

Democratic Watchman

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RADIO GOES ON THE AUTOMOBILE TOUR.

There is a new piece of luggage on the running boards of many a touring automobile this summer. It might be a luncheon kit or a new style of suitcase or again a folding stove in its container.

Presently an automobile with the new piece of luggage arrives at an inviting and secluded spot. The occupants step out and stretch their weary limbs to remove the kinks of a long ride. Then the women members bring forth a wide variety and liberal quantity of food, apparently from nowhere in particular, somewhat after the fashion of a magician producing a pair of rabbits out of thin air. Meanwhile a male member of the party has busied himself with that new piece of luggage which has been put down in some convenient place. The cover is thrown open and—well, the secret is out; it is a portable radio receiver.

Out of the case of the portable radio receiver comes a frame made up of a few turns of wire. This is the loop antenna, which takes the place of the wires of so many home receivers. Then there is the front panel of the receiver, with tuning and other controls. No batteries, no loud-speaker, no loose wires are in evidence. The receiver is entirely self-contained, ready to be operated anywhere and everywhere, without installation work of any kind. There is just one thing to do now; tune the receiver for the desired program.

Softly at first, yet louder and louder, come the strains of an orchestra selection, as the person at the receiver adjusts the tuning knobs and swings the loop to various points of the compass. Finally, the air seems fairly saturated with melody. It seems hardly possible that such volume can be produced by a small portable receiver. And now the members of the party get down to the business of eating, which is all the more delightful when accompanied by the music of an orchestra playing for metropolitan diners in a hotel several hundred miles away.

How different that radio music sounds! Out in the open the radio entertainment takes on a new charm. Without the confining walls of indoors, radio music becomes more melodic, still more realistic, and more enjoyable. The background of parasitic noises is lost. There is nothing to suggest electrical reproduction; the music, in fact, becomes quite detached from the radio receiver and loud-speaker.

Then, too, there is the soothing effect of the setting. Even the most blasé radio listener will get a brand new "kick" out of radio music in an outdoor setting, especially amid new scenery, out in the open spaces, beneath the summer sky.—The Manufacturer.

Weather Sage Says Killing Frost is Coming in August.

W. O. Altman, Kane weather sage issues a warning that a killing frost is going to occur between August 15 and August 28. The weather expert says, "I hate to tell people this news of sorrow and grief, but nice green gardens and all crops of vegetables are going to feel this frost. Do not misunderstand this prophecy as there may be warm and dry days during that time. I am not saying the frost is coming every night, but it will occur some time between those dates. Here is something good to look forward to—I believe that we will have perfect Indian summer weather between October 1st and November 1st. My prophecy in regard to the summer being a very cold one has worked out just as I predicted and all you have to do is consult the records of the weather bureau, if you do not believe the summer has been a very cold one. There have been but few days that the mercury registered average summer heat."

Night Airmail May be Doubled.

That airmail service on the New York-Chicago route will be increased in the near future is the information contained in dispatches from New York.

Expansion of the night air mail service on this route to two planes each way nightly, instead of one will be necessary in another month, airmail officials predict, if the popularity of the service increases at the rate it has in the last few weeks.

The service, inaugurated July 1, handled 13,500 pounds of mail the first month, 7,000 pounds from the west and 6,500 pounds from the east, officials at Hadley field, New Brunswick, N. J., the eastern terminus announced. The postage paid on the westbound mail was \$68,000.

Only two mishaps, forced landings, near Cleveland, on the inaugural night marked the first month's operations.

Lest He Forget.

A member of a St. Louis law firm went to Chicago to consult a client. When he arrived he found he had unaccountably forgotten the client's name.

He telegraphed his partner, "What is our client's name?" The answer read, "Brown, Walter E. Yours is Allen, William B."

"You make me so angry," stormed Mrs. Ragson Tatter after the company had left.

"Why do you insist on sitting on the piano stool all evening? Everybody knows you can't play a note."

"Neither can anybody else play while I'm sittin' there," explained Ragson placidly.

Airmail started on July 1, on the New York-Chicago route, with 24 planes in commission. The 784 mile journey requires ten and one-half hours, including all stops.

