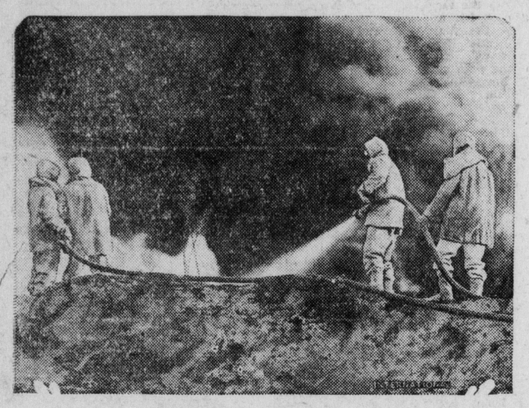
SUCH IS LIFE----A Slight Misunderstanding

Fight Fire Clad in Asbestos



Battling oil field fires is a hazardous task; terrific heat in such emergencies has been overcome by using asbestos suits. The Union Oil company, in its southern California fields, has specially drilled "asbestos crews" whose efficient work is attracting much comment. The photograph shows an asbestos crew combating a fire which occurred in the midst of oil derricks.

DIPPING INTO SCIENCE

The Tiny Oyster

Oysters are so small when they are born that they cannot be seen without a microscope. After birth they allow themselves to be carried about by the water until they are a week or so old and then settle down in the bottom where they fasten themselves to rocks or logs. Oysters have been cultivated for at least 2,000 years.

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Find Gay-Lined Earth

Haskell, Okla.—Geologists are unable to explain the appearance of earth formations of various colors found in the drilling of an oil well on the O. B. Grayson farm near here.

The first strange formation was a green mud. Deeper drilling brought forth sands and limes rivaling all colors of the rainbow. Specimens have been sent to laboratories for examination.

"Mute" Given Hearing

"Talked" in Pantomime Until Taken to School.

Indianapolis.—Whether a sturdy little youngster brought to them as a mute is really deaf and lacking the powers of speech, as his parents believe, is a matter which teachers of School No. 9, Vermont and Davidson streets, are trying to determine through methods employed in the atypical department of the institution.

The child, who is six, too young to enter the Indiana School for the Deaf, was brought by his parents, both mutes, to the school in hope that he might be educated. His two sisters are mutes, and because the two always talked in pantomime, he was thought also to be a mute. He was put in charge of a teacher in the room known as atypical B which is provided for beginning pupils who are particularly backward and unable to keep pace with the average child of that age.

Finds Boy Can Hear.

The first thing the teacher learned was that the boy could hear, though with some difficulty. This led her to believe that he might be taught to articulate. The fact that he never had, might be attributed to a psychological rather than a physical cause, she believed, inasmuch as all his life he had been associated with mutes.

On the assumption that the child could be taught to understand and express himself in the English language, the teacher first began instruction in lip-reading. As a pupil, he showed unusual attentiveness and quickness of perception. Within nine days he had learned the meaning of nearly a score of words which he understood from the motion of the teacher's lips. Heretofore, he could comprehend ideas only through pantomime such as he employed.

Assured of success in this direction, the teacher set about determining how much the youngster could hear. She found that he responded to sound. As she continued to work with him, his hearing seemed to grow better and now he hears sufficiently to understand four words — "boy," "girl," "shoe" and his name. In order to explain to his teacher just how he heard and felt the sound of a piano note when she struck it, he pointed first to the floor, then his shoe, his body and his ear.

Shows Normal Tendencies.

In meeting the problem of teaching him to talk, the teacher first began by saying and in turn having him pronounce after her three vowels. This he does with an enunciation that is surprising in view of his history. She has forbidden him to attempt to say words, as his parents have tried to get him to do in their unintelligible way.

That the youngster has a keen sense of humor is evinced in his association with his teacher whom he has learned to love and obey eagerly, and with his classmates. He is endowed with the usual tendencies of the normal American boy to put himself in the right. When he got in a fight recently with a taller boy in the room in the teacher's absence, he made it evident in pantomime gestures to the school principal, Miss Kate Mason, that the bigger boy pushed him down, forcing him to defend himself.

