

Little Journeys in Americana

By LESTER B. COLBY

America's First "Sob Sister"

MANY women have lived in history because of beauty, wit, or other charm that made them loved of men. Few women have come walking down the corridors of Time, their fame far-flung because of the acidity of their wrath. Such a woman wrote history in Washington. She has been dead now three-quarters of a century. I am speaking of Anne Royall!

Anne Royall might be called America's first "sob sister." She was the nation's first writing newspaper woman. She was the first woman in the United States to own and edit her own newspaper. She was indicted, tried and convicted as a common scold—the last under the law. She was sentenced to be ducked, though the sentence was never carried out.

John Quincy Adams, one-time President, handed down a morsel to posterity when he described her as being: "Like a virago errant in enchanted armor, redeeming herself from the cramps of indigence by the notoriety of her eccentricities and the forced currency of her publications."

Public men didn't like Anne Royall. She was the widow of a Revolutionary soldier from Virginia. She appeared in Washington in 1824 asking for a widow's pension. She was denied it and grew embittered. Finally, getting hold of a tumble-down printing press and some battered type, she launched herself upon her career.

At first her small weekly was called the Washington Paul Pry. Later it was renamed the Huntress. All who earned her ill will she accused in it with abandon. A contemporary, reminiscent in his later years, wrote of her:

"She was the terror of politicians, especially congressmen. I can see her now, tramping through the halls of the old Capitol, umbrella in hand, seizing upon every passerby and offering her book for sale. Any public man who refused to buy was sure of a severe philippic in her newspaper."

None escaped her. It was said that she forced her way into the presence of every President from the time of her arrival until 1854, when she died. All public men who paid her tribute, some have claimed, reaped glowing mention in her columns. But woe be to those who refused.

As age crept on she grew more unlovely still, and the acids of her wrath bit deeper. At last she became so unendurable that a grand jury formally indicted her. She was tried before Judge William Cranch in Circuit court.

The law which made possible the ducking of scolds, long forgotten, was dragged from oblivion as especially suitable for governing her case, and Washington prepared for a hippodrome. With the old crane in their power, however, the idea ceased to hold its humor with her tormentors.

In the end her punishment was commuted to a fine and imprisonment and she was not subjected to the greater indignity. Though she never profited much and died poor, Anne Royall, in the example she set, hatched out a breed of contemptible journalists that persisted for many years. In fact, they are not quite all dead.

Yet she is not entirely without honor. She did originate the personal type of interview and she must go down in history as the first woman in her field. And none who ever felt the searing of her white-hot brand ever forgot that here was a woman who could fight.

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Nature Doesn't Remind Us of Shortcomings

It is unfortunate that nature doesn't make us immediately uncomfortable when we neglect our bodies as does the bank or the merchant when we fail to produce in 30, 60 or 90 days. Think what a different world it would be, for instance, if the discomfort following the omission of daily exercise or a daily exposure to the sun, or a daily cold bath, or a daily two-mile walk in 30 minutes, were as acute and compelling and filled with desire as are the sensations that follow the omission of one's accustomed meals for 24 hours.

Turning the Tables

He had been out of work for quite a long time, but eventually his luck had turned, and he secured a position as driver on a corporation bus service.

On the morning of his first day's duty the bus had gone a few miles when an inspector boarded it. The latter was surprised to find the vehicle empty, but the conductor explained that it had not stopped once since leaving the depot.

"Has nobody tried to stop your bus?" asked the inspector of the driver.

"No, sir."
"Nobody put up their hand to you?"
"Oh, yes," returned the other, "there's been a lot of folk wavin' to me at various corners, but I ignored 'em. They wouldn't speak when I was out o' work."—London Answers.

Guam Folk Ask Citizenship

Manila, P. I.—On a little island in the middle of the Pacific ocean, 17,000 persons are asking to be admitted to citizenship in the United States. They are the Chamorros, natives of Guam.

Under United States sovereignty, but still not of it, this group of people is in an anomalous position.

Since their country was acquired by the United States following the Spanish-American war, the Chamorros have been under the rule of what is virtually a dictatorship exercised by governors who are presidential appointees. They have a congress elected by the people and subject to the approval of the governor, which makes no laws and comes to no decisions, the members of the assembly acting merely in

the capacity of an advisory body.

