

THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

Letters to the Editor
The Pinch Being Felt
The Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
The pinch of approaching hard times is being severely felt by a great host of wage earners in Philadelphia.

Trolley-Fare Situation
The Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—If it finally has been decided to adopt the present fare in this city, as it would seem by your paper today, the question has been finally settled.

Build Sailors' Rest on Parkway
The Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—I have seen several letters in your People's Forum regarding the establishment of a home for the service men who are here in large numbers almost all the year around, and especially the sailors, for Leave Island is one of the largest navy yards in the country.

Insanitary Ice Cream Parlors
The Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—Not very long ago I entered an ice cream parlor, and as I was seated near the marble counter where the utensils used in cleaning are cleaned, I saw things that opened my eyes.

Prohibition Not Enforced
The Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—I cannot understand why it is not possible for the government officials to enforce a law after it has been put into effect.

Believes in "Safety First" Idea
The Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—If the message given to the voters of Philadelphia by Governor Coolidge were delivered in a great public office, we could grasp more keenly its comprehensive scope.

Woman of lower or no rank? Why "morganatic" marriage?
Philadelphia, October 19, 1920.
The word is from the old German "morganatic," meaning gift, implying that the husband of a woman of higher rank could not pass to her or to her children.

Origin of "Rap Wood"
The Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—Can any of your readers tell me the origin of the custom to touch wood to preserve good fortune?

"Fisherman's Luck"
The Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—I am anxious to get a clear understanding as to what is "fisherman's luck." No one can have done much fishing without bringing home a few fish, and the fisherman's luck is an unobtainable mystery.

Questions Answered
Hull House
The Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—Can you give the origin of the name Hull House, an institution in Chicago?
Philadelphia, October 15, 1920.

Fortunes by Cards
The Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—Please tell me in your People's Forum how to arrange the cards when you tell fortunes by cards. I know what each card means, but I do not know how to place the cards at the start.

A Morganatic Marriage
The Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—What is the origin of the word "morganatic" as applied in Europe to a marriage between a man of high rank and a

"How Can I Leave Thee?"
The Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—Would you please print the words of "How Can I Leave Thee?" I don't know if it is a song or a poem.

Poems and Songs Desired
Other Verses Wanted
The Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—Can some reader tell me if the verse or chorus of a girl's song, which Robert Louis Stevenson recites several times in his "Treasure Island," and if there are other verses, where they may be found?

Rhyme Supplied
The Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—Several days ago I noted a request for an old rhyme regarding the days upon which to wear a hat. I think this is the one desired:

Wants Poem on Verbs
The Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—I once read a poem by one of the Cary sisters, which played upon the homophony of the irregular verbs in the English language. I cannot remember what paper it appeared in.

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