

What Irvin S. Cobb Thinks about

Butchery by Air.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.—Following the example of I Duce and that air-minded son of his, who wrote a brave book describing the joy of bombing undefended mud villages full of women and children, one of the leading statesmen of Italy has delivered a speech declaring war is the most glorious, most inspiring, most beautiful thing on earth. Inquiry discloses that this cheery patriot is a hero in his own right. As an officer, he enthusiastically participated in the retreat from Caporetta.

Caporetta was the place where all ranks of an entire army, with victory against the enemy right around the corner, suddenly remembered they had sworn to die in the last ditch and started for the extreme rear to look for it. Or it may have been that everybody just simultaneously felt homesick. Anyhow, it was months before some of them caught up with their panting.

So it's possible this blood-thirsty orator has confused the science of warfare with the sport of foot-racing.

The Meaning of Words. A DISTINGUISHED gentleman, who never admitted the Eighteenth amendment was a failure, is said to be comforting the dregs with words of wisdom, his attitude—in effect—being this:

The causes of sanity and safety suffer because certain distillers and many local retailers indiscriminately sell an unnecessarily high-powered product, the results being law-breaking, property damage; danger and personal injury and untold suffering for innocent parties; homicides, mutilations, often a horrid death for the purchaser of the article in question.

To extend the argument further, let us change just three words: "... Certain automobile manufacturers and many local agents indiscriminately sell an unnecessarily high-powered product, the results being law-breaking, property damage; danger and personal injury and untold suffering for innocent parties; homicides, mutilations, often a horrid death for the purchaser of the article in question."

Now then, when the aforesaid gentleman kindly proves that, in selling cars capable of traveling 130 miles an hour or even faster, for use on highways having a speed limit of 60 miles an hour, or less, he is promoting the causes of sanity and safety, I'll turn prohibitionist with him.

Practical Jokes. THREE city sportsmen drove into the Kerrville country in Texas. Everywhere the lands were posted. But one of the party knew an old rancher whose acres bordered the highway. Leaving his mates at the road, he went to ask permission to hunt deer on the property.

"Sure," said the owner. "Bust right in—my place is full of bucks; I never gun 'em myself. Now do me a favor. As you turn into the lot, you'll see an old, crippled, sick white mare. She oughter be dead, but I ain't got the heart to kill any living creature. Put her out of her misery, will you?"

The gratified huntsman had a waggish idea. As he opened the pasture gate, he let out a terrific yell.

"I feel so good I've got to shoot something!" he whooped. "Believe I'll shoot a horse to start with."

With that, he hauled off and blasted down the feeble old nag where she leaned against the fence.

"And now," as he turned on his horrified companions, "I believe I'll shoot me a couple of so-and-soes."

He waved his rifle in their direction. The next instant one had vaulted out of the car and had him down, choking him until his tongue stuck out like a pink plush necktie.

They were halfway back to town, with a large man sitting on his head and another driving like mad to find a lunatic asylum or a stout jail, before the humorist succeeded in convincing them it was all just clean, boyish fun.

Now the rest of Texas is wondering whom the joke's on.

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Closed Doors to World

About 500 years ago a Tokugawa shogun (dictator) closed Japan's doors to the world and her foreign shipping stopped. But for centuries before that, Japanese fishermen and delegates of the Daimyo (Feudal lords) sailed extensively along the China coast. They even voyaged to Siam, Sumatra and Java. In the earlier open-door days, the shogunate designated certain vessels called "go-shu-in-sen" as trading ships.

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"Bailing Out With Death"

By FLOYD GIBBONS Famous Headline Hunter

HELLO, EVERYBODY:

Adventure flies high in the air today, boys and girls, with Joseph Baltrac of Brooklyn, N. Y. How would you like to step out of a plane several thousand feet in the air with a parachute strapped on to your shivering body and then just as you started your first jump find that Fate had chosen you for an accident? Wow! What a thrill! And how few live to tell of it! I've seen flyers and balloon observers "bail out" and, by golly, every time I see one drop into space I think I'm more frightened than the jumper.

I always hold my breath—in those few seconds before the chute opens—and then sigh with relief when the merciful silk spreads out, like a big mushroom and floats gently down.

