Are We Neglectful?

for him in the end, and he should be

put on the right track by your cartoon-ist looking to his future happiness. No

one is happy in his old age who has to live nlone, and especially if he is made

dependent upon relatives such as the Gumps. SARAH T. FLOWER.

Have Confidence in Mr. Smith

Sir-Why so many suggestions to

Cartoonist Smith as how to help Uncle

To the Editor of the Evening Public Leager:

whirl through the cabarets, great stuff and true to life. The

Ouestions Answered

Roosevelt's Public Offices

Origin of "Diva" To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir-I will appreciate it if you will tell me
in your People's Forum the meaning of the
word "diva" when used in connection with a

great singer.

Philadelphia. January 18, 1922.
The worl "diva" is the feminine form of the Italian word "dive." meaning "di-

Medals Awarded Unknown Soldier

Sir - What were the different medals awarded the unknown soldier?

The decorations awarded the unknown soldier buried on Armistics Day were

soldier buried on Armistics Day were Crotx de Guerre, Belgium; Victoria Cross, England; Medall's Militairs, France; Crotx

de Guerre, France; Legion de Honneur France; Gold Medal for Bravery, Italy; Vir

Flight of Homing Birds

Sir — Please tell me in your People's Forum how fast homing pigeons fly. JAMES T. SLOAN. Philadelphia. January 14, 1922.

The flight of the homing pigeon is steady

been exaggerated and is now known to be on an average of only about thirty miles

"R. L. B." -The next year that will have fifty-three Saturdays will be 1927.

"W. L. B."-Mistletoe is the State flower

of Okiahoma. It was adopted by the Legis-

orr, K. E."—The Sinmess twins. Eng and Chang, were born in 1811 and died in 1874.

The People's Forom will appear daily in the Evening Public Ledger, and also in the Studer Public Ledger. Letters discussing though touches will be printed, as well as a mosted doesn, and ones, thus of general interest will be unwered.

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To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

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Philadelphia, January 14, 1922.

and Pennsylvania National Guard.

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Philadelphia, January 7, 1922.

Letters to the Editor

Ploneers in Auto Building the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

While Selden claimed to have begin work in 1877, and while a picture of his first automobile finished in 1996 and bearing the figures '1877' has been widely circulated, he did nothing that any one copied or used. His many one copied or used. His were in existence in America and until were in existence in America and until some months after the Duryea patment of the custom of this belowed city and take them among use where there is life, there is hope—but when a stranger enters this morrous be ont, which showed the vehicle that won

America's first auto contest.

Selden saw the Brayton kerosene engines in this city in 1876 and talked with Brayton. Quite likely be talked about motor vehicles, because Brayton that year licensed Joshua Rose and A. Shattuck to make motor road ve-18. Being a patent attorney, Sel-undertook to get a patent on a diffied Brayton engine mounted on a Beyond this he did nothing wehlele. Beyond this he did nothing but keep his patent alive in the Patent Office for seventeen years. Brayton built an omnibus and a street car and had both probibited by the cities in which they were built. Selden added nothing to the industry, but, instead,

The United States Court of Appeals To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: of a piencer inventor is, we think, without foundation." The piencers eem to have been Daimler and Benz shroad and Duryea, Olds and Ford and perhaps one or two others) in his country. Most of the others who this country." Most of the others who this country. Most of the others was claim to be pioneers really did some claim to be pioneers and the country of the country o Philadelphia, January 17, 1922.

Need More Detectives

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir-We notice in our city budget that there is mentioned 4208 patrolmen and twenty-nine detectives, and it looks to us that there are too many patrolto us that there are too many patron men and too few detectives. When a civil engineer wishes to work out a big problem he usually reduces same to a small unit and makes his example more

We know of a seaport town, 25,000 population, large summer resort, and artillery post close by, that is pro-tected by four detectives and forty patected by four detected of percentage and using above town as a unit, Philadelphia, with say 1,800,000 population, should have 288 detectives and 2880 pa-

Some one will say: "Why don't you use a large city like New York?" I than Philadelphia, and has more police for the population than Philadelphia hat we have too small a detective force. The patrolman does enough when he looks after the drunks, disorderlies and street fighters. One patrolman alone could not guard one city block from moor bandits or burglars. The uniformed cer is only a shining target, and meful after the crooks are making their

We ought to have at least 500 detec-We ought to have at least 500 detectives, and use 80 per cent for regular esplonage work, each man taking a beat, and the other 20 per cent assigned to special work. Patrolmen make the best detectives and should be promoted to the higher position. The small town detective knows his underworld, and also the stranger that comes to his town. Why can't the big city sleuth keep tabs on those under his charge?

Expedition in the Australian's gift car. Take it from me, you are going to see a great love fest between the Gumps and Uncle Bim very shortly in which all the past will be forgotten.

