## SECOND THOUGHTS

By javie aiche

When he was in the halls of national legislation we called John J. Dempsey the third Luzerne County Congressman; that, of course, being due to J. Harold Flannery already holding portfolio from us, and John Steven McGroarty having equal rights by grace of the voters of California, who perhaps had forgotten he was born in Miner's Mills and once served as Luzerne County Treasurer. Demp-

sey should be broadened; he should sions of OPA, either, because as a Dear Howard: be designated the new Patrick loser on the right side he immedi- I guess it is about time that I

cracy of Washington, and the min- of share-the-misery regulations. ions of oppression, to arrest any citizen of my commonwealth and stop at the farm of Henry Gregoire, been grand so far this fall. We get away with punishing him." in Bristol, and see barns as big as have had just one little snow flurry That's John J. Dempsey speaking, circus tents, bulging with corn and so far although heavy frosts are When he said "this is an oil State" oats he can't afford to feed to beef present most every morning. he really should have changed from cattle; beef cattle of Struthers Jones These days are the kind that get an impersonal to a personal pro- lean and hungry because they can't in my blood as the leaves are down noun; he should have said "Mine is get the corn; the plains pounded to and the ducks and geese are flying. an oil State" because he was speak- dust by the surplus herds that no The ringnecks just tantalize an old ing in Springfield, Illinois, and not one wants to market at a loss and hunter when they crow early in the in New Mexico, to a group of news corn growers will not feed because crisp morning air and fly about un-

life want oil State people to draw OPA restrictions. I have been five storing up wood for that winter rations and hold back their cars to days among these cattle and corn weather that is just around the 35 miles an hour. That's nonsense. kings, and where once their stake corner here. I guess I had better Any man who knows the construc- (spell it both ways) was in beef it stop writing about such things or tion of the modern-day internal is now in beefing about the plight I will have myself and a lot of combustion engine is aware that they are in. You will understand it other fellows tempted to go A. W. motor cars ,even in 1941, were made next winter when you will not be O. L. I guess we won't have to to travel at a minimum speed of 45 able to buy a beef roast or a prime worry about the scarcity of game miles an hour. That's why New Mex- steak for anything short of an act for a while if the shell situation is ico adopted that as a speed maxi- of treason. mum on commonwealth highways. To drive a car at 35 wears down the engine; it does not wear down the tires to drive at 45, no matter what these bureaucrats and trespassers on human rights may say to the contrary. In New Mexico, sir, my citizens, and you too, when you come there, will drive with all the gas you want and at a minimum speed of 45 miles an hour. That's the law and I'm Governor."

very true that speed under 45 miles fluenza. an hour in the oil states, which from rotting in the garages and attic hideaways?

Only one thing puzzled me about of him in Congress he was a New Dealer. And when he lost for U. S. Senator in New Mexico he lost because of the New Deal sponsorship. It wasn't a reason for him to become a Patrick Henry against the oppres-



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The mood continues when you the corn they want is worth more molested. The gray squirrels are These regulators of American than the beef evolved from it under busy here about the lawns and trees

# Health Topics

By F. B. Schooley, M. D.

If that isn't a give-me-liberty-or- curs in epidemic and pandemis out- someone had played upon him. and may Liberty bless him beyond bility and to the brief incubation visited you while he was home. wartime measure. Because, it is period. No race is exempt from in-

wealths of eye-challenging horizons conditions and can be distributed School. and endless distances, a lesser speed in the air on dust particles. Drop- I have seen several good football line when oceans of it wait in pool ing and sneezing. Food stuffs and again this year. while rivers of it run by tankcar to drinking water are also a probable the East and the earth's bosom source of spreading contagion. The from North Africa last week with gushes it in back yards and out of disease spreads definitely along the a contingent of Italian prisoners. school playgrounds? As for tires, is lines of human travel. The period of They had quite an interesting trip sinful to buy them to save them greatest contagion is during incuba- and they brought back some very fore onset of illness.

John J. Dempsey. Last time I heard sudden chilliness, fever, headache, ested me quite a bit. It closely repain in back and legs, weakness and sembles our carbine, but is inferior prostration. Severe aching pains in every detail. In fact, I would cough. Gastro-intestinal symptoms together in a compact unit. may develop, as nausea, vomiting iod of depression and asthenia.

Influenza predisposes to secondary to get out of the war. infection with a variety of other The complications are more impor- week. tant than the disease itself. Pneumonia is the most common complication. It may develop during any

the course of the disease. Absolute confinement to bed is ssential to insure recovery and to prevent complications. The sulfona- Dear Mr. Risley: mides are of value more particularly in cases with secondary bacterial infection. Dilute soap solution are effective germicides for influenza

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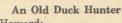
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## THE OUTPOST

Where those at home and the men and women in the armed services from the Back Mountain Region-in camps and on the fighting fronts-keep contact with their fellows throughout the world.



ately was found a job with a high should get on the beam and write up until that time.

This Minnesota weather sure has

the same in the East as it is here.

