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EDITORIAL

The Finns are the guys who put the "finish" to the Russian invasion. If you listen carefully you can hear the politicians putting their ears to the ground.

Poverty has its advantages. We often wonder how much sin there would be in the world if everybody could afford it.

If, as an optometrist estimates, 72 per cent of the American people are suffering from eye-strain, it probably is due to looking for a place to park.

And if the money spent for war could be spent to make people prosperous and happy, there would be cars enough to eliminate the surplus population without shooting them.

There were no strikes or interruptions to service because of labor difficulties in the railroad industry during 1939, according to the National

THE WAR IN EUROPE

A survey of the war in Europe reveals only two scenes of desperate action, (1) the North Sea and other waters and (2) Finland, where Russian armies, beaten back in their first attacks upon the small republic, dig in to be ready to launch a more powerful thrust.

In these columns last week we called attention to the importance of the warfare in the North Sea, its adjacent waters and the other sea lanes of the world.

Expect German Attacks. Already, French patrols are diligently and persistently raiding German lines to ascertain, if possible, whether the long-awaited German offensive will be launched this Spring.

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to break the encirclement. This is a desperate effort but usually it is the last resort of the besieged. If it fails, the battle is over.

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Mediation Board, which in itself is highly commendable to that great organization.

One of the most important factors in anyone's life is the health of the individual, whether good or bad. It ought to be unnecessary to call the attention of grown people to the importance of having themselves periodically examined by competent physicians.

After the President's budget message went to Congress, Whitehouse sources explained that the Administration expected increasingly better business conditions to alleviate the need for government relief to farmers and the unemployed.

This fact stands out boldly: In no other time has the Roosevelt administration done as much to help the people who work for their living. The mood of reform which ushered in Mr. Roosevelt's first administration may have exhausted itself.

California Sells Groceries. The State of California has opened its initial unit for a production-for-use program and the reader probably wonders just what this means.

The smart business man will witness this cloud on the horizon. While present customers of the State-owned store are limited to the two classes mentioned, does anyone suspect that if the scheme sells goods cheaper than regular business establishments that future customers will be so limited?

Half of the items, so the news dispatches tell us, are produced by the co-operatives and this includes meat, poultry, dairy products, honey, jams, preserves, baked goods, fresh and canned fruits, vegetables, cereals, salad oil, pickles, catsup, soap and soap products, household chemical and fly sprays.

We do not pass upon the wisdom of such a State venture. We merely report it. Business men will pass their own judgment upon the scheme.

Should a house guest appear at the breakfast table in lounging pajamas, or a dressing gown?

When one has been invited to a wedding, but did not attend, is one obligated to call on the bride in her new home?

Should the men offer their arms to the woman when going in to a luncheon?

When a man is giving a theatre party to both men and women, who should go down the aisle first?

When should announcements be sent for a wedding that has been kept secret for several weeks or months?

Should a hostess take the men's coats when they arrive at her home, and there is no servant?

When eating a small, dry cake, should each bite be broken off with the fingers before conveying it to the mouth?

ANSWERS

1. The well-bred man removes his hat when in the elevator of a hotel or apartment building, but it is not required in the elevator of an office building or department store.

2. Yes, and not only at the table, but anywhere else. Illness, accidents, operations, calamities, misfortunes, are choice subjects for the backfence gossip.

3. A woman has this privilege.

4. It is better to leave the dishes on the table and enjoy the evening with her guests.

5. If such a tactless question should be asked, you can reply, "I am sorry, but that is one question I should not care to answer."

6. Not unless the hostess has suggested it.

7. Yes. This is an obligation if you received an invitation to the wedding, whether you attended or not.

8. No; unless there is an elderly woman guest of honor, who is taken in by the host, as at a dinner. The other guests should follow informally.

9. The host should go first with the tickets, followed next by the women, then the men.

10. As a secret wedding is not a prescribed affair, there is no definite time for sending announcements. This is entirely optional.

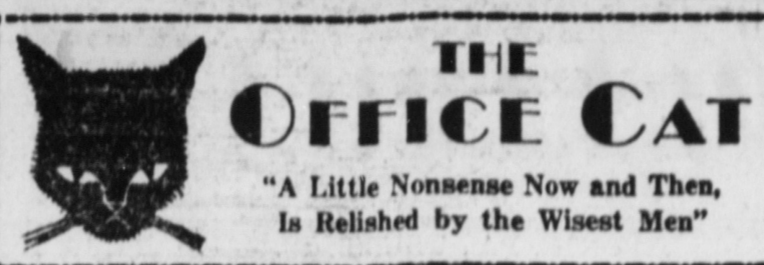
11. No. If the host is not present, she should provide a place for the men to leave their wraps as they arrive.

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The Ex He-Man

I've always been bragging that I'm a "he-man," And been very cocky as such, Though not really sure that I fitted the term, And not understanding it much.

Her inquiry stumped me; I had to think fast, But I felt certain she couldn't guess.

And never once take off my shoes, Then, the orchestra, dead, pick the piano up

I told her I could whip four men at once, And chew up great logs of steel,

Them I started describing the things I could do In society's gentler realm.

I swore I could dance for six weeks at a stretch And never once take off my shoes,

Then, the orchestra, dead, pick the piano up And dance on while playing the blues.

I said I could neck eighteen girls in a swoon, And still be alert and awake,

There are no mountain goats and no tigers around," She said, "and no goats of steel;

But that last he-man stunt," and she smiled a coy smile "Has had a restless appeal!"

Well, my sad tale is told; I tried hard to make good, And never, oh, never again

Will anyone hear me slapping my chest And bragging that I'm a "he-man!"

