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# THE FOLDEROL **FOLLIES**

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T'S no use, girls, I couldn't tell father about the trousseau tea," said Mrs. Aspyre despairingly. "You know his views on modern marriage customs. He simply raved about the showers. What he thinks of a trousseau tea I have not even dared to ask."

"Oh, father is a positive obstruction," sighed Betty, the bride-elect.
"A positive obstruction," echoed

"We must just go ahead and trust to luck that all will be over before gets home," said Mrs. Aspyre, firmly.

Trusting to luck was all very well as a general principle, Betty reflected, but with father it was different. Father and luck didn't seem to go to-gether—with father it was safer to trust to some well-set design. "I'll get Oswald to help out with this," she said in a tone that indicated that her faith in Oswald's helping out powers was limitless. She called Oswald on the phone the morning of the tea.

"I want you to motor down to fa-ther's office about four o'clock this afternoon and entice him to go for a drive—a long, slow drive. Keep him out of the way till my trousseau tea is over. Father has a wretched habit of dropping in home at unexpected times and if he happened in and found me displaying my clothes I'm afraid there'd be slow music instead of a tea-you know how hopelessly old-fashioned father is. And don't forget that I'm entertaining the bridesmaids tonight, so get back with the car in time to take us to the theater." "But where will I drive your father

to?" asked the bewildered Oswald. "Tell him you want his advice about something in our bungalow, and take him out there—it tickles father half to death to be asked for his advice." "But I can take him out to the bungalow and back in half an hour," said Oswald.

"Well, think up something," urged Betty. "Show him some property you have for sale further out—away out—about five miles from a street car -he won't suspect anything. Anyway, don't let him get home till the tea is over. It will be a wonderful chance for you to impress him with your business ability-you know, dearie, you haven't made much of a hit with father so far."

"I'll say I haven't," admitted Oswald, miserably. "I want you to come out and see our bungalow and give me your advice about the best kind of walk to put down"-thus Oswald explained in his struction at the unusual hour of four in the afternoon. "I don't know much about walks myself."

"You probably will before we get back," replied Obstruction with more heartiness than he had ever before bestowed upon his prospective sonin-law, as with unexpected alacrity he jumped into the car.

"What have you got in the tank?" asked the Obstruction as the car crept slowly down the road.

Oswald. "Thought maybe it was molasses,"

he leaned comfortably back and lit a whip, gopher and garter snakes. Oswald did his best to impress the Obstruction with his business ability as well as the desirability as a fam-

ily attachment. The Love Nest was reached at last and duly inspected and approved by residence of his eldest daughter, and Oswald noted with an inward groan this trade alone. that it was only five o'clock. Versed as he was in the intricacies of trous-

seau teas he knew that the affair would be at the height of its glory snake venom and several kinds of just about the time they would reach the house if they returned at once. list I would like to show you," he said and Mexico. Tex spends about half with sudden inspiration. "I heard the his time traveling from one snake logirls say you thought of selling the cality to another, catching or buying

well run out and see it today." Cheerfully the Obstruction agreed, and the success of this further venture gave Oswald courage. After nearly an hour's slow drive Oswald swung his car in between two rather imposing-looking lamp posts and drew up before a much verandahed cottage from which the winter shutters had not yet been removed. He stood up in the car and in his most elegant declamatory manner pointed out to his companion the fine points of his property.

"The view from that tower is magnificent-magnificent," he said. He felt he was impressing father.

The Obstruction evinced much interest. "Ah, yes—the view from that tower -I'd like very much to see it. Have you the keys of the house with you?" Oswald blushed and searched in

many pockets. "I must have come away without

them," he stammered. "Just like a regular real estate agent," said the Obstruction with a dry little laugh. "Never mind, per-haps we'll find a door unlocked."

He jumped o t of the car and went around to the back of the cottage. In a moment he appeared and beckoned to Oswald.

"The kitchen door is unlocked," he said as he led the way inside.

agent had represented it and they enjoyed it in silence for a few minutes. Then, seemingly apropos of nothing, the Obstruction observed thoughtfully: "One thing I like about you, Oswald, is that you're a darned

And before Oswald could recover from the shock of this ambiguous compliment, the Obstruction had backed out of the room and closed and locked the door behind him.

As he swung the car out on to the road the Obstruction looked back and saw Oswald preparing to climb out of the tower by way of the veranda

"You'll know something about walks after today; it's five miles to a street car," he chuckled grimly.

