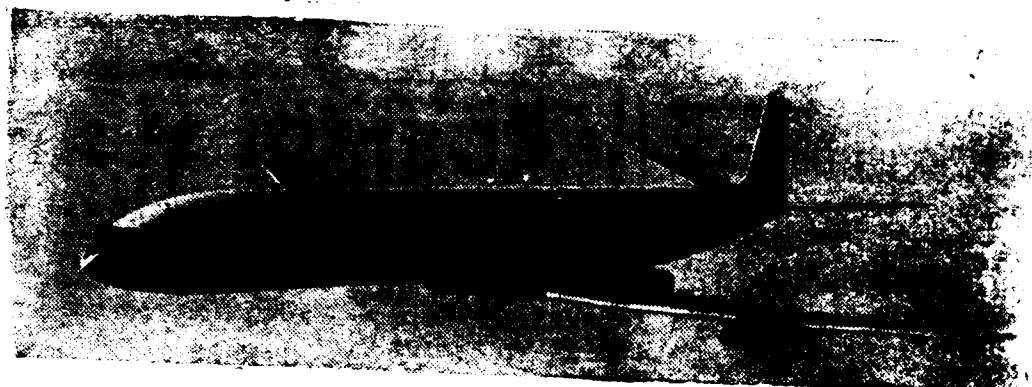
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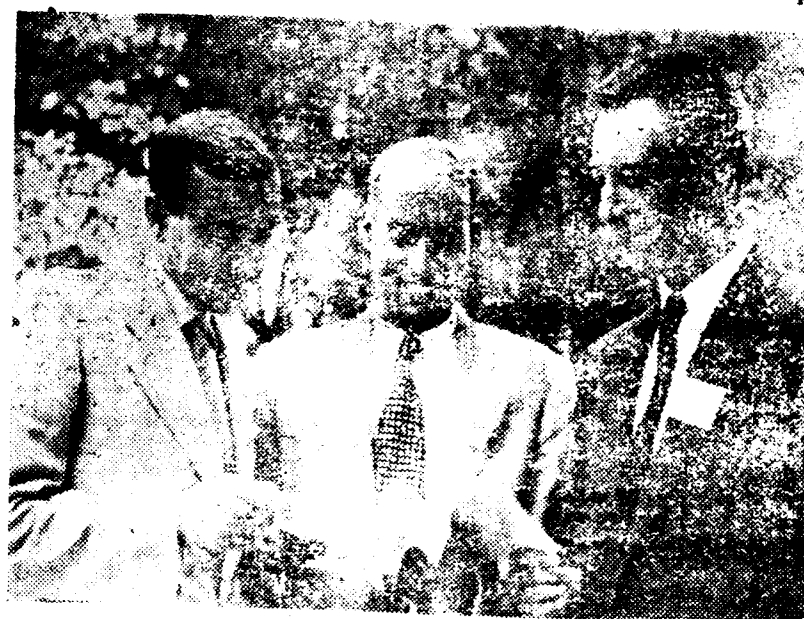
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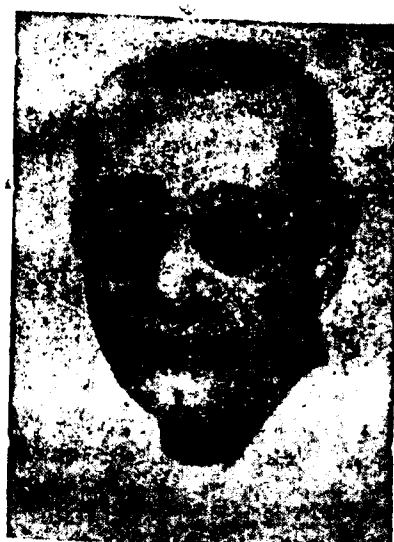
At the University of Michigan, three scientists discuss a report given by a member of the Indian Atomic Energy Board at a session of the International Congress on Nuclear Engineering. (Left to Right) Dr. Jagdish Shankar, of India's Atomic Energy Commission's Chemical Division; Dr. A.S. Rao, of the Commission's Electronics Division; and Edward Brunenkant, of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission.



Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, Vice-President of India (left) and Sri C. Rajagopalachari (right) ex-Governor-General and ex-Chief Minister of Madras who are the recipients of the titles of Bharat Ratna.



Dr. S.S. Bhatnagar, Secretary to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Power, Govt. of India, pauses a moment on the University of Michigan campus before attending a session of the International Congress on Nuclear Engineering.



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THE MANILA CONFERENCE

THE Manila Conference was remarkable for the speed with which the SEATO Pact was rushed through. Mr. John Foster Dulles can now add another feather to his cap. Eight Nations—Britain, the U.S.A., France, Australia, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Philippines and Thailand—signed the Treaty, pledging united action against aggression in South-East Asia or the South-West Pacific. In a separate declaration, Washington has explained that it is committed to act only against Communist aggression. It will consult others in the event of any other action or armed attack.

The most surprising feature of the Treaty is the decision of the signatories to defend the three Indo-China States—Laos, Cambodia and South Viet-Nam. This clearly represents a violation of the Geneva Agreement which stipulated that the Indo-China States should not join any military alliance. It has apparently been forgotten that but for Pandit Nehru's valiant efforts the whole of Indo-China would now have been overrun by the Communists. The cease-fire Agreement was a triumph indeed for democracy but the United States did not like these developments. It is amazing, however, that Britain and France who took such an active part in the negotiations at Geneva and backed India in all her moves, should have lost their heads and signed the SEATO Pact.

Australia and New Zealand in their zeal to protect the White Man's preserves, are ever fussy and panicky but the chief signatories have nothing to do with the areas that they are promising to protect. When actual war breaks out, thanks to their manoeuvres and intrigues, none of the Powers will actively participate in it. We would recall here President

Eisenhower's declaration that, in the East, Asians should preferably fight with Asians. Of course, Washington will supply all possible military weapons including the new atomic horrors, and Britain and France will send token assistance. And the game will be watched from a comfortable distance.

Pakistan's signing of the Treaty has grave implications for us. The SEATO extends its influence and authority over East Bengal on the one hand and West Punjab on the other. Well may Sir Zafrullah Khan boast that Pakistan will protect India should the latter be threatened by any aggressor! We deplore that Sir John Kotelawala, in parrying the thrusts of his critics, should trot out the Communist bogey. Expressing his fears of a Red invasion from South India, Ceylon's Prime Minister sought to justify membership of the Commonwealth. He does not remember the heroic part that he played in the Colombo Conference of Asian Prime Ministers, the resolution to resist Communist influence and the tributes paid to the democratic spirit of India. We may tell Sir John that the Communist hold in any part of India was only transient—a result of British occupation. Indians, whether in the South or the North, are as democratic as any other nation in Asia. Sri Panikkar's reference to Trincomalee as a necessary base for us was made when other Powers held it and when Ceylon looked up to India as her elder sister. We are sure that the author himself would withdraw that reference in the light of the present changed circumstances. Sir John's remark, however, shows which way the wind is blowing. If Ceylon also joins SEATO, that will be an end of Nehru's dream of 'Asia for Asians,' as outlined by him at Colombo.

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NEWS AND NOTES

Giri's Resignation

The Government of India's decision to modify the Labour Appellate Tribunal's award in the bank employees' dispute has given rise to a good deal of agitation and even strong protest at Cabinet level. Sri V.V. Giri, the Union Labour Minister, tendered his resignation on this issue. His view seemed to be that Government should not interfere with the awards of tribunals and that such acts tended to undermine the faith of labour in the new mode of conciliation and adjudication.

The Prime Minister, however, made a statement in the Rajya Sabha, clarifying Government's stand, and this helped to clear the air to a large extent. His main point was that if the award was implemented, the credit structure in the country would collapse and probably many banks would have to be wound up. And rural banking which was so vital a part of expanding economy would register little progress. In those States that constituted Princely India originally, banking had an uphill struggle to make.

Welcome was Pandit Nehru's assurance that the present emoluments of the bank employees would not be cut for one year and that reductions thereafter would be effected in gradual stages. Finally, the Prime Minister gave the assurance that Government was not on the side of vested interests and that another tribunal would be appointed, if necessary, to go into the whole question.

Flood Havoc In The North

The appalling toll of floods in North-Eastern India almost stuns the senses and staggers the imagination. Large areas in Bihar, Bengal, Assam and Uttar Pradesh have been laid waste. The Brahmaputra, the river of destruction, and the Kosi, the river of sorrow, and their tributaries burst their banks. More than 250 lives were lost and nearly ten million people were badly affected. And crops valued at Rs. 40 crores were seriously damaged. Over 7,000 head of cattle are reported to have perished. Several flooded areas are like isolated pockets, cut off from the rest of India. There

has been a large-scale destruction of houses and property and the rivers have thrown in such a huge deposit of sand that much arable land has been rendered infertile and useless. The damage to roads, railway tracks and bridges has been of such a magnitude that it will take weeks to repair Nature's ravages and restore communications.

In upper Assam where the Brahmaputra is raging and roaring, the death-knell of Dibrugarh town is probably being tolled. But its brave and determined citizens are (at the time of going to press) putting up a heroic resistance, stemming the floods that are almost eating into the heart of the town.

Commenting on the situation in North-East India, West Bengal's Relief Minister, Sri P.C. Sen, said that a striking feature was that there had been a series of floods at about the same time in areas widely separated. "To the lay mind the causes looked deeply geological or even extra-terrestrial. An aerial survey would show that the face of the entire country had changed and the maps had become out of date."

Speaking in the Lok Sabha, Sri Gulzarilal Nanda, Minister for Planning, outlined Government's measures for controlling the floods — phased in three well thought-out stages. The most effective curb on the wild nature of the rivers would be construction of storage reservoirs and diversion channels, wherever feasible. "The multi-purpose development of the Damodar, the Mahanadi and Kosi, three of the most destructive rivers in the country, will, after the completion of the projects, provide substantial protection from floods to areas which these rivers have been devastating."

A Central Flood Control Board is to be set up with constituent units in the States, functioning under it. The programme is likely to cost the Exchequer Rs. 175 crores.

Too Many Laws

Modern legislation in India is too prolific and too complex and, as a result, the task of a High Court Judge has become harder. So observed Sri L. S. Misra, Hyderabad's Chief Justice. An undesirable feature of present-day

administration is an excess of governance. Almost every aspect of the individual's life is overshadowed by some law, conceived by enthusiasts who pay little regard for actual realities. Misguided politicians with a crusading zeal for reforming society overnight bring in hasty legislation.

For shaping up the Welfare State too many labour laws find their way into the Statute Book. And when the common man tries to ascertain his bearings by straightening this tangle exquisite confusion arises. As they say, the best governed State is the least governed. Too many laws act like weeds that may ultimately smother the young plant of our democracy. In the United Kingdom, for instance, there are more unwritten laws and conventions which are respected by the people. Enlightened propaganda and persuasive appeal will eliminate most of the evils and shortcomings which our legislators seek to remedy through new laws. Sri Misra's hint in this connection was well worth noting. "Governance and legislation," he said, "in order to be effective, must be kept in the background, and it should raise its head only when individuals transgress the limits of freedom which they purport to prescribe." A simplification of the laws would reduce complications and clear most of the confusion.

The Sri Venkateswara University

The Sri Venkateswara University, inaugurated by Andhra State's Chief Minister, Sri T. Prakasam, the other day, bids fair to open new paths of learning. Situated at the holy pilgrim centre of Tirupati and taking its name after the presiding deity of the shrine, the Sri Venkateswara University strikes a golden balance between the hoary past and the modern present. It will start courses in three science subjects and three Arts subjects. Besides, it will have faculties of Oriental Learning with special emphasis on Sanskrit, Indology, Architecture, Music, Dancing and other fine arts.

Rayalaseema now has a university of its own and its rapid educational advancement is a pleasing

certainty. But a still greater role is reserved for the new University. As Sri Subba Rao, the Andhra Chief Justice and Chancellor of the Sri Venkateswara University, explained, "Though this university may basically serve the needs of the Ceded Districts, it stands for the cultural development of the entire Andhra Desa — nay, our country. Though it will concentrate on sciences, it will encourage humanistic research." Animated by such high aims and ideals, the new university is bound ere long to become one of the finest centres of light and learning.

Error To Ignore English

Delivering the convocation address of Gujerat University, Dr. C.P. Ramaswami Aiyar gave a timely warning that it would be a grave error to neglect or ignore English "which is the current medium for the world-wide communication of ideas." Inevitably, and sooner rather than later, he added, Indian languages should replace foreign tongues as the media of instruction in the universities. But time must be allowed for the extensive and intensive development of the literature of knowledge and research, and the literature of emotions. Until then English had to continue.

It could not be denied, went on the distinguished speaker, that Elementary and Secondary Education could best be imparted in one's own language "but to keep abreast of world events and to attain progress in scientific and technological departments of study and even as an inspiration for the growth of our own literatures and arts" a working knowledge of English was very essential.

A dual danger confronted our universities, remarked the Vice-Chancellor of Banaras University. "Students make it almost a matter of pride or honour not to speak in English language or even to own partiality for it." But there appeared to be no concentrated study of any Indian language either, he added.

French Recognition

The French Assembly in Paris has now conceded the necessity for negotiations between the French Government and the India

Government over the transfer of its pockets in India. The Assembly has at last made a realistic approach to this thorny question. It has realised that the people in the Settlements have clearly demonstrated that colonial rule is not wanted and that they are at one with the Indians in their love of freedom.

The French Assembly has, however, laid down the condition that the preservation of French cultural interests in these places should be guaranteed. It is well known that the India Government has repeatedly declared that after merger cultural institutions, sponsored and fostered by the erstwhile rulers, will be allowed full scope for development and that there would be no official interference of any sort.

But Portugal continues to be as obstinate as she is defiant. The talks proposed to be held between Indian and Portuguese representatives for the appointment of neutral observers seem to have been cancelled by Dr. Salazar. The Portuguese Government is insisting on new (and impossible) conditions for fulfilment by Delhi before the talks could be held.

One More Year At School

The Madras Academic Council has put its seal of approval on an educational reform of far-reaching importance. The present High School course has been extended by one year and in college there will be a three-year degree course instead of the present two years in the B.A. classes. Rev. Father Murphy who moved the resolution at the meeting of the Academic Council, said that we had nearly one lakh of students annually at the secondary school stage. There were many diversified courses including the humanities, science, technical and commercial subjects, and agriculture. Besides, an essential part of girls' education was Home Science. If these were taught in the added year, students would become much fitter educationally and more mature mentally.

Of course, this new reform would imply the upgrading of schools and the expansion of the teaching staff. The three years' degree course also is well integrated. Formerly there was little connec-

tion between subjects taught in the Intermediate classes and those taught in the B.A. The advantage is that instead of two years in History students can have three; "similarly in Economics and Philosophy."

Councillors Want Pay!

Our City Councillors seem dissatisfied. The Madras City Municipal Act must be amended quickly to sanction each of them a monthly salary of Rs. 100. Call it allowance or stipend—what is there in a name? They want money to remunerate them for their hard and ceaseless labour in the cause of the City's rate-payers. For instance, Assembly members and M.P.'s are getting paid. Aren't they?

To us, however, this analogy does not appeal. Members of the State's Legislative Assembly or the Central Parliament have to travel long distances, leaving their homes and businesses or professions behind and have to spend weeks in the metropolis. Our City Councillors sit in the Council chamber, occasionally, of evenings. When they are free they go about their respective divisions but the work they do for the rate-payers—remember, they call it a labour of love—seldom interferes with their profession.

The rate-payers now know that their (elected) idols have feet of clay. When they sought and begged for their votes, promising ever so many amenities, the citizens believed them to be disinterested in their motives. They did not expect this bombshell. *The Mail*, commenting on this move with characteristic vigour and love for precision, states that "the total bill to be met by the rate-payers each year will be Rs. 1,02,000." Are tax-payers to shoulder this new burden at a time when the Corporation is faced with a heavy deficit? Democracy makes little progress when payment is demanded for every little public service. The Councillors' demand would be understood and appreciated if the (Madras) City Council held its meetings either in far-off Madurai or in Coimbatore. The sad truth is that it sits and discusses the civic problems right in the heart of the City—within easy reach of the Councillors' homes!



[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."]

You so often hear of the Crimes of the Congress. But whenever I tried to get at the specific charges, I found that they consist of:

"Since the Congress came into power, we haven't had rains, I cannot say why; I don't bother about all that, all I see is that there is no rain." That is one.

"They said that if the Congress came to power and the British were made to 'Quit India,' we should have plenty, but rice was sold at Re. 1-4 per measure; that never happened under the British rule," that is another charge.

I leave the Congress champions to answer; but our Congress Ministers are more busy safeguarding their own interests than those of the Congress.

"One minute silence" on every 30th of January in veneration of the martyrdom of Mahatmaji; rather too trivial; even a day, as a day of National Mourning, would be more appropriate: One minute is almost childish, if not hypocritical.

"The Hindu" of Madras is wroth at the suggestion of the Newspaper Commission's Report for its suggestions about the price at which each newspaper should sell.

The cost, whatever it is, of a paper will be paid by the Public if it thinks it worth while; that is, the purchaser knows what he wants and he will pay what he thinks right: the Commission need not

have bothered its learned but pitiable brains over the matter; the purchaser is no dreamer and his time seems to be more valuable than that of the Commission which seems to have wasted pen, paper and printing over it.

Rs. 10 is not a very big sum; but that is the sum which a young girl has given away to the fund of the flood stricken people, that too after she had, as she herself says, thought a great deal about it.

Surely her gift excels even the "Widow's mite," for it would have been easier for the widow to cast her mite in those days, than for the modern girl to part with even a cowdy when the demands for powders and pomades are so imperative.

A Japanese, Koji Nacouchi, committed suicide because he could not bear to live in the age of atom bomb: the very mention was so homicidal.

For, as Emerson, the American Philosopher, so well said, even before the Atom bomb was known: "The world will die of civilization."

How threateningly true to-day!

I cannot vouch for the Economical or Physiological accuracy of the definition that a "Balanced diet is that when you are able to balance payment for your diet."

But still I think many will agree with this definition.

"He goes on writing because he is too lazy to stop," said Abraham Lincoln.

May I ask my learned friends who write so much whether Lincoln's explanation is right?

Have you no commonsense? is a common question. But do you find it so common?

Unhappily you don't; how then has this somewhat uncommon sense come to be called "commonsense"?

