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FLAPPERS ARE OLD AS RACE'S HISTORY

Have Been Common in Every Race and Class.

There is nothing new under the oon. The flapper of today is one with Tyre and Nineveh. Away in the incredible years when the first foundation slab of the Sphynx was laid, the Egyptian flapper was interfering with the process of its future by furtive glances cast on impressionable members of the board of works of the pharaohs.

Cleopatra was a flapper. Shakespeare talks of her "hopping 40 paces down the public street." No one but s flapper could have adopted such a method of progression. Her freak of putting a valuable pearl in acid was sheer flapperishness.

Helen of Troy was a girl of many destructive impulses. She would have run at any cost. Hence the wooden horse and the fall of Troy.

At a little later period the skittish Venus was in the same capricious form when she prevailed upon the "Pious Aeneas" to break his journey with her.

Horace in his songs invokes the name of Lalage and other maidens. It is safe to assume that two-thirds of them were little canaries who coyly esponded to the lyrical advances of the Latin nightingale.

In the heroic days the Grecian flappers took much more exercise than their Roman sisters. They were the forerunners of the modern sports girl.

Here it may be well to indicate that flappers are not confined to any one class of communities, ancient or modern. They are just as frequent among the plebs as among the patricians.

There is not the faintest doubt that Ill-fated Marie Antoinette, in her early years at the French court, was an enchanting flapper.

Another most unhappy woman, Mary Queen of Scots, was so full of espiegleric and fascination that John Knox, in Puritan Scotland, found her an easy victim to stern-browed perse-

cution. Louise de la Valliere was not the obvious type, but she was a type of flapper none the less. She was quite a little bird who attracted the long devotion of a fastidious king in a few flights. Her friend, Mile. de Tonnay-Charente, afterwards Mme. de Montspon, was a bird of brighter methods, but both were of the order seduisante

that captures kings and clerks alike. More hoydenish and daring than either of them was the gallant sister of Charles II, later Duchess d'Orsister was as gay and larky as the most up-to-date New York fun seeker. She loved to dress in the apparel of men, as girls of today adore appearing in mock-masculine garb at fancy dress dances.

Nell Gwyn was the very pink of flappers. Her smiles were as restorative as her oranges; and her kisses . would have bucked up a regiment. Nell remained a flapper until the end. She never lost the arts of her grinning, impudent girlhood. Charles was a mighty good judge of the fair sex; and it is significant that he gave his best devotion to the queen and pride of flappers.-Book Notes.

Early Protestants

The name "Huguenots" was given to French followers of Calvin, Protestant leader of the Reformation. They suffered massacre at Vassy by the party of Guise in 1562. This act , led to the civil wars, which continued until the Edict of Nantes in 1598, when civil and religious liberty was confirmed to them. The massacre of St. Bartholomew occurred August 24, 1572, during a truce in the wars. The power the Huguenots gained as a political party following the edict was of short duration, being destroyed in a few years by Louis XIII and his minister, Richelieu. Louis XIV, in 1685, revoked the Edict of Nantes, and as a result half a million Huguenots fled to England, Germany, the Netherlands, Switzerland and America.-Kansas City Star.

Found It Easy to Forgive

"You know the feeling, that flush of anger that comes over you when you're criving peacefully along a country road and suddenly hear a familiar sharp report," said the motorist. "You begin to curse and ask yourself why you didn't change that tire. Well, I was driving near the Oakland Hills Country and Golf club recently and all of a sudden 'Bang!' I got out to see which tire it was. They were all O. K. Then up comes a beknickered the other side. It is there, just as chap and starts apologizing for some thing. 'Sorry,' says he, 'sort of missed my aim and drove my pill into your rear fender.' Sure enough there was a dent in the fender and the ball was a short distance away. I was only too glad to forgive him."-Detroit News.