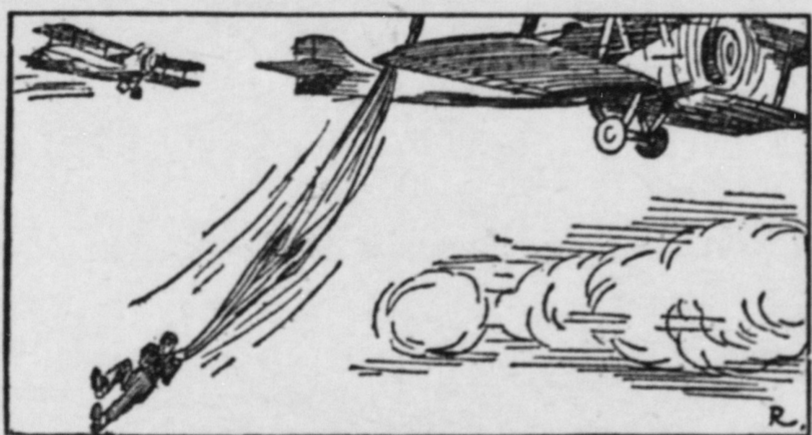
Joe Baltrac was a student at the Air Corps School of Parachute Rigging when he was called upon to make the "live jump" that all students make voluntarily before graduation. They call them "live jumps" in the air corps but Joe says his came very near being a dead one.

Hanging From the Plane's Wing.

With four other students Joe took off from Chanute Field at Rantoul, Ill., on June 5, 1931, to make their "maiden" jumps. The boys went up in five 0-38 planes, Joe says, flying in formation. The other four made their jumps without incident and Joe saw them all and thought it would be a cinch. When it came his turn, he swallowed the lump in his throat, stepped into space and pulled the cord of the chute.

The chute opened but instead of floating free in the air Joe felt a sudden tug and heard a ripping sound and looking up saw to his horror that the shrouds had fouled the plane and he HUNG SUSPENDED FROM THE TIP OF THE PLANE'S WING!

Any aviator knows what a desperate situation pilot and jumper were now in. Joe saw that the parachute impeded the movement of the "flipper" and knew at once that the plane could never land without



Joe Was Swinging Helplessly in Mid-Air.

that control. The pilot knew it, too. Of course, he could have jumped—and saved himself—but they don't do things like that in the air corps.

Around and around the field went the paralyzed plane with Joe swinging helplessly in mid-air. Joe, for the life of him, couldn't figure how he could possibly escape with his life. Even if the plane did make a landing he was certain to be dashed to death on the hard ground and he saw that his chute was so damaged that it would no longer support him.

Well, sir, down on the ground those hard-boiled flyers had seen the predicament of flyer and jumper and were getting their heads together. Joe could see them rushing around and finally he saw a plane take off. It didn't give him much hope though because he couldn't figure what they could do for him. So he just hung there and waited for death.

Looked Like a Sure Crash.

The worst of it was, Joe could see that his plane was gradually losing height—only the powerful "Conqueror" engine was keeping it from crashing. The pilot was having his hands full keeping the ship up as Joe's body cut down the speed in half. And Joe, meantime, was swinging crazily around and around like a top on a string and getting so seasick that he didn't care what happened.

It seemed to take hours for that other plane to come alongside of them but, when it did, Joe says, he felt a lot better. Somebody had chalked "follow me" on the fuselage of the other plane and Joe's pilot was doing the best he could to obey. Joe recognized the flyers in the second plane—they waved encouragement to him and he waved back—a last salute to the dead!

Ordered to Cut Loose.

The other plane maneuvered into a position above Joe and the man in the rear cockpit started lowering something on a string. Joe couldn't make out what it was for a few minutes—he was swinging so—but, as the object came nearer, he saw that it was a butcher knife.

THAT MEANT ORDERS TO CUT HIMSELF LOOSE!

A piece of delicate flying followed as the pilot of the plane above tried to bring the swinging knife within Joe's reach. Joe grabbed at it several times and then an air current would snatch it from him.

It seemed to Joe that this went on for hours—it did last for over half an hour—when finally the knife struck Joe in the chest and he grabbed it and held on. The string broke and floated away. IT WAS UP TO HIM NOW.

