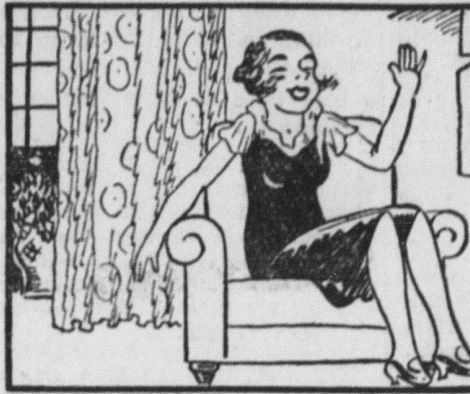


SUCH IS LIFE—What's in a Birthday?

By Charles Sughroe



GINSENG IMPORTANT ITEM OF COMMERCE

Crop United States Grows but Does Not Use.

Washington. — "Ginseng's popularity with the Chinese seems to defy falling markets and political disorders, for last year more than a quarter million pounds were exported from the United States to Hong Kong," says a bulletin from the National Geographic society.

ity and wealthy people of China. The poor could not afford to drink the brew. It was once worth its weight in gold. Last year's shipments averaged about \$8 per pound.

found a market for the roots which grew at the back doors of their villages.

"Perhaps the first American ginseng collections were trappers who discovered the plants while making their rounds. Later search for the plant led professional hunters into the trackless American forests. Thus ginseng helped open up new regions to the Colonists.

"Wild ginseng thrives in mountain regions from Minnesota to Maine and southward to the Gulf coast. As in the Orient, domestic wild roots became scarce and high prices paid for the roots led enterprising Americans to establish farms. Some growers have profited from ginseng cultivation, but small fortunes also have been lost. It takes from six to seven years of expert care to develop a mature root.

"Most of the ginseng exported from the United States today is of the cultivated variety."

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK Emeritus Dean of Men, University of Illinois.

We were all surprised a few years ago when Walter and Grace were married. They were quite children at the time; they had known each other only a few weeks, and their acquaintance had in no sense been intimate.

The newspaper last night announced that she was suing for divorce. Their brief romance was at an end. Cruelty was the ground she alleged. Neither one had ever realized the real meaning of marriage, and the only way they could see out of the muddle they had made of life was divorce, and divorce seldom settles marital difficulties.

There is a great deal being said these days in favor of making divorce easier, so that those who rush impetuously and thoughtlessly into the most sacred and binding relationship which exists between human beings

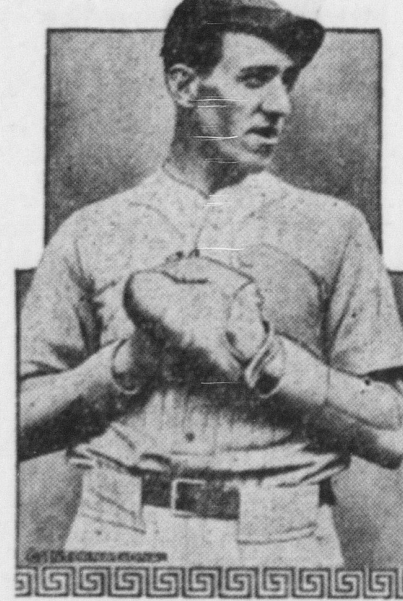
may with less difficulty throw off the responsibilities and the obligations which they have assumed, the more readily to take on others.

Graham was telling me the other day that he had entered into a contract to sell a certain guaranteed product this summer. I am not at all impressed with Graham's qualifications as a salesman and I frankly said so to him.

"Well, you see," he explained to me, "I'm not of age, and I don't like to keep the contract if I don't like the work. It isn't difficult to get out of the thing."

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Athletics Get Prize



Arthur Murphy, sensational nineteen-year-old speedball pitcher of the Springfield Trade school nine, has been promoted to the major league class. The Philadelphia Athletics, American league champions for the last three years, have hired the young man, the contract being signed by his father, James C. Murphy.

