SECOND THOUGHTS

GIMME A MATCH — By FRED M. KIEFER –

If it is true that you can tell the kind of person a man is by the company that he keeps then Page Six is a sufficiently safe moral harbour for

It is also, presumably, true that no one of the columnists on the sheet could very often agree with another. But that, to be sure, is what makes participation interesting. If we all thought the same way we would all probably say the same things and as a consequence some of us would get fired, Mr. Rees' kind words to the contrary.

THE LOW DOWN FROM

HICKORY GROVE

I just been reading

some more about Uncle

Samuel and his ventures

into business, and boy, he

ing is about a deal down

near Boston where the

Govt. wanted to start an-

other housing project. So

they bought out the Bo-

hemia Club there, for 18

thousand dollars. But in

order to get going on the

proect, they had to get rid

of the clubhouse, so they

sold the building back to

the Bohemians for 105

dollars. The club moved

it across the street to a

vacant lot. Brother, that

is financing, a la Samuel.

Jo, don't get too excited—

calm yourself. The Govt.

gourd research makes

your clubhouse financing

look sick, he says. The pa-

per says the Govt. look-

ed into the idea of using

gourds for bird houses.

And they finally deducted

and decided that the size

of the gourd should be in

proportion to the size

of the bird, for it was

found useless to invite a

large bird to nest in a

I musta looked kinda

dubious, or something, be-

cause Henry says, alright,

read it yourself-here it is

in this Florida newspaper.

Yours with the low down,

RICOCHETS

-By Rives Matthews-

bums between 18 and 21 who have

We know of several cases where

just beginning to be successful, or

who have reached their peacetime

such a danger is immediate and im-

minent, it seems to us that it would

out of their peacetime tasks to train

the country has so many young men

who would not be thus penalized,

and who would actually be bene-

If it is trained reservists we need,

then it seems to us that the young-

pend a year's training now on the

capture their skillss.

JO SERRA.

small gourd.

But my neighbor says,

The latest I been read-

takes the cake.

This particularly applies to javie aiche, Rives Matthews and myself who find it impossible to keep our necks in when the political omnibus passes down the street. Edna Blez has a corner on her neat, sensitive and excellent writing and cannot be included with the trio mentioned. Nor would it be seemly to do so since, if Mr. Matthews is anything like Mr. aiche and the writer, our private conversation would turn the lady's heart to stone.

That the conductor of "Second Thoughts" is as versatile a chap as ever changed affiliations not even his enemies (if he has any) could deny. javie really goes to town when he hits his rhyming stride. His poetry is good poetry. Not comparable, of course, to those mysterious, fogbound illusions found in Browning but fine, American poetic expression. I have always got more pleasure from Robert W. Service than from Browning, anyhow.

So far as Mr. aiche's political spell-binders are concerned I shall try to combat them in their proper place between now and November. But how far can a one-language man get with a fellow who translates from the Polish, Lithuanian, Sanskrit and Bessarabian? You may be interested to have the free translation of that last line of Mr. aiche's in last week's "Second Thoughts", which, incidentally and according to Mr. aiche is from the Bessarabian. After considerable difficulty I ran down a Bessarabian Prince in Sloppy Tony's at Harvey's Lake last Saturday evening and here is the English for the quotation, "Where the Greeks have failed, John will make

Appropos of this line, Mrs. Kiefer thanks Mr. aiche but begs him remember that her husband will accompany her and armed to the teeth in the bargain.

Now, this man is an opponent of sky-reaching ability himself so imagine my dismay at finding myself sandwiched between two Democrats last week. Rather, let us say, between a Democrat-Mr. aicheand a New Dealer-Mr. Matthews. However, I take some relief from the belief that Mr. Matthews is slightly befuddled. If I am not mistaken the Maryland editor was anti-Roosevelt some few months ago. His present geographical situation, no doubt, accounts for his agile som- the large organs of public opinion

no personal quarrel with Democrats. draft bill now before our legislators Be it here understood that I have They may pay political obeisance to in Washington. The speed with whom they will. "I shall neither whom they will. "I shall neither copy their humility nor disturb their devotion." (Quote: Tom Paine) their devotion." (Quote: Tom Paine) their devotion." (Quote: Tom Paine)

Then, too, from a late editorial in Are we in grave danger of an at-Willkie," I am led to suspect that a they know in Washington the rest little assistance may be forthcoming of the country is obliged to take on if the going gets too tough. Be that faith? Why must we have 400,000 as it may, as long as you good peo- men under arms by October 1st? ple back here stand as steadfast And why should they be men be-Republicans, I feel that I shall come tween 21 and 31, if we are not in out all right in the end. And don't danger of an immediate declaration let anyone fool you—not even Mr. of war? Why not take the young-Matthews-Willkie is our next Pres- sters leaving high schools, all the ident. And this is said not to dis- pool room and drugstore corner courage Eph McCoy.