Lexicons tell us that "commonsense" means "Sound practical Judgment," "Natural sagacity" or understanding of mankind in general." Can such practical Judgment be so common?

We do need some academic legislation banning the use of the word in its popular but erroneous usage.

Co-existence or non-existence, which will the world be permitted to have?

The answer depends upon the Powers which hold stocks of the genicide weapon—the A. and H. Bombs.

"Rajaji," as Sri C. Rajagopalachariar, the former Chief Minister of Madras, is called, has certainly curious ideas about the social purpose of Education:

True, it is not for competition; but Rajaji would have done better if he called it "Social Sense Education" in the manner of Civic Sense.

But that is not the fault of Rajaji, perhaps as the quondam Governor-General, then Governor, then as Chief Minister and probably as the future President of the Republic of India, he feels he need not be so particular about a word here or there.

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Mysore State is to begin its School Year from Jan. 30, the Sarvodaya Day and to adjust holidays to suit seasonal conditions:

Not like some States which cling on to the British arrangement by which the hot months were tried to be made use of for convenient journeys to England.

"Quit India" was the slogan: but when shall we quit British customs and orders?

Who says, "Britain has left India?" No, her institutions still rule.

India has roughly four climates or seasons though six is the number according to our books. But the four latest Climates through which India is passing are:

the Climate of Peace

the Climate of Harmony

the Climate of Aesthetics

the Climate of Sports.

Of course these Climates are strictly controlled by the officers of All-India Radio and to some extent by "Ministeriologists."

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has been attacked by cold: Scotland Yard is investigating, though some, including Her Majesty, think that even they may not be able to catch it.

According to Dr. Radha Kumud Mukherjee, the correct names for Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha are Rashtra Sabha and Jana Sabha;

That is the very reason the names will not be changed.

A very good example of quibbling is when our Prime Minister justifies the award of Bharat Ratna, etc., on the ground that they are mere awards, not titles, which is objectionable under the Constitution.

And, wisdom shall be justified of her children, so teaches the Holy Bible.

Cow-slaughter Satyagraha is a new movement. The Cow, no doubt, is sacred to all Hindus; but so are the goat and other animals eaten, to the man who logically views the killing of animals for food.

This reminds me of the story which narrates that a certain sage saw a kite pouncing upon a small bird for its prey and cried out, "Leave it, poor thing." Immediately he lost the virtue of his penance; seeing his loss, a second sage cried out, "Don't leave it." He too lost his penance. The third sage benefiting by the experience of both, kept silent.

Now, what shall we do? Is it safe to say, "Kill or Don't Kill, or be Silent?"

That is the poser for the Central Govt. to solve.

"Satyagraha" is a sacred idea; Speaker Mavlankar understands its sublime object; but does he know what it would be when adopted by the innocent mob?

We have had none too happy experience of Satyagraha when the mob takes to this eclectic political Weapon.

That is why Mr. Mavlankar might well be a bit guarded before he praises it as he has recently done.

Photographs of Students of the Presidency College, Madras State, appeared in the Papers rendering Social Service. But I would, with the kind permission of Orr-Bee, the Chronicler of the Memoirs of Mallika in the pages of this Magazine, say that Miss Mallika and her Hostel mates had already set the example.

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..... all of a sudden a dagger fell on his shoulder, giving him a gash

A DISTANT clock chimed the hour of midnight. The street was empty. The night was pitch-dark, desolate, and gloomy; no man would venture to find himself alone on such a night. But the lonely figure, walking stealthily and keeping to the darkest spots, did not seem very much to mind the darkness or loneliness of the street. Slowly he moved on, making himself sure every now and then that he was not being watched by anyone. At last he reached the bridge, and with a cautious look around him withdrew from his pocket a small dagger covered with a piece of cloth and dropped it into the river below. Heaving a sigh of relief, he stopped for a moment to collect his breath and quietly retraced his steps into another street, and finally reaching a house let himself in. He had not been observed by anyone and, thanks to his cleverness, it had been a perfect crime. It takes brains to work out a neat little plan like that.

He was feeling light and elated. Lighting a cigarette, he relaxed and recalled to his mind, scene by scene, the events that led to the rather unfortunate finale. Murder, no doubt, weighed on his conscience, but he consoled himself with the thought that the way to success sometimes happened to be bloody and it wouldn't do to worry overmuch about the means to an end.

EVER since his taking the job of a salesman in the famous Rao & Co., reputed merchants, Ram had been literally leaping from success to success. His intelligence and hard work had brought him in a matter of five years the Manager-ship of the firm. Rao, the proprietor, was much impressed with the young man and was thinking of making him his son-in-law.

But unfortunately, as happens in most of such cases, his unalloyed success had gone to Ram's head. With plenty of money at his disposal, he began to live a fast life. The way he was gambling he needed all the money he could gather. When he found he could lay his hands on the firm's money, he did. Rao, in one of his casual glances at the account books

found that all was not well with the cash balance. A little probe revealed the actual state of affairs. He had had a soft corner in his heart for Ram, and then he had to think of the reputation of the company. If the truth came out it would be a blot on his name. So he quietly had a talk with Ram and asked him to resign in the interests of all concerned. He gave his word that he would leave the matter there and no one would know anything about the affair.

To Ram it came as a hard blow. He had awkward financial commitments to meet and he was sort of depending on the company

that his work was so neatly done that not a groan escaped the old man. In the next few minutes he collected all the account books and a few wads of currency notes from the safe, after throwing all things pell-mell to make it look like a robbery. The motive for the murder of the rich man would surely be fixed as robbery.

HE was out of the house in a minute and through the dark streets escaped to safety from a crime that was perfect. None would dream of connecting him with the murder. To create an alibi he had even told his friends that he was going to see the 9-30 show at the Regal Theatre. He

and you must know it," began Dr. Menon.

Ram sensed what was coming. He needed all his self-control to save him from betraying himself.

"Well, I guess I'll have to tell you everything," the Doctor was saying. "This evening Rao phoned me and wanted me to look him up at his house by nine in the night as his old heart pain was troubling him again. The poor man must have had some rude shock to get back his old trouble which I thought I had cured completely. I did not think it very serious and so attended to a couple of bad cases demanding my immediate attention and it was quarter to ten when I reached Rao's house.

"But I was too late. He must have had a pretty bad heart attack some two hours before and it had killed him. I blamed myself for not coming in time. But I soon found out that even if I could have saved him, he wouldn't have remained alive for long. For when I returned after sending urgent messages to his wife and daughter who are away from town, I found to my utter dismay that some burglar had entered the room in my absence and had gone away taking all cash from the safe, after remembering to thrust a knife into Rao's body, not realising that he was already dead and cold! He was a fool to have done that.

"THE police who were summoned told me something which would undoubtedly give away the murderer. A boatman who was rowing in the river was just entering the bridge when all of a sudden a dagger fell on his shoulder, giving him a gash. The police have the dagger now. They have connected the two incidents and are certain it must have been the burglar who had thrown the weapon into the river. Fortunately the owner's name is neatly inscribed on the handle of the dagger. In no time they would trace the murderer... But what's wrong with you? Why, you look like a dead man! Of course, I know how you loved Rao, and the news must be a great shock to you. But, you must take it a little easier, young man."

THE PERFECT MURDER

By C. R.

money to pull him out of his troubles. And visions of a happily married life with the only daughter of the wealthy boss faded before his eyes, swept away by a sudden gust of ill-wind. He couldn't take it. He couldn't meekly allow his fond hopes to be dashed to the ground just because an old man had found him out. Obstacles on his way to success must be removed, even if it happened to be Rao himself.....

IT was ten in the night when he entered Rao's room stealthily by the back door. Rao was reclining in an easy-chair with a table light burning near him and the account books on his lap. He was apparently dozing. It was the work of a minute for Ram to thrust a dagger into the heart of the man who barred his way to wealth and success. He was happy

had purchased a ticket, discussing at some length with the clerk at the booking window about the selection of a seat. He stayed inside the theatre for a while and came out to reach Rao's house. It all worked out the way he had planned them...With the old man out of his way, he dreamed of his daughter and wealth that would be his very soon.

He was suddenly shaken from his reverie by the insistent banging on his door. Who the devil wanted him at this time of the night? Annoyed and dismayed, he got up, and trying his best to look composed, opened the door and saw Dr. Menon, Rao's family doctor, standing outside, completely pale and agitated.

"I am sorry to tell you this, but a terrible thing has happened,

ON THE WHEELS OF DESTINY!

BY "SUNDARAGIRI"

"TICKETS please!" the young travelling ticket examiner's voice sang. The fifty-odd passengers in various postures bestirred themselves and became alert, fishing out their tickets from purses, pockets, knots in their dhotis or saris, or from other places of safety. The T.T.E. mechanically received the tickets, returning them after scribbling unintelligible scrawls on their back. He did not care to look at the passengers; evidently nothing but his work interested him especially when he had to complete the checking of his quota of carriages before the train reached its first halt, Tambaram.

Now and then he would tap his pencil on the book he carried to wake up passengers half-asleep. That particular compartment had no case of ticketless travel, he almost decided, when he reached the very end. Here he got neither a ticket nor any reply to his queries from a traveller. He pushed back his hat to have a clear idea as to what he had to deal with. Far from finding a sleeping person, he saw a girl fully awake and not an altogether uninteresting one, either. The T.T.E. repeated his "Ticket please!" warning.

"No!" the girl replied firmly.

"No? Where are you going?"

"No!" she repeated.

The puzzled railway servant interrogated again, not believing his ears. "Don't you know where you are going? Take out Re. 1-9-0. I shall give you a receipt. Get down at the first stop—Tambaram," he said.

"No!" The girl's voice couldn't be mistaken which, for all the melody in it, was clear.

"Now stop joking, lady! I have to check two more compartments; hurry up with Re. 1-9-0! I have

no time to waste," he said with an assumed finality.

"Excuse me, I don't have money and for God's sake don't force me out at Tambaram on such a dreadful night as this," was her rejoinder.

Sridhar, for that was the name of the T.T.E., wanted to close the case somehow and quickly came to a decision. "Would you go as far as Tanjore or still farther?" he asked.

"No, not farther," came the reply.

He drew up an excess-fare form after asking her name to fill it in. The name she bore happened to be one of Sridhar's favourites, "Lalita", and that settled his plans. He gave her a copy of the

receipt and hurried on to the next compartment.

It was past midnight when Sridhar returned to Lalita's carriage. He had been relieved of his duties at the previous junction and had one-and-a-half days off to his credit with a girl on his hands.

LALITA could not get sleep. Indeed, nobody in her straits, could. The day's events passed before her mind's eye in dramatic succession. Now and then, her childhood days would pop in from the background. It was as if a clever movie cameraman guided by an able director was superimposing the day's happenings on the swift-running life of her youth.

Lalita, orphaned when she was scarcely five, was entrusted to the



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care of her aunt in whose house she grew up, and studied and from which place she was a — fugitive. Was fugitive the right word? Perhaps not. The picture of her aunt dominated the scenes in her memory. The woman who was her only hope in a friendless world turned out to be a shrew. Why did her father leave her in his sister's hands? Perhaps he also believed just as she believed for a long time that she would treat his daughter as her own. Or he might have done the only thing possible under the circumstances.

Her aunt who, it should be stated in fairness to her, did not fail to feed, clothe, shelter and educate her, suddenly became jealous when she passed her Intermediate examination. Evidently, her illiterate mind got the better of the relative in her. Whatever may be the reason, she began to tease Lalita at every turn, and matters came to such a pass that the girl apprehended she might even try to blacken her character or spread nasty stories about her ward. Under these revolting circumstances Lalita, one Sunday evening when her aunt was away for a musical entertainment, left the house and reached the Egmore Railway Station. She had neither plans for her future nor money to carry them out. She allowed things to take their own shape.

PURCHASING a platform ticket, she argued within herself the pros and cons of the unusual step she was about to take. The difficulties in the way, such as finding money for travel, her destination about which she had not decided, public opinion on her flight, which would be known the next morning throughout the street, if not the whole division, and finally, the handle which her conduct would give her aunt to paint her character black—all these were considered by her. But the words which her aunt used that day had burnt a deep wound into her heart and perhaps her soul. "You shameless witch! If you can't behave yourself, get out of this house."

With the two-anna platform ticket, she had taken her seat in a compartment in the south-bound,

train. She knew that she had to contend with T.T.E's., but she never thought in the least that she was going to run into such a nice specimen like the one before her now. Evidently the railway selection board did their duty well!

After waiting for her to begin and getting disappointed, Sridhar asked her: "What about sleeping a while? You can't be trying to fix up your destination for so long a time?" he chided.

"You have saved me the trouble of doing that by fixing it as Tanjore. Now I shall take your advice and sleep for a while?" she said. And before five minutes had elapsed she was already asleep.

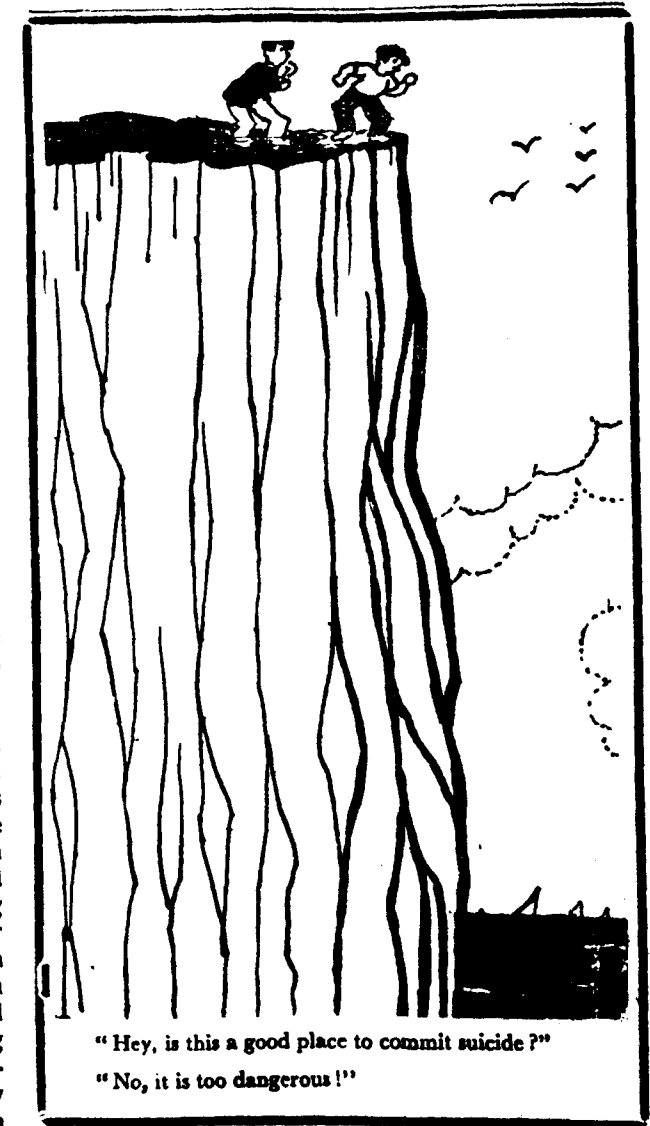
SRIDHAR watched her sleeping like a baby—so quiet was her beauty, so unblemished her features—with a tranquillity very few human beings are fortunate enough to possess. Strange girl, he thought. How was he going to tackle her problem? Fortunately, after the cyclone had hit his district of Tanjore, this was the first train running after the restoration of communications. A day before would have added to the difficulties of the girl and to his own.

Lalita woke from her deep slumber. The golden beams of the sun were flooding through the windows, and the heart-warming smile of Sridhar greeted her. Both of them got down at a junction and had their morning toilet and breakfasted well. They behaved as if both

of them had known each other for a long time. While they walked back to their carriage together, onlookers remarked: "What an ideal pair they are! Each seems born for the other."

SRIDHAR could not help thinking that what had begun as a common ticketless travel case might after all end in a happy marriage—one could never tell. She appeared to him more lovely than during the night. Far from being a dishevelled and dispirited creature, sleep had revitalised her body and reinforced her courage and she looked even cheerful and quite at ease.

The guard blew the whistle and the train carrying the two happy



souls moved off and reached their destination at about 10 a.m. They messed at a restaurant and boarded a bus for Sridhar's own village. Over the meal Lalita had related to him all her story. Sridhar undertook to introduce her to his parents and then take her to a nearby village where he learnt she had a cousin.

ON their way they witnessed the havoc wrought by the cyclone. Whole trees had been uprooted, telephone and electric poles twisted out of shape, roofs torn off houses leaving bare the supporting walls—all these were familiar sights along their route. From what they heard from their fellow-travellers, the storm had devastated the entire district of Tanjore and the toll in lives ran to hundreds, in cattle to thousands and in money to lakhs. Urgent relief work was needed. As was usual, the poor were the hardest hit, having lost their few belongings and had been deprived of their only shelters—the huts.

At Sridhar's home, his mother and his two sisters welcomed him. Sridhar had to summon all his diplomacy to explain the presence of his ticketless traveller and all his wit was no match to his sisters' playful taunts about his companion. "Strangest way of finding a bride!" was their comment.

The real difficulty came when his father arrived. The elderly gentleman, reared in the old school of thought with its attendant rigours, could not bring himself to understand the propriety of bringing home a girl of marriageable age who had run away from her guardian. Even when his wife, whose words silenced all his opposition, intervened on the son's behalf, he accepted the situation not without mental reservations. He laid down that his son's new find should be handed over to her cousin and her people in the neighbouring village as soon as possible.

Lalita, who considered herself an unlucky girl, found the next day, to her utter disappointment, that her cousin's people were no longer in the village. Nobody cared to furnish her with informa-

tion about their present whereabouts, preoccupied as the villagers were with the task of repairing the ravages caused by the cyclone. Sridhar came to her rescue again with a brilliant idea. His father happened to be the organiser of the Cyclone Relief Committee of their Taluk and needed efficient workers. An educated girl with charming manners like Lalita would be an asset for collecting funds and organising relief. For Lalita's part she had apprehensions about his father's summary refusal to the proposal. Had he not, when he first saw her on arrival, shown his dislike in no uncertain terms, she thought. He would have no truck with her any more, was her pessimistic forecast. But she was disappointed in this for the old man simply jumped at Sridhar's suggestion. Lalita was a god-send, he declared.