The case is being watched with considerable interest by the school. Whether the teacher and Miss Jeanette Williams, in charge of the atypical work of the city schools, have correctly analyzed the situation and whether their efforts meet with success remain to be seen within the next few months.

Harvard Hockey Star

Photograph shows Capt. Johnny Chase, one of the players that Harvard relies upon in the hockey season. Harvard closed its first week of hockey with a glaring weakness in lack of defencemen with only one defence player available. Coach Joe Stubbs has planned to shift many prospective wingmen to the point positions.

American Colony Moving to Egypt

Will Try Living Under Ancient Laws.

San Francisco. — Five thousand American men, women and children plan to move to an ancient Egyptian city by the Nile and prove they can live there harmoniously and progressively without benefit of modern conveniences. This was the announcement made by Dr. H. Spencer Lewis, national president of the Rosecrucian Order, a philosophical cult.

Doctor Lewis declared plans were being made to have the expedition sail late next year.

The city of Tel-el-Amarna, sun city of Amenhotep the fourth, founder of the Rosecrucian Order, is the site picked for the experiment, Doctor Lewis said. The expedition will contain an approximate even number of men and women, all carefully selected for their physical fitness and devotion to the principles of the teachings under which they are to live.

"There will also be several children," Doctor Lewis said. "Establishment of families will be encouraged."

The colony will abandon modern dress for costume of the ancient Egyptians and will forsake mechanical implements for the crude tools of 1300 B. C. They are to live according to the principles propounded by Amenhotep in an effort to demonstrate that these laws have not lost their value for the human race.

German Scientists Find Secrets of Hittites

Berlin.—Secrets from the lives of the Hittites who lived in the period 3,000 years B. C. are expected to be revealed after German scientists have studied the mammoth collection of stone statues and tablets excavated by Baron Max von Oppenheim in the depths of Mesopotamia.

The collection now en route to Berlin is declared to be the most important key ever found to the customs and habits of a practically unknown era.

Among the colossal figures found are a number of weird heathen gods; some animal figures with human heads; well preserved tablets depicting hunting and religious scenes, and some perfect examples of colorful ceramic jars.

Though mentioned in the Bible, the Hittites of 5,000 years ago have always been a puzzle to the archeologists, particularly since a group of tablets containing picture writings belonging to 1000 B. C. have never been deciphered.

FOR THE BOUDOIR

Green satin lounge robe with a quilted edge of bright yellow satin, as displayed by Audrey Ferris, Warner star. The green embroidered medallions along the border are the only trimming on this very attractive robe.

If there is one thing a childless married woman knows all about it is the art of bringing up children.

Verdict of the Doubters' Club

CLOSE-UP OF THE CARD

Crop Yield Above Ten-Year Average

Improved Agricultural Condition Is Reported.

Washington.—Continuation of the improved agricultural situation as compared with last year was announced by the Department of Agriculture to be in progress recently when a review of conditions was made.

"The general course of prices of farm products has been slightly downward recently," the review said, "but other commodities have also declined slightly, so that the October index of purchasing power of farm products in terms of non-agricultural commodities remained at 82 per cent of pre-war, compared with 81 per cent in October last year."

The general yield of crops has been brought up above the ten-year average by the mild fall weather, it was stated, but production this year is about 3 per cent less than last year.

Discussing the situation by regions, the department said weather in the East had been favorable for fall work and wheat was reported to be showing good stands.

Drought in the eastern part of the South has made germination and growth of winter crops very poor, as was also the case to some extent in Texas. The Middle Southern states have been more favored and the general condition of the South is apparently improved over last year.

Much soft corn is reported in the eastern portion of the corn belt, some of which, it was stated, will not even make feed. General conditions in the winter wheat belt are reported the best in five or six years in the North, but not greatly different from last year in the southern part of the belt.