Joe held the knife firmly and looked at the shrouds of his chute. "Shrouds" was a good name for those cords, he thought, then he raised his arm—held his breath—and drew the sharp knife across them. The strands parted. Joe fell.

Down, down, down, his body shot straight for the earth. As he turned over and over in his fall Joe could see the hangars beneath him. He mumbled a little prayer.

And then, boys and girls, Joe pulled the cord of his emergency chute and floated safely to Mother Earth.

Come to think of it, I guess I didn't mention before that he had a second chute but you see Joe didn't mention it either until the end of his story and I—well, I thought it was a secret.

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Dickens' Visits to United States

Dickens came to the United States in 1842. The result of this journey is to be found in "American Notes," published in 1842. His second tour of the United States began late in November, 1867, and lasted until the middle of April, 1868. During that time he took in as a result of his readings a sum approximating \$100,000. During his second tour he tried to correct his impressions of America and publicly acknowledged his change of feelings at a farewell dinner (which cost \$40 a plate).

Whitman's Tribute to Bible

Walt Whitman's tribute to the Bible is as follows: "How many ages and generations have brooded and wept and agonized over this book! What untellable joys and ecstasies, what support to martyrs at the stake, what help to what myriads has it been the shore and rock of safety—the refuge from driving tempest and wreck! Translated in all languages, how it has united this diverse world! Of its thousands there is not a verse, not a word, but is thick-studded with human emotion."

The Saying "Brand-New"

The saying "brand-new" is equivalent to "fire-new," meaning fresh from the fire, bright and new. "Brand" was originally from an Anglo-Saxon word which meant "burn." Hence an article fresh from the forge was said to be brand-new. The notion that "brand-new" originated from the practice of putting brands or trade-marks on manufactured articles is incorrect. The word is frequently but erroneously written and pronounced "brans-new."

Zoo Calendar

If you ask a Kirghiz his age he may reply, "I was born in the year of the Dog, and have lived five rounds," for these nomad tribes of Mongol-Tartar descent know nothing of our Western calendar. They have a system of their own, dividing time into "rounds," consisting of 12 of our years. Each round is subdivided into 12 parts named after an animal. Hence you will hear of "the year of the Snake," "the year of the Horse," or "the year of the Bear."

STAR DUST

Movie • Radio

By VIRGINIA VALE

THE day of the handsome hero with soulful eyes and long lashes is definitely over according to theater managers throughout the country. William Powell, Clark Gable, Paul Muni and Spencer Tracy are the current idols of audiences everywhere, and the most up and coming young actor is James Stewart.

Certainly if the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer story department continues to do as well by young Stewart as they have in "Navy Blue and Gold" he will soar to the very crest of the wave of success. Lanky and homely, Jimmy Stewart has naturalness and shy sincerity that endear him.

Almost every company has had a try at making a picture about midshipmen at Annapolis, and all of them have been pretty stirring with their martial music, their Navy spirit, their campus romances. But Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer have taken all the old ingredients and made them seem fresh.

When Mervyn Le Roy finishes the last picture under his contract with Warner Brothers and moves to Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer as a producer, he and Clark Gable will both start arguing with executives that they simply must make a picture together. Clark has not forgotten how hard Le Roy tried to give him a start in pictures years ago.

When Clark was a stage actor and trying to get into pictures, Le Roy recommended him to Warner Brothers. He asked only \$250 a week, but Warners thought that was too much for a guy with such big ears. Now they would gladly pay that much just to get one of his ears in a picture!

Nowadays Shirley Temple rarely romps around the Twentieth Century-Fox lot visiting sets where pictures are being made. She stays in her dressing room bungalow and strange are the sounds that come out of there. It seems that Alan Dwan who is to direct her next picture thought it would be very cute for Shirley to beat a drum, so he sent her a whole set of trap drums and hired a teacher to give her lessons. No one, least of all Mr. Dwan, realized that Shirley would take to drumming with such enthusiasm.

Studying box-office reports for the past few months, R-K-O have decided not to renew the contracts of Lily Pons and Nino Martini. Too hard to find stories for singers. Paramount has notified Marlene Dietrich that she can make pictures elsewhere; they are in no hurry to make another with her. Joan Blondell has decided she would rather free-lance than stay with Warner Brothers, and Rosalind Russell has decided to go back to the stage when her contract expires next summer.