SRIDHAR at heart envied his father who would be touring with Lalita, but was nevertheless happy. When he departed for his next day's duty, he saw his plan for Lalita as a social worker already taking concrete shape. His father was taking her out on their mission of finding shelter for the homeless, succour for the forlorn, and hope for the hopeless.

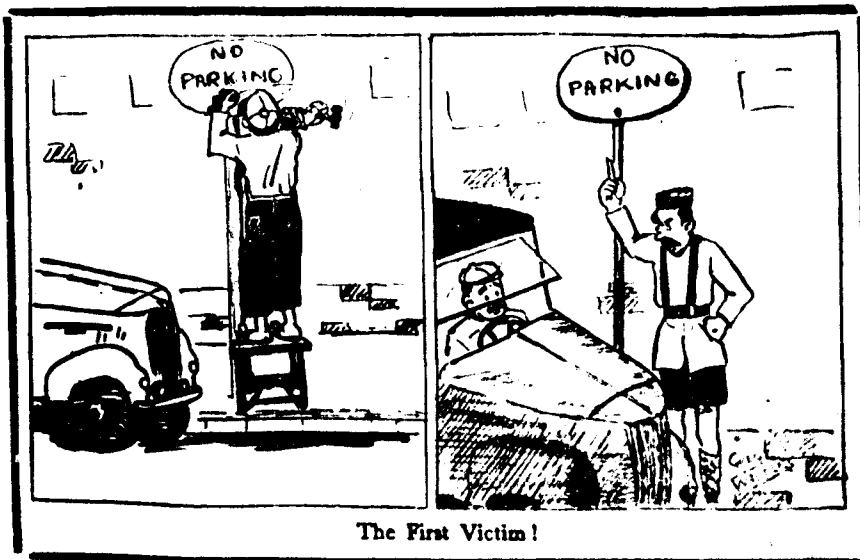
In the two months that elapsed before Sridhar's marriage with Lalita, she had earned the praise of all and the blessings of the poor, in particular, which she cherished most. Sridhar's father, a stiff disciplinarian, had, it was revealed,

a genial side, too. It was he, and not Sridhar or his mother, who broached the topic of Sridhar's marriage with Lalita and asked the girl about it. Although they invited Lalita's aunt, the latter didn't turn up. This was the only factor to upset the old man during her marriage.

A YEAR rolled by. Sridhar got a sudden lift. He was transferred to the Headquarters office. And he didn't have to travel night and day, as of old. The young man, his father and mother—all attributed his promotion to Lalita's lucky stars. More was in the way, they predicted.

One evening an express wire from her aunt arrived. Lalita read: "Aunt in last moments. Wishes to see you. Start without fail—Raman." Lalita recalled that Raman was her aunt's neighbour. Sridhar and Lalita started by the first available train and reached her aunt's bedside. They were just in time. The old woman had consciousness enough to recognise Lalita who introduced her husband. She blessed them and had enough of her ebbing strength to pronounce her last words: "Excuse me, Lalita, for all my sins. I leave all my property to you. Forget my wrongs and may both of you be happy."

Lalita looked with her tearful eyes towards Sridhar. She found his eyes too were becoming moist. ☯



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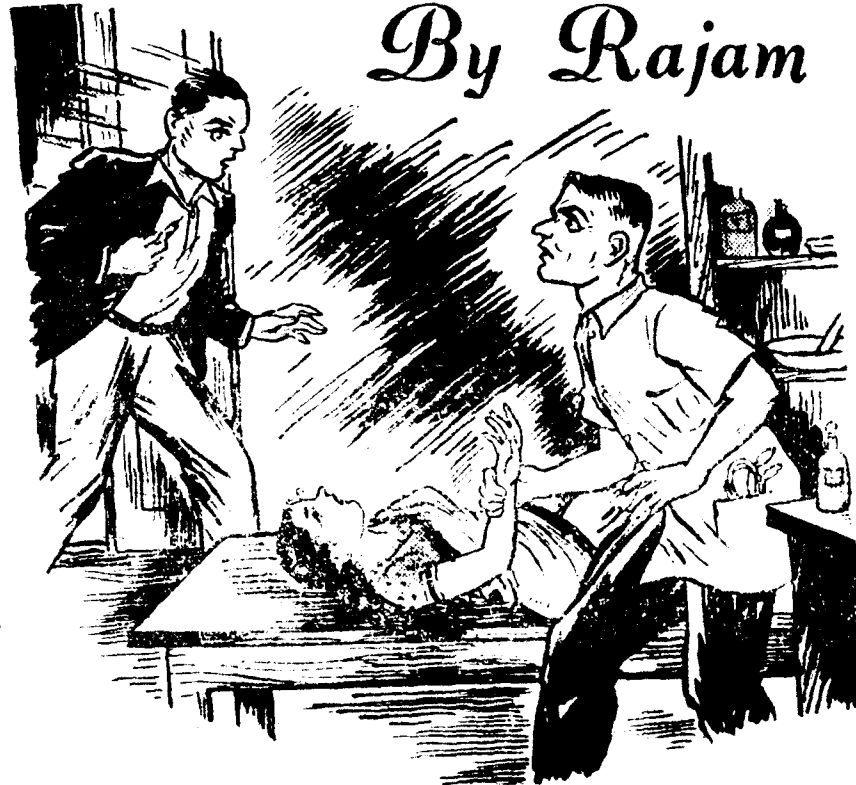
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The Missing Husband!

By Rajam



Said the Doctor :—

I KNEW him and his family, especially Sita, my remote cousin, whom I might have married but for a mischance. I wonder what has gone wrong with him and why he should have disappeared all of a sudden. I remember the day Sita came with him to see me. She said she was suffering from a severe headache and high temperature. There were no other patients in the dispensary then. I felt her pulse and as I took her hand in mine I shook almost and my grip faltered. I don't know why.

A woman looks more beautiful when a fever sweeps her frame. Added to it, her hair lay uncombed and dishevelled. There was a savage beauty about her and when I saw her I remembered that fate had got her away from me. Probably she shared my feeling. Why then did she tremble and look like a forlorn woman?

Our little drama took place, say, in the course of a few minutes. My God! We forgot that he was standing by. It always happens

that we forget the little things that even children know.

I asked him to get urgently some injection ampoules from a nearby druggist. He went away silently. I saw him pass the gate of my dispensary, absorbed in his own thought—was it due to his wife's fever, or something that disturbed his mind?

She was lying on the dispensary bench and I saw her from the corner of my eye. What a sight she presented even in that fever-ridden state! All of a sudden, her eyes caught mine and her frame shook and jerked as in a convulsion. I hastened to her side and asked her to keep still and that relief would be certain after the injection.

What irony! Should he come there while I was pressing her wrist and studying the pulse? The door flew open and he was there with the ampoules and his face was all white. I withdrew my hand as if I should not have done it. His eyes drooped and then opened wide as if a wave of strong feeling was immersing and drowning him.

They went away in about fifteen minutes after I gave them the mixture and asked her to take a light diet. She brightened up while she got into the rickshaw and the gleam in her eyes was one that I had never seen in a sickly woman.

I sat alone with a high fever in my heart. It was a very hot day in summer. I sat for over an hour or so without thinking—all a blank, while the clock struck ten. Should not a doctor also succumb to human feelings?

II

Said Sita :—

What a bad day for me! The fever subsided in the evening. The headache passed over like a storm and my body felt light and airy as a bird.

But, alas! things went awry for me. The clock struck six, seven, eight, nine. I sat on the window sill though I could not feel comfortable there. I watched, and stared along the road. I grew afraid. My husband used to come late but not that late. He never stayed anywhere. His cousin lived some houses off in the opposite row. I went to his house and knocked at the door. Janaki, his cousin's wife, came out and I told her that my husband had not returned from the office. She went in and woke up her husband. All was astir. They asked me to go back home and sleep, saying that something might have detained him in the office and that he might probably return by the first train next morning. All night I lay betwixt sleep and dream. I thought of my married life and how I came to marry him instead of my cousin, the doctor. My husband loved me in his own quiet way and our married life was neither too gay nor too dull.

The morning came but he never returned. Our relatives searched all the places to which he was likely to go but there was no trace of him anywhere. I lived and moved like a doll, pulled by strings. There was no news about

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him for a week. On the eighth day of his disappearance, a packet came by post which contained his office pass with a memo from the railway authorities to remit a sum of twelve annas towards penalty and railway fare.

We followed up this clue but the ticket collector could not give us many details. His story was brief. My husband was travelling without his season ticket that day and on being asked for his ticket, he searched and searched for it and appeared to go off his balance. He gave him his office pass and address, and got down at the Fort Station. Why should he get down at the Fort Station? He was working in a Bank on the Beach Road. This set us thinking.

Ah, the vain search that followed the clue! All our efforts proved fruitless and we gave up at last. We advertised in the papers, but still there was no trace of him. Women are born to suffer and the joy that comes to them is all too brief.

III

Said Akiya :—

One day my servant-boy was looking out on the street. There was a hubbub and people were running about. He stood by and watched interestedly. A stranger was in the middle of the crowd and my boy enquired about him, but he could not remember either his name or wherefrom he had come. I went from my seat and touched him. He seemed to be assuaged and became quiet and calm. He came into our shop and I gave him tea. Then he stayed on with us.

His daily life was simple. He sat alone at the shop but had a weakness in that he never went out. He wore the dress I gave him, took bread and milk, but never touched our meals. His previous life seemed to be a blank and at times he sat staring at me.

My boy told me that at night time he sat for hours without any sleep. It seemed that he had no previous life and if there was one, it was a big vacuum. He was



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more or less attached to our hotel and became part and parcel of it. At times when he saw me, his face brightened up and I thought that he tried to recollect some incidents in his past life.

I was passing through that transition phase, you know, between youth and old age. I had the vigour and understanding which give one a mellow feeling. My husband went away to Singapore long, long ago and was never heard of. I had never known what family life was like. The hotel which I started after the disappearance of my husband, kept me busy most of the hours.

He used to sit quietly, gazing with a vacant stare at the street, or at me. He never worried about his past. This went on for a period of six months. One day there was a heavy downpour and life in the hotel was dull. I went upstairs leaving my assistants and sat as usual in my easy-chair. I began to think of the film that I had seen the previous night. That was life! My heart began to beat fast. We are born to love and be loved.

The rain fell in torrents, making outdoor life impossible. I sat and watched the rain drops beating on the roof and the window shutters. Then he came—Ahmed—my handsome servant-boy.

When I saw him I recalled the scene in the picture in which the heroine wakes up and sees a boy coming near her and wonders what is wrong with her. I asked him to come in and sit. With great reverence he came and sat two feet away from me. I invited him to come nearer. His face was innocent like a child's though he was over twenty. Love seemed not to have been awakened in him, least of all ravaged him. Ah, his eyes! How bright they were at that moment!

I did not know what I did. I threw my arms round him and said, "Oh, Ahmed! What a handsome boy you are!"

That fellow seemed to have passed into a comfortable oblivion. We did not know how long we were sitting close to each other

like that. The rains should have continued, but the interruption came all of a sudden from our stranger. He should have come up by chance and seen us. He looked as if struck by lightning. There was also a peal of thunder then. That seemed to have upset his balance. He gave a heart-rending cry. It sounded like 'Sita.' Surely he was thinking of some woman.

The next moment he was running down the street. Ahmed, whom I asked to follow him, did not obey me. I could not analyse his feelings. Nor could I feel fit to do anything else, since I, too, was agitated.

He came and went—a silent spectator of my life. He helped me a lot, pumping water and cutting vegetables. But he seemed to have a dread of going out into the streets. We all thought that he must have experienced some shock that affected his brain and forced him to do certain things without thinking. Ah, how he did them! He never seemed to be tired. The only relaxation that he had was to look at me while I was sitting at the table. But there was no life in his eyes. I came to be very fond of him.

IV

Said the Doctor again:—

That day and the day six months after that! What an experience for me! Had his disappearance anything to do with the scene he saw on the day they came to see me six months ago? But why should they come to my dispensary again after his return? They might have seen me at my house with my parents and my little ones. She said that he chose to see me only in the dispensary. Was there any purpose in their visit to my dispensary?

I asked him to come in and sit for a while. What a change there was in his face! It was like a calm sea after a storm. I never referred to the period during which nothing was known about him but he came to talk about it himself. He said that he never knew what he was doing all the six

months; suddenly his memory failed him and he had a total black-out. He did not know how his memory came back. But it came to him as swiftly as it had deserted him. He enquired whether any treatment was necessary for him.

He looked at me. I looked at Sita. What a picture her face was! It gleamed like a flash of lightning. I closed my eyes for a second, and began to tell him. I had already thought over the case and discussed it with my old professor at the Medical College. Our brain is a fine piece of mechanism—over a million jewels set carefully by the Creator—and once a little jewel is displaced, the mechanism is disturbed and in fortunate cases like his, the disturbance in the opposite direction brings back the mechanism to its normalcy.

I left undiscussed what could have disturbed his brain, his life unknown to him and others for a period of six months. I purposely withheld it and told them that a second shock undid what the first had done.

Sita who sat with downcast eyes now looked at me and asked whether any treatment was necessary for him. I did not reply to her direct. I repeated mechanically, "Let him avoid even the slightest stresses in life. His means are good. Let him retire from official life and go to his own village and lead a simple and quiet life there."

They went away after some formal chat about many things that we knew.

I sat alone as I had been sitting that day six months ago. Only it was drizzling outside. I should never think of Sita hereafter. At times a doctor should also learn to lose one of his patients and never be sorry for the loss. ++

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When Gundappa Forgot!

By EDWARD S. DEVASIGAMONY

PUNCTUALITY, by one of those unfortunate oversights peculiar to Providence, had been left out of the engaging personality of Mr. Gundappa. Right at birth, his unpunctual arrival had almost been the undoing of his poor mother. Only the exceptional proficiency of the gynaecologist who performed a Caesarean operation saved her life, and in the process brought into existence the unpunctual Mr. Gundappa.

Starting life in such a tardy fashion, Gundappa delighted in cultivating that delectable habit commonly known as unpunctuality. He teetled late, walked late, talked late. The nectarean habit clung to him even when he grew up, and unpunctuality actually became part and parcel of his ebullient life.

After disgusting all alike, by his abnormal lack of time-sense, Gundappa started being absent-minded as well; and by the time he was half way through College, he was more absent-minded than his zoology professor who was credited with having eaten (absent-mindedly, of course) some live thing he had brought in his pocket for dissection purposes in the place of his lunch which he had placed inadvertently in the self-same pocket!

In the nature of things, Gundappa was falling into one scrape or other. His absent-minded occupancy of the professorial chair and a similar causative entry of his at an ungodly hour into the lady students' dormitory are instances of note which brought him into disfavour with the College authorities, while a dreamland attempt of his to parade the streets in Nature's garb, almost landed him in the lunatic asylum!

Through ups and downs and deep valleys, and scores of such embarrassing experiences, Gundappa at last managed to scrape

through College and found himself one fine morning as the Police Chief of a southern district. He was, of course, as absent-minded and as unpunctual as ever, but inasmuch as no frowning boss was in the vicinity, he thrived luxuriantly to the utter surprise and dismay of the local populace!

Such an unpunctual and absent-minded being must naturally come to grief one day or other, and

alities were actually involved in the affair.

It came about that a document fell into the hands of the Special Branch Officer working on the case; and as the document was believed to be of very high importance, Superintendent Gundappa himself was required to convey it post-haste to the Governor. Priority calls warned Gundappa of the extreme importance of the



especially so, as he held such a responsible post, and this was how his final "undoing" came about.

MOST readers are, probably, not aware that in the forties, there was an attempt on the part of certain revolutionary elements in the country to wrest power from the British Government. Files in the secret archives of the Government would go to show that such an emergency did exist and that several very big person-

document and enjoined on him the need for the utmost caution in its handling.

Gundappa thought it wise to take a senior Police Inspector along with him for security purposes. Leaving the Inspector in a second-class compartment with instructions to guard the precious brief case entrusted to him, the Superintendent sauntered up and down the platform as was his wont while waiting for train. After a

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few minutes of this promenade, Gundappa felt like having a drink and he entered into the station restaurant. Once inside, imbibing copious quantities of tea, his favourite beverage, he entirely forgot the business on hand, and when he collected himself and stepped out once again on to the platform the train had already left.

There was one consolation, of course. The Inspector was there and he would safeguard the brief case. But how was he going to explain his absence to the Chief Secretary? He had been specially asked to bring the document, and there was that conference of the Governor and Advisers with the Inspector-General also included, and in all probability the Superintendent's presence was also necessary. God! What a fool he had been to have failed in this manner! The I.G. would be furious. And as for the Chief..... well, he was not known to be quite a sweet-tempered person.

GUNDAPPA thought furiously: and he came to a decision. There was only one thing to do. He should procure a fast car and do the three-hundred odd-mile journey by road. With luck he might be able to beat the train. Once he had decided, he did not waste a minute. A constable came running in answer to a hurried summons.

"Look here, constable," the Superintendent boomed. "This is an important matter, do you understand? Well, tell the Office to send me a fast car in fifteen minutes. If the police car won't do 300 miles in eight hours, get a private car. Commandeer one, if necessary. Well, take some money."

Gundappa reached into his pocket for his purse. Then he stiffened. His heart almost stopped. For, the document, the precious document which, he thought, he had placed inside the brief case was lying snugly in his coat pocket! Gundappa was in despair, now. His presence at the capital which he had considered merely as very necessary was now essential. Not only that, he had to beat the Inspector to it. If the

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MAID (returning from shopping, very sadly): "The grocer gave me the wrong change."

Mistress: "Go and get it put right this minute! The rogue. You must pay more attention."

Maid: "Yes, he gave me 2s. too much."

Mistress: "Get on with your work. The grocer must be more careful."

Baby's Progress

"Well, professor, how is the new baby?"

"Oh, he is making progress. He has still no idea of logical induction, nor of moral abstraction, but he has some idea of his relation to the outer world and although he denies his responsibility to this he has decided for the moment to acknowledge the claims."

Sweet Scandal!

Mistress: "My husband writes his engagements on his shirt cuffs. I hope you don't mind."

Laundry maid: "Oh no, ma'am, I love a bit of scandal."

The Idea!

"I have an idea that will bring me thousands of pounds."

"I always thought you had brains. What have you invented?"

"Nothing. My idea is to marry the eldest Miss Goldberg."