H. L. WHLDY.

Philadelphia, January 14, 1922.

under his charge? If this city were divided into districts and 400 detectives compelled to make a dally report of all strangers and suspicious characters found around the ho-tels, poolrooms. lodging houses and gambling dens, Philadelphia would soon have an exodus of professional crooks. and the sureness of detection would re-

Our Coroner must have an awful lot to do, "three stenog-typists." The Director of Public Safety has only six stenog-clerks. The people of our city were ashamed when the navy department placed a patrol on duty during the way. placed a patrol on duty during the war, and now we have the marines guarding our mail trucks. A standing army would not stop conditions that now exist here. Our police must know their men, and this isn't as hig as it looks. We would have one detective watching a very had four-block district, while another detective would have no more to do guarding a four square mile area in the residential sections.

OPTIMIST.

Philadelphia, January 7, 1922. Thanks for Donation

the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger Sir-I have been asked by Mrs. Marte Pleper, of 1509 North Redfield street, o thank you for your kindness in sending a tribute of sympathy to her in her

Your donation served with those of others, to make lighter her burden in a funncial way, and the thought prompt-ing these gifts has been a great com-fort to her. MRS. A. E. SHARP. Philadelphia, January 14, 1922.

The Capture of Boddy

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir-I have the following papers, the Philadelphia Tribune, the Chicago Defender and the Afre-American, in reference to the news of the capture of Boddy, the New York murderer. They try to lead one to believe that Scott that Bonner was only a figurehead hiding downstairs. To my mind, if Scott has done all the talking that the papers give him credit for, I think that he talks too much. So far I have not seen any statement coming from Bonher, only what he said on the witnessstand under oath.

like many others, believe that shat Bonner said then must be true, as he has left it all to others. But he knows the facts, being there, so he doesn't have to boost himself and the police denorment. Also I heliane the police department. Also I believe the police department has a statement from Boddy, saying that Bonner was in the room first and placed him under arrest. He should know and the police department promoted Bonner on his merits. so, no matter what is said, the credit ongs to Bonner.

Philadelphia, January 15, 1922.

Is Uncle Bim Soved?

Bim Should Marry

to the Editor of the Eucning Public Ledger. Sir—Uncle Bim has done the right bing by the Gumps, and now they should, in turn, be fair to him. If they are not, you will see that he will soon sgain "jump the traces," and probably the next time he will get hold of a samp that is more discreet until she sets him entangled in matrimony. Mr. Smith should find a wife for Uncle Bim, a good-hearted old soul as Bim should find some one to marry him. He may there a long life before him, and the times is sure to make it miserable

Is Ours Really a "City of Brotherly Love"?

are more affable than they are in the North. This may be due to the climate, for it is a well-known fact that Southern people are less inclined to work than those in the North, due to the more vigorous climate here, which gives them more energy. Where people work less and have less business any more time at their disposal, and that is the only reason why people from the South are considered more affable.

B. B. G.

Disladelphia, January 6, 1922.

But the poem entitled the following: "Out of the atoms of earth we so: "Out of the dark of earth and night, Back to the atoms of earth we so: Back to the atoms of earth we so: Out of the dark of earth and night, Back to the atoms of earth we so: Back to the atoms of earth we so: Out of the dark of earth and night, Back to the atoms of earth we so:

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Back to the atoms of earth we so: Calls Philadelphia a Morgue seeds all the stimulus it can get, and when most people realize the damage when most people and the stimulus it can get, and delphians understand "What strangers expect," because this generation, like their ancestors before them, have lived in this atmosphere all their lives. Very few Philadelphians of the classes strangers meet have traveled to any great extent. This has made them narrow in their views of strangers, so narrow that one lady imagines the strangers coming to this peaceful lamilet must be from some Gopher Prairie—and "she" has traveled through half a dozen other towns (to Atlantic City) and finds people the same as here, "F. To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger,

Savs Philadelphians Lack Courtesy To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—I often read the People's Forum.
I think the man from Boaton tells the truth. People here are not very agreeable. I lived here, on and off, for the last seventeen years, and we know very few people, and do not wish to know when a stranger enters this morgue he remains unto himself. The dead weight few people, and do not wish to know any more. They are real Philadel-phians. Mr. Raymond does not know people as I know them. In New York I, found them most hospitable and I never had to stand in a car in New York as I often do here. They do not, of the Puritans has ruled the spirit of his very soul.
"What strangers expect" is to see real live people. Strangers don't look for a reception at the Ritz or to be kissed on the left cheek and rushed to in this city, notice whether women are old or young. They let us stand. Of course, there are some exceptions, and I appreciate that, but people here as a your home in a machine, to be enter-rained for a week or more. No, but it is that great "I am satisfaction" printed all over a Philadelphian a rule, seem different and show the need of many lessons in courtesy.
MRS. A. T. stranger can never get used to, and never will, until you become one of us.

EARTH EARTHY.

Philadelphia, January 17, 1922.

