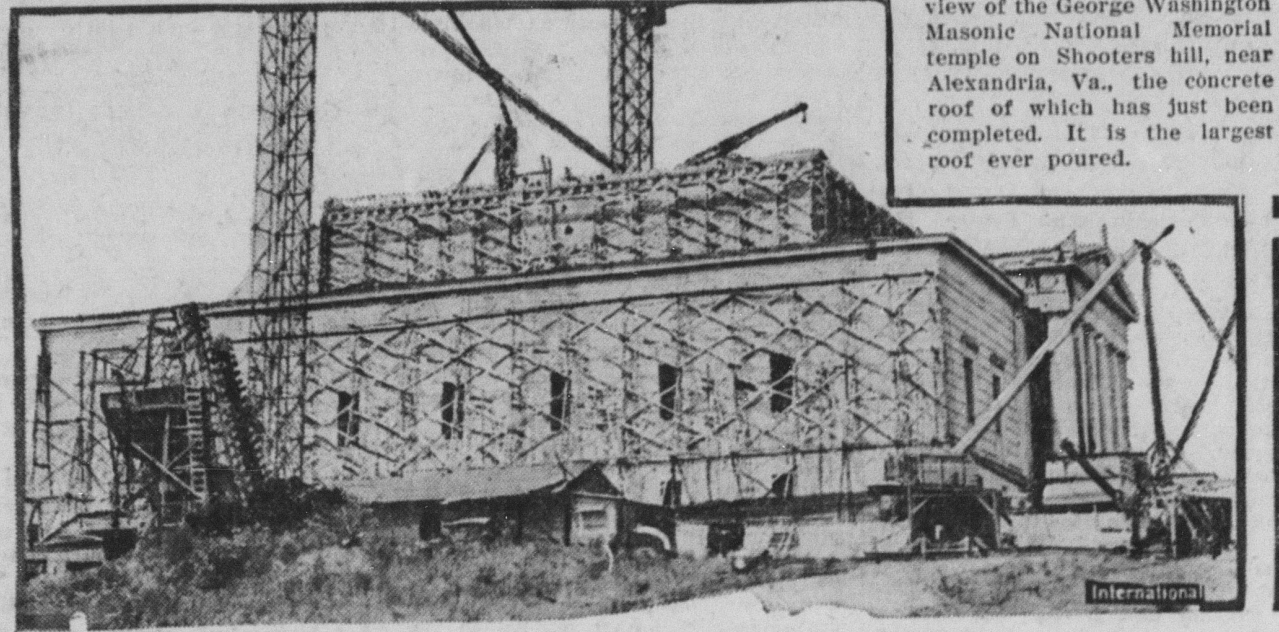


## New Masonic National Memorial



This picture gives a front view of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial temple on Shooters hill, near Alexandria, Va., the concrete roof of which has just been completed. It is the largest roof ever poured.

## When Snakes Bring Rain

By IRVING KING

IN MRS. FANNY BERGEN'S "Animal and Plant Lore" a superstition, common in some sections, is said to be that to kill a snake and hang it on a fence, or a tree, is a sure way of producing rain. In some sections, according to Mrs. Bergen, hanging the snake with its back up will prevent rain; with its back down bring on rain. This, however, may be considered a local frill—though possibly it may have some mythological basis now undiscoverable and eliminated by time.

It is a curious fact that primitive man from the general form of the superstition, which is a very old German one. The old Germans were accustomed to kill a snake and hang him up in a tree when they wished rain, with the serpent's head pointed in the direction from which they expected the wind to come which would bring with it the desired showers. The use of serpents as rain charms prevails today among various peoples living in a

primitive state and is evidently a conception of primitive man and a relic of serpent-worship.

It is a curious fact that primitive man frequently performed his devotions by killing the thing he worshiped. A good example is afforded by the customs of the primitive Ainu of Japan with regard to the bear today. This curious "twist" of the primitive mind has never been quite satisfactorily explained, though Sir James Frazer,

### Doing His Best

Whenever I have found out that I have blundered, or that my work has been imperfect, and when I have been contemptuously criticized, and even when I have been overpraised, so that I have felt mortified, it has been my greatest comfort to say hundreds of times to myself that "I have worked as hard and as well as I could, and no man can do more than this."—Darwin.

who has delved deeper into primitive psychology than any other man, has gone far toward solving it. Just how widespread in this country the snake rainmaking superstition is, it is impossible to say; but its habitat extends over a very considerable area.