"The range country is going into winter, for the most part, with an abundance of feed and with stock in excellent condition," said the department.

"The cattle industry shows every evidence of stimulation; restocking ranges, cows high priced, good income from this fall's shipments of both feeder and slaughter stock.

"The sheep industry likewise is optimistic. Western feeding areas running twice as many lambs as last year. The whole picture for the mountain states is a favorable one."

HAVING THE DRAG

By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK
Dean of Men, University of Illinois.

GIBLER had been dropped from college for poor scholarship in accordance with the regulations which prevailed, and he was mourning the fact and racking his brains for some adequate alibi which would give him reason for applying for readmission. It was not that he had made the most of his opportunities or that he had been the victim of ill-luck or sudden misfortune, he had simply been caught asleep at the switch. It was the end of the semester and most of the fellows had gone home.

"If Tom Johnson were only here," Gibler remarked, "I'd be able to get by all right."

"How come?" his roommate asked him.

"Well, Tom has a drag with the dean, and I know he could get me reinstated just by asking."

Gibler accepted the Hindu proverb that if you have a friend on the police force, respect for the law is not essential. He believed thoroughly in making friends with the sons of Belial.

It is a curious and rather general point of view that if we know some one of importance or even if we know somebody who knows somebody in a position of influence that fact entitles us to special consideration, special privilege, the right to ignore regulations and to violate the law.

A boy came to me not long ago to enlist my help in getting a job.

"My father is very well acquainted with Senator Blank," he said, "and he knows..... ." And then he named a long list of more or less prominent citizens and officers of the state.

"How would that fact help you to do a job well?" I inquired.

"Well, I suppose it wouldn't," he was forced to reply.

"And what about the boy who wants a job and whose father is so unfortunate as not to know anyone of importance?"

"He'd just be out of luck."

"We never hold it against a boy who wants work that his father knows a lot of prominent people. He has just as good a chance as anyone else."

He looked at me curiously; but I don't think he understood. It was unintelligible to him that anyone who knew a congressman or a policeman didn't have a better chance to get something he wanted than another not so fortunately situated.

It is interesting to see how often a man, when he wants something that he has no legal right to have, shows me a badge or a button or a membership card in some organization to which I myself belong, or brings me a letter from an acquaintance of prominence, saying:

"Mr. Brown is a man of influence in our community and an intimate friend of mine. If you can see your way clear to set aside the regulations in his case I shall appreciate the courtesy."

And such a man expects that it will be done. It isn't justice he is after; it is special consideration. Knowing a man on the police force, he felt quite sure that he could get by.

It's a poor theory.

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FAMILY TRAGEDY BROUGHT ABOUT BY CHECKER GAME

Trivial Incident Causes Farmer's Death and Arrest of Daughter.

Wetumpka, Ala.—From the still, shadowed corridors of the Wetumpka county jail a thirty-one-year-old mother looked out upon a future cold and grim and reviewed a tragedy in her father's home. Nestling upon her breast a seven-months-old babe slept peacefully, too young to know the sorrow and repentance that was near to breaking the throbbing heart of the mother. The woman was Mrs Odie Bremonnon of Elmore. She had shot and killed her aged father.

A few miles away another mother, silver haired and seventy-two, mourned her husband who had died by their daughter's hand. Silently she went as she comforted her two grandchildren, five and seven, who could not understand why "granddaddy" lay so still nor why their mother had gone away. They remembered vaguely hearing a brief quarrel and two pistol shots that followed. These two shots had twisted the lives of an entire family. At the second shot, J. J. Johnson of Elmore, seventy-one, had fallen dead.

Row Over Checkers.

A hearthside argument between father and daughter is said to have been brought about when the elderly farmer entered his home and discovered Mrs. Bremonnon playing checkers before the fire with a negro servant girl. The sight is said to have enraged the old man, who ordered the negress from the room and reprimanded his daughter. From this point on stories of those who witnessed the subsequent tragedy vary.