—Get your job work done here.

Ranger Couldn't See Skunk as Family Pet

United States Forest Ranger Lewis Hanson of the Two Medicine valley in Glacier National park fed flapjacks all winter to a mink, a weasel, a skunk and two gray squirrels. The mink, weasel and the squirrels got so tame they ate out of his hand, but he left the skunk to wait on itself "cafeteria fashion."

Veteran trappers of the Rocky mountains declare this is the first time they ever heard of a mink or a weasel getting tame enough to eat out of a man's hand.

The incident came to official notice when Ranger Hanson kept reporting a shortage in flour rations. The chief ranger, when he discovered what Ranger Hanson was doing with his flour, was first inclined to reprimand the subordinate, but on looking over the rules and regulations, he changed his mind and allowed the extra supply.

In Uncle Sam's manual, forest rangers are instructed to be kind to animals.

Ranger Hanson's amiability has extended to more species than any other ranger has yet made pets of in the wilds of the Rockies.

"Of course, in the tourist season it's different, but during the lonely months of the long winter a fellow has a friendly feeling for anything with life in it," Ranger Hanson volunteered.

"These animals evidently felt the same way about it, for I kept hanging around my cabin door all winter, and I sure couldn't regard 'em as anything but companions of the wilds."

"But that darned skunk! I just couldn't bring myself to fondle him, although the poor devil almost wagged his tail as friendly as a dog when he approached me begging for the flapjacks which he had seen me feed to the other animals. I had to laugh at myself at times when I was almost convinced that he was sincerely friendly in the wagging of that tail."

"Once I was on the verge of giving him the hand offerings, just to show that I had no partiality for the other animals. I guess if I had had two suits of clothes I might have done it."

Weak Defense

General William Mitchell said at a dinner in New York:

"Our air service is in a bad way, and its defenders put up as bad a defense as the tramps."

"A very dirty tramp was charged with chasing a lunch-joint attendant all around the lunch-joint with a knife."

"What time wuz it when I chased ye?" the tramp demanded of his accuser.

"Eight o'clock in the morning," said the lunch-joint man.

"There, gents," said the tramp, running his dirty hand through his disheveled crop of whiskers. "That lets me out all right all right. That shows ye what a liar he is. At eight o'clock every mornin', winter and summer, I takes me bawth."

Mixed Metaphor

Sir Almeric Fitzroy, who was clerk to the English privy council from 1898 to 1923, is writing his "Memoirs" for the London Morning Post. In the first installment he quoted from his diary some incidents that came to his knowledge during an official visit to Queen Victoria at Balmoral in October, 1898. One of these was the prayer of the Scottish minister who officiated at Craithle church and "in the royal presence petitioned the Almighty that 'as the queen became an auld woman she might put on the new man, and in all righteous causes stand before her people like a he-goat upon the mountains.'"

No Record Available

Mr. G. G. Grey, who conducts a bookshop in Trinity street, Cambridge, England, has traced the line of occupants of his establishment back to the year 1581. The names of those doing business there prior to that date seem to be lost in oblivion. Mr. Grey is anxious to learn if any person knows of an older bookshop. It was in 1581 that Queen Elizabeth knighted Sir Francis Drake, who had discovered New Albion two years earlier; but there is no record of his having established a bookshop at Drake's bay, so Mr. Grey need expect no help in his researches from this quarter.

Got Off Cheap

The late Samuel Gompers, condemning the pardon of two notorious law breakers, said one day to a Washington correspondent:

"The short time these men have served, about a tenth of their actual sentences, reminds me of a story. It's a story about a bogus oil stock millionaire who motored a friend out to his new home on Long Island. The friend gazed in awe at the vast pile. "Holy smoke, George," he said, "what did this cost you?" "Three months is all," answered the millionaire."

No Matter

"Mr. Johnson, the baby has poked beans into his left ear until I fear the hearing is permanently affected," said Doctor Slash.