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### Well Expressed

When a man has not a good reason for doing a thing, he has one good reason for letting it alone.—Sir Walter Scott.

## At Voting Time

By LEONARD A. BARRETT

IT IS a matter of serious concern when votes at the polls on election day are cast by less than 55 per cent of those who have the right of the franchise. The success of our democratic form of government depends upon the interest manifested in the vote as well as upon those elected to bear the responsibility of public office.

When corruption in public offices is discovered we raise a strong voice of protest. When a public official goes wrong we demand an investigation

and that the crime be punished. But, in the meantime the public conscience has not only suffered, but the community in which the crime has been committed must bear the ultimate result of the wrong done. Who is to blame? The one who does the wrong? Yes—but the first responsibility rests with those who put him into office, or did not do all in their power to keep him from getting into office. The lethargy of the public mind is appalling in this matter.

The privileges enjoyed by us are made possible through the enactment and enforcement of laws. Laws are made and enforced by those elected for that purpose. In any representative form of government, in the very nature of the case, the ultimate responsibility for the success of that government lies with the voter; and yet the American people are interested to the extent that only a little over 50 per cent go to the polls to vote.

What is the reason for this condition? If we were denied the privilege of the franchise, we would protest in no mistaken language. But, having all the privileges of this right as citizens, why is it not exercised as it should be? Perhaps the answer is that it is a matter of carelessness rather than indifference or ignorance. A government should be ruled by the majority, and yet in this greatest and most powerful nation in the world of free governments, the minority rules. Such a condition is a menace to all our institutions.

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"I don't know about the sins of the fathers being visited upon countless generations," says Pondering Ponzelle, "but it is easy to see that the sins of the mothers are."

## THE HALLOWEEN PARTY

By MARTHA MARTIN

THERE had been a little girl named Janet who had wondered what the word Halloween meant.

And now it seemed as though another little girl did not know what it meant and was feeling quite sad about it.

It seems to me, too, that it is a word that we've used so often that many of us are not quite sure what it does exactly mean.

And so I am going to tell the story of Miriam and of what her mother

But probably the guests who were coming to the party were just as busy, for the guests would bring some Halloween stunts with them, and would doubtless be dressed up.

Of course, Miriam did not know just what the guests would do, but she knew that two of her brothers were going to dress up as old witches and do all sorts of tricks.

Already they were hanging apples attached firmly by strings from a doorway and as soon as the guests came and the tricks began they would all try to bite these apples, which would swing annoyingly away from them!

And there was going to be a dish of flour in the kitchen after supper and the children were all going to try to find a twenty-five-cent piece hidden there.

They were going to hunt for it with their teeth! And there were apples bobbing in a great tub of water.

And these had to be caught by the teeth, too. Some of these held pennies.

There would be fortune telling, too, and Miriam's mother had promised to be the fortune-telling witch who would sit by her caldron which was now being made of red cheesecloth.

At the bottom of it, barely hidden, there would be a flashlight which would be kept going all the time, of course!

Oh, the party was going to be splendid, Miriam knew that.

And yet—and yet—she wished she knew why they had a party—not that she didn't want a party! But just why was it for this evening with the strange name.

"Why, Miriam," her mother said that afternoon late as she caught sight of Miriam's little worried face,



They Would All Try to Bite These Apples.

seemed to be so much yet to be finished just so every one will be sure to know without having to do anything about looking it up.

There was going to be a splendid party at Miriam's house. There were all sorts of preparations for it.

Miriam did not know whether they would all be ready on time, for there seemed to be so much yet to be finished.

## A Friendly Suggestion

By GENE CARR



"TH' POOR SAP, HE'S GOIN' TO LOSE A GOOD FRIEND IF HE MARRIES HER!"

## Vegetable and Fruit Dishes

By NELLIE MAXWELL

A SALAD is at all meals a welcome part of the menu after the breakfast of the day.