Mrs. Bremonnon's story is that her father bore down upon her with an ax handle that was used as a poker at the family hearth. She became frightened and reached under the mattress of a nearby bed for a pistol. "I shot once to scare him," she said afterwards.

The Pistol Cracked Again.

"D—n you, shoot me again," he is said to have replied. The pistol cracked again and her father fell—dead.

Slapped Daughter.

One account of the dramatic few moments' occurrence tells that the father during the heated argument slapped his daughter about the face and that only after this she sought protection in the little .32 caliber revolver that lay under the mattress near her hand. All accounts coincide as to the beginning of the quarrel and of the daughter's remonstrating with her father for ordering the servant from the room.

Mrs. Bremonnon, after the shooting, is said to have hastened word of the tragedy to the sheriff, who came soon and lodged her in the Wetumpka jail. Her request that her seven-months-old baby be allowed to accompany her was granted. Leaving behind her two other children, her sobbing mother and her father, now growing cold in death, she was led away to have her settlement with the law.

Boy, 13, Jumps in Well to Rescue Three Babies

Liberty, Miss.—Bud Francis, a thirteen-year-old negro boy of the little town of Robinson, near here, is being hailed as a hero for saving the lives of three negro babies. Influential persons have called the attention of the Carnegie commission to his case as deserving of a medal and a pension.

The babies, including a pair of twins, were playing on a platform covering a well. The boards gave way, hurling the children 40 feet into water 6 feet deep.

Bud leaped to an iron pump pipe in the well and shot downward so rapidly that his legs and arms were badly burned by friction. At the bottom of the well and extending a foot or so above the water was a brick ledge. Bud seized the babies, one by one, and set them upon this ledge, threatening them with dire punishment unless they hung on.

A basket was lowered on a rope and Bud placed the babies in this and they were drawn to safety.

SHE WENT FROM BAD TO WORSE

Down to 98 Pounds—Finally Restored to Health by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Cleveland, Ohio.—"After having my first baby, I lost weight, no matter what I did. Then a doctor told me I would be better if I had another baby, which I did. But I got worse, was always sickly and went down to 98 pounds. My neighbor told me about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, as it helped her very much, so I tried it. After taking four bottles, I weigh 116 pounds. It has just done wonders for me and I can do my housework now without one bit of trouble."—MRS. M. RIESSINGER, 10004 Nelson Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

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Australia's Cattle King

A man who owns so many horses that he recently destroyed 4,000 of them because he couldn't sell them and they cost too much to keep is, at seventy years of age, visiting London. He is Sir Sydney Kidman, the veteran cattle king of Australia. He began his career as a teamster at $2 a week. Now he owns 30 ranches covering more than 30,000,000 acres of land; more than 100,000 cattle and 10,000 horses; 1,500 camels and thousands of donkeys and sheep.

Discussion Vs. Argument

The man who enters into a discussion is full of a passion for truth and eager to hear it. The man who argues is full of vanity and desires only to hear himself talk.—American Magazine.

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Drink Water to Help Wash Out Kidney Poison

If Your Back Hurts or Bladder Bothers You, Begin Taking Salts

When your kidneys hurt and your back feels sore don't get scared and proceed to load your stomach with a lot of drugs that excite the kidneys and irritate the entire urinary tract. Keep your kidneys clean like you keep your bowels clean, by flushing them with a mild, harmless salts which helps to remove the body's urinous waste and stimulates them to their normal activity. The function of the kidneys is to filter the blood. In 24 hours they strain from it 500 grains of acid and waste, so we can readily understand the vital importance of keeping the kidneys active.

Drink lots of good water—you can't drink too much; also get from any pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast each morning for a few days and your kidneys may then act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for years to help clean and stimulate clogged kidneys; also to neutralize the acids in the system so they are no longer a source of irritation, thus often relieving bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is inexpensive, cannot injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink, which everyone should take now and then to help keep their kidneys clean and active. Try this; also keep up the water drinking, and no doubt you will wonder what became of your kidney trouble and backache.

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