

### Finds Voodoo Renewed in Haiti



Faustin E. Wirkus, ex-sergeant of the United States marine corps, with some of the weird charms and ritual drums which he says are once more in use in Haiti, marking a revival of voodooism among the natives. Wirkus has just returned from a three-months' visit to La Gonave, Haiti, where he was stationed for many years and came to be accepted by the natives as a "king." He credits the return of voodooism to the withdrawal of the United States marines.

### BRITISH PARTY WILL FLY OVER TOP OF MT. EVEREST

#### Expedition Will Film Tallest Point on Globe.

London.—With the Marquess of Douglas and Clydesdale, M. P. as chief pilot of the expedition, and Lady Houston providing the financial backing, British flying men are planning to make an assault on Mt. Everest within the next few months.

The highest point on the globe, 29,000 feet above sea level, the giant of the Himalayas has defied many gallant Alpine expeditions, most of them retiring while still several thousands of feet from the summit.

It would appear that the task before the flyers is fairly easy. The world altitude record, established in September by the British flyer Cyril Unwins, is 43,976 feet—nearly three miles above the summit of the mountain. Everest, however, lies remote in the heart of a mighty range of peaks, in a region where a forced landing would mean destruction and where winds of hurricane force prevail.

#### Face Tremendous Storms.

The head of the mountain is the seat of tremendous storms; and vast masses of frozen cloud shroud the summit for many months of the year. The men who take off from a flying field in northern Bengal, at the foot

#### Amherst's New Prexy



Dr. Stanley King was inaugurated president of Amherst college at Amherst, Mass., on Armistice day. Doctor King was admitted to the Massachusetts bar in 1906, and after practicing in Boston, became eastern manager and director of the International Shoe company. He was appointed a member of the committee on supplies of the council of national defense in 1917 and special assistant to the secretary of war on October 4 of the same year. He was a member of the President's industrial conference during 1919-20, and has been chairman of the Massachusetts commission on stabilization of employment since 1931.

of the great range, will know that they are beginning one of the most perilous adventures in the history of aviation.

The British air ministry and the India office are supporting the expedition, and the Maharaja of Nepal, within whose territory the mountain stands, has given permission for the flight over the summit.

A period of intensive training and flying trials will precede embarkation for India. Every member of the expedition must be physically fit to withstand the strain of flying above the mountains. Airplanes and engines must be tuned perfectly for the task; for mechanical failure will mean disaster.

Negotiations are being made to secure the high-flying Vickers Vespa plane with Bristol Pegasus motor which Cyril Unwins used to set the new altitude record, and another craft of similar powers.

It is probable that two machines will ascend together, one to make the flight over the summit, the other to photograph the attempt, since an obvious difficulty is the problem of securing adequate evidence that the peak is actually flown over.

#### To Wear Heated Clothing.

Both machines will carry cameras and it is hoped that the record thus obtained will place the success of the venture beyond doubt. The flyers will wear specially heated clothing and will use oxygen apparatus.

At the time of the preliminary trials, or perhaps preceding them, Mr. Unwins may attempt to reach an altitude greater than the present record. He is confident that his plane is capable of another 2,000 feet.

In a speech to his constituents, when he was asking for leave of absence from his parliamentary duties during the period of the expedition, Lord Clydesdale explained that the chief object which he and his friends have at heart is to promote British world prestige—particularly in India.

He added that the flight over Mt. Everest is the "only one original flight really worth while"; every other significant part of the world having been flown over. He briefly sketched the danger of the attempt; one great peril being that fifty miles of the flight takes the airplanes over "impossible" country. He explained, however, that he had given that aspect every consideration and had "no wish to subject this constituency again to the expense and trouble of a by-election."

#### POTPOURRI

##### Teeth in His Tail

The sting ray has, at the end of its long flexible tail, a series of sharp teeth along the edges. Using this tail as a weapon the ray inflicts jagged wounds of a serious nature by thrusting it into the point of attack. There are some fifty species, and range in size up to 11 or 12 feet long.

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### PROTESTING TOO MUCH

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

Corwin was trying intelligently to estimate the effectiveness and reliability of a group of men whom he was thinking of taking upon a trying and dangerous expedition. They talked a great deal; they gave him garrulous assurance of their loyalty, of their interest, and of their fitness for the work. He hesitated somewhat, he seriously doubted their dependability. They talked too excitedly, too fluently, with somewhat insincere emotion.

"They blustered too much," he said, "to be convincing." He was afraid of them.

It is the quiet man usually who is most sure of himself, and of whom we may be most sure. The man who blusters is trying hard to make a case for himself. The speaker who protests too strongly is barricading a weak spot. Much talk often means weakness.

There was some evidence that Evans had been dishonest in an examination. He protested vigorously. It was an insult to him, he said, even to suggest that he was not honest—an insult which he could not endure.

He grew angry and heated during the simple questioning to which he was subjected.

"An innocent man would take the matter more calmly," Bond said. "He would be surer of himself. Knowing himself to be innocent and standing on solid ground he would be less perturbed. He blustered too much. His protestations do not seem genuine."

Bond was quite right. Evans came back to see me the morning after we had interviewed him, and when I told him we thought him guilty he admitted the facts as we had supposed them to be. He had copied. His blustering was simply an attempt to strengthen the weakness of his case, he explained.

"The lady doth protest too much," the queen says in Hamlet of the player queen, and protesting so strongly her statements were somewhat discredited.