Very Giddy

"Has your husband a large circle of women friends?"

"Circle, dear? It's a positive whirlpool!"

Intelligent

Dorothy: "Why does your Dachshund sit up on his hind legs all the time?"

Alice: "The intelligent animal realises that when he is on all fours he takes up too much room in the flat."

Epitaph

Bill Muffet said

His car couldn't skid;

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THE pretty young kindergarten mistress had been telling her pupils all about winds, their power, different effects, and so on.

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"The conductor!" cried the children joyously.

Holidays Follow

Schoolmaster: "This makes the fifth time I have punished you this week. What have you to say?"

Youth: "I am glad it's Friday, sir."

Natural Size

Mrs. Newlyrich: "I want a terrestrial globe for my little boy."

Shopman: "Yes, madam. What size do you want it?"

Mrs. Newlyrich: "Oh, the natural size."

Clever Suggestion

"I am always ill the night before a journey."

"Then why don't you go a day earlier?"

Result

"My wife is unbearable!"

"Show her your teeth."

"I did once and since then I haven't had any."

Rehearsal

Clergyman to Mrs. Jones (whose little son has just been christened): "Oh, Mrs. Jones, I have never seen a child that has behaved so well at a christening!"

Mrs. Jones: "Well, you see, it's because my husband and I have been practising on him with a watering can for a whole week!"

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Benefit Of The Doubt

"What do you do when in doubt about kissing a girl?"

"Give her the benefit of the doubt."

Not Guilty But...

Judge: "What is your opinion, gentlemen of the jury?"

Foreman: "We think the accused is not guilty but he ought to be warned that he must never do it again."

Sporting Offer

Collector: "Have you anything to give us that would do for our home for aged females?"

"Yes, take my mother-in-law."

Visit And Result

"Dresser is very eloquent, isn't he?"

"Yes. I recently went to him to borrow twenty marks and when I came away he had borrowed twenty marks from me!"

Two Grounds!

"I want a rise in my salary on two grounds!"

"What are they?"

"Twins."

Darn It!

A golfing husband was entertaining a friend. They were left alone talking for some time after dinner. Then the wife entered the dining-room to hear her husband pass some remark about "a hole in one."

"My goodness," she said, "Are you still talking about golf?"

"No, dear," said her husband, with a smile, "we're talking about socks."

"WILLIE," said the Sunday-school teacher severely, "you shouldn't talk like that to your playmate. Had you ever thought of heaping coals of fire on his head?"

"Gee! No, ma'am. I hadn't; but it's a peach of an idea."

Absolutely Honest

"My little daughter has swallowed a gold sovereign and has got to be operated on. I wonder if Dr. Robinson is to be trusted?"

"Without a doubt. He's absolutely honest."

His Speech

Mike: "Did ye ever speak before a large audience, Pat?"

Pat: "Fairly large, I did."

Mike: "An' what did ye say?"

Pat: "Not guilty."

True Love

Wife: "You don't love me! The doctor says I must have a course of slimming and you won't let me. Unsympathetic brute!"

Husband: "Of course, I love you, darling. I love you so much, I can't bear to lose an ounce of you."

So Firm

"I hear your wife insists on going to Monte Carlo?"

"Yes, she is mad on it. But I put my foot down absolutely."

"So she's not going after all?"

"Well, not with my consent."

Worth The Money

"Here's a ticket for th' conjurin' show, Maggie. When he comes to that trick where he takes a teaspoon o' flour an' one egg, an' makes twenty oam'lettes, watch verra closely!"

Surprise For Her

Astronomer (to his young wife): "Congratulations, my dear. This is your birthday and I shall have a surprise for you to-night!"

Wife: "What is it?"

Astronomer: "At eleven-thirty to-night there will be a total eclipse of the moon!"

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Precepts FOR Practice

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It is all a question of time and this time is governed by the Lord Himself. The world *Lila* is kept up by Him alone, therefore surrender yourself entirely into His hands and rest peacefully.

The sooner a devotee disabuses himself of the health-mania and imagines that he can sing His Name only when he is in perfect health, the better for him. *Bhakti Yoga Sadhana* has been especially designed to suit everyone — in the best of health or in the worst of it. *Karma* has to be worked out. Ill-health, misfortune, worldly troubles are all good awakeners, health purgatives. Apply yourself to more and more *Kirtan* and remembrance of God. Disease will fly away.

Divine Life is the most natural mode of living. So take to it in right earnest.

Nothing should disturb your peace. Constantly assert your *Nirlipta* state: "I am the *Asanga*, *Asakta Atman*, who is not affected by anything that happens to the phenomenal world." Pleasure or pain, success or failure, heat or cold — nothing should affect you.

Peace is your birthright. Peace is your very Self. Thou art in Truth, *Satchitananda Swaroopa*. Feel this always. Realise this. That is the goal of your life. You should live to realise this. Exert. Pray. Adjust. Adapt. Grieve not.

Kindly take particular care of your health. Health is the first pre-requisite for *Sadhana*. It is the experience of many *Sadhaks* that they go on thinking: "When that is done, I shall have peace of mind and shall be able to increase my *Sadhana*." This is a trick of the mind. Just go into the meditation room and say, "I have nothing more to do with the world. I have attained everything that I wanted." Have peaceful meditation and come out. Leave everything to Him. He will look after you and every one else also.

You can never be a sinner. Your essential nature is Absolute Purity. You are divine. It is ignorance and its products viz., lust, anger, greed, etc., that give you a semblance of sin. Fear not. Wake up. Forget your past errors. Direct your gaze to the source or *Atma* within.

Regular *Sadhana* on right lines is the most essential thing needed if the flower of your youth is to waft the real fragrance of the Lord's wisdom within you.

Direct your mind inwards; find out from where all actions, all thoughts proceed. Thought is the real action; keep it ever pure, free from the sin of ignorance. Know the *Antaryamin*, the inner Ruler who is within you, the witness of all thoughts and actions. You are never tainted by defects of the frail instruments of nature.

That is marvellous, to lead the Divine Life, to however small a degree of perfection, amidst the worldly surroundings. That is the glory of Divine Life! In fact, it is a gospel of life in the very thick of the battle, yet, far, far away from it *inwardly*.

Just think: "Where is the glory of the devotee of the Lord leading the Divine Life if he is surrounded on all sides by angels? Any one can do it. The glory lies in persistent remembrance of God, in being different in every respect from those around you, while yet enveloped on all sides by all sorts of opposing elements!" Just roll the mind back over to the stories of Prahlada, Harischandra, Mira, Ramdas, etc.

Keep a small copy of the *Gita* with you always. In that copy mark the important *slohas*, dealing with ethics, transient nature of worldly pleasures, secret of *Karma Yoga*, the characteristics of a devotee, etc. Read these often. When you are not busy with your other works repeat these *slohas* mentally. Meditate on their significance and inner meaning.

Yoga is, truly, the way of living. Divine Life is the only mode of living which can entitle one to be called a living human being. *Yoga* is not the exclusive privilege of the cave-dweller or the renunciate. Every one from his or her station in life should lead the Divine Life or the Life in the Divine.

Bhagavad Gita, indeed, is the scripture which portrays the Divine Life in its true colours. You should make an unceasing effort to convert everything that you do into *Sadhana*. The Lord dwells in every one!

For a lady, her own husband is the greatest human manifestation of Divinity. *Japa*, *Kirtan*, *Puja* and service of the members of the family and the Lord of the house, charity—these should be acts of worship to the Lord. You should have this *Bhava* always. She will soon evolve into the Divine like Maitreyi, Gargi, Madalasa and the like.

"*Tat Twam Asi*" declared the Sages of India long, long ago. "Thou art That!" Not this physical body, not this mind, not the

intellect—something beyond everything, the all-pervading God thou art in Reality. What a grand idea! To realise this Truth actually by direct experience is the aim of *Yoga*.

The most important requisite for those who wish to enter the path of God is discrimination between the real and unreal. You must always rotate your mind in thoughts—this world of names and forms is an illusory product of ignorance. There is no real joy in the world. God alone is Real. In God alone is there real joy, peace and glory. This is discrimination.

You should, first of all, set for yourself the greatest ideal—God-realisation. What is more important, you should work for that ideal every minute of your life. You must be ever cautious to use the sword of *Viveka* to cut asunder the intruders of greed, anger, lust, etc., which are enemies to peace and happiness.

Yoga does not mean running away to the forest or to a mountain cave. Wherever you are, if you train your mind to be indifferent to externalities and to be aware of the inner Self, you can reach the goal with ease.

Divine Life is not the religion or creed of the recluse. It is for every man, every woman, in every station of life, even for the busiest man in the world. God is everywhere and in everything. Divine Life is the perception of the Reality as it really is, and not through the *Mayaic* lens which gives man a kaleidoscopic and wrong vision.

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WHEN GUNDAPPA FORGOT!

(Continued from page 23)

Inspector reached the capital before him..... God, Gundappa could not think of such a contingency. He pictured the Inspector opening the empty brief-case before the I.G. and the Governor. Cold sweat broke out on his brow.

Gundappa went into action. In another ten minutes he was in a car and speeding towards the capital. Seventy miles still to go, there was a tyre burst, and Gundappa narrowly missed a serious accident. After a delay of forty-five minutes he again started in another car, but he knew he was a beaten man. He would arrive for the conference now full two hours late and there was going to be a hell of an explaining to do. He did not like the prospect at all. He very definitely did not!

A TIRED, crushed and woe-begone Gundappa presented himself at the Government House. He was told that the Governor was in conference with the Advisers, the Chief Secretary and the I.G. He waited in the lobby while an orderly took his card in.

The Superintendent's thoughts were not very cheerful. He had failed most disastrously in such an emergency, and he fully knew that he was now in the soup.

The orderly came back and bowed. Would the Superintendent go in?

The Chief Secretary almost jumped at the crest-fallen Superintendent when he entered.

"I very much regret, sir, but due to an unfortunate accident..." Gundappa began falteringly.

He had to begin somewhere, it was better to begin straightaway and be done with the whole business anyway.

"We know about the accident, Super, but how did you come? You did not come by train..."

"I came in a car, sir. In two, to be exact. The first one broke near..... But, sir, I have brought the document." Gundappa took

the precious document from his pocket and tendered it reverently to the Governor.

THE Governor grabbed the document in great agitation. He took a surprised look at the document and then stared at the Superintendent.

"By God, man.....you mean to say you drove all the way from M....., did three hundred miles by car?"

"And what a genius!" H. E. exclaimed. "This Superintendent, here, foresaw that an attempt would be made to steal the document, and he actually fooled the devils by giving an empty brief-case to the Inspector. You and the expert touch of the Superintendent in that the Inspector himself was not in the know that the brief-case was empty."

Gundappa stared, bewildered.

The Governor continued:

"And look, gentlemen, this man's uncanny reading of the situation was correct. The Inspector, as we now know, was drugged and robbed near V..... The brief-case was lost, and while we cudgel our brains frantically and bewail the loss of the document, in walks this man with the precious paper in his pocket, actually in his pocket, gentlemen! What forethought! What planning! And how well executed!"

The Governor looked at Gundappa and extended a hand. A soft light played about his eyes. "The Province and all of us are very much in your debt, Mr. Gundappa. I am, indeed, most happy to shake the hand of the most courageous and most devoted of my officers."

He broke off, startled. "What... Oh...God! Fool that I am, to have kept this very tired officer standing! There.....phone for the doctor....."

For, Gundappa, the redoubtable Superintendent, had fainted for the first time in his life!

Storm In A Teacup!

"WHO is she?" Ramesh asked his wife, Nalini, as a smart-looking girl smiled and waved her hand to the couple seated in a corner of the restaurant.

"A class-mate of mine while I was doing my B.A.," replied Nalini, sitting down in the chair. "We sat on the same bench and studied together."

"She is very beautiful," remarked Ramesh.

"You can't call her very beautiful," Nalini objected.

"All right, call her just beautiful. What is her name?"

"Prema. Mrs. Prema Manohara Pai."

"Oh! So she is married!" Ramesh said looking surprised.

"And why not?" Nalini retorted. "What makes you think she is unmarried?"

A waiter came and respectfully stood by the table.

"Yes, sir?" he asked Ramesh.

"Tea for two," he ordered. Then turning to Nalini he asked:

"What did you say?... Oh, yes. She doesn't look married anyway. She's so young and girlish. Perhaps she is newly married?"

"Oh, no! She is married since three years. And she has a daughter too—about two years old."

"My goodness!" Ramesh exclaimed with his eyes opened wide. "Three years! And still she looks like one unmarried, waiting for some beau to come along and kidnap her. Why, we were married only a year ago and you look like a grown-up mamma—plump and all that."

Nalini was furious, but she controlled herself. "You forget I have to feed the baby. I have got to take extra nourishment for that."

She started pouring out tea.

"Oh yes, oh yes, I don't forget that," Ramesh assured her. "But she, too, has a baby, you said."

"That is two years old," Nalini explained, sipping her tea. "Couldn't be feeding on mother still."

"I see."

Ramesh, too, was sipping his tea.

"But, all the same, she is beautiful. Glamorous, I should say. Is that her husband?"

Nalini, satisfied that she had paid him in his own coin, smiled and took another piece of pastry.

"Anyway," she continued, "he is quite a decent chap. See how pleasantly he is talking to his wife."

"Must be making love to her," Ramesh suggested with a chuckle. "Ha! Ha! Making love in a place like this, a restaurant!"

"Slowly, slowly please... I see nothing wrong in that. They



By Prem Kumar

Nalini was busy with the pastry.

"Yes," she replied. "Quite a decent chap."

Ramesh nodded his assent.

"And handsome, too."

"What?" Ramesh nearly dropped his cup. "You call him handsome? Why, I would call him a goat! He doesn't look like a man. Must be mighty proud of his weak limbs and feminine voice."

are quite alone. And I see no reason why you should laugh; you don't make love to me even at home."

Ramesh looked hurt.

"Darling, I have been loving you ever since the day I saw you," he protested.

"Yes, yes, I have heard you say that always. And don't try to humour me."

Ramesh continued looking hurt.

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"You don't believe me?" he asked, rather seriously.

"Come, come," Nalini giggled softly. "I do believe you. I was only joking. Why, you can't even stand a joke against yourself! It is you whom I would rather call a goat!"

"Well, darling," said Ramesh with a laugh, "you should never doubt my love for you."

There was an awkward pause for a few minutes.

RAMESH poured out another cup. Nalini took a thin piece of pastry. It was Ramesh who spoke first.

"She is beautiful, you won't deny that?"

"Who?" asked Nalini.

"Why-er-your class-mate."

"Oh, she!" Nalini exclaimed wearily.

Ramesh continued: "Black eyes..."

"Aren't my eyes black?"

"Sure, sure, ... and red lips and red cheeks..."

"They are painted," Nalini said with vehemence. "Lipstick, rouge and all that."

"Why can't you do that?"

"You say you don't like me to paint myself."

"I don't like the way you powder and paint yourself. It looks artificial. You whitewash your face. You paint the lips so red that they would shame even the reddest rose. But look at her. She has done the job quite artistically. It all looks so natural. Besides, her low-cut dress is striking."

Nalini looked at Ramesh with an icy stare.

"You should be ashamed of yourself... And I can also put on a low neck. But you say..."

"Oh, no!" Ramesh argued nonchalantly. "You cut your neck too low... that is the difference. Hers is just the right thing. She is glamorous and modest at the same time."

This time it was Nalini's turn to look hurt.

"However can you speak like that?" she said, frowning.

"Now, now, don't get annoyed," Ramesh pleaded soothingly. "I wasn't serious... but really, when I see these girls all slim and sleek and charming, I can't help getting displeased with you. I just visualise what you were before we were married: a dainty, graceful..."

Ramesh had now adopted his usual flattering tone.

"Well, dear," said Nalini, "it is not my fault. You forget I have got to feed the baby, and I have got to nourish myself..." She took yet another piece of pastry.

In spite of himself Ramesh couldn't help smiling.

"This is your fifth piece," he warned.

"No, fourth. I counted them."

"All right, fourth. When will you stop 'nourishing' yourself?"

"After the baby is weaned"

"H'mm!" Ramesh almost growled.

There was grim silence again.

RAMESH was thinking: "Nalini is unreasonable. She doesn't care a fig for her looks and figure and she doesn't like my appreciating them in others... Only a year ago, she was so lovely and charming! I fell in love with her at first sight! And now? No figure, no grace... Of course, it is all due to her motherhood. But then, she neglected her looks immediately after we married... Strange, how women preserve their charms till they get their men, and then—hey, presto!—their charms just vanish into thin air."

Nalini was thinking too: "Ramesh is unreasonable. He doesn't like me to put on a V-neck but goes into raptures when he sees it on some other girl. He doesn't like me to paint and powder myself but he falls for the first painted girl he comes across... Men are such faithless creatures. ... of course, I have lost the slim figure I used to have before we got married. I will be quite my normal self once again by the end of the year."

Ramesh broke the silence.

"What are you thinking about, darling?" he demanded.

"About you," she said. "I don't know what to do. You are becoming so different. We have been married only a year and your love for me is gone. You even look at other girls in my presence. I wonder what you must be doing in my absence... You were not like this before we met, were you?"

"You know," Ramesh began in his soothing tone, "I have loved you ever since the day I saw you..."

Nalini nodded mechanically.

"... and I shall always continue doing so, darling..." he said.

"Don't call me darling!"

"My goodness, you seem so cross!"

There was silence again.

This time Nalini broke it.

"Should we not be getting along?" she suggested. "It is growing late. Baby's feeding time is 5 o'clock."

"Oh, yes... He must have got up from his sleep and must be crying for his mother. Waiter, bill please..."

THEY got up. Nalini stepped out of the hall first and Ramesh followed.

"Your friend saw us leaving," he told Nalini with a mischievous smile.

"So, you looked back and stole a last glance?" she asked. "Really, you men are angels when you love us and devils when you get us!" she said.

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Q.—Who will be the Prime Minister of India after Nehru?

A.—It is a matter for the electorate and not for idle and fruitless speculation.

Dega Radhakrishna Naidu, Nellore

Q.—What controls a woman's smiles and tears?

A.—Her helplessness, which is at the same time both her strength and weakness.

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A.—The suggestion was passed on and I learn that this is being considered since some time and will be given effect to shortly.

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Q.—Notwithstanding the various features in My Magazine of India, we miss two things in it—poems and a novel. Cannot these be also included?

