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EDITORIAL

IF HITLER HAS HIS WAY

Hitler knows what he wants. The American people know what they want. Who's going to win? If Hitler has his way— Congress will debate the Lease-Lend bill until the Fourth of July—until it becomes Dependence Day instead of Independence Day.

If the American people have their way— Democracy will win this war. Congress knows what Hitler wants. It knows what the people have shown, over and over, that they want.

ECONOMIC PERILS IF ENGLAND FALLS

In all the discussion as to the promptness and amount of aid which the United States should give England in its battle against the Axis Powers, not enough emphasis is given to the economic disaster which this nation would suffer if Germany knocked out the British fleet and took control of the Atlantic Ocean.

Should England fall, the economic consequences to the United States would be incalculable. Hitler knows this. It could make plausible his claim that he has no military designs on the Western Hemisphere.

The gravest peril to America is not necessarily in bombs and troops, but in prostration of its trade, should England fall. The United States has at stake in the struggle its economic life, the loss of which must lead to the loss of that other life as we know it now.

A GREAT AMERICAN

Young people who think there is little chance for them to get places of usefulness should study the life of Benjamin Franklin. He was born 235 years ago—January 17, 1706. He not only found jobs, he created jobs and laid foundations for job making that affect the prospect of young men and women today.

THE OFFICE CAT
'A Little Nonsense Now and Then, Is Relished by the Wisest Men'

Lissen to This'n
Johnnie held her hand,
And she held his'n.
And then they hugged
And went to kiss'n.

Beating the Hotel Man
Dear Office Cat: I want to tell you about a funny hotel I stopped at up in Canada last fall. They weigh you before you go into the dining room and they weigh you when you come out. They charge by weight.

Something Like That
There is the story of the stern old judge who was sentencing a big loose-jointed colored man who had been found guilty of murdering a neighbor.

Questions and Answers Dept.
Dear Office Cat—I am just learning to drive and wonder if you would tell me what to do if I suddenly discover that I have a flat tire.

She Knew the Truth
Mandy Jones had been called as a witness in a recent trial and she took the chair as though fully impressed with the importance of being in court.

Just a Little Rusty
A colored woman presented herself at the church for confirmation and was asked to recite the Apostle's Creed and the Ten Commandments.

Motherly Pride
Mrs. Mulcahey, did ye hear about my boy, Michael?" asked Mrs. Flaherty of her neighbor.

She Needed Help
They tell about a woman who stepped into a Judge's office of a nearby county seat and said to his honor, "Are you Judge of the retrobate?"

Brain Teaser
If three cats catch three mice in three minutes, how many rats will 100 kittens catch in one hour, provided a rat is twice as hard to catch as a mouse and two-thirds of the kittens stop to eat the rats they have already caught.

Some Credit Due
Farmer—"Well, friend, that's a wonderful farm you have there."
Farmer—"Yes, parson."

Slightly Embarrassing
Young Doctor—"I'm afraid I made a mistake in filling in a death certificate today."
Old Doctor—"How was that?"

Grandpa's Escape
Little Willie took a long look at the old man and asked: "Were you in the ark, Grandpa, when the flood came?"
"No, certainly not, my child," replied the aged man.

The Giraffe's Neck
A small boy at the circus asked why the giraffe had such a long neck.
"Well, you see," said the keeper solemnly, "the giraffe's head is so far away from its body that a long neck is absolutely necessary."

Preparedness
Mrs. Peck—"Henry, do you think we are prepared for war?"
Henry (alarmed)—"Why? Is your mother coming to visit us again?"

Having a Swell Time
When the seasick lady refused the steward's invitation to dinner and called the chambermaid it was a case of basin gratitude.

To Relieve Misery of COLDS Take 666
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LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louisa: I am a boy of eighteen and I have two more years in college before I graduate. After that it will take me at least a year or two to get started in my profession.

