

Life, with Miss Laurie is One Continuous Tea Party.

Many people in this section have been interested in the work Miss Bertha A. Laurie has been doing in the West Side Y. M. C. A. since she returned from service overseas with the A. E. F.

It will be recalled that Miss Laurie is a daughter of the late Dr. Wm. Laurie, so many years the revered pastor of the Bellefonte Presbyterian church and that she had been employed in the First National bank of this place for several years before the outbreak of the war. Soon after the outbreak she volunteered for service as a Y worker and went abroad in 1918.

Upon her return she was asked to inaugurate an idea in Y. M. C. A. work engendered by the service of that organization in the fields. In other words it was felt that a woman's touch in the Association might give it a bit of home atmosphere that it had always been lacking and seemed very desirable. Accordingly a "home room" was opened in the largest Y in the city of New York and Miss Laurie and her co-worker abroad, Miss Ann Watt, of Harrisburg, were asked to try the experiment. She has been there ever since and an idea of what she has accomplished and how she does it can be had from the following very interesting story, which we have taken from the New York Sun of recent date.

It was tea hour at the West Side Y. M. C. A., 318 West Fifty-seventh street. Every evening from 5 to 6:30 tea is served in the home room, and if you think men are not quite as fond of their five o'clock tea as women you should be there on the stroke of 6:30 when there's a rush of late comers fearful lest they miss the cup that cheers.

Miss Bertha Laurie sat on a sofa surrounded by a flock of young men, each wanting help, for it was a few days to Christmas, and the young men at the "Y" are many miles from home as a rule, without feminine judgment to guide them in choice of gifts. "Evening, Miss Laurie. Going shopping to-morrow? I want to send a gift home to mother. Thought maybe you'd like to pick out something for me." The boy spoke with a Southern accent. He was from Georgia.

"Oh, Miss Laurie," exclaimed a blushing youth, "do you know where I can get an engagement ring where they won't gyp me? Sure—I'm going to give it to the girl for Christmas. She's a wonder, Miss Laurie—great big blue eyes, hair like gold, and—"

"Miss Laurie, Jack up in 321 has the grip. Wants to know if you'll come up and see him."

They kept Miss Laurie busy jotting down things to be remembered in a little note book, while on the other side of the room was her assistant, Mrs. Frank Baldwin, apparently just as busy. There were 150 men in the room, drinking tea, serving, chatting, playing chess or reading. It looked like a big family reunion, entirely masculine save for Miss Laurie and Mrs. Baldwin.

Miss Laurie, officially known as hostess, has been big sister to the boys in this home room of the West Side Branch for the past seven years. After the war was over and men began to return it became apparent that they needed a woman as hostess.

The West Side "Y" then hit on the plan of getting one of the women who had seen service in the "Y" but during the war. Miss Laurie was asked to take the room. She had seen service in Bar le Duc, Is sur Tille and in Germany with the army of occupation. "We must get some one with experience," said the directors. They wanted to try the experiment to see if the feminine influence would work as well in civies as it did in war. New York was the best place in the country to try it out, because to New York come all nationalities and all classes, passing through the West Side Branch of the "Y" at the rate of 600 a day.

That the plan has been successful is evidenced by the fact that during her services as "Y" hostess Miss Laurie has served tea to 50,000 young men a year from all parts of the world.

Drivers' License Applications Sent Out.

The Department of Highways announces that 1,700,000 application forms for renewal of operator's licenses have just been mailed to persons who held 1926 operator's licenses.

All drivers' licenses expire at midnight February 28th, W. H. Connell, engineering executive and acting secretary of highways, said. Motor vehicle operators are urged to mail back the filled out form and the license fee at once. It is important that operators send checks, money orders, or drafts and not cash.

Licensed operators for the year 1926, who have changed their address since obtaining a 1926 operator's license, should inform the bureau of motor vehicles of the change in their address, since the 1927 applications probably will not be forwarded from the old address. In writing to the bureau concerning a change of address, use form 1122, obtainable at all offices of the Department of Highways, or give the name, old and new address and the record number, which is shown on the left of every 1926 operator's license, immediately above the name and address of the driver.

A licensed operator who has not changed his address and does not receive the renewal form by January 8th should write to the bureau of motor vehicles before January 15th.

