

EXECUTING AN IDEA

By F. A. WALKER

THE hardest thing in the world to kill is an idea.

You can destroy the man who has it; you can reduce his brain to dust and his body to ashes, but his idea, if it is a right idea, will live on and thrive despite your efforts.

The crucifixion did not kill the idea of Christianity.

The burning of Joan of Arc did not wipe out the truths she stood for.

John Brown's idea did not die with him on the scaffold.

The imprisonment of Bunyan did not kill his idea; it rather helped to strengthen it, for in his cell he wrote his great "Pilgrim's Progress."

The threats of the greatest powers in the world, while they made Galileo deny with his voice the truth of his theory that the earth revolved around the sun, did not change or kill his idea, for under his breath he whispered "E pur si muove" ("It does move though").

On the other hand a wrong idea is sure to die.

Nothing is eternal except the truth. The false promise destroys both argument and conclusion. The false idea eventually kills itself. All error is self-destructive.

There is a right and a wrong way to kill a bad idea. The wrong way is to kill the possessor. The right way is to prove the idea itself is wrong and then it dies of itself.

Witchcraft was not obliterated by the burnings of Salem. It was wiped out by the proving of the truth that there is no such thing as witchcraft.

The decadence of monarchies has not resulted from the beheading of kings nor the imprisonment of princes. It is the result of proving to the people that there is a better, more just and more useful kind of government than the rule of a sovereign.

The greatest support that wrong ideas have ever had was violence.

The human soul somehow or other leans to the aid of the abused, even if it be in the wrong.

Normally, man wants to see everything and everybody have a fair chance, a square deal, an opportunity. The surest way to give a wrong idea

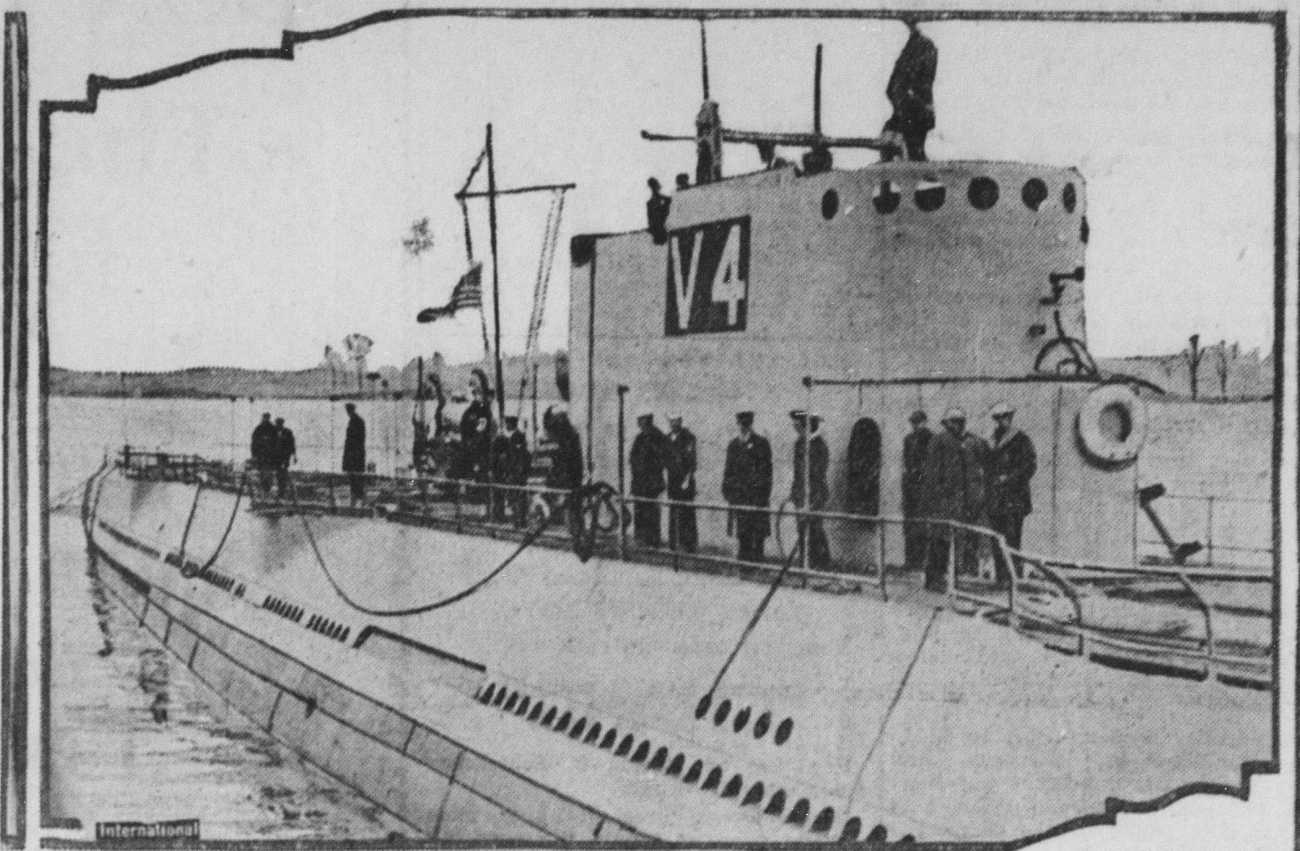
added support is to treat it unfairly. Give the right half a chance and it will annihilate wrong and wipe error out of existence. It is stronger than iron bars. It is more potent than the scaffold. It is the only thing with which to fight and win.