Answer: My dear J. B. L. All of this is leading you straight to the altar and the halter before you are financially able or mature enough to take up such responsibilities.

You say that you feel that you cannot let the girl down by letting your work interfere with your attendance to her. Well, perhaps by neglecting your work you are letting her down in the worst kind of way.

Has she your best interest at heart? Is she willing for you to take the course that will mean delay but more lasting happiness to you both? Or is she like the mother who denied her child a college education because she couldn't bear to have her away from home?

Go on with your work. Be faithful but not so absorbed that you neglect other things you should do. If your girl is the right kind she will realize that it is not wise to be together so much, and if she seems to be edging toward the altar any time soon you had better take cover.

Prevent Leather Cracking
Leather furniture can be freshened from cracking as follows: Put into a bottle one cup vinegar and two cups of boiled linseed oil.

Freezes Both Feet
John Leonard, of Worcester, Mass., a transient, froze both feet when he spent part of the night on the ground near the Lehigh Railroad tracks at Sayle.

Mending Galoshes
A leak in the galoshes can be satisfactorily mended by pasting some adhesive tape over the hole on the inside of the rubber.

Change Size of Cork
In the event that a cork is too large for a bottle, cut a small wedge out of the center of the smaller end.

Sewing Hint
If a particular shade of thread is desired, by drawing a raveling from the goods on which you are working and using it as the thread.

Query & Answer Column

PROBLEM—What worm is supposed not to be killed nor destroyed? Answer elsewhere in this department.
L. R.—To settle an argument will you please answer whether or not George Washington and Abraham Lincoln were born on the same day of the week?

Ans.—They were not. George Washington was born on Tuesday, and Abraham Lincoln was born on Sunday.
R. D.—What causes one's hair to stand on end because of extreme fright?

Ans.—That is really an effect of adrenal chemical on hair, and goes back to a habit possessed by our animal ancestors many millions of years ago—a habit which still survives in cats and dogs. When they get very angry they ruffle up the hair on their bodies in order to make them appear larger and more formidable, and therefore more dangerous.

T. S.—What is meant by "dry farming"?
Ans.—In some parts of the country where there is too little rain for ordinary purposes of farming, special methods of cultivation have been devised which save as much of the water as possible and make this water count toward the production of crops. These methods are what is called "dry farming."

M. W.—Does all life come from previous life?
Ans.—Yes. One of the greatest discoveries of Pasteur, the celebrated French scientist, was to prove that it was believed once that the living creatures which appear, apparently, spontaneously in open dishes of beef broth and in similar food materials were actually generated there. This is not so. Pasteur has shown that these were really produced from germs which had gotten there from the air.

J. A.—Why do water pipes burst when they freeze?
Ans.—In the act of freezing, water always swells a little. This produces a very powerful pressure on the pipes and causes them to burst.
N. C.—Why must the ground wire of a radio set be fastened to the water pipes rather than to the gas pipes?

Ans.—Because the gas pipes are not always connected electrically to the earth. Sometimes a little insulated joint is inserted in the gas pipes on purpose to prevent electricity leaking into them and traveling along them.
H. A.—Why does frost kill a plant?
Ans.—The water inside the living cells freezes and this bursts the cells so that they die.

C. U.—Please give the origin of knocking on wood.
Ans.—Some authorities attribute it to the ancient religious rite of touching a Crucifix when taking an oath; others to the touching of beads of the Rosary when praying. Among the ignorant peasants of Europe the custom probably began with the habit of knocking loudly to keep evil spirits away.

G. D.—When is Christmas celebrated in Puerto Rico?
Ans.—Christmas, or the Day of the Three Kings, is observed on January 6 in Puerto Rico.
R. S.—In what year was the Maine raised?
Ans.—The wreck of the Battleship Maine was raised and on March 16, 1912, was towed out to sea and sunk.