The island of Guam is not bound by the laws of the United States. It recognizes a prohibition law, but it is a local one, not the eighteenth amendment nor the Volstead act. The penal code enforced in Guam has been adopted from that of the Philippine Islands.

The system of courts and law enforcement is directly under the supervision of the governor. He appoints the judges and there is no jury system.

According to Capt. L. S. Shapley, U. S. N., who recently completed a three years' term as governor of Guam, the natives of Guam need apologize to no nation in the world in the matter of law and order.

Petty crime is rare, he says, and major crime almost unheard of.

Of the total population more than half live in the city of Agaña, the only recognized municipality on the island. The others are scattered in the outlying districts. The island is divided into districts, each one under the supervision of a commissioner elected by the people. He serves also as congressman, mayor and police judge of his district. These supervisors are directly responsible to the governor.

Economically and commercially the people are not advanced. Educationally they are ambitious. Schooling, under the supervision of natives, is compulsory for all between the ages of seven and twelve and a high school has lately graduated its first class.

Despite the fact that the Chamorros are backward economically, they nevertheless are independent. It is estimated that about 95 per cent of the heads of families in Agaña own their own homes in addition to other lands which they utilize for the growth of necessary food and their one export, copra.

Twins Win Cup at Annual Roundup



Leo and Theo Bogant of Corvallis, Ore., are leap year twins, having been born February 29, 1916. They were awarded a cup at the recent annual twins roundup held at Albany, Ore. Two hundred and eight sets of twins took part.

Jamaica to Restore Palace

Kingston, Jamaica, W. I.—The King's House, historic structure of the West Indies, is to be rebuilt after centuries of neglect. Once the residence of noblemen and the rendezvous of the elite of Jamaica, the King's House stands in Spanishtown, a remnant of bygone glories.

The building was swept by fire in October, 1925. Little more than a shell now remains of the stately mansion, once regarded as "the noblest edifice of its kind in the Western hemisphere." The handsome facade, with its dignified columns of Portland stone and pavement of white marble, withstood the fire. The structure stands on a square the north side of which is graced by an open temple and colonnade enclosing the elder Bacon's statue of George Brydges Rodney, the "Savior of the West Indies."

The King's House was designed by Craswell, the engineer of the islands, during the administration of Gov. Sir Henry Moore, about 1754. It became the residence of many governors. Its cost was over \$100,000. Not until 1870 did the glory of the King's House fade. During the administration of

Gov. Sir John Peter Grant the seat of government was removed to Kingston.

In this house Jamaica gathered on his majesty's birthday for the king's ball, where such was the decorum that the Royal Gazette announced that "no gentleman can possibly be admitted in boots or otherwise improperly dressed."

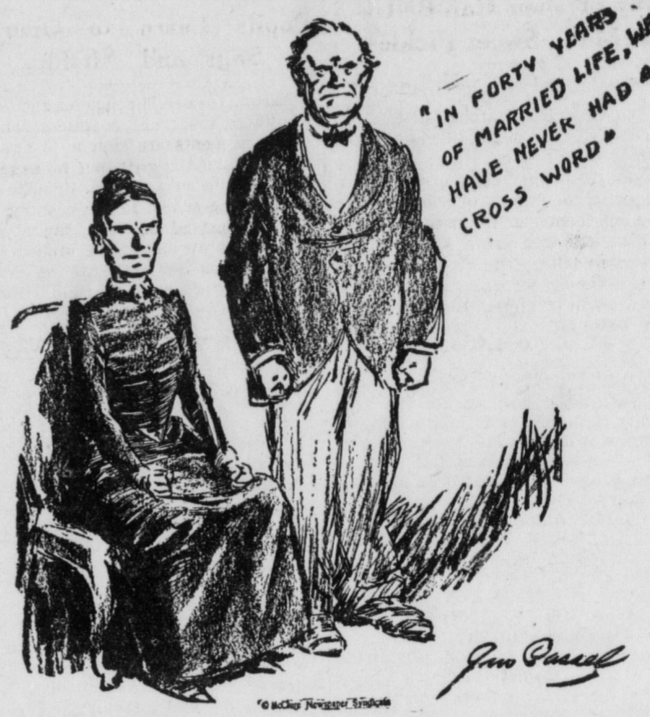
On the portico the Lady Nugent, the delightful diarist, was received by Lord Balcarras, upon her arrival here in 1801. The big Hall of Audience is depicted by Wickstead in a famous painting. The salon was an apartment of noble proportions adorned with busts of poets and philosophers.