Philadelphia, January 12, 1922. Thinks Philadelphia Is "Fine" To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir-I have read the EVENING PUB-LIG LEDGER for these years and I The United States could be stated to the status below and is entitled to the status below and is entitled to the status below and is entitled to the status to strangers? We are often so newspaper. Your sport sheet cannot be necessary and accused, but I don't believe we are compared with in this town. Your functions are fine, also the movie page and The fault lies, invariably, with the nies are fine, also the movie page and stranger. It is quite frequently his all the rest of it.

personality, which is unfortunate. But this very person would not care to associate with a person without a personality. Simply because a man is a stranger here he has no right to expect us to take him up and make him feel at home and comfortable. They do it in no other city, or even small town anywhere. The man must have something to commend him, either in his personality, his affability, his show of intellect, or in some way interest those with whom he assembly a suffer in the part of the man way interest those with whom he assembly a suffer is good and bad everywhere. personanty, his anability, his show of intellect, or in some way interest those with whom he comes in contact.

It is silly to say that one city is any different from another. We are frequently told that people in the South

Poems and Songs Desired

Where to Find Recitation To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—I will appreciate it very much if you can tell me where I can find a recitation entitled "The Black Horse and His Rider," a story of Benedict Arnold at Saratoga, who returns in disguise after his desertion from

the American army and leads the American can arms to victory. I have forgotten the author's name.

H. W. L. author's name. H.
Philadelphia. January 15, 1922. From Holmes' Poem o the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Then silence like a positice came.
To heat the blows of sound."
MRS. W. W. C.
Philadelphia, January 14, 1922.

"The Two Voices" to the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Bir—I will appreciate it if you can secure for me through the People's Forum
the poem entitled "The Two Voices." I
remember only the following:
"Out of the atoms of earth we come.
Back to the atoms of earth we go;
Out of the dark of earth and night.
Back to the glow of realms of light."

If. W. P.
Philadelphis, January 14, 1922.

Beneath the lemon tree."
W. L. HAINES.
Philadelphia. January 14, 1922.

"To a Friend" To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: TO A FRIEND And friendship, like tvy, encircle your cot. May each rosy morn, dressed in mantles of

peace, sealth c'er your dwelling, your bless-ings increase.

On your neat humble roof may there bless ings descend,
it's a wish free from guile, it's the wish
of a friend.
Pienes thank Mrs. Mary E. Wilson for
The Knot of Blue and Gray."
MRS E. A. STODDART
Collingdale, Pa., January 12, 1922.

A Requested Poem To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir-The following is, I believe the porm desired by "L. E." as per request in the People's Forum of last Monday. The au-thor is Ethel West Knapp.

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They came from distant city
To spend the Christmastide
With lonely aunt and uncle.
Who had no one beside.

Where stood the tree in beam Now sits an empty chair: ur hearts are just as empty As we start another year.

We live for just such visits And hope to garner there Enough of love and sunshine To brighten days of care.

God bless them for their coming.
And grant the time may fly
Until their messy issughter
Again makes sorrow die.
MPS Philadelphia, January 12, 1922

"P. C." sake for two poems—"Dolan's Advice" and "Flowers on Hogan's Grave," Can a reader supply them? Mrs. Alice Cressman, Conshohoeken, asks for the words of two songs—"The Girl ! Loved in Sunny Tennessee" and "Only Me." The first song was printed in the Sunday Public's Forum. We will print the second if a reader will send it in.

U. S. ORDERS PEARL INQUIRY

Value of Famous Necklace Sold to Detroit Man Being Investigated New York, Jan. 19.5-Federal investigation of the sale of the Russian pearl

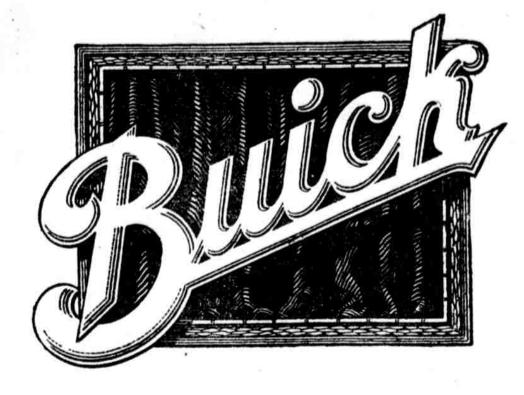
necklace valued at \$1,000,000, sold to the late Horace E. Dodge, Detroit auto-mobile manufacturer, by Pierre Cartier, Paris and New York jeweler, is under way, it was learned yesterday.

Whether the investigation was or-dered from Washington or from the filing of a complaint in the Supreme Court here by Benguiat Brothers, Paris,

moreus song entitled "Paddy Didn't Pay for the Oysters."

"E. L. G." asks if any one can help him find a poem entitled "The Everydays." It is a whimsical description of the origin of birthdays.





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