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"You have to give the Spanish Inquisitors credit for one thing," says Cynical Sue; "they didn't impale citizens for jury duty."

U. S. Has World's Largest Submarine



Side view of U. S. S. V-4, the largest submarine in the world, launched the other day at Portsmouth naval yard for the American navy. It is designed for maximum cruising radius and endurance, and can lay mines.

WHEN THE BIRDS TRAVEL

By MARTHA MARTIN

"IT IS about time we were starting. Isn't it?" asked the Wild Geese of their leader, and the leader said: "Yes, it is time we should be starting. We are the first travelers to take the journey up further north. It is still the winter time—but we start when it is not yet spring, but then, spring expects to be along before many, many weeks pass."

So the geese started off on their journey.

"Even though there is ice in our marshy home we will not mind it," said the geese. And as they flew along, they said: "No, we will not mind it. We want to head the traveling procession."

"Chirp, chirp," said little Mr. Robin.

"It is time for me to go North. I like to be an early arrival, too. Perhaps some of my family will not come until later."

"But I want to go soon now. There is one person who greets me with absolute delight and joy when I appear."

"Oh, there is the first robin," she says, "how glad I am to see him. It seems like spring at last."

"And it is a pleasure to hear her say that."

Then the purple grackles began to travel, and the bluebirds said it was high time for them to be leaving.

And the other birds began to follow, traveling for their spring and summer homes.

They went, carrying with them no trunks and no food and no suitcases! But their little wings were strong

and their small bodies full of bravery. The ravens and eagles and owls were already starting in housekeeping and attending to their domestic duties when the hawks began their journey.

The hawks traveled by day, for they were not afraid. The red-tailed hawks flew higher than the others.



So the Geese Started Off on Their Journey.

and the duck hawks were on the lookout for prey as they traveled. They would even attack the plovers.

The bobolinks flew by night and from all over the birds started on their journey, which would keep them away during the spring and summer months.

Always the birds had leaders who

showed the way for the others to follow.

There were some young birds who had never been on a journey of any distance before, and they bravely followed along, although it all seemed quite new and strange.

"Come along, come along," said the leader bird, "this is the way to come. Do not get away from me. Stay close. Follow right behind."

And the birds did as their leader said.

As a great flock of the robins were flying along, Leader Robin sang this song:

We follow the call of spring, spring, spring, And some of it with us we, too, will bring. As we go to north where it has been so cold, And even now we're being quite bold To go so early in the season.

Some birds think it's entirely out of reason. But we want to go early and see what's up. And upon the very first worm we robins will sup.

Oh, we call the call of spring, spring, spring, Which with it soft rains will bring. We'll be so happy, we'll be so gay Oh the spring, the spring we'll follow away!