To Aid Children

Knights of Youth, a new order whose purpose is the ethical training of school children, has been introduced in 12 public schools of New York city. Nearly 1,000 children are enlisted in the ranks of knighthood in one school. This order acclaims character as the imight's noblest quest, and it was formed to combat the increase in jumile crime. It is sponsored by the National Child Welfare association.

THANKSGIVING.

Lord, the only prayers I know are the ones the preachers pray, The printed prayers the people read on every Sabbath day.

The prayers you've heard ten million times -yet, often when alone I've wished that I could write a prayer that I could call my own.

I've wished I had the gift of words that I might pen for Thee A prayer I'd thought up all myself to guide and comfort me.

Thanksgiving day is here once more. For all your mercies sent No printed prayer I'll use today no time-

worn sentiment I'm going to voice my gratitude for all the joys we've known,

Not in the language of the church, but crudely in my own. When I have said "Our Father," I shall give my heart full sway And let it voice the many things its wanted

long to say. Twill not be very long good Lord. I'll speak it as I would,

If You were near to smile on me to show You understood. I'll thank Thee for our happy home and all the love it shields.

The strength we've had to bear our tasks, the harvests of the fields; And though when I shall say "Amen" the

prayer may not be fine, The grateful words which I shall speak will every one be mine. (Copyright, 1923, by Edgar A. Guest).

DIALOGUE ON THE SPIRITS OF THE AIR.

By L. A. Miller. I had occasion to call at the Stitzer's stores a few evenings ago on a little political mission and there overheard a very spirited controversy on the Spirits of the Air. The dialogue proved quite interesting to me and may enlighten your readers on this mysterious proposition; the contro-

versy follows: "Did you ever notice," said David to Whistler, "how the weather affects morals?"

"No, nor nobody else," replied Whistler, as he mechanically drummed "Flowers of Spring", on the back of a chair with his fingers.

"I might have known better than to have propounded such a question to you while this animated contest is on for judicial honors. The fact remains, however, that the weather has a marked effect on the morals of a great many."

"I know it makes me sleepy sometimes," exclaimed Dude, rubbing his eyes and yawning lazily. "One day I will be as dull as a rusty cent, and the next as bright as the flowers that bloom in spring.

"Oh, bother the flowers that bloom in the spring; they have nothing to do in the case," warbled Whistler in regular Ku Klux accents.

"It's when you have been out late, or stuffing yourself with pretzels and beer. Of course David has some great theories hatched up about it that no one can understand but himself, and long." it is very doubtful if he does."

"Of course he doesn't understand it, but he palms it off on us, and because rheumatic slugger, or somebody's pain we can't knock his theory out, he slayer?" asked Whistler. you don't know anything, and when I get the better of him he calls me a fool, and that ends it."

Dude was about to proceed with his remarks when David, who had been paying no attention to the conversation re-lighted his pipe and proceeded.

"This thing was recalled to mind last night by the roystering and noisy people on the street; apparently a little moonshine was in evidence. It was after midnight when I went home, and there was more confusion on the streets than I have seen in a long time. Of course I asked what it meant, for I knew there was a cause able." for it. Besides, I have noticed often before that on wet nights, particularly at the breaking of a long dry spell, that there is an unusual amount of rowdvism.'

"Oh, that's easily explained," observed Dude. Old Nick turns himself loose occasionally and gets into the

"Just the conclusion I came to," replied David quickly. "But why should old Nick select the particular occasions?"

"That's the rub. He might come out one night as well as the other if there was nothing to control his actions except his own sweet will. That led me to the conclusion that this same old Nick is as much a subject of powers of the air as the spirits of Neuralgia, rhuematism or gout."

"You are not up in the theology," interupted Whistler, "for I heard our preacher say that the powers of the air are old Nick himself."

"Old Nick is as good a name for the evil spirits as any other, but our philosophy teaches us that there are two sides to everything, consequently there must be some good spirits."