If this is incoherent—and I sadly not yet made themselves valuable feel it is—there's an excuse. I am to society and to themselves, and currently afflicted with a hard case give them a year's military trainof mental saddle-sores at the prospect of a three weeks' horse-back year from now on as they leave high thumping that lies ahead. Besides, school or college? sufficiently brilliant lately to goad grave hardships would be worked if me into party action.

THE SAFETY

This column is open to everyone. Letters should be plainly written and signed.

Editor:

refer, of course, to javie aiche's clos- irreparable hardship on many in ing line last week: "Neglesna vod- this group. nek marduk jedna." What is it, double talk?

Curious

(No double talk, Neglesna vodnek marduk jedna is a Bessarabian corruption of the Rumanian maxim which means "Angels, when among men, should wear armor." Editor.)

Editor:

I imagine I will not be the only fited by a year of army discipline, one to criticize your choice of il- if we were to begin this compulsory lustration for the front page of last military training gradually, and week's Post. Is there not enough gradually make it a part of the patinteresting material for pictures tern of every American's path to with a bang and henceforth are usethese days without resorting to a manhood. display of half-clad girls?

(Being a bachelor, the Editor is particularly susceptible to pictures of beautiful girls. He will be more careful in the future, though.)

Beneath The Honor I Have Wept

And Yet, By Gum, I Do Accept Dear Eph McCoy and Abram Pike And not forgetting Cap Chris Rice:

Committeeman's a job I like, Your choice of me was mighty

We'll buck the line, we'll skin the

And do it in a manner hearty, Just tell us when it's time to go-Yip, yip, yee-ow! The Buckskin

I'm teaming with Ralph Hazeltine, I'll pace along with Joe MacVeigh, The prospect never was more fine

We'll freeze out Willkie, Rose-a-velt We'll leave so cold he'll need a The campaign in the frontier belt

For pioneering. Hip, hooray!

Is in the bag, says Fred M. Kiefer. Our platform is the core, the pith Of common sense. I'll take the

I'll buttonhole with Herb A. Smith And I'll orate with Clyde N. Lapp. This Heffernan, half cow, half goat, Was schooled, they say, by Mister

Dooley, I'm out to help him milk the vote With Sherman's heir, good Doctor Schoolev.

We'll jazz with youth and make it hot. The distaff vote? We'll meet 'er,

son. On terms of Junior D. T. Scott And Henry W. Peterson.

We jest can't lose, we've got to win And say, there shouldn't be muchta

This fight at all, we'll romp right in, The whole of us and Michael Kuchta.

What DO you want? we'll ask the only God knows, but when last folk. That's what they'll get. We'll

pledge it so. A Buckskin promise ain't no joke. Them other parties fall so low They build a platform jest for fun But ours is small enough to tote-Away from it, that's how they run, Kiefer has recited it from the top-We sample ours with every vote.

Yip, yip, yee-ow! Hip, hip hooray! Jest point them out, the dad- approval. That other big-gun Nimgummed foe.

We'll scalp them in the injun way, The way we did long years ago. From Campbell's Ledge to Coxe's pelts of wild-cats, has reserved Bluff

And Tilbury of Chief McCarty We'll show them that they can't bailiwick whose votes he engineers get tough. With us, the U. S. Buckskin Party. where every man is dictator to his

Your correspondent has discov- But, what your correspondent has ered that sponsorship by the metro- to offer, other than his acceptance politan press means a tidal-wave of of appointment to the National Comdemands for more clippings than are mittee of the Buckskin Party, is a To us it seems strange so few of afforded by the routine distribution suggestion that The Post respond of New York newspapers in Luzerne to a demand. Somebody has been have devoted much editorial atten-County. So he has referred to passing around the "Ballade of Fution to the proposed compulsory "Sammy on the Square" the late tillity" which your correspondent petitioners for copies of "The Pinch authored for The Conning Tower of Hitter," as elegantly published in Franklin P. Adams months ago, the which this measure is being pushed the New York Herald-Tribune of publication being, of course, in The

e'll Take tack from Herr Hitler? What is it pondent is weary of typing and signing at-home reproductions. Since The Post was first with "I I'm out of town when the Chief goes Love The United States," as it was "The Pinch Hitter," it may be with somewhat in confirmation of editorial judgment to know that repro-

of that opus has been followed by its adoption for school-room reading at ing band. Marywood College, the parochial When joy's afloat I'm the desert schools of Pittston City and the public schools of Wheeling, West Vir-At sea when ashore are thrills ginia. What else may happen to it

"AND YOU WENT FOR A WALK ON A SUPER-HIGHWAY!"