A.—You will shortly find a novel published in a serial form. As for poems, there is not much chance as people seem to have a tendency to send well-known poems as their own unequalled effort!

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Q.—There are so many aged, unmarried girls in Andhra. What do you say to that?

A.—Andhra Bachelors, Beware!

Gleanings

Rivers That Flow Through The Sea!

SWEEPING remorselessly through the oceans of the world are gigantic rivers which dwarf anything we know on land. Compared with the major ocean-currents, such mighty rivers as the Mississippi, the Congo, or the Amazon are minor streams. The movement of these rivers of the sea is a more potent reason for the eternal restlessness of the oceans than even the tidal changes. The influence of these currents is so great that land temperatures along their routes are radically modified, so that latitude plays only a minor part in the determination of the climate of the lands thus affected, writes K.F. Gee in *Chambers's Journal*.

The best known ocean-river is, of course, the Gulf Stream. Like all the sea-currents, it has no beginning and no end, but its course can be accurately plotted because of its temperature and colour. Immense masses of water warmed at the Equator begin a clockwise movement, which pours into the Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of Mexico. The warm water has to escape, and it takes the easiest passage, which is the Florida Strait, between the American mainland and Cuba. As it flows past the Florida capes it becomes a stupendous river, fifty miles wide, and travelling at five miles an hour. Even the water on the sea-bed—more than half-a-mile down—is on the move.

Turgid Flood

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Much new information was learned about the Gulf Stream during the late war, including valuable data collected by U-boat commanders, and later discovered in the Nazi archives of Berlin. But its general route was well known two hundred years ago, and ships bound for the Old World could gain two days by using it. Then, a century ago, the United States made a careful survey of the Gulf Stream's course. It was found, by taking temperature tests, that the river route was quite remarkably defined.

An astonishing observation of the marked difference of water temperature within and without the Gulf Stream was made by a small coastguard cutter, not above seventy feet in length. It held steady across the Stream so that the stern was in the Stream and the bow just outside it. The difference in the warmth of the water fore and aft was no less than 22 degrees Fahr.

During the war, there were instances of shipwrecked men who lived until picked up, while their companions died from exposure, simply because the former happened to be half-a-mile nearer the warm currents.

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Peru's Climate

There are also cold-bearing rivers in the sea. In the Antarctic, a current moves in a perpetual circle, sending off streams of water rather after the manner of a Catherine wheel throwing off sparks. The principal offshoot is called the Cape Horn current, the famous headland of South America diverting the water so that it runs up the coast of Peru, where it clashes with a warm river coming down from the coast

of Central America. The result is that Peru's climate is as unreliable as any in the world, the weather varying as first one stream and then the other gains mastery.

Another branch of the Antarctic circular stream runs up as far as the coast of South-west Africa, moving at a steady rate of one mile an hour until it turns westward into the Atlantic and becomes warmed.

The Mozambique sea-river runs south from the Indian Ocean, and, travelling at the rate of no less than four miles an hour, pours through the narrow channel made by Madagascar and the Cape of Good Hope.

Indian Ocean—A Whirlpool!

The Indian Ocean is a veritable whirlpool of moving water. There is the Indian counter current, making navigation around the Seychelles and the Maldiv Islands perpetually dangerous, and there is the East Monsoon drift, which passes the tip of Ceylon at a steady four miles an hour. One menace of these rivers is that in the monsoon period they may suddenly alter their course, or even reverse their direction.

The largest river of the Pacific is the Japanese current. It is born in the warm seas of Japan, starts on its four-miles-an-hour journey past the Aleutian Islands, down the American Pacific coastline, and dies out in the Pacific. It is a warm river, and is a cause of the fogs which often shroud the Aleutians, as the warm water condenses the freezing air above it.

Miles Below

Until recent times it was thought that water temperature and wind were causes of these tremendous movements of water within the ocean. Sub-ocean investigation has proved that this is not the case. The more man explores the lower depths of the sea, the more rivers he finds. Miles below the surface vast masses of water are on the move, sometimes in a direction opposite to that of the current above. A typical example of this is in the Strait of Gibraltar. A boat on the surface will drift into the Mediterranean as water pours through from the Atlantic, but a submerged submarine moving in the opposite direction

Queer Facts

When a Los Angeles Motor-Cycle cop stopped a Jaguar roadster for doing 70 miles an hour in a 35-miles-per-hour zone, its driver, movie tough guy Robert Mitchum, politely handed over his license. He then asked: "Do you have any witnesses?" "Just you and I, I guess," replied officer J.N. Ryan. "In that case, I'm leaving," Mitchum shouted as he drove off. Later, Ryan said, Mitchum phoned him at the police station to explain: "I wasn't sure you were a cop, Dad. I thought you were a bandit." City authorities hauled Mitchum into court on charges of speeding, resisting arrest, and obstructing an officer in his duty. He also had a big problem getting back his license.

Butterflies taste with their feet. They were originally called "Flutterbys."

Raymond Auler of Milwaukee, acting on a sudden impulse, called the number of the mobile telephone in his recently stolen station wagon. "Hullo," boomed a happy voice from the other end. "Hey, Auler spotted, 'you stole my car.'" "Yeah, I know it," responded the voice cheerily from the other end, then hung up. Auler's car was later found abandoned on a country road.

While Stanley Weston-Wzak, a taxi driver of Chester, Pa., was giving police a wallet he had found, his unattended cab rolled across the kerb and crashed through a plate-glass window display. When the wallet was examined it was found to contain only 83 cents. It certainly wasn't worth breaking a window over!

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finds that it can make three extra knots because of the underwater river flowing from the Mediterranean.

The spin of the earth is one cause of water movement. The seas tend to bulge at the Equator. As a result, the Mississippi runs uphill on the last part of its course, and in the Gulf of Mexico the sea-level is eight inches above that of the North Atlantic. Such a difference in height gives a tremendous impetus to the billions of tons of water forming the Gulf Stream, which runs downhill for many hundreds of miles until it loses that eight inches of discrepancy.

In The Bay Of Bengal

These freaks of gravity are further affected by large land-masses. Many of the rivers in the Indian Ocean originate in the Bay of Bengal. The huge mass of the Himalayan Mountains pulls the water in the bay a foot and more above normal. The water tries to find its own level, and so the currents begin their journeys.

These rivers bring life to the sea, for they carry oxygen deep into the lower levels. Without them the oceans would become a dead world, as is the case in the Black Sea, where lack of currents has resulted in no oxygen and no life. In contrast, the oceans, with their secret rivers, teem with life, even in the abyssal depths.

Tallest Among Men!

Albert Kinberg, the man who burst into the Soviet Embassy in Berlin recently and demanded to talk peace with Molotov, is a seven-foot tall Swede. His extra inches proved useful, for he knocked out four of the twelve Russian guards who surrounded, and finally overpowered him, writes Alison Barnes in *Tit-Bits*.

Seven-foot is tall, even for a Scandinavian, and certainly in comparison with the average height of an Englishman—5 feet 7 inches; and of a Scot, 5 feet 8 inches. But even up there, head and shoulders above the rest of us, Mr. Kinberg is not by any means alone. He could look Adi Berber, who plays the circus strong man in the film, *Carnival Story*, right in the eye without even bending his head. Adi is a seven-foot, 350-pound tower of muscle who earns his living as a professional wrestler and has two sons, the elder of whom is as big as he.

The commanding stature of Queen Salote of Tonga was noticeable at the Coronation. But back home in her native land where men and women are among the tallest in the world, she looks quite average. But then to the Polynesians a tall American like Hal Baker, New York lawyer and squash rackets champion, who stands 6 feet 7 inches, wouldn't merit a second glance. Baker finds his height a great advantage because he can reach the ball anywhere in the court.

The tallest man in the world? Czechoslovakia boasts of an 8-foot 3-inch giant. There is a man in Austria only one inch shorter. And Ted Evans of Englefield Green, Surrey, at the last measuring, went just over 9 feet 4 inches.

Doctor's Warning

When Ted was way down in the 7-foot-6-inch mark, his doctor warned him that he might expect to grow to eight feet, but he didn't stop there and medical science can neither account for the way he went on growing, nor could it put on the brakes.

What's life like up there? Pretty difficult. You can't live in a prefab, or a bungalow without cracking your head several times a day; your clothes have to be specially made for you, which is an expensive luxury; you suffer from cold feet at night because they stick out of the bed; travelling is a nightmare in buses and trains, which you'll find are all built low.

Ted Evans had to have a special allocation of war-time clothing coupons, his shoes cost £20 a pair and 3s. to sole and heel—and when he took up cycling, a special machine had to be made to accommodate those long legs and his weight. But worst of all, he laments, are the endless jokes about his height.

Six-Foot Lovely

It's still worse for a girl when she goes on growing and growing because there are so few men tall enough to dance with her—or lead her to the altar. But extra inches quite often go with feminine charm. Victor McLaglen's bewitching niece, Denise McLaglen, is 6 feet 1 inch in her nylons and one of London's tallest showgirls. She recently went to the United States—to see how America felt about a girl of that height in show business.

Another six-foot lovely is Terry Morley, who toured South Africa recently with the Folies Bergere company and there met and married a Southern Rhodesian 6 feet 3 inches tall.

Chair That Climbs Upstairs!

An invalid chair which can carry a patient or cripple up or down stairs virtually unaided has been built by Danish engineer Mr. Arne Johannsen, who spent four years designing its complicated arrangement of gears and wheels, states a *British Press* report.

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The Red Rag To George!

By MICHAEL HERVEY

I WAS waiting for the "Orion" to dock; there was a good friend of mine on board who intended settling in Australia. I lit a cigarette and was about to put my lighter away when one of the Customs officials asked me for a light. A desultory conversation sprang up between us, which inevitably led to the subject of smuggling.

"It's always been a mystery to me how you manage to ferret out these people," I remarked. "Is it some sense that you fellows cultivate, or what?"

"You might call it that," he puffed. "Actually we're trained to look for tell-tale reactions. You'd be surprised how easy it is to pick out someone suffering from a guilty conscience. They give themselves away in a hundred different ways."

"You're telling me! I vociferated. "I shall never forget the time I tried smuggling in a bottle of brandy. I felt as if I were Crippen, Jack The Ripper, and Dr. Fu Manchu all rolled into one! Needless to say, one of your fellows nabbed me."

"Everybody is tempted to try getting away with something or other at various times, human nature being what it is," he smiled. "Most people resent paying duty on gifts, and such like."

"By the way," I remarked, "wasn't there a case of a woman being stopped the other week bringing a suit-case full of coal from New Zealand?"

"She wasn't stopped," he corrected me. "There's nothing to prevent a woman bringing a suit-case full of coal from New Zealand, or a sack of firewood for that matter!"

"You surprise me," I said wryly. "I was under the impression there was a law against everything, almost. I suppose you come across a great many instances of people endeavouring to bring in all manner of odd things into the country?"

"Yes, we most certainly do!" came the emphatic retort.

"You sound as though you had someone in particular in mind?"

I prompted him, sensing the making of a story.

"I have—this particular party was instrumental in getting one of my colleagues dismissed."

"What happened?"

"Well, he had occasion to open the bag of a queer old duck returning from New Zealand, and was surprised to find that it was crammed tight with used bus tickets. He didn't know what to make of it at first, and the old lady was not very helpful—she just stood glaring at him as much as to say, 'See what you can make of that!' He examined it thoroughly to see if it had a false bottom, and even went to the trouble of taking the handle to pieces, but he couldn't find a thing. He asked her at the finish what was the idea of transporting a case filled with used bus tickets into the country."

"Is there any law against it?" she snapped at him.

"He was compelled to admit that there wasn't."

"In that case, I suggest that you mind your own business!" she said irately, frowning off.

"She turned up again a week later. This time she was carrying a suit-case full of used bottle-stoppers. He made her turn them all out again, and probed the case looking for contraband, but there was nothing, needless to say. As before she gave him a piece of her mind, saying that he was deliberately persecuting her."

"The performance was repeated seven or eight days later, when she turned up with a suit-case filled to overflowing with sea-shells."

"Just a moment," I broke in, "surely there were other Customs



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officers on duty. How was it he always fell for it?"

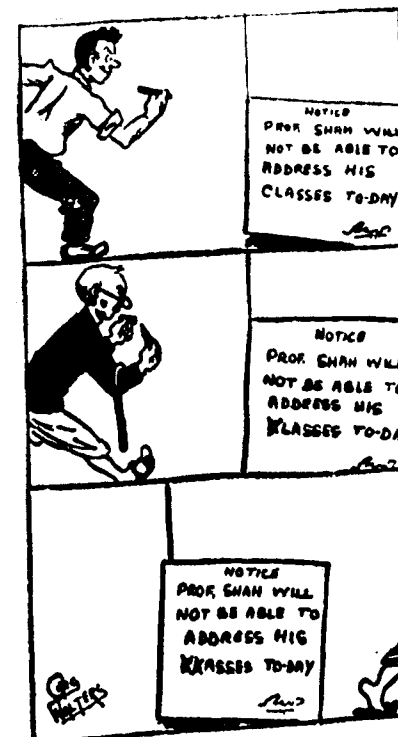
"That's the strange part of it. In spite of her obvious dislike of him, she always made a point of heading straight for him."

"Yes, but surely any of your other officers could have stopped her for examination?"

"Too true, they could have! But the other girl was getting a bit notorious by this time. Naturally, we let her carry on—'Let George do it!' we used to say."

"George, however, was getting a bit fed up with the whole thing. As he told me, he felt such a fool rummaging through the junk she always brought back from New Zealand with her."

"The next time she brought a case full of empty tin cans which had all, at some time—a very far distant time—contained foodstuffs of one sort or another. Apart from the stink, which was enough to keep everyone at a respectful distance, and even stopped them laughing, George cut himself abominably on the jagged edges of



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the tins while he was sorting them out.

"That was too much for the poor man.

"I'm going to apply for a transfer before I go barmy," he declared in a trembling voice. "Then one of you others, who's been enjoying the joke so much, can tackle her and see how you like it!"

"HE stormed off to the chief, who promised to try and arrange the transfer: but before it came through the old woman arrived to persecute him once again.

"When George saw her coming, he looked as though he'd like to run, or to wring her neck, but, of course, he couldn't do either, as she very well knew. This time she had the choicest case full of rubbish, I'd seen so far. It was filled to overflowing with chunks of extremely mouldy and highly odiferous gorgonzola cheese. The stuff was nine-tenths alive. George took one look at the horrible, crawling, smelly mass, and then, turning a pale green, he thrust the case back into her arms and rushed her out of the Customs shed."

There was a long silence.

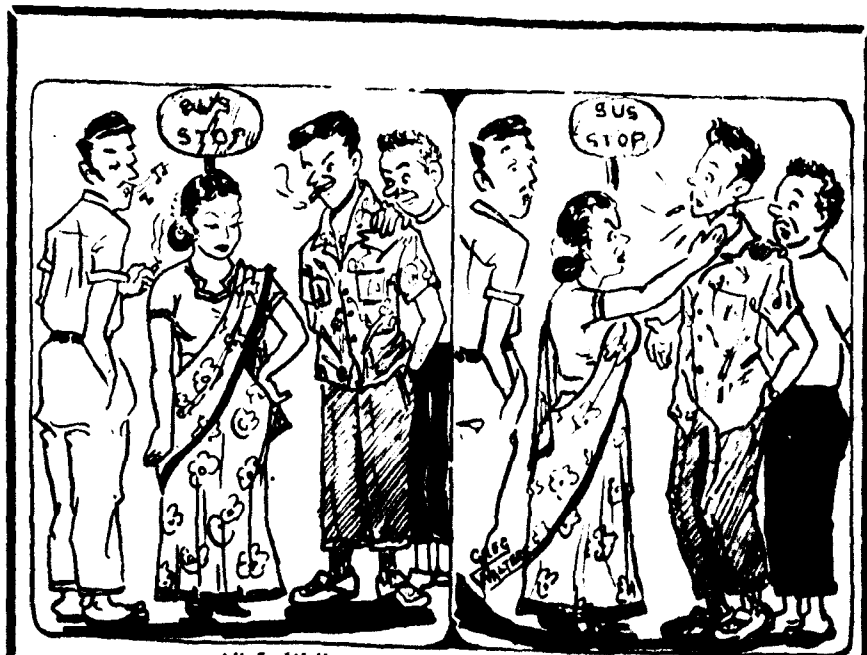
"Yes," I murmured tentatively.

"He was dismissed soon afterwards," concluded the Customs officer bitterly, carefully stubbing out his cigarette-end with an air of finality as he spoke, and then raising his head to regard me solemnly.

"I say, that was a bit harsh, wasn't it?" I protested. "I should think he had every excuse for behaving as he did, especially after all that had happened previously."

"It would appear so on the surface, but unfortunately for poor old George, it so happened that there was a small fortune in stolen jewellery concealed under that stinking mass of cheese," he informed me laconically. "The police caught up with her later, while she was trying to negotiate with a notorious fence. A smart gang of international jewel thieves had thought up the whole idea, working up from the bus tickets to the cheese, and building up the cranky old lady act. So you see, we just can't be too careful on this job."

With a nod and a smile he strolled away.



All Is Well Till It Ends Not So Well!

Mallika's—A New Joke

THEY were Ramani's parents — Sri Raghu and his wife Srimati Veni. It was rather too early in the morning for a respectable couple to visit another couple of the social standing and regard in which Sri Kasyapa and Srimati Vinaya were held. But the fact remains that Raghu and Veni did arrive at Kasyapa's bungalow pretty early on the day we are talking about.

Nothing surprising if Kasyapa, even Kasyapa, should be a bit surprised. He immediately sent for his wife and the four were seated comfortably while they were sipping delicious, steaming coffee that had been set before them.

"Uncle," began Veni, for by now Kasyapa had become the universal Uncle, more by popular regard than by any relationship. "Uncle, do you know where our Mallika has gone to?"

"Sister Veni," answered Kasyapa, "to tell you the truth, I do not know exactly where Mallika has gone; but I am sure I can safely assure you that she left us for a week's ramble, if you can so call it."

"And, Uncle," exclaimed Veni, "you don't know where a young woman like Mallika has gone. Rather" and Veni looked at Vinaya, as much as to say, "How did you, a dignified lady, allow such a thing?"