"There you go on that everlasting two-sided philosophy again," growled Dude. "For my part I have only found one side to most of the practical problems of life that have met me face to face in my short, but eventful

show-case. If you were to get a peep at it you might find out something, even if it was nothing more than where roaches stay in the winter. It is this sort of thing that leads me to the investigation of this matter we have been talking about."

"The rheumatic will rub his hip replied Whistler. "We know that certain conditions of the atmosphere are favorable for development of aches and pains," continued David.

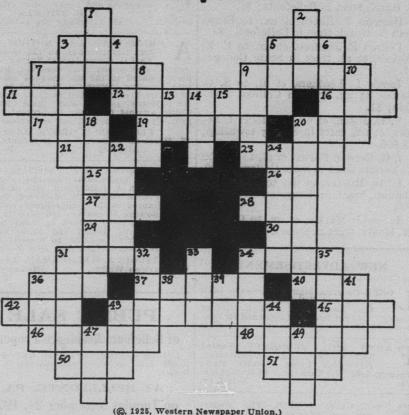
The rheumatic will rub his hip oints and tell you in all confidence that there is going to be falling weather soon. Although there is not a sign of it visible in the sky, and you barometor points steadily to the

fair weather mark."

HOW TO SOLVE A CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

When the correct letters are placed in the white spaces this pumils will spell words both vertically and horisontally. The first letter in each word is indicated by a number, which refers to the definition listed below the pumils. Thus No. 1 under the column headed "horisontal" 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 PUZZLENo. 3.



Horizontal. 3—To observe 5—Eye (
7—To fascinate
11—Part of "to be"
12—Venetian boat
16—Indefinite period of time
17—Still
19—Kind of diving blad (al.)

17—Still
19—Kind of diving bird (pl.)
20—Greek letter for "T"
21—Running contest
23—Mild expletive
25—Maiden loved by Zeus
26—Month of Hebrew calendar
27—Rules of conduct
28—Everything 28-Everything

30—Everything 23—Bone 30—French for "the" 31—Skills 34—Former Russian ruler 36—Colloquial for agricultural students 37—Eskimo dwelling 40—United Indian federation (abbr.)

42—By way of 43—Indifferent to pain or pleasure 45—Large moving vehicle 46—Place in the wall to hold a statue 48—Deep-sea worker 50—Negative vote 51-Equal

Vertical.

-Beverage 2-Anger 4—Unit of work 5—Eggs 6—Staff of life 7—To shout 8—Burrowing animal 9-Otherwise 10-Personal pronoun

10—Personal pronoun
13—Negative 14—Canine
15—Preposition
18—Clothes maker (plural)
20—Pictures impersonated by people
22—Seashore 24—Vexes
31—A second time
32—Location
33—Nickname for Yale
34—Froglike amphibian
35—Large stream
26—Own (Scotch) 38—To proceed 36—Own (Scotch) 39—Ocean (abbr.) 41-Distant

44—Part of the mouth 47—Head covering 49—Large tub

Solution will appear in next issue

The most delicate instruments yet invented are not able to detect it as quickly as our nerves. Then again, this individual who is possessed of the spirit of rheumatism may be seen on the streets several days before the foul weather shows any signs of subsiding. He says he is feeling pretty well, and predicts fair weather before

"How do you know but he has been

"A great many do resort to these things and give them credit for the relief they experience, when it is really due to the movements of the spirits of the air. The people can feel coming changes in their bones, why not feel them in their brains. If one spirit can set your nerves to twinging and cause your flesh to swell and burn, what is to hinder another from causing us to feel a sense of hunger and thirst? What prompts the rooster to crow so vigorously, geese to chatter and ducks to quack long before a decided change in the weather? These things have been noticed for ages and are reli-

"Its spirits, I tell you," answered Whistler pettishly. "I have no doubt of it," said David seriously, "and there is no reason for believing that the operation of these spirits is confined to the production of the pain of ill humor. If they can affect the physical system they can also affect the mental, and whosoever affects the mental may affect the moral, either directly or in-directly. Nnw there is Dude for in-stance. Sometimes he is a most consummunte fool; so much so that you cannot get him to understand anything. Then again he is right cheerful, and possibly sensible."