On the walls were costly gilt girandoles to carry candles. At the north end was a minstrel's gallery where a band played on festive occasions.

Lady Nugent, in her diary, speaks of the governor from whom her husband took over the administration: "I wish Lord B. would wash his hands and use a nail brush, for the black edges of his finger nails made me positively ill. He has besides an extraordinary propensity to dip his fingers in every dish at table."

Seagulls from the Great Salt lake destroyed approximately 40 per cent of Utah's cherry crop, a survey shows.

Harmless Lies



China's Rain God Proves Power

Hankow, China.—Peasants in Wuhan and throughout Hupeh province were overjoyed recently at the end of a six-month drought which menaced their agricultural crops with complete destruction.

Triumphantly the native farmers addressed their district magistrates: "Did we not tell you that nationalism must not interfere with the worship of gods and that if we want rain and a splendid harvest we must offer prayers to the god of rain and refrain from eating meat for seven days? Now China can plunge into any adventure, but to force the people to discontinue the practice of praying for rain would be a foolish

policy and would result in a national calamity." The drought in Hupeh affected many districts. In several large towns

the rice crops were ruined by the lack of rain and famine set in. It was when the drought began to take serious toll of the crops in and around Wuhan and a rice crisis threatened that the farmers, with the backing of the merchants, planned a monster meeting at which united prayer would be offered to the god of rain and god of harvest.

In the past such meetings were held whenever there was lack of rain, but under the Kuomintang rule, the authorities withheld permission, contending that it was purely a superstitious practice.

The controversy went on for over a month, but as the drought continued and the situation grew serious the local officials finally gave in and the united worship of the rain god was held.

Curiously enough, rain fell and the drought broke just a day after the mass meeting. The farmers and the promoters of the mass meeting were satisfied that the downpour was the direct result of their prayers.



Maj. Dan I. Sultan, of the office of the chief of engineers of the army, who has been placed in charge of the engineering battalion, numbering 400 officers and men, ordered to duty in Central American jungles to survey the route of the proposed \$1,000,000,000 Nicaragua canal.

DIPPING INTO SCIENCE

Beetles. The largest groups of insects in the universe is that of the beetle. There are some 150,000 different species, almost a tenth of that number in the United States. The word beetle means "biter," indicating the insects' ability of fighting and working with its mouth. Some beetles can scarcely be seen while others are about four inches in length.

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Hypnotized and Married. Lancaster, Ohio.—The tale of an alleged modern Enoch Arden was revealed in a divorce petition filed here by Mrs. Zetta E. Worl against Christopher Worl. Mrs. Worl alleged that Worl came to her rooming house, representing himself as an unmarried man and after exercising what she believed a hypnotic power over her induced her to marry him.

Named for Princess. The city of Augusta, Ga., was named by Gen. James Edward Oglethorpe, British colonizer of Georgia, in honor of the daughter of George II.

NEW BROADTAIL COAT



One of the new coats of broadtail with a most unusual shawl collar, cut much longer on one side than the other, and trimmed with white fox fur.

Such is Life by Charles Squire. Fair Enough!

BOYS, DO YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS TO BOYS WHO PLAY MARBLES AND USE BAD LANGUAGE? OH, H—YOU KNOW HOW 'EM ALL!

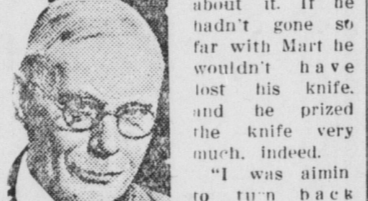
SURE THEY GROW UP AND PLAY GOLF!