"Veni," answered Vinaya looking at the visitor, "that is my husband's way. Here you are, asking us about our dear girl, Mallika, and here am I, a woman of my age, not able to tell you where our girl has gone to. That is his way. He won't let me question the young one either."

Kasyapa was now on his trial; he had to explain and he did thus: "Sister Veni, Brother Raghu, I do not know what you, good people, think of it. I do not question

about Mallika's doings. I have always relied on trusting Mallika, and, till now, I have never found Mallika undeserving of my faith in her good sense."

heard about her; and worse than that, we saw her, yes, we actually saw her," said Veni.

"What do you mean, Veni?"

"Maybe, Uncle, you are right about Mallika. But what has brought us to you is about our Shobha. That is about her we

"Look here, here is the photo they sent me from P——r; who is this betty handsome fellow with her arms holding his arms?"



By Orr-Bee

are worried. Somehow, we had the impression that our Shobha was going on a short holiday tour with Mallika. And you tell me that you don't know the whereabouts of Mallika. That makes us the more uneasy."

"Didn't you hear from Shobha?" asked Vinaya.

"We not only heard from her; but what is more alarming, we

That is what I ask, that is what alarms my poor husband, why won't you speak, dear?" poured forth Veni.

Kasyapa and Vinaya mounted their reading specs and scanned the photo. They were struck by the smart appearance of the young fellow with a pith hat on and smoked glasses and with a most impeccable soft silk suit cut in the latest style. The only thing

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peculiar about the young gallant seemed to be the curls of his hair more after the fashion of the days of King Charles I.

"This is surprising, surely," said Kasyapa and Vinaya.

"But there is something more surprising still. Shobha said that she would be in A—a city on a certain date. I have a nephew of mine there in the Archaeological Dept. I asked him to look after Shobha and Mallika during their stay with him. And here is what he writes; just read it or shall I read it for you?"

Beloved Sister,

I was at the Ry. Station to meet Shobha and her friend. My wife too was with me at the Station. What was the shock we had when we saw our Shobha with a decent looking chap! They were so chummy; I don't wish to say anything more. I do not know how you will take it. My wife said that the most decent thing would be to let Shobha alone and get home. Kindly do not misunderstand us; that is our only excuse; please, both of you, do pardon if we had done anything amiss, etc.

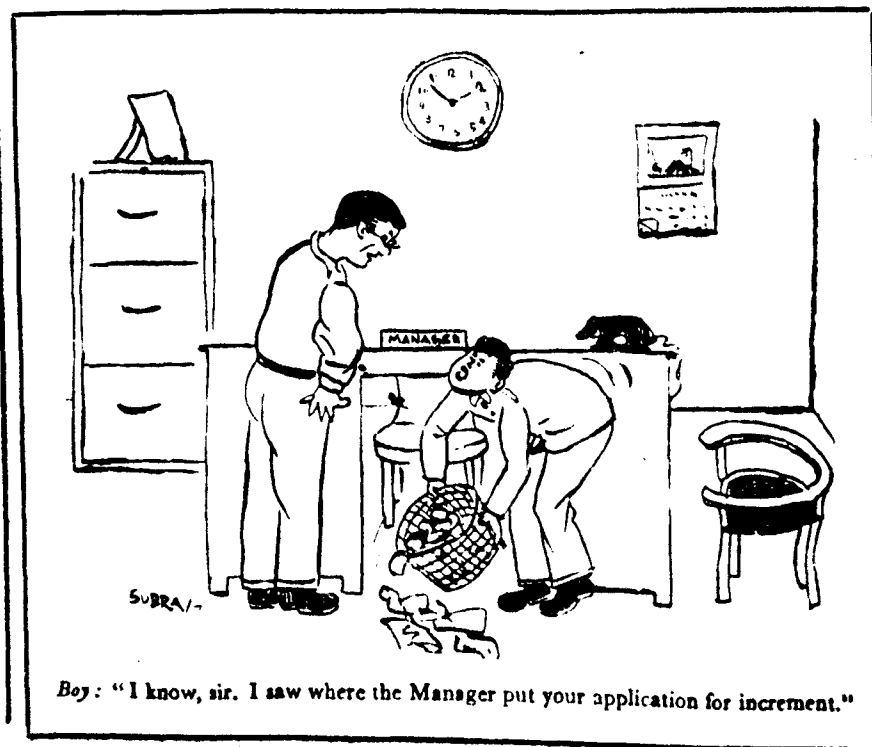
Now, that is not the end of it. Here is another and yet another from two other friends whom we asked to meet, seeing that two young women are going about alone, and one bears so much about lawlessness and violence in the trains," narrated Veni.

"Sister Veni, now that you have been so frank, let me take you into my confidence. Here is an Uttar Pradesh Daily. Read this para:

"Assault in the D.-D. Mail"

"...One Mr. Malick, a well-built young man who was travelling with his sister Shobha, seems to have got into a quarrel with a fellow passenger whom Mr. Malick assaulted severely. He was hauled up before the 1st Class Magistrate, who, after hearing the defence that the passenger kept staring at the young lady, in spite of repeated warning, was forced into a quarrel resulting in the man-handling by the brother of the young lady. After a mild warning that the young man was wrong in taking the law into his own hands, while admitting that the staring habit was certainly provoking, the young man was fined Rs. 5 which was paid."

"Sister, there it is; I do not know what to make of it. Our Mallika



said it was only a week's ramble. In fact, if Mallika is going to keep her promise, it is by this time..."

Kasyapa had not finished. A taxi entered the gate of Kasyapa's bungalow.

WHIRR-R-R-R; the brakes; the taxi comes to a stop at the porch. The taxi driver comes out; the door opens; out steps the very young man of whom we have had the fullest account from the friend of Veni; down comes Shobha too.

Shobha rushes to her mother, hugs her, kisses her, takes her hands to her lips and cheeks.

Yet another round of kisses and embraces: the tall young fellow shoved off the notorious pith hat; off flew the smoke glasses; the young fellow's arms were round Auntie Vinaya's neck; a thousand kisses smothered the Aunt and the Uncle.

The taxi that brought the tourists took away Shobha and her parents.

No more shocks were felt, nor explanations demanded or delivered.

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An hour or two passed.

"Mallika, you are the Mr. Malick; that I understand. What about the goggles, hat and the suit?" asked Kasyapa.

"It happened as I thought. Shobha was a handsome thing. There might be needless mischief on the way if both of us were girls. So I played the Rosalind to Celia, as in 'As You Like It.' And the poor booby, in spite of my telling him that I did not relish such staring, played the cad. I asked him to stand up and face me. He wouldn't. He bent his head; he got one on his forehead; I thought that would make him get up; coward he was; he did get up but ran out shouting and sobbing for help. And the rest appeared in the local papers," explained Mallika.

Kasya smiled, "I saw it from the start, only Sister Veni was frightened."

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saree with a red *pallav*. I was sure my crimson velvet *choli* went well with it. Any car should have been only too pleased to have me in the driving seat.

ORRR...Oh, was that the brake? I thought that was the accelerator. Why do they have to put them so closely together? I got so confused between the right and the left pedals, that I asked my husband to start the car. I was confident I would be able to do it soon myself. It just needed practice. Goo—the car was on its way. Suddenly it gave a jump and stopped. Why?

It seems I had put the gear neutral instead of second or something equally silly. As if the car manufacturers cannot put separate gear sticks for each gear and colour the tops differently for easy identification. How lovely that would be! My husband muttered something that sounded like 'd—d silly' and said that anyway I had to release the gear from its position and change to the next and hence it might as well be in the same stick. Then I said that if the gear was to go neutral and then first, or second, etcetera, it might as well do so automatically without having somebody to do it.

My husband cursed under his breath again, and started explaining something about wheels, and teeth getting jammed if we don't release them. I got sick of it and said I was not going to start on a discussion about automobile machinery but just wanted to learn to drive a car.

We got started again and there we were going along the main road at the terrific speed of fifteen miles per hour. Really, it does feel like speeding when one is at the wheel!

Suddenly I saw a bike coming at the far end of the road. I swerved to the right and then I remembered my husband saying I should always keep to the left and so I turned to my left. I repeated the whole manoeuvre another time because I was not sure to which side the cyclist had decided to keep. Then I saw that the cyclist was behaving rather oddly. He

looked at my car or rather at the driving seat. He immediately jumped on to the pavement, dropped his bike and climbed up a tree.

I thought the road was clear and so I pressed the accelerator. Only it happened to be the brake and the car stopped. I could not follow why! My husband was sweating and very red in the face. He muttered that the best time to teach driving to women was at midnight when the roads would be deserted, and, if, by any chance, one was tempted to murder them (he glared at me), there would be nobody to interfere. I had to threaten him with a show of tears before he could calm himself.

I had several rides like this, each at two or three months' interval. My husband protested that he would have a nervous breakdown, if he had even two rides like this within a month's time. But, you know, one easily gets out of touch in two months. So slowly, reluctantly, I relinquished the idea of ever mastering the intricacies of driving.

BUT I had my revenge soon, after Suresh, my first son, was born. Being the first baby in the house, naturally, all the uncles wanted to hold him and pet him. I had my fill of pleasure laughing at the ludicrous way they held the

baby. I used to scream saying they would pull his tiny hand off, or drop him on his head if he squirmed. I did not stop with that, either.

I pointed out to them that I had been trained only as little in bringing up babies as they had been, and it was glaringly obvious that I could handle him better. If they could not look after a living human being which could easily voice its protests (or too much, as my husband said) how could they be trusted to manipulate mere machines? And, for once, my brothers were silenced!

FOR want of anything better to say, they are merely going on repeating the age-old maxim—"Each to his own work!" I am perfectly sure this saying has also been invented by a man who was shrewd enough to realise the superior potential capabilities of women. Just to prevent them outshining men in all spheres of action, he had relegated certain duties to men and the rest to women. But why go on reiterating a well-known fact? Men are not going to mend their ways, or rather, I think, women will not let them, as more fun can be had out of fighting and obtaining the desired object, than through mere quiescent acquiescence. So, hurrah for the world as it is! ♦♦



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Facts of Life & Love For Teen-Agers (By Evelyn Millis Duvall. Published by Popular Library, New York).

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This book treats the subject of sex and the problems that confront every maturing boy and girl in a sane, objective and highly informative manner. The book is divided into four parts, viz., "Becoming Men & Women", "Deepening Friend-ships", "Loving and Being Loved", and "Heading Towards Marriage". These parts are again each sub-divided into sections. Part One has chapters on: "How Girls Grow Up", "When Boys Become Men", "Where Babies Come From", "Sex Troubles and Worries". Part Two has: "Getting Started In Dating", "Dating Know-how", "Giving And Receiving", and "Parents And Dates". Part Three has: "Who Is It You Love — And How?", "How Can You Tell When You Are In Love?", "Petting", "Saying No", and "Love Out Of Bounds".

Part Four has: "The One And Only", "Becoming Engaged", and "Getting Ready For Marriage".

We are mentioning all these in detail to show the thoroughness with which the entire subject of sex and sex relationship has been dealt with.

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It is true that several of the highly informative suggestions regarding dating, petting, etc., cannot apply to our society. It would, indeed, be very nice if the enterprising author and publisher could arrange for an Indian edition of this book by altering the matter referred to in such a way that it would be quite useful to our own boys and girls. Copies of the book can be had of M/s India Book House, 44, Cawasji Patel St., Fort, Bombay-1.

Window On China (By Raja Hutheesing. Published by Casement Publications Ltd., Oak Chambers, 11, Oak Lane, Bombay 1. Price Rs. 2.4).

Raja Hutheesing, the brother-in-law of Pandit Nehru, is a journalist of great repute. Having been associated for long with the Congress Party, he is now an important member of the Socialist Party. He had occasion to visit China in 1951 as a member of a non-official delegation and again in 1952 as the special correspondent of the Press Trust of India. His impressions of what he saw or rather what he

was allowed to see, as he puts it, are placed before the public in this book "Window on China." After detailing very many things, the author finally asserts: "And so a new autocracy has arisen which holds absolute power over the daily life of the people." He concludes that there is no hope for China by quoting what Mao once wrote in a poem (in a different context, of course): "In this North country, in the flaming wind, A thousand acres are enclosed in ice. And ten thousand acres in whirling snow. Behold both sides of the Great wall — There is only a vast desolation left." The author concludes the attack on the new China by a gloomy prediction: "China offers little hope for the future. Mao was a prophet of his own success. Will he foretell also the doom of his failure?"

Careers & Courses (Published by Careers & Courses, 54, Baird Road, New Delhi-1. Editors. A.C. Goyle & Prithvinath Bhat. Re. 1/-).

This is the Independence Number published by the well-known institution which has helped and is helping many students, Government servants and commercial employees to better their lot in life. The various articles and features are highly interesting and informative.

Indian Economy As Revealed In The Five Year Plan (By Ajit Roy. Published by S. C. Sarkar & Sons Ltd., 1-C, College Square, Calcutta 12. Price Rs. 1/12/-).

This is not any original work. Mr. Roy has merely summarised the Final Report of the Planning Commission in the very words used by the Commission. He has no opinions to express. This summary would surely help many who are unable to read the full report for want of time.

The Jester (Editor E. T. Luther. Price, Annas 4).

This is an English fortnightly and the copy under review is the very first issue. There are the usual features like Jokes, Films, Sports, Juniors' Page, Comments, on I.W.C., R.M.D.C., Square-words, Short Stories, etc. Those who wish to get a copy should write to "The Jester," Robertsonpet, K.G.F., Mysore State.

Baba Doodle's Diary



FROM 15TH TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 1954

- SEP. 15th on strike all over Bombay Wed. State as a protest against the ban on the use of fountain-pens in the lower classes of the Schools of Bombay.
- 16th Thur. Smt. Marakatham Chandrasekhar, who leads the Indian Cultural Delegation to Russia, complains that she suffers from a surfeit of Soviet dinners which, contrary to what she expected in the land of Communism, are more lavish than are to be dreamt of in plutocracy ridden regions.
- 17th Fri. Asiatic Collective Security Conference meets to-day somewhere — it is confidential — consisting of Japan, China, India, Indonesia, Burma and Ceylon — objects are obvious.
- 18th Sat. "Be of good cheer," exhorts President Eisenhower in the words of Lord Chatham, to those that are discouraged

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at yesterday's news; he says, India and U.S.A. can be friends in spite of political differences.

19th Sun. Dr. Ambedkar, in an angry speech, declares that Pandit Nehru's whole Foreign Policy may be summed up in, (1) Peace at any price, (2) Co-existence of Communism with Democracy, (3) Opposition to SEATO, and that Nehru has nothing more to contribute to Indian or World Politics.

20th Mon. General Cariappa, Indian High Commissioner in Australia, is reported to be deeply studying the map of the New Continent trying to find out how much of arable land he can get for his fellow-countrymen, though this is not part of his regular duties.

21st Tues. "Goa comics" that is how the poses of Portugal strike the humorous-minded Nehru; he refuses to take a serious view of the bellicose declarations of Salazar — rather too sturdy an optimist, the Indian Prime Minister.

22nd Wed. Chief Minister Kamaraj Nadar of Madras to-day pays his 42nd visit to Avadi, the venue of the ensuing National Congress; he is said to be giving orders about Congress arrangements in his dreams.

23rd Thur. The good students of a local High School in Gudur

Town helped to save houses and huts in the vicinity of their school from a fire accident, just as a protest to the fashion of some school students who try to set fire to their own school records if they threaten to go against their promotion.

24th Fri. A voice from a packed audience which Mr. B.R. Mehta was addressing cried out, "Beware of the Ides of Margasirsha month; beware of the deterioration in the ranks of the Congress." Mr. Mehta was rather shaken.

25th Sat. A very humorous handbook on "How Ban on Dowries would work" is issued; the Book gives a few hundreds of funny ways in which the Ban could be evaded.

26th Sun. Flood affected Yugoslavia sends further contributions to relieve flood affected portions of India, with the motto on each packet, "Thy need is greater, Brother."

27th Mon. Pandit Nehru sends warmest thanks with the following brief note: "Who can understand flood agonies but the victims?"

28th Tues. President Prasad announces that the best treatment to cure thieving is: Good Work to do, Better Lodging and Best Food.

29th Wed. Ahmedabad Graduates and Students declare openly that they will apply all scientific methods which they were taught, for burglary and theft to protect themselves as they suffer from unemployment.

30th Thur. Speaker Mavlinkar issues a powerful appeal against Capital punishment and cites that in 36 countries where it was done away with, murders did not increase. He says that Capital punishment is a certain sign of a barbarous age and land.

IN LIGHTER VEIN:

With Eve At The Wheel!

By Sudha Ranganathan

I HAD always wanted to drive a car. In ancient days, did not women drive chariots or ride horses or bulls or whatever it was just like men? Did not Satyabhama help Sree Krishna by driving his chariot against Naraka-sura, and thus give us the happy festival of Dipavali? It was Kaikeyi who helped Dasaratha against his foes—again how? By driving! Without her, there would not have been the great epic, Ramayana.

But I did not want to learn driving just to help my husband get rid of his enemies by driving our car over them. Still, this mystery of driving held a great thrill for me.

Two or three of my college friends used to be the charioteer of their automobiles. Ever since I saw them, I had been pestering my father also to teach me. He always put me off by saying that he was saving money for my marriage and hence could not afford to spend much on auto-repairs which would be inevitable as a result of my attempts at driving.

My mother stood by me. Her firm opinion was that if I learnt to drive a car, it would be an additional qualification for me in the marriage market. Nowadays, she used to say, men expect their wives to be conversant with the recipe of onion sambhar as well as nuclear fission, and it would be a shame, if I, her daughter, did not know even to drive. But my father always used to retort like this: "It might be so. But it is a definite disqualification for the father of the bride. No young father of a sense of civic responsibility would thank me for having let loose a maniac in the form of a woman driver on the road. I

would be committing a great crime in fostering your ambition."

At least my father could be given the excuse that he was old-fashioned. But look at my brothers! They used to shout if I so much as even mentioned the subject. If I tried to argue saying that women in olden days were allowed to drive vehicles, and even now in villages women drive bullock-carts, etcetera, they had one irrefutable answer to advance.

They said they were prepared to teach me to drive a chariot or a bullock-cart whichever one I wanted.

But that was the vehicle of olden days. Now it is the machine age. But I could not make them agree. They said in another thousand years or so, when the motor car is as old an invention as the bullock-cart, they were prepared to teach me. Well, I had to leave them there. I tried another way, saying that most of my girl friends drove cars beautifully.