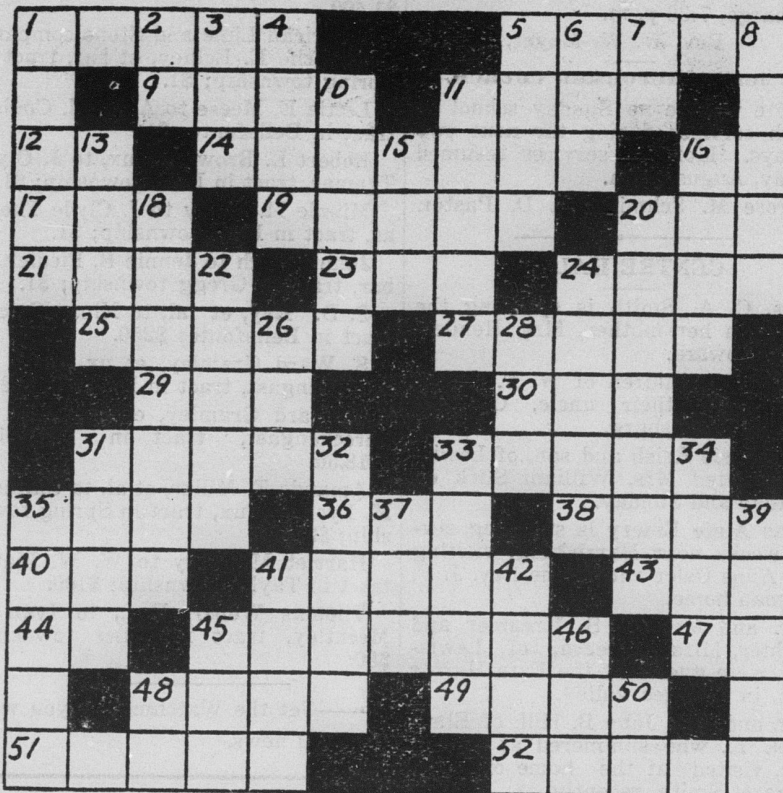
"Aw, well," replied Gap Johnson of Rumpus Ridge. "He's got another ear left, and there ain't nuth'n of consequence to—p'tu!—listen to these days, no-how."—Kansas City Star.

Oceanic Conversation

Radio telephones installed on liners plying between San Francisco and Honolulu make possible conversations between passengers on different ships while at sea.

HOW TO SOLVE A CROSS-WORD PUZZLE
When the correct letters are placed in the white spaces this puzzle will spell words both vertically and horizontally. The first letter in each word is indicated by a number, which refers to the definition listed below the puzzle. Thus No. 1 under the column headed "horizontal" defines a word which will fill the white spaces up to the first black square to the right, and a number under "vertical" defines a word which will fill the white squares to the next black one below. No letters go in the black spaces. All words used are dictionary words except proper names. Abbreviations, slang, initials, technical terms and obsolete forms are indicated in the definitions.

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE No. 4.



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Horizontal.

- 1—Part of tree remaining in earth after trunk is cut off
- 5—Wise men
- 11—To despatch
- 14—Stumbled
- 16—Third note of the scale
- 17—Indian of Shoshonean tribe
- 18—Arabian chieftains
- 20—In behalf of
- 21—Character of a sound
- 23—Greek letter
- 24—Narrow cut
- 25—Girl's name
- 29—Girl's name
- 30—Male sheep
- 31—Noise made by horses
- 32—Silk material
- 35—To cast forth
- 38—Biblical character who sold his birthright
- 40—Brooms (slang)
- 42—Doctor (abbr.)
- 45—Model (abbr.)
- 47—Lieutenant
- 49—Swimming tank
- 51—One who acts in another's stead
- 52—Series of steps.

Vertical.

- 2—You and I
- 3—Encountered
- 5—Observes
- 7—Grand (abbr.)
- 8—Man's waist
- 10—Lemonlike fruit (pl.)
- 11—European fish of herring family
- 13—Portico
- 15—Fruit stone
- 16—Heavenly body
- 18—Machines
- 20—Pertaining to Flanders
- 22—To furnish with a permanent fund
- 24—Ice runner
- 26—Fruiting spike of corn
- 28—Girl's name
- 32—Virtu
- 34—Pointed piece of wire
- 35—Island in southern Pacific
- 37—Skill
- 41—Solom agreement
- 42—God of love
- 45—Metal dish
- 48—Early English (abbr.)
- 50—Southern state (abbr.)