Warner Brothers made such a hit with "Alcatraz," that they are filming a whole series of prison stories. Next you will see "Girls on Probation," then "Reform School," then one by Warden Lawes of Sing Sing called "Chalked Out." "Chalked Out" is prison slang for execution.

Among new air shows of 1933 is the return to radio of Bob Becker, nationally known sportsman, author, hunter and authority on dogs who broadcasts each Sunday in the interest of a popular brand of dog food. He is heard over NBC's red network coast-to-coast at 2 p. m. with a re-broadcast over WGN of the Mutual network at 2:45. Becker knows the woods and waters of North and South America as few men do. He has hunted bear, moose, and sheep in Alaska and made explorations in the little-known reaches of the Amazon.

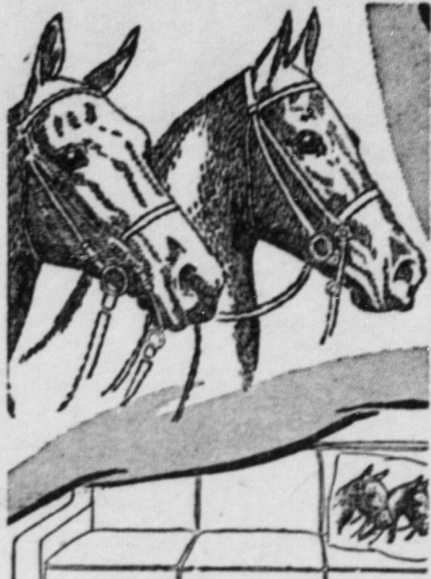


Bob Becker

ODDS AND ENDS—Connie Boswell will be on the Paul Whiteman program again on January 28th... Robert Taylor asked to have Virginia Bruce play opposite him in "Northwest Passage" because she was leading woman in his first big screen success, and he counts on her to bring him luck... Ted Husing, ace sports director, has entered a knitting contest in New York and defies anyone to make a crack about it... When Grace Moore, Gladys Swarthout and many other famous singers attended a business meeting of the Metropolitan Opera Singers association, they insisted on calling a recess so as to listen to a Charlie McCarthy broadcast... Edward G. Robinson and Jean Hersholt are transporting their whole radio program companies to New York for a few weeks. Jean Hersholt will be the guest of Laurit Melchior, Metropolitan opera singer and 'flow-Done, while he is in the metropolis. © Western Newspaper Union.

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Information Not to Be Found in Encyclopedia

Answers to a general knowledge test such as these help turn the teacher's hair gray: Period costumes are dresses all covered with dots. Shakespeare wrote tragedies, comedies and errors. The people of India are divided into casts and outcasts. Norway's capital is called Christianity. Lipton is the capital of Ceylon. A republic is a country where no one can do anything in private.

Favorite Recipe of the Week

Salmon Hominy Casserole.

THE combined flavors of salmon and hominy is pleasing, the combined texture of them is interesting, and the appearance of the two in a casserole dish is appealing indeed. Try this combination for a tasty luncheon or supper dish.

Salmon Hominy Casserole.

1 No. 2 can hominy 1/4 cup grated American cheese, salt and pepper
1 No. 1 tall can salmon
4 tbsp. butter 4 tbsp. flour
2 cups liquid, part milk 1/2 cup buttered bread crumbs

Arrange the hominy in the bottom of a greased casserole and lay the salmon over the hominy. Melt the butter in a saucepan, add flour, and stir until smooth. Add the liquid which is made up of the portion drained from the hominy and salmon and enough milk to make 2 cups. Cook until the sauce is thick and smooth, stirring constantly. Add cheese, season with salt and pepper, and pour over the hominy and salmon. Sprinkle crumbs over the top and bake in a moderate oven (400 degrees) until the crumbs are brown and the mixture thoroughly heated, or about 30 minutes.

An asparagus tip salad with tart French dressing would be good with the casserole dish. The canned asparagus is available in all green, all white, and white with green tips, so your fancy has an opportunity to choose the variety preferred.

MARJORIE H. BLACK.



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