HERE, too, they differed. They had already christened one of my friends as 'Toophan Queen,' the second as the 'Bull-dozer' and the third as the 'Timid Snail.' The first got her name because she always drove very fast and turned corners on two wheels. She was my ideal among drivers. My brothers (of course, all these men are prejudiced) said she always drove with her eyes shut as she was very scared, or else even expert drivers of racing cars would not take corners at that speed.

The 'Bull-dozer' is supposed to have knocked down the whole extent of pavements on the roads she drove on. She was also sup-

posed to have climbed, with the car on to a lamp-post, three or four times, trying to avoid a cat crossing the road. Personally, I think, this is a gross exaggeration. But, let me tell you, in secret, she was a bit nervous about cats. The 'Timid Snail' was always very careful. She went very slow and, if anything, be it man, beast or machine that crossed her path, she used to stop her car immediately. There is no pleasing the men. If we go fast, they call us rash; if we go slow they call us timid.

Anyway, I hid my ambition in the farthest corner of my heart, till I got married. Now, here was at least one man who would be pleased to assist me in realising my dreams. But only disappointment was in store for me! Whenever I broached the topic of a car, meaning to lead him slowly to the subject of driving, he used to hedge around the topic. He would suggest our going to a picture, or even visit saree shops. Well, I got suspicious of the reason for this persistent avoidance of the point. Then I found out, to my chagrin, that my brothers had warned him of my secret desire. I got very angry and tackled my husband boldly. He had to give in. After all, we women know how to drive at least our husbands, don't we?

THE day of my hope dawned. I had two big 'L-boards' made and a temporary licence ready in my hand. I kept it in a beautiful plastic wallet bought especially for the occasion. I had meant to do a sequin-embroidered case for it, but, later on, reserved that idea for a permanent licence.

My husband came out looking glum and forlorn. I was wearing my bright emerald green georgette

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"Sheree is the next top star, believe me," producer Sol C. Siegel told me in his office. "She will definitely play Donald O'Connor's girl friend in *There's No Business Like Show Business*. But I'm still confident," he added wistfully, "of getting Marilyn to agree to *Pink Tights*."

"Sheree North," crowed the publicity men, "will not only play in *Show Biz*, she will also sing a song. 'The Girl On The Calendar,' which the Monroe could have had if she hadn't been such a head-strong girl."

Well, as you know, the head-strong girl came home. She announced her head-strong terms: a fat salary increase, the role in *Show Biz*, no song about a girl on a calendar, a right of veto over scripts...

Suddenly, for Fox, the sun no longer rose in the North. The

solar system sizzled as before. Sheree was no longer the toast of the touts.

Nobody said so, but with the queen back on her throne, Miss S. North, commoner, took on the mantle of a defeated Pretender. She was relegated to a loan-out role, a minor part in Columbia's *Phffft*.

Then somebody remembered. What about that sixty-thousand-dollar test? What about all the time and money spent on publicising Sheree as "the next top star, believe me"?

For all that build-up, *Phffft* as a fate seemed far too phffft! Sheree was withdrawn from the film. Kim Novak replaced her—and for Kim, being a Columbia cutie in a Columbia film, the part was fattened.

At that point, coincidentally, Marilyn said no, finally, to *Pink Tights*.

Bid For Princess Stature

"What did we tell you?" cried the studio. "It's Sheree North for *Pink Tights*—the next big star."

The studio off-loaded producer Sol C. Siegel, who had started the butter-or-marge question in the first place by refusing to re-shape *Pink Tights* to Marilyn's demands.

Now, Sheree North is committed, at the top level. Once unwitting Pretender to the Monroe crown, she will make a bid for princess stature in a film of her own.

As I write, no leading man is set (Frank Sinatra has already been paid for the role), no director, no definite start date. But the film is scheduled, the script ready, writes Donovan Pedelty in *Picturegoer*.

It is about a New York school teacher, in the 1880s, who finds there is more money in singing and dancing for the Bowery saloons. In one she falls in love with—and a-foul of—Steve Brodie as a historical promoter who was picked out of the East River claiming to

be the only man alive to have jumped off Brooklyn Bridge.

Some such leap to fame or finish seems to face Sheree North. It may be time to take a closer look at her.

She was born in Los Angeles twenty-two years ago, as Dawn Bethel. At eighteen she went into court and changed her name to Sheree North, partly for show purposes, partly because U.S. pronunciation confused her with her brother Don. Her parents divorced after she was born.

Her mother—a bead-stringer or pearl-appraiser, according to whom you ask—had a problem with baby Bethel. Even as a tiny child, Sheree would climb on any stage during anybody's performance and start waving her hips at the audience.

The Dawn price for not doing this was dancing lessons. Mrs. Bethel could not afford them. So she made a deal with Alexis Smith's teacher.

Says Sheree: "We did odd jobs there for years in exchange for my lessons—painting, sewing, sanding floors. After I had made some progress I also taught younger children."

Mother At Sixteen!

At eleven, Sheree was on tour as a dancer with U.S.O.—America's E.N.S.A. "I did a saucy little toe number, and was always losing my costume, which got laughs in the wrong places, but got me sympathy from the audience."

At thirteen she was in demand as a showgirl, dancing in nearly every popular musical there is from "New Moon" to "Anything Goes."

At fifteen she married Fred Bessire (twenty-five), a draftsman. At sixteen she was a mother. Her daughter, Dawn, now six, is the joy of her life.

At seventeen she and Bessire separated. At twenty the marriage was dissolved.

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At this point, thoroughly disgusted with touring in the chorus, or going from dancegirl job to job in films, she made up her mind to quit show business and settle for the quiet life.

Decision To Be Nine-to-Fiver!

She began taking a course as a secretary at a business college. She dyed her platinum locks back to their pristine brown. And she made arrangements to change her name again—to Kathy Scott, her idea of something more befitting a nine-to-fiver.

A friend, choreographer Bob Alton, heard of all this and was horrified. She told him: "I want security. I want to settle down."

Alton gave her an introduction to the producer of a new show, "Hazel Flagg," on Broadway. He insisted she use it.

She got the job—just one speciality dance number. It has since become, in the U.S. the speciality *par excellence* of Sheree North: a "torrid" dance. When the reviews came out, the critics raved—about the dance. When the show was filmed (by Martin and Lewis, as *Living It Up*), Sheree North was the featured dancer.

When Bing Crosby made his TV debut he needed a torrid dancer for comedy relief. Sheree got more than the role; Bing's sponsor banned the dance as "too torrid."

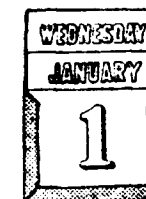
Hip-waving Hits!

Bing fought back—"Ban her and you ban me," was his ultimatum. The squabble hit the papers. Bing won. A maker of 16-mm. movies for home showing shot Sheree doing the same dance. When he mailed the film to his subscribers, the post office refused to handle it—"obscene," they said. The mailer sued the post office, the judge studied the film, the court pronounced it non-obscene. Once again Sheree's hip waving won a green light.

Some of this whoop-te-do coincided with Fox's need for a substitute Marilyn. The need was desperate, the prize a contract. If the test wasn't exactly a piece of cake (nobody spends sixty thousand if ten will prove the point), Sheree took the biscuit.

"To me," says Sheree, "the chance at stardom means the chance to live a well-adjusted,

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grateful life" (she may have meant graceful) "and make my daughter the same."

What chance? I honestly don't believe anybody knows. The best of the celebrated test shows Sheree folding and unfolding her magnificently shaped legs on an *eau-de-nil* couch. She's wearing (of course) black lace stockings, dark-green brief costume and long, dark gloves; singing a song to the effect that she succeeded in every situation when wearing pink tights.

Has All The Chances

Her hair is—as I write—the standard yellow style so many chorines affect. Her face has bold features, and in my opinion not enough softness to take the male eye off the hip waving and the "torrid" dancing.

Her singing voice, so far—changes can be made in it; even Marilyn is working hard at hers—makes me wish she would go back to that skilled tapping on toes.

But she has the chance, she has the ambition, she has the figure and she has behind her all the power of a studio that has made stars before and can easily do it again.

She may, as years ago did other "torrid" tyros such as the young Joan Crawford and the "It" girl Clara Bow, turn out to be just the salty kind of performer the public is looking for, a sharp change from the particular type of blonde butter served by Marilyn Monroe.

Maybe. I hope she does.

Modern Theatres' New Release

Sugam Enge? is the title of Modern Theatres' new Tamil film released all over the South. In the cast are K.R. Ramaswami, T.K. Ramachandran, Veerappa, Thangavelu, Savithri, Muthulakshmi and others. Direction is by K. Ramnoth.

Inside Southern Studios

Lalitha, Padmini and Sivaji Ganesan play the main roles in

Kaveri, briskly progressing at Newtowne Studios under Yoganand's direction. It will be produced both in Tamil and Telugu.

Ellam Inba Mayam, a P.N.D. Productions' Tamil venture, is being shot at Newtowne Studios. In the cast are Gemini Ganesan, Thangavelu, Friend Ramaswami, Sivathanu, Kumari Rukmani and others. Jithen Banerji is the director and R. Padmanabhan is the supervising director.

Sunrise Pictures' *Nallavan*, in Tamil, is going ahead in Film Centre Studio. In the cast are Manohar, M. N. Nambiar, P. K. Saraswathi and others. Direction is by Thiruvengadam.

Also progressing briskly are the following: Mahatma Pictures' *Madiddunno Maraya* in Kanarese, Jayaraj Films' *Bhaktha Mallikarjuna* in Kanarese, at Film Centre Studio; Vinodha Productions' *Kanya Sulam* in Telugu at Revathi Studios.

New Releases In Bombay

The following new pictures were released in Bombay during the last fortnight.

Kayarts' *Chalis Baba Ek Chor*, directed by P.L. Santoshi, had a gala premiere. In the cast are Kamini Kaushal, Balraj, Smriti Biswas, David, Chanda Bai, Om Prakash and others. Musical score is by Sachin Deb Burman and songs by Lata Mangeshkar and Shamsad Begum.

Radhakrishna, G.P. Productions' Gevacolor offering, was offered to fans on *Janmashami* day. In the cast are Kamini Kaushal, Agha, Vasantrao Pehelwan, Rajen Kapoor, Indu Paul, Ruby Paul and others. Directed by Raja Nene, the film was well received.

Hanuman Janma, Rani Productions' mythological, directed by Raja Nene, is running to a good house. In the cast are Prem Adib, Ranjana, Paro and others.

Danka, released at Liberty theatre, is a mass entertainer. Directed by J.P. Advani, the picture has in its cast Nimmi,

Amarnath, Hiralal, Roop Kumar, Mohna and others.

The much publicised and eagerly awaited *Prisoner of Golconda*, produced by P. N. Films, was released at eight theatres in Bombay city and suburbs. The picture has justified the grand pre-release publicity given to it by its producers. Produced in Gevacolor, the picture stars Prem Nath, Bina Roy, Rajendranath, Shambunath, Hiralal, Agha, Sunder, Cuckoo, Shobhana Samarth, Ermeline, Om Prakash, Bipin Gupta and Premnath Jr.

V.M.I.A.'s "Before & After"

Stage fans had a fine treat recently when the Young Men's Indian Association put on boards at Gokhale Hall in the City "Before & After", a social drama. The story, dialogues and direction were by V.S. Viswanathan of "Thottakaran" drama fame. Sri A.T. Krishnaswami, Film Director, who presided over the function expressed his appreciation of the story and the high standard of histrionics set by the players. A.V. Venugopal, V.S. Raghavan, V.N. Santhanam, Vadiraj, Kumari Geetha and Kumari Vasantha, was specially mentioned by him.

Children's Cultural Film Society

Recently Mysore State made a contribution to the film industry's progress by forming a Children's Cultural Society for the State. This organisation was sponsored and established due to the untiring efforts of Basavaraj of Mysore's Premier Studios. It may be remembered how in Delhi Pandit H.N. Kunzru was able to conduct two Children's Cultural Film Festivals. The Mysore Children's Cultural Society will hold a Children's Cultural Film Festival in Mysore during the Dussera festivities. It is also learnt that the Mysore Station of All India Radio will adjust its own Children's week to take place during the same period and the Film Festival may also be broadcast.

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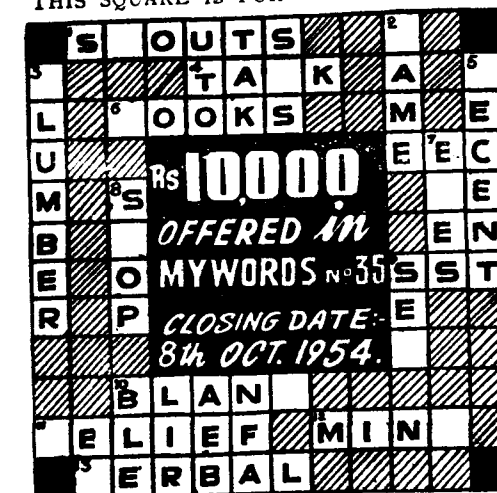
- How awkward are the _____ of some people!
- Insurance canvasser's _____ calls for a great deal of tact.
- A scholar is usually easily spotted by his these.
- Shrewish woman is apt to feel extremely annoyed by the _____ expression of husband when questioned by her.
- Now that the conflict in Indo-China has come to an end, there is general _____ that the prospects of a third world war are very remote.
- A cunning _____ usually comes to grief sooner or later.
- Most of the old people in the rural areas can give _____ recipe for many of the common ailments.

Down

- An analysis of the excuses offered by habitual late-comers will reveal that they are often _____.
- Many fine jokes have been cracked about _____.
- A man's nature can be easily known by the fact whether he feels grateful for a _____ help he was able to receive.
- When a pretty pair of _____ wink, romantic young man is bound to make a fool of himself!
- Curiously enough, the nuisance of pavement hawkers is at its worst only near busy _____.
- When the lighting is too dim, it would be rather a job, indeed, to _____ properly.

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- " forget that your Entry which may be an All-Correct one might get disqualified because you have committed one or more of the mistakes mentioned above and thereby lost a tidy amount!

- CLOSING DATE.** Friday, 8th October, 1954 is the Closing Date in Madras for MYWORDS No. 35. Date of receipt and not date of posting of Entries will be taken into account. Entries received after the Closing Date will be refused and returned.
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4. TALK, TASK.
6. BOOKS, LOOKS.
10. BLAND, BLANK.
11. BELIEF, RELIEF.
12. MIND, MINX.
13. HERBAL, VERRAL.

Down

2. LAME, SAME.
3. PLUMBER, SLUMBER.
5. DECENT, RECENT.
7. EVES, EYES.
8. SHOP, STOP.
9. SEE, SEW.



HELEN glanced up at the clock on the kitchen shelf as she folded away the ironing board, then hurried through into the living room.

Barry, her eight-year-old son, was still curled up on the mat engrossed in a book, one arm round the neck of Jed, his black Retriever dog.

"Time you were off to bed, son," Helen said, quietly.

There was no reply. Barry was oblivious to all but the hazards of his hero in the story.

"Barry!" Helen exclaimed, "It's bedtime!"

Barry looked up with a start, his eyes appealing.

"Just let me finish this chapter, Mum, please."

Helen smiled indulgently, bending down to ruffle his dark hair. "Very well, then. But you should keep an eye on the clock when I'm busy. Nine's quite late enough when you're so bad at getting up in the morning."

Barry grinned up at his mother affectionately.

"But, Mum," he protested. "Now I'm started on homework there's not much time left. Make it half past, eh?" he urged.

Frank, his father, endeavouring to listen to a talk on the radio, frowned irritably. He banged his fist on the table till the coffee cups rattled.

"Must we have this argument every night? Get to bed, Barry, when you're told, and let's hear no more from you."

||||| BY |||||
PHYLLIS LODGE

Barry, casting a resentful look at his father, jumped to his feet, giving the dog a quick hug. "Good-night, Jed," he whispered.

"Good-night, mummy," he lifted his face for Helen's kiss and buried his head in her shoulder for a brief moment. "Good-night, dad," he mumbled over his shoulder as he hurried to the door.

THERE was a painful silence after the door had closed. Helen felt the tears prick her eyelids as she finished laying the supper table and sat down to cut bread and butter.

She had hoped so much that the boy and his father—who had known so little of one another till the last year owing to Frank's army service abroad—might be growing closer together in affection. But always, just when he was gaining Barry's confidence, Frank spoilt in this way, by his lack of patience and understanding.

Jed laid his head on her knee and looked up at her with his soft expressive eyes, seeming to sense her unhappiness.

"That dog's as spoilt as what the boy is," Frank said, sourly, drawing his chair to the table. "He should live out in a kennel the same as the farm dogs."

"I was glad enough of his company at nights in this lonely place while you were away. I would be a shame to turn him out now," Helen said, shortly.

She handed Jed one of his biscuits and he ran to the door with it, whining to be let out.

Helen opened the door. The downs were bathed in moonlight, and there was a softness in the night air which heralded the approaching springtime. Helen took a deep breath before closing the door.

It would be good to get out again in the garden of an evening, and to walk down to the shore with Barry. Maybe Frank's nerves would get better, too, when he was no longer cooped up in the little cottage for so many hours.

"You shouldn't have let the dog out to wander," Frank said, mildly, as she returned to the table. "The bailiff was saying only today that now lambling's started we'd have to keep a look-out for stray dogs."

"Jed'll not go far," Helen retorted, "and if you hadn't been so peevish I'd have asked you to take him for a walk last thing. I know well what a menace wandering dogs can be this time of year and Jed's likely be blamed for others' wrong-doing."

FRANK got to his feet and slipped an arm round Helen's thin shoulder. "I'm sorry, dear," he said. "I don't know what comes over me sometimes." He leaned down and laid his rough cheek against her hair. "Forgive me?"

Helen smiled, and lifted her face for his kiss, but her thoughts were with the hurt little boy upstairs. "Do try to be a little more patient with Barry, dear. We were alone so long without you."

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"I'll try, but we've so little in common, it seems." Frank glanced quickly at Helen's tired eyes. "Now you get to bed, dear."

Helen went towards the stairs. "Be sure and call Jed in last thing," she said, smiling back at Frank.

But when Frank came to bed a little later, after Helen had tucked in Barry and turned out his light, his face was a little anxious.

"The dog's not out there," he said.