Solution will appear in next issue.

THE LABOR DAY CLASSIC AT ALTOONA.

Peter DePaola, recognized leader for championship honors in the A. A. A. contest circles, has decided to remain in America during the remaining portion of the present racing season. Announcement broadcasted several days ago to the effect that the intrepid little Italian had accepted the flattering offer made by the management of the Grand Prix of his native country, are now rescinded and DePaola will again pursue his present course to victory in the auto racing world.

The Labor day classic in Altoona having lured Pete from his foreign invasion, fans are naturally enthusiastic over the late news, and once again his famous Duesenberg will number among the eighteen pilots scheduled to start there.

"I have decided not to desert the American tracks at this time, and will therefore be with you Labor day," was contained in DePaola's confirmation to the Altoona track management. The two little boots of his offspring, used by Pete in many past events as omens of good luck, will remain in their place at the radiator base of his famous No. 12 racing chariot.

Recent publication of the ten mile record going to DePaola by the A. A. A. made at Laurel, Md., July 18th in 4:25.25, gives him with his present standing at the head of the registered drivers, the five, ten, fifteen, twenty and twenty-five mile official world's records. With the credits as well as the records accorded him during this season, DePaola is unquestionably the outstanding race driver of the entire group included in the roster of the contest board.

Skunks no Longer Protected in Cities and Towns.

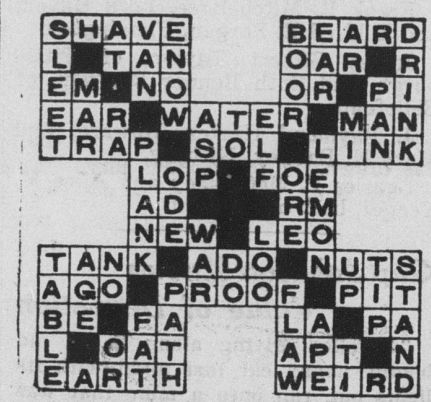
The Board of Game Commissioners received many complaints from municipal authorities and property owners to the effect that skunks, classed as fur-bearing animals with an open season from November 1 to the end of February, have become a nuisance in many municipalities by making their headquarters about residences and other buildings, and in numerous instances almost driving the inhabitants from their homes. While we have always interpreted such occupancy by skunks warranting property owners in killing them, many hesitate to do so for fear they will run afoul of the law.

At a meeting held July 13, 1925, the board, under authority granted by Section 509 of the 1923 Game Code, as amended by an act approved May 14, 1925, removed all protection from skunks throughout the year within all boroughs and cities in the Commonwealth and 200 yards adjacent to their boundary, but such action does not abrogate ordinances prohibiting the discharge of firearms within municipalities. Before using firearms to destroy skunks within boroughs and cities, residents should secure permission from the mayor, burgess or other legally constituted authority to use firearms for this purpose.

Carcasses and skins of skunks killed under this action of the Board of Game Commissioners may be disposed of in such manner as the person killing them may see fit.

—The "Watchman" always leads, week by week, in all the worthwhile news.

Solution to Cross-word puzzle No. 3.



Vast Stores of Gold Await Lucky Finders.

What becomes of gold? It has many channels of disappearance, according to experts. Figures show that more than half of the annual output is employed in the fine arts and jewelry trade. Thousands of pounds also are used by dentists, according to Popular Mechanics Magazine, one estimate being that over a ton is needed every year for the filling of teeth. Then money is worn in handling, this loss being one and a quarter million dollars annually. Bank of England sovereigns are often tested and found to have lost much of the original weight.

Of the immense quantities of the precious metal that have been buried away in the earth, it is believed comparatively little has ever been recovered. The priests of Peru are said to have buried approximately ten million dollars' worth of treasure to preserve it from the clutches of their persecutors. None of this has been found. The tombs of the old kings of Egypt were treasure houses, immense quantities of gold and jewels being interred with them. It has been estimated by historians that Alexander the Great became the master of great hoards of gold, all of which, so far as is known, has vanished.

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