Anyone who held a 1925 operator's license and who has not yet applied for operator's license for 1926, and who will desire operator's license for 1927, should make application for the 1926 operator's license at once; otherwise, he will be unable to obtain operator's license for 1927 without obtaining certificate of learner's permit and successfully undergoing examination.

FARM NOTES.

—Get home-grown clover seed if you possibly can this year.

—When spring plowing is done, be sure it is done early, just as early as possible in the spring.

—Some farmers still follow the practice of piling manure in the fields, which is certainly bad.

—The disk plow is particularly adapted for nearly all types of deep plowing, that is, from 8 to 18 inches.

—Crop rotation is nearly as effective in increasing soil productivity as the use of manure and commercial fertilizers.

—During 1925 farm wages were the highest since 1920, and three times what they were at the close of the Civil war.

—Too much water is as bad as too little in the fields. Plants are like people—they need a drink occasionally, but they can be drowned.

—Sudan grass makes a hay of about the same analysis as timothy, and hence greatly inferior to the legume hays for feeding to cattle or sheep.

—Winter is the best time to apply lime to the soil. This is particularly true when lime is to be applied to pasture lands or wherever there is an established stand of a grass crop.

—Now is the time to plan any change in flower borders and shrub plantings. These can all be worked out on paper and ordered now so that the work will not be delayed in the spring.

—Get the county agricultural agent to help plan the drainage system for the wet spots in that otherwise good field. He can help make up a bill of tile, too. Do not buy tile until you know the sizes needed.

—A splendid indoor plant box may be developed by planting ordinary Wandering Jew and, as it grows long, cutting off the shoots and sticking them in soil to root; say Pennsylvania State College landscape specialists.

—Send to the Agricultural Publications Office at State College, Pa., for a list of available bulletins and circulars that you can read during the winter evenings in preparation for a more efficient year on the farm.

—There are about four thousand feet of 4-inch tile, or the mixed equivalent, in a car. Get your neighbors to help fill out the car if necessary. Get the Y-branch connections in the car. Use mostly 4-inch tile for branches.

—A reliable local nurseryman is the best source of nursery stock. The first cost of good trees is comparatively slight; the final cost of poor trees is bankrupting. But only No. 1 trees one or two years old—never three, and in case of peach never two years old.

—In the bearing apple tree remember that it is the plump, well-nourished bud which produces blossoms and fruit. Secure such buds for next year by a careful thinning out of the ends of the branches which will insure plenty of sunlight and plant food reaching the buds on the remaining twigs.

—Next week the eleventh annual State Farm Products Show will be held in Harrisburg. This is the show window of Pennsylvania agriculturists. Probably the largest show of its kind, it will bring together in the capital city the choicest products of field, flock, and farm factory to be reviewed by thousands of progressive Pennsylvanians.

—Whether artificial lights should be used on breeding stock is an important question, since the condition of the breeding stock determines the continued success or failure of a poultry plant. As far as lights are concerned, it seems safe to use them for a period not longer than 30 days before the eggs are used for hatching on breeders that have had a good rest.

—The need of the Mexican army for horses has stimulated a demand for medium-weight animals of from 950 to 1,200 pounds that are straight of color and preferably broken to halter and saddle. According to John H. Huff, representative of the packers and stock yards administration of the United States Department of Agriculture, many green horses are being bought up by dealers and speculators at Fort Worth, Texas, and are being "halterbroke," since the requirement to lead is a big factor in selling the animals.

Animals that are only "halterbroke" will command a premium over the absolutely green kinds, and the dealers are getting paid for what the producer might have done with much less risk and with greater ease. Most of these horses are strong and fat and are bound to put up a pretty good fight before being broken to lead. The operation requires considerable time and energy on the part of the dealers and rarely fails to skin up the animal.