For Dress-Up

Little girls adore the smart open-work T-strap sandals in blue or red kid which they can wear with white frocks. The same style comes in patent leather and in beige kidskin for general wear.

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Peculiar Candles

Certain Alaskan tribes use a salt water fish called the candle fish, measuring about 15 inches in length, for lighting purposes. After the fish has been dried, a crude wick is forced through it. When ignited it burns freely. This is possible because of the extreme oiliness of the fish. The fish is also considered very good sea food.

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Heads Women's Clubs



Mrs. Grace Morrison Poole of Brockton, Mass., was elected president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs at the convention in Seattle, to succeed Mrs. John F. Sippel of Boston. Mrs. Poole was unopposed.

How a "Perfect Baby" Keeps Fit



Miss Sheila Christina McCormick, six months old, who took first honors with not a mark against her in the annual baby clinic sponsored by the Women's Benefit association at Toledo, Ohio, snapped in an informal pose while taking her setting-up exercises.

STRANGE BONE AILMENT OF GIRL IS PUZZLE TO DOCTOR

Eleven-Year-Old Miss Has Had Many Fractures.

Chicago.—Suffering from a strange ailment which has kept her a semi-invalid since she was three years old, Mary Mestdagh, eleven years old, of Homer, Mich., has returned to her home after treatment in a Chicago

hospital designed to make her bones less brittle.

Mary has suffered so many bone fractures in the last eight years that her parents have lost track of them. At least 35 or 40 fractures are revealed by X-ray pictures, however, her physician, Dr. Frederick Harvey, said.

Doctor Harvey is engaged in research work on Mary's case at Northwestern university. Mary returned to her home from the North Chicago hospital, where she was treated for a broken right arm after her physician in Homer, Dr. F. B. Van Nuys, sent her to Doctor Harvey. But she will have to return to Chicago at intervals for observation.

"It is an unusual malady," said Doctor Harvey. "Virtually every long bone in her body has been broken one or more times. They have healed fairly well. We think that the last fracture is going to heal perfectly, but of course we can't be sure yet.

"We've given the child special diets containing calcium and are studying the formation of her bones.

"Examination revealed that the bone structure is so extraordinarily thin and brittle that any slight stress results in a fracture. This obviously imperfect calcification appears to be occasioned through malnutrition of the membrane that nourishes the bone."

Doctor Harvey, a specialist in bone diseases, also has been treating the child with injections of glandular extracts. These are made from the ductless glands, which, it has been proved by science in recent years, control to a large extent such functional processes as that of growth.

The ailment has left Mary's bones "as brittle as egg shells," it was said. The outer covering is so unsubstantial as to permit of fracture from the least jar or pressure. Her latest fracture was sustained from a slight strain involving not even a fall.

Becoming Veils

Veils are smart and becoming, especially those large square meshes of cobwebby lightness worn over a small square-crowned shiny sailor.

The Shawl Gown



The shawl gown with a wide panel bordered with fringe on either edge, set in at the waist in surplice line, but left free thereafter to be adjusted as the wearer may wish.

All Around the House

When making pastry, roll in one direction only if you want it to be light. Rolling first in one direction and then in another is almost sure to make it tough.

Dust is most successfully removed from reed furniture when a hose is used. Set the furniture on the lawn when the sun is shining and play the hose on it.

A delicious drink is made by pouring a pint of water over a raw apple cut in small pieces. Let it stand an hour, strain, sweeten a little, add a stick of cinnamon and chill.

To remove a fresh grease spot on a rug, cover the spot with blotting paper, then press with a hot flat-iron. Cover the spot with magnesia, let it remain for 24 hours, then brush off.

If washable curtains become rusted on the rods during damp weather, dampen the rust spots and cover them with a thin coating of salts of lemon. Let stand until the stains disappear.

GABBY GERTIE



"If you can't find the bath tub don't transmit your loss to the receiver."