"Yes," Leader Robin added, "we've become quite poetical, and we're going to sing this song with many variations and beautiful touches for the little person known as Dolly who loves us and whom we love."

"We're going to see her now. Come, birds, let us hurry, hurry, hurry!"

And the birds needed no further urging, for this flock was going to the place where Dolly lived and their little robin hearts were glad.

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GOOSE AND GANDER HINTS

By Viola Brothers Shore.

FOR THE GOOSE—

THERE'S no excuse for your mouth not sayin' what you want, as long as you feed it.

You can't be really sad, surrounded by people you like, or merry without them.

It's only one step from thinkin' you're pretty good, to leavin' other people know you think it.

FOR THE GANDER—

A girl likes a man to be able to look her straight in the eye, even if she's decollette.

Leave every woman have confidence in you, but never let none be sure of you.

Be unexpected but dependable. Don't tell a woman when you're gonna call her up next. But if you do tell her, keep your word.

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SEEKING THE LIMELIGHT

By JOHN BLAKE

THIRST for glory is instinctive. Like most things which are instinctive, it is useful.

Early in life a little boy begins to take pride in the things which his parents own.

He is sure that their piano is a better piano than that of the neighbor's, and that they trade with a better butcher.

He does this because he can thus shine in reflected glory, which is better than no glory at all.

By and by, as he grows, he fights with other boys, not so much because he is quarrelsome, but because fighting is the best way to get credit in the eyes of other boys.

A little later he "shows off" such accomplishments as he has in order to gain the admiration of the other sex.

It is a mistake to regard this thirst for glory as vanity.

One of the reasons that war appeals strongly to young men is that

it affords an opportunity for glory.

There are men who fight in the armies of other countries, which proves they are not fighting for patriotic motives.

Nor do they fight for the sake of killing.

They "seek the bubble reputation," even at the cannon's mouth.

We have known many men who have accomplished important things in life, and we have never known one who has not been very proud of the recognition his work brought him, and very glad to work hard for more recognition.

If every one was contented to be a mere plodder, to walk along the byways of life, without ever seeking a taste of fame, nothing worth recording would have happened in the history of the world.

The statesman who fights for a cause, the painter who paints a mas-

terpiece, the preacher who sways congregations, all are working partly for glory, and all eagerly welcome it when it comes.

And why not?

What is there in life any sweeter than applause and praise, so long as it is honestly earned?

Lincoln, as a young man, was delighted at the approval he won when he fought successfully an important lawsuit.

Even modest John Keats sought approval, and was broken hearted when work which he knew to be remarkable was sneered at by a parcel of snugglers.

Ambition has played a great part in the progress of the world. Sometimes it has been mean and selfish, but as often it has been high and noble.

It has always been an incentive to that tremendous effort and labor without which no fame and no achievement is ever possible.

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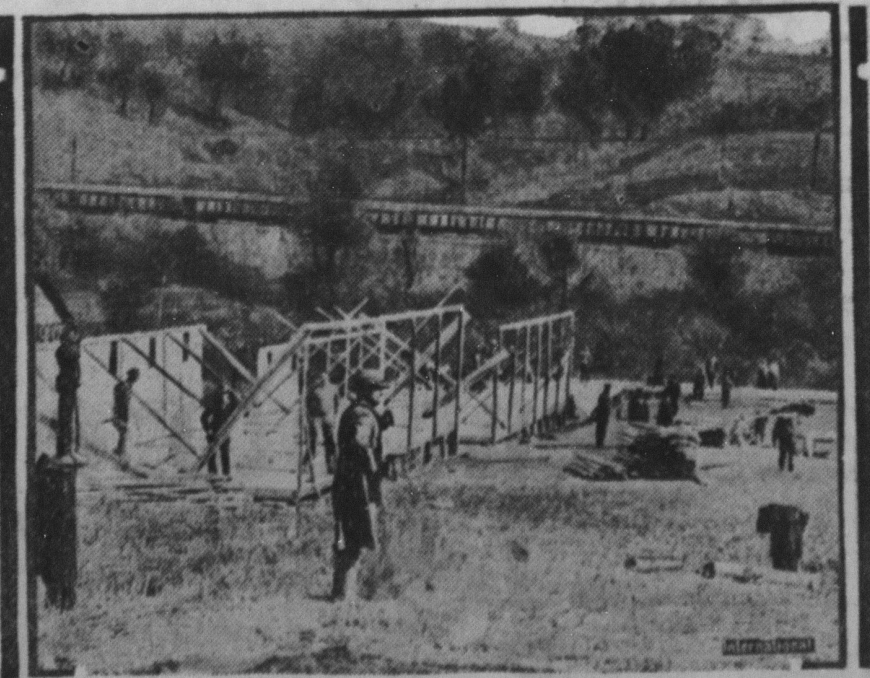
The expressions "brainstorm" and "dementia Americana" are connected with the Thaw case, 1907 and 1908. Brainstorm was used to indicate sudden impulsive insanity, and dementia Americana to describe a kind of righteously frenzied.