At a quarter to eight the Obstruction honked the auto horn in front of his own residence and five ladies fluttered out and into the ca. before they noticed who the driver was.
"A real estate deal detained Oswald in the country," he explained, "so I

volunteered to drive you to the the-"How perfectly sweet of you,"

chirped the bridesmaids.
"Oswald has made a good impres sion on father," reflected Betty hap-

At the theater the Obstruction oc cupied the seat which was to have been Oswald's. There was some com-edy in the play, but not enough to account for the suppressed mirth with which he shook at frequent intervals.
Oswald very reluctantly accepted the Obstruction's invitation to visit him in his office the next day.

"Well, old man," said the host as he extended an unusually friendly hand, "since you and I have got to live together with those women I guess we'll have to stick together. My wretched habit of dropping home at unexpected times let me in on overhearing Betty commission you to keep me out of the way while the folderol follies were going on. I was curious to see how you would do it. The girls thin .. you made a hit with me yesterday, so we'll say nothing further about how you did it. In future, son, don't try to put anything over on the old man. That summer cottage you tried to sell me vesterday is my own prop-I like about you, Oswald, is that you're such a darned poor liar."

#### Texan Finds Raising of Snakes Profitable

Faced with heavy financial losses as the result of a grasshopper scourge which threatened to destroy their crops, ranchers of one of the great agricultural districts of South America sent a hurry-up call to the United States for aid. One of those who responded was Albert (Tex) Schu bach, former Texas ranger, who now operates a snake farm in Oakland

Calif. Schubach, together with other snake intrusion on the notice of the Obshipments of coachwhip snakes, totaling in value \$25,000, to the afflicted area. These snakes were turned loose and within a short time were credited with having destroyed or driven

out the grasshopper hordes.

Not only in South America but in the United States as well the demand for reptiles makes snake ranching a profitable business, Schubach says. Sideshows, farmers and Chinese doc tors are Schubach's best customers. "Why, gasoline, of course," answered To the first he supplies rattlesnakes, Gila monsters, moccasins and other venomous reptiles. Farmers purchase casually observed the Obstruction, as harmless types, such as tree, coach-

doctors buy live rattle snakes. They are placed in alcohol containers and allowed to "pickle" for three or four years. Applied to an afflicted joint, the alcoholized meat of these reptiles is a practically certain cure for rheumatism, oriental physithe Obstruction as a place of future cians claim. Last year Schubach sold more than \$600 worth of rattlers to

> Schubach sells snake hides for hatbands and belt coverings. In his spare moments he experiments with antidotes.

The reptiles on Schubach's ranch "I have a summer cottage on my are procured in California, Arizona one you have and buying another. If reptiles. The remainder of his time you can spare the time we might as is devoted to marketing his strange commodity and to giving demonstrations and lectures before schools, Boy Scouts and fraternal organizations -Nation's Business Magazine.

# Stock Your Harem

When Ted Wells, the newest Western star to rise above the horizon, first came to Hollywood, direct from the range, he had just as many wild notions about movie folk as most of the folks from the Far East.

"Funny," he remarked to a studio acquaintance, "what a difference the law of supply and demand makes. Now, where I come from, you don't see a good-looking woman in a ten-mile ride, but here in Hollywood, where they flock from all parts of the world, I see that they're seiling them, and dirt cheap at that!"

"Selling women in Hollywood? How do you get that way?" "They sure are!" asserted Ted. "Just down the road a piece there's a big sign that says, plain as day, 'Five gals for a dollar.' "—Los Angeles Times.

# Today Is Enough

Do today's duty, fight today's temptation; and do not weaken and distrust yourself by looking forward to things which you cannot see, and could not understand if you saw them. -Charles Kingsley.

### Representative Democracy Inadequate to Deal | Electrical Contractor With World's Great Problems

By PROF. HARRY ELMER BARNES, Smith College.

HE present political system of representative democracy has been proved by science and history to be inadequate for the solution of the economic, social and political problems of the nation. We must recognize the inadequacy of representative government, and we can remedy its defects by insisting upon special training for public service in the legislative and executive branches of government much

as in the present civil service. We must recognize the validity of the class system of voting, that is, proportional or weighted voting, to insure domination of the intellectual persons.