The motorist is protected by an all-steel body,

but the walker hasn't even a strong bumper.

heard of the tribute of devotion to

a grand country was being posed

rod, Chester Krushefski of Newport

Township, who ought to be with

Freddie but contents himself with

MacDonald at Hollywood.

own destiny—we hope.

javie aiche

before Nelson Eddy and Jeannette

This column will not recognize it The team's behind in the ninth and, as a fait accompli until sometime in September he has heard that Fred

most peak of the northwestern Rockies, with a camp-fire as footlights and grizzly bears to growl

the stand. pand-Emonium

judgment as to what shall be done by the school authorities of the spanned.

I'm never there in the nick of to the greater glory of the land

> purchase tickets at prices high But no award does my luck com- Francisco.

The agent who leaves my desk will

shield are scanned. Find there a lemon, mayhap a

lime, I'm not at home when the show's brand.

I'm never there in the nick of

MY DAYS OF DAYS By Blanche A. Lamberson Noxen

shines, Tho' behind a cloud it may be. There is never a day but some bless-

God bestows on you and me. There is never a day but some privilege

Oh! Lord, make this my day of days, Help me to reach my goal.

To help some poor sin sick soul.

If you know of one thing that gives beauty, In this drab old world of ours,

If you know one thing that gives brilliance. Like an everlasting star,

If you know one thing that gives fragrance Like a sweet and dewy flower, Spread it o'er God's world like a

rainbow That comes after a refreshing show-

bring happiness, To some sick and storm-tossed soul, If you know one thing of kindness That will help them do their best, Spread it oe'r their world like sun-

Faith in God will do the rest.

FREEDOM

The columnists and contributors on this page are allowed great latitude in expressing their own opinions, even when their opinions are at variance with those of The Post

THE SENTIMENTAL SIDE - By EDITH BLEZ-

Have you ever heard of Ruth and Bill Albee? Of course you haven't but I hope you will want to know more about them after I tell you their story. I happened on the Albees quite unexpectedly. I found them in the library on one of the terrifically hot nights last week. I couldn't manage to find a cool spot so I decided to find something cool to read and when my eyes lit on "Alaska Challenge" I didn't hesitate for one minute. I didn't even read the blurb on the jacket of the cover because I suspected if the book was about Alaska it must have a few cold chapters!

But I was quite unprepared for what went on between the covers of a book which didn't appear to be very exciting. I enoyed every page of it and when I finished was quite disappointed that there were not a few more pages, so I could find out what the Albees did after they arrived in San Francisco

should be on their way. They had "itchy" feet.

couple. What they wanted they of his men. went after in a big way. They spent The cheering crowd and the blar- most of their money on equipment and began walking to Alaska. You might believe by this time that Ruth plenty of experience tramping the wilderness but her health was real-In gear reverse are my journeys husband was a victim of fallen to that chinax when the from the fallen trol will break. Jay Crabtree, Walarches, but they wanted to walk to I'm never there in the nick of Alaska and walk to Alaska they did!

They were warned from the very robots of his men. The first two men up to bat are it, that there wasn't even a map tense personal element are some And next in line is the pitcher, I succeeded in getting through the which should be of interest to young Get up from my seat and leave route they planned to take but Ruth people. The book is neither a psy-I'm hardly out of the park when thing like that bother them. They nor a chronicle of jazz music. It is rings, the heavens would not be discouraged!

When they reached the destina-The break that we needed to tie is tion they had planned as their goal they wanted to go on farther but they were stopped by the advent of To win the Sweepstakes I often try, Ruth busied herself with the rou- plain "the Livermore formula for map the race like McNally's Rand, tine of keeping house and raising a combining time element and price.'

with their adventuring! A small trated with charts in color, and gen-Eskimo village was badly in need erally useful. Anyone with money An office ticket, shared dime by of a school teacher and when Bill to invest-particularly some one It captures one of the prizes grand. didn't hesitate for one minute. They and a keen interest in safety—will I'm never there in the nick of both taught and in addition to do well to study this valuable little teaching, Bill was the village doc- work. tor, in fact, he had so many titles Prince, when my scroll and my he never knew just who he was supposed to be.