N. E.—How many legs has a fly?
Ans.—The house fly has six legs.
M. D.—When did the immigration quota law go into effect?
Ans.—Congressman Johnson, Washington, introduced the Immigration Quota Bill in 1924. The act went into effect on July 1 of that year, assigning a temporary maximum limit of 160,000 to the number of immigrants admitted from Europe in any one year.

E. C.—What large city in the United States has gained the most population since 1930?
Ans.—Washington, D. C., with a 362 per cent increase in population has made the largest gain. In 1930 it was the fourteenth largest city in the United States and in the 1940 census it ranks as eleventh, with a population of 663,153.

E. B.—What are the four humors?
Ans.—According to an ancient theory, there are four principal humors in the body; phlegm, blood, choler, and black bile.
M. S.—What is the origin of the name Gallie?
Ans.—Gallie is derived from the Hebrew word gall, meaning circuit, the Jews being in the habit of passing around the district instead of through it because it was inhabited partly by Gentiles.

J. B.—Was the President's bodyguard formerly a football player?
Ans.—Thomas E. Quilter, the President's personal bodyguard, is a former Notre Dame halfback.
S. H.—What Roman emperor appointed his horse a consul?
Ans.—Caligula made his horse a consul and a member of a priestly college.

A. C.—Is General Pershing's name of German origin?
Ans.—General Pershing is a descendant of Frederick Piersohn, born in Alsace in 1724. The name was changed to Pershin in America, and later the "s" was added.

J. C.—How many bulldogs does the Marine Corps have as mascots?
Ans.—It has two bulldog mascots. One is Jiggs IV at Quantico and the other is James Jolly Plum-Duff (Duffy) stationed at San Diego.
J. S.—In what kind of airplane was Quentin Roosevelt killed?
Ans.—Quentin Roosevelt was flying a Neuport, a French plane, at the time of his fatal crash.

Answer to Problem—A bookworm.

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WHO KNOWS?
1. When did the British government relinquish naval bases in Elze?
2. Where are the Pindus mountains?
3. When did Hitler participate in the Beer Hall Putsch, which failed?
4. When did the Bolsheviks come into power in Russia?
5. When was Hawaii annexed to the United States?
6. Did Vice President Garner vote on Nov. 5th?
7. Who was voted the American League's "most valuable" player for 1940?
8. When will President Roosevelt be inaugurated for his third term?
9. What is the Johnson Act?
10. How old is Franklin D.

The Answers
1. Two years ago.
2. In Albania and Greece.
3. Nov. 8, 1923.
4. 1917.
5. 1898.
6. No.
7. "Hank"—Greenberg, Detroit.
8. 1937.
9. The Johnson Act.
10. 59.

first baseman.
8. Jan. 20, 1941.
9. The law prohibiting loans to nations in default on debts due the United States.
10. He will be 59 on Jan. 30, 1941.

Poets' Corner

"MY TREASURES"
There are stains upon the carpet. There is mud upon the floor. Tiny footprints in the hallway. Fingerprints upon the door.
Yes, I know the walls are spotted With the touch of baby hands. Baby toys are all forgotten. Scattered there upon the stand.
Oh, I know my room's untidy. As I gaze upon those toys. They will ever be a treasure For they brought so many joys.
As I stand there at his bedside, I can see him every night Lapping out his baby prayer, By the yellow candlelight.
He is sleeping in the heavens. Still I seem to hear his prayer. I know that he is happy, With the Angels over there.
—Leona Collins.

Five Hawks Caught
In the program of protection of game at the Loysock Game Farms in Lycoming county from birds of prey, five hawks have been shot or trapped within recent time. All are on display at the farm. Because of the danger, trapping is necessary at all times. Greatest hazards include hawks, weasels, mink, skunks and rats.

Many Schools Closed
Epidemics of grip have closed the schools in the Clearfield section. At the Osceola Mills High School, 75 of the 300 pupils were absent from their classes. At Houtzdale, the schools have reopened, after being closed for two days because of the number of pupils ill.

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