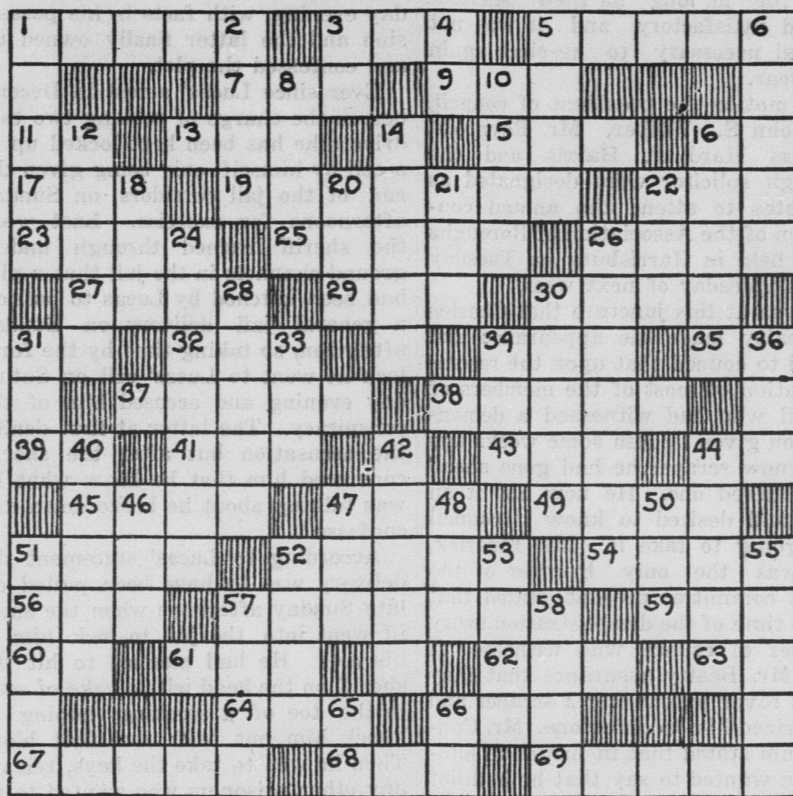
"The point is," says Mr. Huff, "that if the young colt in first hands was 'halterbroke' at weaning time or as soon thereafter as possible, the animal, even though never handled again before reaching maturity, would never forget its lesson. A desirable feature of halterbreaking the colt or yearling is that they are lighter in weight than they ever will be again and therefore more easily handled. They are less likely to injure themselves when young. Another good feature is that when the colt reaches the age to be broken for saddle or work a good half of the job is done, due to the early halter training.

"The day of haphazard horse production is past, and there is no reason why the horse raiser of today cannot receive firsthand mighty close to real horse values through a little preparation of the colt."

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. 2.



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| Horizontal. | Vertical. |
| 1—Entangle | 3—A creed |
| 5—Held as an opinion | 7—Consume |
| 9—Devoured | 11—Exist |
| 13—An insect | 15—Dried grass |
| 16—A note in the major diatonic scale | 17—Unwell |
| 19—A deep sea fish | 22—A marsh |
| 23—Regulated nourishment | 26—Goes about aimlessly |
| 28—Eager | 27—To pour |
| 29—A decade | 30—Inclination |
| 31—A masculine pronoun | 32—Fresh |
| 32—Fresh | 38—Pointed missiles |
| 39—An exclamation | 41—Evil |
| 43—An African antelope | 44—Nickname of popular governor |
| 45—A snake-like fish | 47—What we are all trying to combat (abbr.) |
| 49—A long cut | 51—Motive |
| 52—Open-leaved cabbage (pl.) | 54—To stake |
| 56—A unit of superficial measure | 57—Hires |
| 59—Of no account | 60—Exists |
| 61—Wrath | 62—To be indisposed |
| 63—Company (abbr.) | 64—Put down |
| 65—A craft | 67—Meager |
| 68—A unit of electrical resistance | 69—Escape |

Solution will appear in next issue.

SINGING WOMEN.

(Continued from page 2, Col. 6.)

make no difference, Vinie, what a woman sings so long as she sings."

Standing alone, Tilly Rudd waved her apron at the handkerchief fluttering from her husband's new car—her stinky, sung-over, tractable husband's new car.

"Pa," said Elvina when she no longer could see her stepmother, "let's sing, like she wants us to. 'Let's you sing?'"

"Me, Vinie? I dunno only one tune."

"How's it go?"

"I ain't sung it in years, Vinie, but it goes like this. Let's see, now." He cleared his throat mightily. "Like this:

"Ninety-nine bottles a-hangin' on the wall,

Ninety-nine bottles a-hangin' on the wall!

If one o'these bottles a-hangin' should fall,

There'd be ninety-eight bottles a-hangin' on the wall!