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#### One Year Player



For three years, Jack Grady of Harvard, confined his football activities to sitting in the stands and cheering the team. He became a senior in September, and only then did Head Coach Eddie Casey realize that Jack would be a good football player. He rapidly learned the technique of the game and today is probably the best broken field runner ever seen on the Crimson field. Of course, this is his last year on the team, as well as his first.

#### Father Sage Says:

How deeply interesting is the relation of boyhood experiences by somebody you like; and what a bore they are if you don't.

### ODD THINGS AND NEW—By Larric Bode



HELEN FOX SCORED 120 POINTS IN ONE BASKETBALL GAME.... Ft. Smith, Ark., 1930

JOSEPH A. WELDT OF SAN PEDRO, CAL., HAS LIVED IN THE SAME HOUSE ALL HIS LIFE

BY E. R. FLEGER



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### MAY PUT CURB ON OCEAN FLIGHTS

#### Officials Drafting Rules to Reduce Hazards.

Washington.—Publicity stunt transoceanic flying, which reached a new peak during the past five months, may be curtailed in the future.

The Commerce and State departments are working out regulations designed to reduce the risk of such flights and to eliminate foolhardiness from them as far as possible.

Since the first of May, 24 men, women and children have attempted to fly across the Atlantic ocean. Only seven succeeded. Five of the 17 who failed were lost at sea, and 10, including Col. George Hutchinson, Mrs. Hutchinson, and their two small daughters, were saved from a similar fate lately through luck.

There ought to be a preventive regulation calling for certain qualifications of plane, pilot, and equipment, in addition to the probability of completing the trip, according to Col. Clarence M. Young, assistant secretary

of commerce for aeronautics, who drew up and now enforces the laws of the air. He is now planning such regulations.

Soon it may be necessary to obtain the Commerce department's sanction for a transatlantic flight, with the assistant secretary empowered to use a considerable latitude of discretion.

Young has every sympathy with the experienced pilot who wants to fly across an ocean or establish a new long-distance mark as a sporting venture. But he would like to debunk the flights that are made professedly "for the cause of aviation," but actually for publicity.

#### Latest French Fashion



The latest in French fashions for midday employs the use of velvet in their creation as is evidenced by the above charming gown of velvet which is one of the more successful models executed by Chanel.

#### Son of Siam Diplomat Works on American Farm

Boscawen, N. H.—Prince Debriddhi Devakul, seventeen, son of the foreign minister of Siam, is spending his vacation from an exclusive New England preparatory school working on a farm here. The prince is hoeing potatoes, milking cows, and feeding chickens. In order to acquire a practical knowledge of American farming methods in his homeland when he returns.

#### New Gold Rush

Johannesburg.—A new gold rush in the South African fields is developing after geologists announced discovery of thirty additional miles of the famous main reef.

### GABBY GERTIE



"Many a hungry actor is fed up on hard roles."

### LIFE'S LITTLE JESTS



#### STRATEGY

Customs Inspector—Hold on, young lady, what have you to declare?  
Sweetness—Oh, Mr. Inspector, I declare you are handsomer than any man I saw during my two months' stay abroad.

Inspector—Er—ah—hurry up, madam; move along and give some one else a chance.—Border Cities Star.

#### GOOD PRACTICE



"Where did Bones get his stroke?"  
"Beating rugs."

#### The Error

The owner of the cheap watch brought it into the jeweler's shop to see what could be done to it.

"The mistake I made was in dropping it," he explained.

The jeweler shook his head sadly as he picked up the little heap of wheels and screws.

"Well, I don't suppose you could help that," he said, "but the mistake you made was in picking it up again."

#### Unnecessary Fuss

"Tommy," said his mother, "be sure to come in early this afternoon to get your bath before going to the Browns to supper."

"But mother," he protested, "I don't need a bath for that. They said it was to be most informal."—Boston Transcript.

#### The Reason

Wife—Why, Fred, you've got one hand browner than the other.

Husband (getting suntanned while on holiday with large family)—Can you wonder at it, Alice? I've always got one hand in my pocket.—London Humorist.

#### Perhaps

The little boy was seeing the sea for the first time. He gazed at it earnestly for a while and then, turning to his mother, remarked gravely:

"I suspect it's the fishes that make t wobble."—Pearson's.

#### Divot Birds

"Terrible lot of birds on this course, middle."  
"Yes, they're following us up for the worms, sir."—Cape Argus.

#### Making Sure

"I wish to marry your daughter."

"Can you support a family?"

"Yes."

"But there are eight of us!"—Allt or Alla (Stockholm).

#### AGREEABLE



Beggar—Beg pardon, sir, but I've er—er—seen better days, sir.  
Mr. Krusty—So have I—lots of 'em. This is the worst weather I've struck in five years.

#### Sedentary Exercise

Bookkeeper—I need a vacation, sir. I don't get much exercise keeping books.

Scotch Employer—Mon, are ye no running up and down the columns all day?—Vancouver Province.

#### Daniel Preferred

"Why did you give up the stage after appearing in the old Roman play?"

"The audience wanted me to be thrown to them instead of to the lions."—Smith's Weekly, Sydney.

#### Same Result

"My father is mayor," bragged the small boy, "and when he rides in a parade the motor cops go ahead and he doesn't have to pay any attention to traffic rules."

"That's nothing," sniffed his friend. "My father is a truck driver."

#### Constant Reminder

"Did you ever hear anything of that money you lent your neighbor?"

"Rather! He bought a phonograph with it."—Nebelspalter (Zurich).

### SUCH IS LIFE—A Quick Comeback



### By Charles Sughroo