Row With Mate Over Cards Fatal to Wife

Cleveland.—A quarrel during a game of rummy with her husband brought death to Mrs. John O. Steer, thirty-six. The husband, a middle-aged dentist, will be formally charged with murder, authorities announce. Mrs. Steer died of gunshot wounds and blows.

The quarrel arose over an argument concerning systems of playing rummy. Steel is reported to have confessed, and it was the first serious dispute in many years of married life.

Two Are Hitch-Hiking Across Sahara Desert

Paris.—Two young Londoners have made their way half the distance across the Sahara as the desert's first hitch-hikers, walking and catching rides on camel caravans. William Donkin and Norman Peran were reported recently to be near Fort Flatters on the edge of the Hoggar, a region inhabited by the wildest of desert tribes. From Fort Flatters they will go to Fort Polignac, then across the Hoggar to Tamanrasset and on to Kano in the Niger colony.

ODD THINGS AND NEW—By Lane Bode



MLE. ANASTASIA ZABLOCKA - PRIZE BEAUTY of Poland... EATS NOTHING BUT EGGS... VENUS - THE KANGAROO DOG - BORN WITH ONLY TWO LEGS... CHAS. A. THOMPSON of Houston, Texas, WAS A LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEER FOR 50 YEARS WITHOUT AN ACCIDENT...

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

- IONA FORTUNE IS A RESIDENT OF MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.
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Advertisement for Glenn's Sulphur Soap, featuring a circular logo and text: 'A Soft, Clear Skin gives beauty and freshness to your complexion. Use this skin-purifying, toilet, bath and shampoo soap daily.'

Advertisement for Golden Knife for Unveiling, featuring a photo of a man and text: 'To unveil a statue to his ancestor, the first king of his dynasty, Phra Buddha Yodfa, and to open the first road bridge across the Chow Phya river, the king of Siam used a golden knife.'

Advertisement for Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, featuring a photo of a woman and text: 'No energy... circles under her eyes. If she would only try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound in tablet-form, she could be strong and happy again.'

Advertisement for Ancient Bean Sprouted, featuring text: 'A large white bean picked up in the ruins of Grand Quivira and believed to be 300 years old, has sprouted into a living stalk at a museum in San Antonio, Texas.'

Advertisement for Daisy Fly Killer, featuring a photo of a fly and text: 'Placed anywhere, DAISY FLY KILLER attracts and kills all flies, bees, mosquitoes, wasps and hornets.'

Advertisement for Starved Amid Plenty, featuring text: 'Poor but honest was the Mexican peon, name unknown, who could not find work in Mexico City. He obtained permission of the owner of a bakery to sleep inside his shop to keep warm.'

Advertisement for Unanimous, featuring text: 'First Actress—In my love scene in the first act I didn't know whether to close my eyes or not.'

Advertisement for Asthma, featuring text: 'ASTHMA DR. J. D. KELLOGG'S ASTHMA REMEDY for the prompt relief of Asthma and Hay Fever. Ask your druggist for it. 25 cents and one dollar. Write for FREE SAMPLE. Northrop & Lyman Co., Inc., Buffalo, N.Y.'

Advertisement for Music Shorthand Is Latest, featuring text: 'A system of music shorthand with which anyone possessing a musical ear, but no musical training, can take down unfamiliar melodies while sung or played, has been devised by a man at Chester-le-Street, England.'

Advertisement for No Escape, featuring text: 'It's an awful business, going to a wedding. "Then why go?" "Idiot! I am forced to go. It's my own."

Advertisement for An Arrant Coward, featuring text: 'For anything I know, I am an arrant coward.—Fletcher.'

Advertisement for Peterman's Ant Food, featuring text: 'KILLS ANTS Peterman's Ant Food is sure death to ants. Sprinkle it about the floor, window sills, shelves, etc. Effective 24 hours a day. Cheap. Safe. Guaranteed. More than 1,000,000 cans sold last year. At your druggist's. PETERMAN'S ANT FOOD W. N. U., BALTIMORE, NO. 29-1932.'