Caught 'Em Laughing

A fisherman sat beside a stream Beside him rested a basket that was filled with fish he had caught.

The fisherman smiled in a superior manner. "That's not luck, brother," he boasted.

"That's interesting," observed the stranger. "And might I ask what kind of bait you use?"

"Absolutely," he said. "And it always works. The fish takes one look at the hat, opens his mouth for a loud laugh—and that's when I pull in the hook!"

Bird of a Yarn

A native of Florida was visiting a friend of his in Los Angeles. The two were walking down the street when they passed a grocery store.

The Californian explained that what he saw was a California grape. The visitor was astounded to hear that, but remarked on the size of the pumpkins.

At that minute a playful child dropped a flower pot from a window above the street. It struck the Florida man squarely on the head.

Probably No Sale

During a bargain sale in a certain store recently one of the salesgirls told a buxom country lady in front of her counter that there was an extra special reduction in the price of satchet.

"Satchet?" said the lady. "Just what is satchet?" "Well," explained the girl, "it's a sort of a little bag of perfume. You put it in your chests and drawers to make them smell sweet."

"I understand what you mean," said the rural lady, "but isn't it awfully uncomfortable?"

High Scoring

A washerwoman walking past a butcher shop saw the lines conspicuously painted in white letters on the window.

Weiners—30 Hamburgers—27 "My land," she exclaimed. "What a game!"

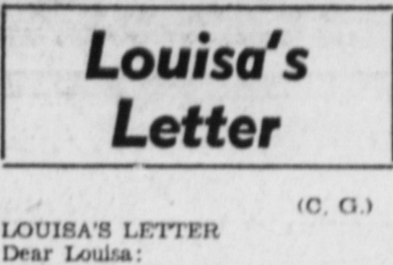
That's all, folks. Years ago, a bustle was considered to be a girl's stern necessity. "SCAT."

PINE CREEK MAN IN JAIL; GAME CHARGE

Arthur Wynn, Jersey Shore, R. D. 2, was committed to the Clinton county jail last week for 110 days in lieu of \$100 fine and costs imposed at a hearing before Alderman T. Mark Brungard in Lock Haven.

STATE COLLEGE TESTS MADE FOR FENCE POSTS

Experiments that will go on for ten years or more have been started by the department of forestry of the Pennsylvania State College to find the best treatment for the cheaper species of wood used in fence posts.



Louisa's Letter

LOUISA'S LETTER (C. G.)

What is an old maid? I thought that appellation went out of style about ten years ago, but someone spoke of me the other day as an old maid.

UNMARRIED THIRTY. Tenn.

Answer: An old maid is a prissy, narrow-minded person of any age from twelve to sixty, married or unmarried.

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This boy hates all that as much as I do, and has always behaved like a perfect gentleman. We are both old enough to get married but my parents are trying to break us up.

A. B. L.—Kans.

It is always well to look at a boy or girl's family before you marry into that family. As a usual thing, you can get a good picture of the kind of wife or husband you will get by looking at your intended's father or mother.

LOUISA.

In answer to L. C. C. of Victoria, Texas, I can not tell, of course, whether you will succeed in Electrical Contracting and Aircraft Building or not.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Michael Chieppor, et ux, to John Troy, et ux, Phillipsburg R. D., tract in Phillipsburg borough; \$1,300.

James Everly, et ux, to Carl Vaux, et ux, of South Phillipsburg, tract in South Phillipsburg borough; \$1.

Blind Do All the Work This sounds like an anomaly but actually it is a fact that blind termites destroy more wood than those that can see.

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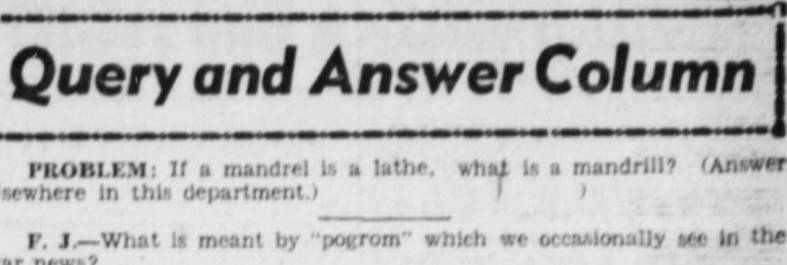
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Query and Answer Column

PROBLEM: If a mandril is a lathe, what is a mandrill? (Answer elsewhere in this department.)

F. J.—What is meant by "pogrom" which we occasionally see in the war news?

T. M.—Where can I buy the book "Age of Reason," by Thomas Payne?

V. C.—Why do we know that the earth is not made of rock all the way through?

M. B.—Is Russia a republican form of government? If so, why is Josef Stalin apparently a perpetual man at the head?

H. K.—What metal is the best conductor for electricity?

R. E.—What was the Wyoming massacre in 1879?

S. R.—What were the virtues of Confucius?

B. W. B.—What was the story about angels appearing on the battlefield during the World War?

J. M. H.—What was the longest parade ever held by the American Legion?

G. M.—Should a cyclamen plant be kept in a cool room at night?

J. K.—How many men deserted from the A. E. F. overseas?

H. T. G.—Who is the leading woman athlete in the United States?

E. R.—Who made the first doughnuts with holes in them?

R. H.—What countries owe the United States the largest war debts?

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Modern Etiquette

1. What are the rules of a man should follow for removal of his hat in an elevator?

2. Isn't it improper to discuss unpleasant subjects at the table?

3. Has a woman the privilege to invite a man to call on her, or must she wait for the suggestion to come from him?

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