ALONG THE HIGHWAY



"A FINE BREAK FOR US!"

Miners Erect New Homes



Scene at Tusseton, Pa., where hundreds of miners on strike, evicted from the company-owned homes, are building their own places to house their families.

Seating Guests at Table

By H. IRVING KING

IF, IN seating people at a table, an unmarried person is inadvertently placed between two married persons—husband and wife—the person so placed will be married before the year is out. This is a more or less common superstition in the United States and is one of the many superstitions based upon what might be called the "contagion of marriage."

It is, in fact, another example of sympathetic magic of the "contagious" variety. Those three great changes of man's existence—birth, marriage, and death—appear to have been invested by the ancients with peculiar magical qualities. Or rather, from them were supposed to emanate peculiar magical influences. They were

heavily charged with sympathetic magic.

Many are the superstitious practices among people living today in a primitive state by which it is sought to insure the fertility of the race and they are all based upon sympathetic magic. Among our current superstitions, also, there are a number of exactly the same nature. Superstitions regarding death and the dead, into which sympathetic magic enters, are universal and very numerous. As to the marriage contagion it, also, has its magical literature, though it is apparently less voluminous than that of birth and death.

It will readily be seen then how a single person placed between a

man and his wife at table is liable to become infected with the marriage bacillus by sympathetic magic. But it will be noted that this placing of the unmarried one must be done inadvertently in order to have the magic work. Fate must be given a free hand—no stacking the cards. All magical operations were, apparently, divided by the ancients into two general classes—one in which the magic was performed with the express intent of bringing about a result, and the other in which the magical operation, in order to be valid, must "just happen." The superstition in question belongs to the latter class.

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Storms Directly Due to Forest Destruction

Trees are lightning rods, and the increasingly bad weather is due to the destruction of forests, says Edouard Branly, France's grand old man of wireless.

"If there are no longer seasons," he says, "deforestation is the principal, if indeed, also, not the sole cause."

"Trees on the heights, with their pointed tips toward heaven and their roots deep in the damp ground, are nothing less than so many lightning rods, constantly discharging into the earth the atmospheric electricity and thereby preventing its accumulation in the clouds, an accumulation that would cause terrible storms. In wooded districts there was calm, but now that the woods are being cut down there are constant hard storms."

The need for protecting trees is well recognized and the French government proposes to spend some money in that direction, but meantime owners of forests say heavy taxes oblige them to cut wood to get income.

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A Reminder

Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff, secretary of the Women's Home Missionary society, was discussing in New York the work of the disarmament conference at Geneva.

"These nations at Geneva, pretending to be so unselfish, yet at the same time acting in their own interest alone—well, these nations," she said, "remind me of old Judge Kelley."

"Judge Kelley was chosen to judge a beauty contest. There were a great many lovely girls entered as contestants, but the Judge gave the prize to his daughter, a cross-eyed old maid."

"When he was upbraided for this he answered calmly:

"A man must favor his own."

Many May Lose Titles

Dishonesty among the nobles of Japan is a cause of increasing worry in the imperial household. Many titled business men have been taking advantage of their exalted position to fleece the gullible. The police have been asked to assist in a sweeping investigation which may cause the loss of many titles.

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