"Never mind, Whistler, I know what you mean, but it is better unsaid than said. A man does not quarrel with you about what you think, but about what you say. Take your own case; there are times when for a whole day you do not regale us with sweet vio-lets, nor drum more than a dozen tattoos on that loose pane of glass. Why? Just because the spirit does not move you. It is by the same line of reasoning that we are enabled to explain why the hired girl gives us an occasional rest from her tin-pan voice in the kitchen."

"I'd like to know what these spirits are?" said Dude. "Why you block head they are spirits, there now."

Madrid's Deadly Ring.

An extremely valuable ring, which is unguarded by the police or even special watchmen, hangs suspended by a silken cord around the neck of a statue of the maid of Almodena, the patron saint of Madrid, in one of the beautiful parks of the Spanish capital. It is set with diamonds and pearls, but notwithstanding this fact there is no danger of its being stolen. The most unscrupulous thief in Madrid would not think of nurloining it. Its would not think of purloining it. Its history is curious and interesting, and equal to anything found in mediaeval folklore.

The ring was made for King Alfonso XII, who gave it to his cousin, the pretty Mercedes, on the day of their betrothal. She wore it continually during her short married life. On her death the King presented it to his grandmother, Queen Christina. She "How does this particular spirit died soon after receiving it, and the happen to know it is going to rain? King gave the deadly little circle to the world?

Solution to Crossword Puzzle No. 2.



his sister, the Infanta del Pilar, who died within the month.

Once again the ring started its deadly rounds, next finding a place on the finger of Christina, the youngest daughter of the Duke of Montpensier, but in less than three months she also was dead, then Alfonso XII next placed it in his own casket, and lived less

than a year after so doing.

It is not surprising that it hangs so safely on a statue in an unguarded square of the capital of so superstitious a country as Spain.

THE STORY OF THANKSGIVING.

Of all the religious festivals of the year Thanksgiving is the only one that is for the people. Christmas and Easter and the whole series of Christian festivals are for Christians only. The Jews have their Rosh Hoshana and their passover. The Mohammedans among us have their Ramadan, and even the Chinese have their feast days, which they observe in their own peculiar manner.

Each religion has its own, but there is one Thanksgiving day for all, when all, of whatever faith, can, in their own way, call on God and praise Jesus or Mohammed or Buddha. November 18, 1787, was our first na-

tional Thanksgiving day, ordained by the act of the Continental Congress and proclaimed by George Washing-The day was set apart, in the words of the resolution, to express gratitude that God had been pleased to "smile on us in the prosecution of a just and necessary war for the de-fense and establishment of our unalienable rights and liberty.

The constitution had just been adopted, and before the act setting aside this day of thanksgiving had been finally passed there had been not a little discussion in Congress about the propriety of the President's asking people to give thanks for a con-stitution for which some of them were not thankful.

It was later that the last Thursday in November came to be the day chosen, when no marked event indicated another day, and the thanks of the na-tion, united under the constitution, were expressed on November 28, 1789. Since that day the custom has never been omitted entirely, although until the civil war it was only occasionally observed except in New England.

It was our Civil war which brought the people to a new sense of national oneness, and since 1863 the President of the United States has annually issued a proclamation of thanksgiving. But what President or prophet or sage in 1861 could have dreamed that half a century later the lines of such

Creek Indians' Thanksgiving.

Among the Creek Indians of Okla-homa the New Year begins with the "Busk," which is a celebration corresponding to our Thanksgiving, except that they celebrate the ripening of the corn, and not its harvesting.

Yet the idea is exactly the same—one of giving thanks. By early writers it was called the "green corn dance," and was regarded as a time of general forgiveness, of absolution of all crime

and a doing away with any feeling of hatred towards others.

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