"Ninety-eight bottles a-hangin' on the wall,"

"Ninety-eight bottles a-hangin' on the wall" chimed in Elvina bravely.

For she was just a little girl, going away from home, and she really wanted to cry. But she sang, bless her life, she sang!

And so did Cephas Rudd, however it may have sounded to the birds.

Singing women put songs in the hearts of all who know them.—By Dorothy Miller.

Dry Air Kills House Plants.

Is the potted plant which friend husband or Mrs. Jones gave you for Christmas slowly dying in spite of all your care?

Most of them do, according to John P. Habermehl, Philadelphia authority on flower culture. He said yesterday that few Christmas plants survive the winter.

Dry air, not neglect, usually is the cause of the unnecessary and premature deaths. The remedy is simple—see that some of the water you have been wasting on the plant roots is converted into room moisture.

"A plant feeds as much from the leaf as it does from the root," Mr. Habermehl explained. "I have seen some plants that were almost swimming at the root, but the air was so dry the leaf could get no nourishment from the atmosphere. The root was not able to generate the water and send it to the leaf quickly enough to keep it alive."

"An example is the orchid. This flower is a parasite, the small seeds attaching themselves to the bark of trees. They get all the moisture they need from surrounding air, and thrive on it."

"Plants have pores just as a person has. When dust and dirt settles on them, and are not removed, they can't get water. They are clogged to the state where they slowly but surely starve to death. A very good example of this fact is the hydrangea. At the seashore one sees them bursting into bloom and flowering beautifully. They have huge balls of blossom. If they were placed in a dry spot, a city such as Philadelphia, they

Solution to Last Week's Puzzle.



could not possibly reach the same stage of perfection."

"The arid breath of the house sucks every bit of loose water from the leaves of the plants. The roots do their best to provide more water from the soil, but cannot. The plant does not have the good fortune to possess an internal mechanism regulating its amount of perspiration, and the outside air will have only a small amount of the moisture that cold air will maintain as a vapor."

"Too much water on the roots of flowers is just as bad as too much food for humans. Summer is much better for growing things than winter. In summer we leave our houses open for the outside air to get in; we do not heat it to such a temperature that all the water is taken out of it, and plants can get as much nourishment as they need. A plant will also grow better in a pot instead of a tub, because through the pot, which is porous, the dirt is kept sweet. If it is continually watered, without drainage, the soil will get sour."

Real Estate Transfers.

Clarence E. Musser, et ux, to Frank E. Boyer, tract in Haines Twp.; \$400.

Herbert Showers to Ward M. Showers, et ux, tract in Spring Twp.; \$1.

William A. Neese, et ux, to E. H. Smeltzer, tract in Gregg Twp.; \$1.

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David C. Grove, et ux, to Tobias Plozner, et ux, tract in Benner Twp.; \$5,000.

Lillian J. Kenneley to Alfred A. Barger, tract in Gregg Twp.; \$1.

Ivan Walker, trustee, to D. A. Grove, et ux, tract in Bellefonte; \$5,600.

James M. Stere, et ux, to James M. Stere, et ux, tract in Union Twp.; \$1.

Austin L. Johnson, et ux, to Christina Bishel, tract in State College; \$10,000.

R. H. Zettle, et ux, to John H. Wagner, tract in Potter Twp.; \$175.

John H. Wagner, et ux, to Ira Auman, tract in Potter Twp.; \$1,975.

Michael F. Hazel, et ux, to Ella Haller, et bar, tract in Spring Twp.; \$1,150.

Sarah E. Bloom, et al, Exec., to John H. Strouse, tract in Ferguson Twp.; \$500.

Augustina Hindle, et bar, to E. Steele Stonebraker, tract in Rush Twp.; \$175.

RECENTLY Judge Elbert H. Gary, head of the United States Steel Corporation, transferred the site of his Fifth Avenue Home, in New York City, to a National Bank with trust powers in trust for his family.

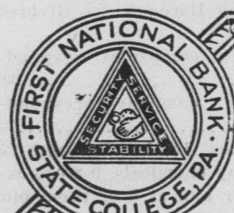
This is a "Voluntary Trust" operation at once. It insures an income to his family under all circumstances.

This act of Judge Gary, who personifies the soundest business methods, should convince men and women, who wish to conserve their Estates while living, that it can best be done through a Strong and Properly Managed Bank.

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