The assumptions on which democracy was based were: The relatively simple agricultural society of early America with correspondingly simple political and social problems, representative units of homogeneous nature without conflicting interests, the idea that all men are equal in capacity, the belief in justice and validity of universal suffrage, the conviction that all people have an ardent interest in politics and that they study carefully candidates and their qualities before voting, the idea that masses have a special capacity for sensing injustice and for leading crusades for reform, and the conception of isolation from international af-

Every one of these assumptions has been rendered invalid by the industrial revolution, and as a result the idea of representative democracy has been so changed that it is now useless. Only 50 per cent of the people now vote, and these have to be dragged out by politicians with threats. money, favors, prejudices, geographical arguments, conventions and social settings. The arguments of the parties now do nothing but paralyze intelligent selection of candidates.

Perhaps there will come a day, 1,000 years from now, when we will look back upon this system of representative democracy as the modern chemist looks back upon alchemy.

#### Science Has Thrown Light on Connecting Link Between Life and Death

By PROF. C. LOVATT EVANS, Famed Physiologist.

As many of our religious and philosophical beliefs are undoubtedly fulfillments of wishes I feel that it ultimately amounts to our decisions being dependent upon our individual temperaments or personal physi-

Science has made it possible to link up some of the phenomena of life with the phenomena of the nonliving, and thus approach the connecting link between life and death. Matter, energy, time, and space are in the melting pot, and out of it will come we know not what kind of strange relations one to another. Of one thing we may be sure, no final explana-

Implicit in the very potentialities of science, there is a gloomier side of the picture. Rapidly accumulating wealth of detailed knowledge demands increased specialization. Unless there is a period of intellectual stock taking there must inevitably be a loss of perspective and of grasp of great general principles.

### Religion Most Vitally Concerned With Problems the Yale Divinity school. That Affect Industry

By REV. CHARLES KENDALL GILBERT, New York (Episcopal).

To our austere Puritan ancestors the phrase, keep holy the Sabbath, meant to make that day hateful and dreaded to all except the ruthlessly pious and fanatic. Some such people living today would make Sunday a day of unnatural restraint and repression.

Interpreted by the spirit and precept of the Lord of the Sabbath to keep Sunday as a "holy day" is to make it a "helpful" day; a day of rest and refreshment for tired souls and bodies.

In the light of that same teaching, a holy life is a life of helpfulness; not a life of strained exercises in piety, but a life patterned after that Life which was supremely holy because it was supremely helpful and made for the enrichment of the life of fellow men.

The church is inseparably linked with labor and its needs and religion is vitally concerned with problems that affect the relationship of men in the realms of industry.

#### Present Mode in Women's Clothing Has Been of Material Benefit to Humanity

By DR. PAUL STRASSMAN, University of Berlin.

Numerous women's ailments are disappearing as a result of the athletic type of clothing now decreed by fashion. Mode rules the world, and the accident that caused strangling corsets and other torturing apparel to be thrown into discard has been a boon to humanity.

Anemia is one of the diseases that has almost entirely disappeared since more sensible clothing has been in vogue. The day of the tall, willowy, lily-like figure, topped by a pale bloodless face, that was once considered the height of fashion, has given way to a sort of mellow plumpness or roundness of the figure, well-developed muscles and firm, nourished tissue, set off by a vivacious face, ruddy with the glow of health.

Cancer, one of the enemies of mankind that has been fostered by civilization, is almost unknown among certain savage tribes that regard clothing from the standpoint of a necessity, rather than a medium for expression of personality and gratification of vanity.

#### Lack of Religious Training Accountable for Prevalence of Youthful Criminals

By HARRY C. HONECK, New York Jail Warden.

Children form the controlling class of society and to a great extent they dominate criminal life, too. In other generations, parents governed their children, but nowadays children govern their parents, for good or bad, and they have no intention of relinquishing control.

Even in Brooklyn, where the problem of crime and youth is improving, the youngsters dominate, but Brooklyn is the great church borough and the churches are beginning to regain their grip on the children. Last year almost two-thirds of all crime in the borough was committed by girls and boys between sixteen and twenty-one.

This year I'm hoping this will be reduced by 10 per cent or more. Lack of religious training and general education accounts for most of the youthful criminals and of course environment is a big factor, too. But there are indications of a religious revival among the young of all

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B. M. Young and other prominent The bugle was issued originally to Witchey by the army as a part of his equipment, but the day after he blew the taps at the grave of the Unknown Soldier he bought the horn back from the quartermaster for \$2.50. He had the bugle gold-plated and now he engraves on it all the important events at which it is blown, with the dates.

### Joy of Labor The only things worth having in this old vale of tears and laughter are

those you have to work at least a little to get, and we suppose a really intelligent mosquito would rather have the girls wearing stockings than not.—Ohio State Journal.

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