Imagine two young people under taking such a tremendous task, par-Count me as one with the hard-luck ticularly in a village where even the language was strange. But the Albees were a huge success. They had another baby and they spent a fine year trying to teach Eskimo children English. I hope I have given you enough of "Alaska Challenge" to encourage you to read it because the Albees are really worth getting acquainted with. It seems impossible that one couple could do so much but I am beginning to believe that There is never a day but the sun truth is really stranger than fiction!

BOOKS

"Piano in the Band". Dale Curran. Reynal & Hitchcock. \$2.00. 261 pages.

The story of jazz, its originators, followers and musicians, has always But I am ahead of my story and been an interesting one. From the all good stories should begin at days of the Dixie-Land Jazz Band the beginning. Ruth and Bill Albee and the great "Bix", American were just an ordinary couple but youth has gone through a period of there was one difference between hero-worship—the heroes being the them and the general run of young leaders of the bands. In "Piano in married couples. They were adven- the Band" Dale Curran brings us turers—adventurers who were very one of these band-leaders, but from much bored with the dull routine the other side of the stand, as it of domesticity. They had been mar- were. We see Jeff Walters, not ried two years when they decided through the eyes of his enthusiastic the time had arrived when they public, but through the eyes of his musicians. And the picture is not very little money but they had stout altogether a pleasant one. For Jeff hearts, plenty of courage and Walters is not altogether a pleasant person. As a leader he is magnifi-Of course their people thought cent, successfully producing the kind the Albees were completely out of of music that gives him a following their minds but what other people wherever he is. But as a man, as a thought never bothered this young "boss", he is hated and feared by all

How the already tense atmosphere fairly crackles when Frenchy, a onetime member of the band, returns Albee was a strong girl who had by George Baker, the "piano" in the with his beautiful wife, is related band. Each man seems to sense that ly nothing to brag about, and her to that climax when the iron conters' great trumpet player, didn't help the situation, and his satirical, They walked through almost un- mocking notes clearly mirrored his broken wilderness for 10 weeks. feeling toward this leader who made

beginning that they wouldn't make Interspersed with this rather they could use. No one had really spots of jam sessions and jass lingo and Bill Albee didn't let a little chological study of jazz musicians had made up their minds and they a little of both and that makes it interesting.

How to Trade in Stocks. By Jesse L. Livermore, Duell Sloan & Pierce. \$2.50.

Jesse L. Livermore, long famous a new arrival, and they settled down as a successful stock market operain Nome, where Bill got a job and tor has written a short book to exfamily a good many miles from San Nobody can learn all about the stock market from any book, but But the Albees were not finished this one is short, easily read, illuswas asked to take the position Ruth with not too much money to invest

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SCRAPBOOK

men between 21 and 31 were to be I was just thinking. It's not so called in this first draft. We know good to get angry, but isn't it fun of men in this group who are per- when you make up again? Say, forming useful social functions, what thrill is there to compare? whose places would be hard to fill, Each one was entirely to blame of should they be called away to drill course; not the other. It's great to and shoulder arms. And we wonder be man enough to apologize.

whether some of them, after their It does take strength too, to ask draft period was up, would be able for forgiveness for a wrong. Our to get back their old jobs, or to re- pride doesn't let us think we are wrong. But the man who will win, The next group to be called, we is the man who gives in, for the understand, is the 31 to 45 group. sake of auld lang syne. This age period finds men who are

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success. To take them away from If I have caused the teardrops All right! What does it mean! I their normal pursuits would inflict Down your dear cheeks to start, If I have robbed you of the joy That once was in your heart. No one, of course, with any pa-If I have spoken words so harsh triotic feelings at all would try to That made you wonder how keep out of going off to fight an I could be so mean and cold, enemy should this nation be attack-I hope you'll understand it now. ed, but until we can be shown that

Forgive me dear, for each hard word That pierced your wounded soul, be highly unfair to take everyone Forgive me dear, if I have made A burden on your roll. them against an eventuality, when But please believe me when I say 'Twas all for your own good; To urge you on to better things, And help you on life's road.

> Some people are like toy balloons When they are pricked they go off

It's all right to reach the top of er we start training them the bet- the ladder, but if you jump around ter and that it would be folly to ex- too much, it'll break.

A dime may be smaller than a middle aged group, whose military usefulness will diminish more rap- cent but it's worth ten times as

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I miss the hue and I miss the cry,

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You don't need bank references

to borrow trouble.

Getting back to this matter of If you know one thing that will forgiveness, isn't it small matters that cause words anyway? Are we so small that some petty thing can get us arguing with someone we

Here's a good text: "Readily forgiving one another, if any has a grievance against another." Colos-

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