### Tomato Aspic.

Take two cups of stewed tomato to which a slice of onion has been added, with seasoning of salt. Boil 20 minutes and strain. Add two tablespoonfuls of gelatin dissolved in one-half cupful of cold water and add to the tomato. Such seasonings as bay leaf, celery and cayenne may be added to the tomato while cooking if desired. Mold and serve when chilled on leaf lettuce with a highly seasoned salad dressing to which a half cupful of nuts has been added.

### Browned Carrots.

Parboil small even-sized carrots and lay them well drained around the roast of mutton; baste often from the fat in the pan. Serve around the roast.

### Wisconsin Cherry Duff.

Take two tablespoonfuls of sugar, one-fourth of a cupful of butter, one-half cupful of sweet milk, one egg, one-half cupful of flour, one and one-half teaspoonfuls of baking powder, one-fourth teaspoonful of salt, and one cupful of sweet canned cherries. Serve with

### Cherry Sauce.

Take one cupful of the cherry juice, thicken with one teaspoonful of cornstarch, add one-third of a cupful of sugar, a pinch of salt and a tablespoonful of butter just before serving. Flavor with a few drops of almond after the sauce has been well cooked.

### Peach Betty.

Take the soft crumbs from the center of the loaf of bread. Mix with one-half cupful of butter to three cupfuls of crumbs. Put a layer of the buttered crumbs into a baking dish

and lay over them a layer of sliced peaches; sprinkle with sugar, a grating of orange peel and bake one hour. Cover the dish during the first half-hour, then remove and brown. Serve hot with cream and sugar.

### Apple Whip.

Take one-fourth of a cupful of steamed, sliced apple, add powdered sugar to sweeten, beat into one egg white, beat until stiff. Serve with cream.

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### Paint Garden Tools

If you paint the tools and other garden equipment about the place bright red, with a tinge of blue, yellow or green, their gay appearance will be gentle but incessant reminder to all careless ones who borrow or use them to promptly return them to the proper niche in the toolhouse. Incidentally, they are more easily found if mislaid.

## New Gretna Green in Mexico



California's new law requiring a couple to post three days' notice of intention before receiving a license to marry has turned Tia Juana, Mexico, into a Gretna Green. The law there requires no notice whatever, and hundreds of couples have taken advantage of that fact. Judge Francisco Miranda is seen above joining a couple from San Diego.

## HOW MRS. WEAVER WAS HELPED

By Taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

As Mrs. Weaver herself says, "I was never very strong." This is a mild statement describing her condition, for, according to her letters, she was subjected to no small amount of ill health. Fortunately, her sister was familiar with Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and begged Mrs. Weaver to try it. "After three or four

weeks," writes Mrs. Weaver, "I felt a great difference in myself. I would go to bed and sleep sound, and although I could not do very much work, I seemed stronger. I kept on taking it and now I am well and strong, do my work and take care of three children. I sure do tell my friends about your wonderful medicine, and I will answer any letters from women asking about the Vegetable Compound."—Mrs. LAWRENCE WEAVER, East Smithfield St., Mt. Pleasant, Pa.

If you knew that thousands of women suffering from troubles similar to those you are enduring had improved their health by taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, wouldn't you think it was worth a trial? In some families, the fourth generation is learning the merit of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

### "Specials" for Pigeons

During the present pigeon racing season in England one railway is running special trains to carry the birds from the homes to the starting points. So far 20 such trains have been planned. The road has 44 special cars in the racing area. Each car is 35 feet long and will carry 540 birds. The cars are steam heated and have special ventilators. Pigeons occasionally race 700 miles, and birds are valued at as high as \$1,000 each.

### Aviators' Triumphs

As far as we have been able to ascertain, the German aviator, Capt. Von Richthofen, brought down the largest number of planes during the World war, the planes numbering 80. An English major, Raymond Collishaw, brought down 77, and an English major, Bishop, brought down 72, and the English major, E. Mannoek, 71.—Washington Star.

An instrument known as a "detecta-scope" has been invented that can spot shoplifters and expose loafing clerks in any room of a building.

## The BABY



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The doctor often tells you to do just that; and always says Fletcher's. Other preparations may be just as pure, just as free from dangerous drugs, but why experiment? Besides, the book on care and feeding of babies that comes with Fletcher's Castoria is worth its weight in gold!



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