CHARLES SQUIRE

TURNING BACK

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

Fayre in Maristan Chapman's "Happy Mountain" had lost his knife and he was sulking about it. If he hadn't come so far with Mart he wouldn't have lost his knife, and he prized the knife very much, indeed.



"I was aintin to turn back about here any way," he explained, regretting, as many of us do, his foolish action. "Ern I'd known a step or two back all I know now, I'd a gone back afore." How many of us would! But in life

there is no retracing our steps. If we have wandered from the path, if we have made a foolish step, we must go on from where we are and pay the price of our error.

Barker has made a miserable failure of his first year in college. He has put off doing his tasks until the last minute; he has wasted his opportunities hoping before the end of the year to sprint up and finish the race with some sort of credit to himself. He has got into some habits which are not helpful through his inability to say no. Now he is in the same state of mind as Fayre was—if he had known a step or two back all he knows now, he would have done very differently.

"Can't I forget what I've done, and start all over again as a freshman?" he asks me. "I know, if I started over again I could make good."

It is impossible both for Barker and for Fayre and me. No one can get away from his past. Wherever he goes and whatever he does he must start from where he is now, handicapped by the mistakes he has made or pushed ahead by his successes.

Mc'ord began drinking when he

was a young fellow—moderately, of course, and with no intention of ever having the habit fasten itself upon him. He had never had too much before he was thirty, he would have said, though his statement would not have been wholly accurate, but it is true that he was seldom before that time seriously under the influence of liquor.

Now he is fifty or more and he is known about town as the village drunkard. He is talented, ambitious, he has more than the average amount of formal education, but he gets nowhere. People have no confidence in him; they shake their heads when any mention is made of him. He has lost the race.

"If I had known thirty years ago what I know now," he said to a friend not long ago, "I'd never have touched the stuff. And now it is impossible for me to turn back. I must go on in the path I have chosen, hoping only that the road ahead will be smoother, the hills less steep, the prospect more pleasing. If I had only known back there a step or two!"

There is no turning back. (© 1929, Western Newspaper Union.)

A FAMILY DOCTOR'S LAXATIVE IS BEST



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FOR HEAD COLDS USE DIPSOL

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Don't quarrel with the cook until after you have dined.



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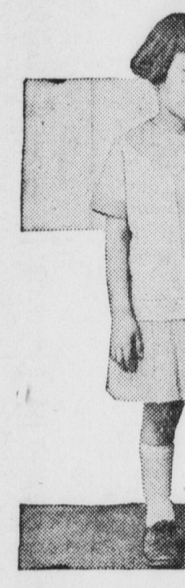
ASTHMA DR. J. D. KELLOGG'S ASTHMA REMEDY. One of the new coats of broadtail with a most unusual shawl collar, cut much longer on one side than the other, and trimmed with white fox fur.

TWO-PIECE FOR SC

Practical Gar and Tan C

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture)

She's ready for kindergarten or a practical little two-piece tan cotton poplin, or fourteen, she dress of this type, brother, who has straight trousers in skirt, will probably waists after the top part of the dress, easy to make put on. It is cut sleeve without any der. Therefore, it seams are sewn up flat on a table and fitted to it, basted place. The skirt of green the trimming, is on waist so that it hangs. Mother puts in this waist, so the tuck down as the skirt is stitched apart, with a long the first row of stitching the skirt drops at



Good Type of Two-

be possible to lend more at another time allowance should be of the blouse, either broad hem, or a gentle inside the hem. Large round buttons crocheted or cord closing. They can be managed by the little vision for self-help, portrait feature of for children, as the bureau of home States Department of bureau has no pattern but any mother could kimono type pattern. Any preferred materials might be plain broadcloth for mings, and printed blouse. Bloomers of the darker material

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(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture) A roast meat then the guesswork from piece of meat to the doneness. It can be or sirloin roasts of with leg of lamb, thermometers, which for a relatively marked to indicate be rare, medium, or small cut is first mac portion of the raw row knife or a skew eter is then thrust enough for the bulk ter of the meat. It the meat is cooked wanted. Whenever met is cooked in the results will be the housewife can be sure whether she does or has some one else

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