"Never mind," Helen reassured him. "He'll go into the shed when he returns. He won't stay away long. He never does."

WHEN she awakened the next morning, the sky was dull with threatening storm clouds, and a cold wind was howling round the house.

Frank was standing beside the bed, holding out a cup of tea. Helen took it, smiling her gratitude, and he bent to kiss her. She felt rested and happier than she had done for months past, recalling Frank's penitence of the previous night. If only he could find it in his heart to be as loving to Barry as he was to her!

"Mummy!" Barry called, rushing up the stairs and into the room. "Jed isn't in the shed. Daddy said that's where he'd be but he isn't there!"

Helen managed a bright smile, glancing quickly at Frank's frown. She drew Barry to her side.

"Well, dear, he must have stayed longer than he intended with the pal he went to visit. Now, you run along and get ready for school while I get dressed. He'll be back for sure by the time you come home again."

"And I'll look out for him and tell him to hurry home," put in Frank, smiling down at Barry's tearful face. "I can see quite some way from Darkrise where I shall be working today."

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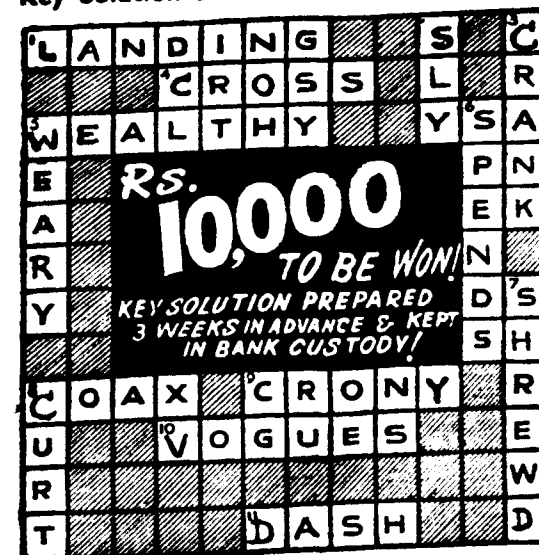
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Across: 11. "— fish can be a very tricky business." **CURING, LURING?**

Luring meaning tempting, enticing, is not quite apt here. It is the bait that has to attract the fish and nothing else. To throw in the bait is not at all a "very tricky business." Reject Luring. Here, the word Curing may mean one of two things. It may refer to the Curing of fishes in an aquarium tank when they happen to be ill or suffering from some disease. It may also refer to the process by which the fish can be preserved for some time like salting, etc. These two types of Curing can be a tricky business to those who are new to it. Enter CURING.

Down: 11. "How tiresome it is to hear society women boasting how much they spend on their —!" **COOKS, LOOKS?**

No woman, much less a society woman, would state or boast that she spends a lot on her looks. To say so would mean that she would be plain without all the snow, powder, etc. Society women not only don't care to cook, some don't even know how to cook. They would spend lavishly on a cook and go on boasting about the abilities of their cook, how much the cook is paid, etc. Such talk would be very tiresome, indeed. **COOKS** scores.

Across: 13. "— always look best in appropriate setting." **POSES, ROSES?**

Roses are famous as flowers not only for their appearance but also for their sweet smell. Whatever be the setting, roses will always look best. It is not right to state that Roses always look best in appropriate setting only. Poses are attitudes, the mannerism that some people strike or show off. It may also mean the Poses that an artist's or sculptor's model has to maintain. These Poses would always look best only in appropriate setting or background as it is called. Prefer **POSES**.

Down: 13. "Poor runners soon drop out when — becomes too hot for them." **PACE, RACE?**

If the runners are poor, will they ever enter a Race? Reject **Race**. Poor runners can maintain only a certain Pace, speed. If the Pace of the other rivals becomes too hot, too much to keep up with, then they are sure to drop out soon. **PACE** should score.

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ACROSS

1. "Usually, the sleeker the look the more valuable the —" GAB, GAD, CAN, CAP, CAR, CAT?

Out of this apparently formidable list of Alternatives, you can safely reject *Cad*, *Can* and *Cat*. The value of *Car* does not become more valuable merely by its having a sleeker appearance. Even a *Cat* becomes more valuable by its pedigree, as in the case of a Siamese *Cat*. In its broad sense, a *Cap* is a headwear. It may be a man's or woman's type. The sleeker, more fashionable its appearance the more valuable will be a *Cap*. Go in for CAP.

2. "No matter how exclusive the social function some uninvited guests always seem to — their way in!" WORK, WORM?

How exactly will the uninvited guests work their way in? Only by one well-known method and that is by somehow managing to worm their way in. That is to say, they will quietly slip in with the other invited guests. WORM wins.

6. "Without — it may be next to impossible to smuggle oneself across a frontier." GUIDE, GUILF, GUISE?

Even though a Guide may be necessary or when he is not wanted, a man will still have to have *Guile*, cunning, to smuggle himself across frontier. *Guise* is also included in the word *Guile*. Back GUILF.

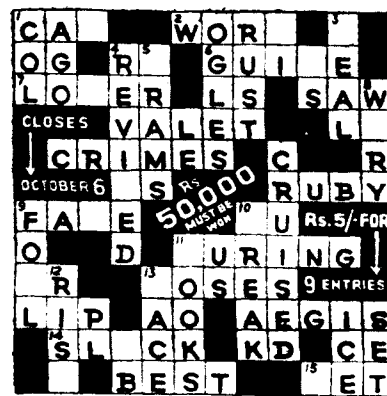
7. "He's seldom a good — who feels despondent without adequate reason." LOSER, LOVER?

A *Loser* must necessarily feel despondent because he has lost. He has a reason to feel so. But a *Lover* will have all sorts of flimsy reasons to feel despondent. Hence, the *Lover* who feels depressed without adequate reason is not a good *Lover*. If he is, he will not feel bothered by trifles. LOVER scores. 12698

9. "In sculpture or painting you need an expert to explain exactly what's wrong with a —" FACE, FAKE?

One need not be an expert to find out or explain what is wrong with the *Face* of a piece of sculpture or painting. Modern surrealist art baffles even the best brains! To the ordinary man the difference between a genuinely old piece of sculpture or painting and a recent *Fake*, imitation, is difficult to find out. It would need an expert to explain what is wrong with a *Fake*. He thus proves it a fake. Vote for FAKE.

14. "In the long run, — types are not very popular with



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their fellow workers." SLACK, SLICK?

We do not know whether the "fellow workers" referred to are themselves of the *Slack* or *Slick* type. Amidst *Slack* workers, a *Slick* worker will soon become unpopular. So also amidst *Slick* workers a *Slack* worker will become unpopular. So, permute both SLACK and SLICK here.

15. "Most of us don't — a lot when we bet at the races!" BET, GET, NET?

Bet should be rejected. While *Get* means the same as *Net* in its final meaning, still *Net* in its colloquial sense means a good haul. This expresses what most of those who go to races expect to do. So, enter NET.

DOWN

3. "Those who dine out at expensive restaurant naturally want a square — for their money." DEAL, MEAL?

In an expensive restaurant, the *Meal* is bound to be of really good quality. Also, it should be noted that those who go to dine in a restaurant don't necessarily require a square *Meal*. Some merely eat bread or cakes or such dishes. But whatever the tastes of the palates of the diners, they would certainly expect a square *Deal*, good quality in the food, in service, in cleanliness, etc. Bet on DEAL.

4. "Books are rarely — unless there is something radically wrong with them." REVILED, REVISED?

If certain data given in a book are out of date or some fresh data have to be given in addition, then a *Revised* edition of the book will be brought out. But this can't come under the category of "something radical-

ly wrong" with books. If a book is vulgar in its language or situations or incites people to violence, hatred, etc., then such a book is bound to be *Reviled*, accused as being dangerous, slandered. REVILED should score.

5. "Old-fashioned — look rather ungainly compared with up-to-date ones." PRAMS, TRAMS?

I don't think that *Prams* have so much changed in appearance as to make the old-fashioned ones "ungainly" in comparison. It is a fact that when the *Trams* were first introduced, they looked rather startling in shape. The latest in trams are streamlined, very comfortable to ride in, etc. Therefore, the old-fashioned ones do look ungainly when compared with the modern ones. Go in for TRAMS.

8. " — young fellow is likely to come out of a struggle better than most of us." WARY, WIRY?

As the word "struggle" here may indicate either a physical one or a mental one, *Wiry* is out of place for it is apt only in connection with a physical struggle. *Wary* means quite clever, wide awake. Its aptness is evident. Bet on WARY.

9. "Football partisans tend to get very excited when visitors continually — the home players." FOIL, FOOL, FOUL?

In fairness to all sportsmen and the footballers in particular, it should be said that no visiting team will "continually" *Foul* the home players. Nor are they likely to continually *Fool* their rivals. It is very likely that they may continually attempt to *Foil*, thwart home players' scoring goals. This may tend to excite football partisans. Go in for FOIL.

10. "One would scarcely expect hinges in house to —" BREAK, CREAK?

The house being new has nothing to do with hinges breaking or not. Reject *Break*. In new house, one would naturally expect all hinges to be new and so they will not *Creak*. If the hinges are not new, they would at least be well oiled as the house is new. Back CREAK.

12. "Prudent investor often sells when there's — in shares he holds." RISE, RISK?

If the *Rise* is very steep, then the prudent investor will fear an equally steep fall and sell but if the rise is very little, he may not sell. So, reject *Rise*. It is quite clear why prudent investor would like to sell shares if he finds there is any *Risk* in having them. Prefer RISK.

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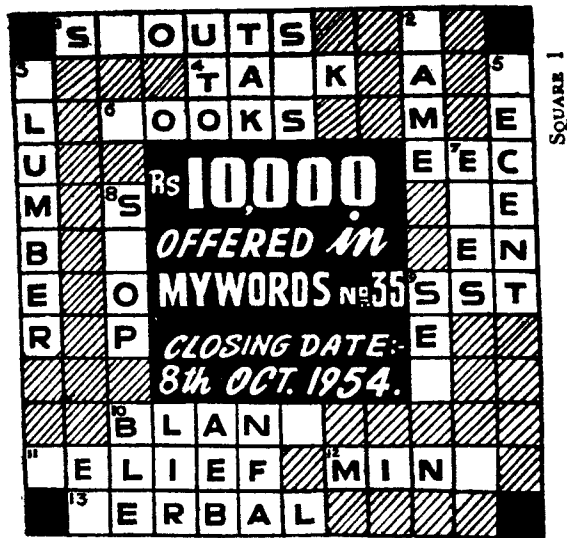
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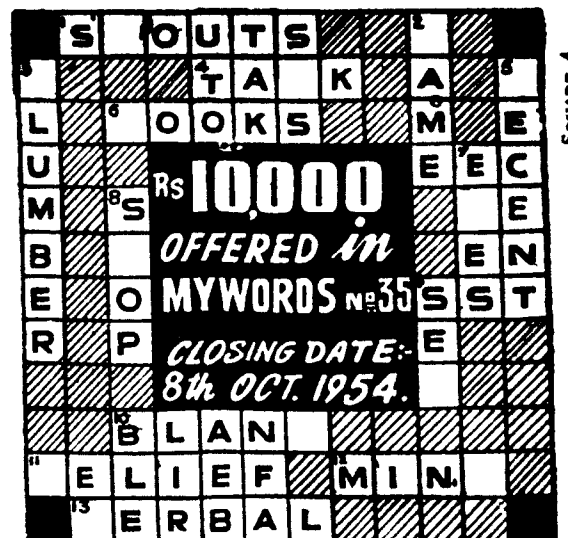
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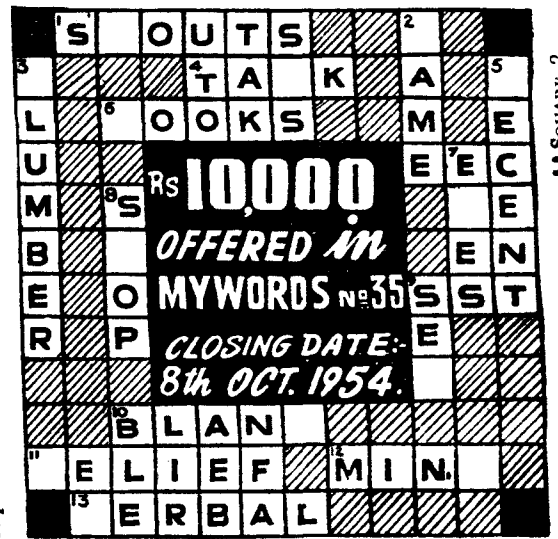
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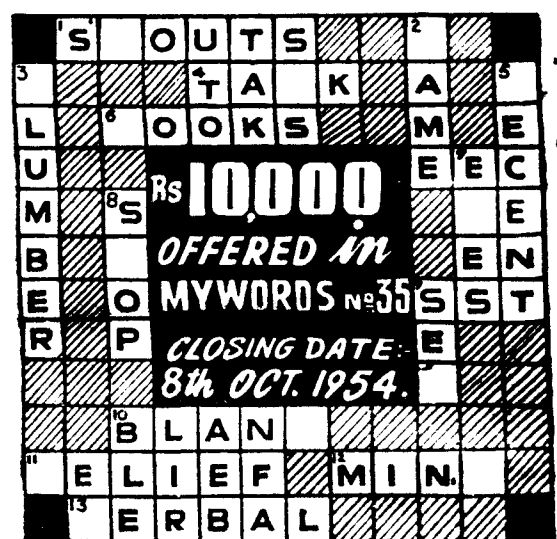
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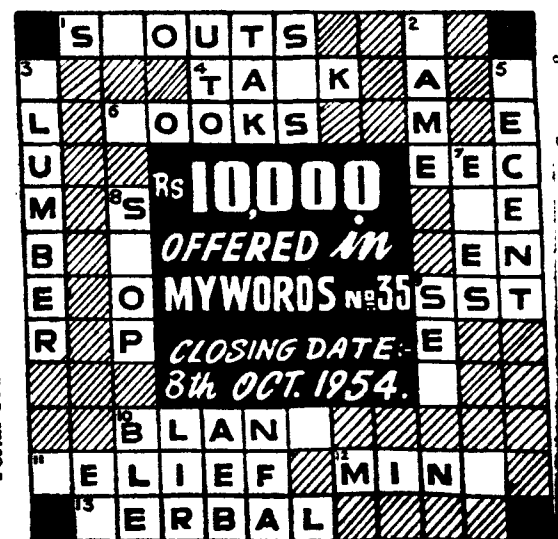
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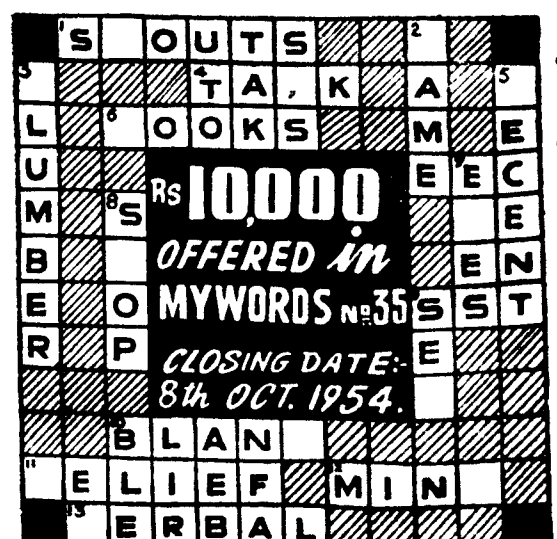
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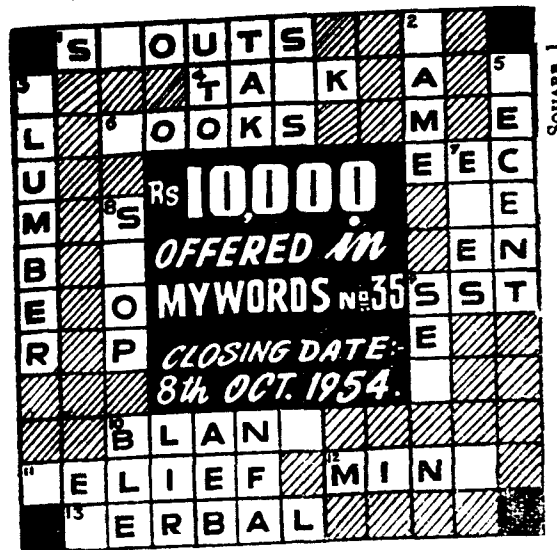
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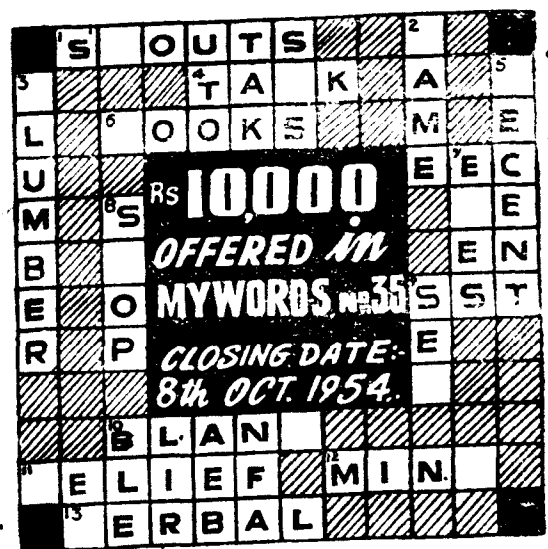
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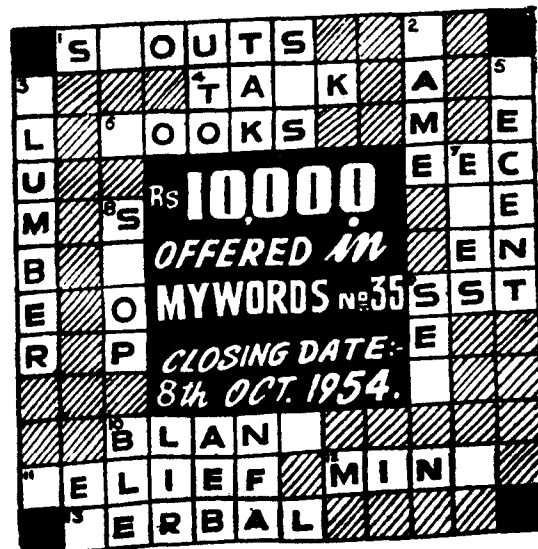
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