I read an interesting article in the St. Paul Dispatch today. Someone advertised fifty boxes of shotgun shells for sale in the newspaper. Before noon four thousand eager buyers milled in the vicinity of the address and blocked traffic and flooded the poor man with telephone calls. He finally had to call the police to clear the crowd and when Influenza is an acute, highly con- he found out where the mistake tagious and infectious disease. It oc- was-well, it was just a prank that

give-me-death speech, what is it? breaks, during which it spreads with I had a pleasant surprise a few I haven't been in New Mexico, but great rapidity. The history of influ- weeks ago when Stanley Hoyt from at Hotel Leland, I applauded John enza shows that severe epidemics Kunkle stopped here to visit me on J. Dempsey, giving him mental in- sweep the world at irregular inter- his way back to British Columbia. dex with his protonym of the prize vals. The rapidity of spread of the He sure looked good and we had a ring. He's a fighting son-of-a-gun, disease is due to general suscepti- fine visit. He told me that he had

I see by one of the recent Posts that Walt Lewin is doing O. K. for The virus of influenza survives himself. Walt is an old classmate happen to be the broad common- drying under ordinary atmospheric of mine from Dallas Township High

doesn't get you anywhere. And lets of infected secretion are games here this fall. The Minnesota what's the use of conserving gaso- sprayed in all directions by cough- Gophers have a fairly good team

Thirty-two of our boys returned tion, apparently, 24 to 48 hours be- interesting souvenirs. An Italian rifle in perfect working condition The disease sets in abruptly, with was one of the articles which intermay develop throughout the entire hate to depend upon it for squirrels. body. Among the early symptoms is A German mess kit also took my a catarrhal inflammation of upper eye. It was a four piece affair conrespiratory tract. Sore throat begins | taining a can opener, knife, fork and shortly after, with a dry irritative spoon of stainless steel that fitted

One of the boys had a bridal and diarrhea. Sharp abdominal pain | photograph of his wife along, and an may occur, and may simulate acute Italian prisoner, a former artist. appendicitis. Nervous complaints are made a beautiful oil painting copy common. Most cases have a ten- of it for the total sum of three packs dency to become restless, sleepless of cigarettes or about seventeen and apathetic, with a prolonged per- cents. Most of their prisoners were very well behaved and were anxious

Well, I guess this just about organisms. The streptococcus germ finishes tonight's letter so I shall is a frequent secondary invader. close hoping to get that Post this

Sincerely, Lt. Glenn A. Kitchen

Fort Snelling, Minn. stage of the disease. It may occur o Brother, for a letter jam-packed suddenly with the onset of influenza, with news, this one can't be beat. or may develop insidiously during Always nice to get a letter from vou. Glenn.-Editor.

#### This Is A Story

It is about fifteen minutes before chow time, so I thought I would pen

you a letter while I have a chance. After I was in California for a week, I was sent to the Aleutians where I am now. Although the weather is nothing like Pennsylvania weather, it isn't too bad. I have met several fellows from Wilkes-Barre, and the other day, much to my amazement, I met some one from Dallas. His name is Evans, who lives on R. D. 3. Although I didn't know him before, it was good to meet someone from your own town. It seems as though you are living in another world up

Last night I went to a U.S.O. show, where I saw some girls. Some treat! That might seem funny to you, but since there are girls behind all the trees up here—only there aren't any trees, a girl is a welcome sight, no matter how young or old she is. It was a real good show. It even had an orchestra which was sending out with some

#### Gettin' Letters

When you're far away from home and you're feelin' kind of blue, When the world is topsy turvy, nothin' sets just right for you; Yuh can sneer at all your troubles, an' yer cares yuh never mind, When you've really had a letter from the Girl yuh left behind.

When the cook is downright nutty, an' his biskits never raise, When he feeds yuh canned tomatoes for jes' seventeen straight days. You can lift your chin and whistle, an' treat him fairly kind, If you've really had a letter from the Girl yuh left behind.

When the Captain's got a grouch on, an' has bawled you out for fair, When some pesky Lieut has sassed you which at home he wouldn't dare, Yuh can lift your chin and whistle and that's easy you will find, If you've really had a letter from the Girl yuh left behind.

An' yuh git a little vision of the light that's in Her eye; Yuh can see her smiles and dimples an' fer other girls you're blind. When you've really had a letter from the Girl yuh left behind. Jest a sheet or two of paper with a purple stamp or two

When a letter comes yuh grab it right before the other guys

But it means the whole creation to the heart and soul of you, An' yuh git to feelin' pious an' yuh pray a bit, yuh mind, Fer the great Almighty's blessin' on the Girl yuh left behind.

This poem by "E. C. D." was written during the last war and published in "The Stars and Stripes".

solid jive. Those girls do deserve world. I don't know where a marmuch credit for coming all the way ried man could go to look at a up here on their own accord. After chorus girl unmolested.—Editor. the show, I was talking to one of them, whose home town was the place I worked one summer as a

waiter-Long Branch, New Jersey. Well, it's time for chow and I am starved, as usual. I have gained eight pounds in a month. I hope I gain some more. Please keep the

> Yours truly, David Schmerer On the Aleutians

Seems like it was yesterday I was saying "Good-Bye" to you at the postoffice, and you gave me all the names of the girls and boys at your farewell party. Wasn't a chorus girl at it. And here you are in the Aleutians and not talking Esquimaux either. We heard through Mrs. Evans that Dory is in the hut next to you. It's a small

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**Meets Old Friends** 

Just a few lines between classes to thank you for the Post. It is one of the best papers that I have ever seen because it isn't full of war news. I don't know how the other fellows in the service think, but I hear about the war through the day so it is a treat to read a paper that rests your mind.

Well, they have sent me up here to Illinois and it is a very nice place. The people up here treat the soldiers like their own sons and they hope their sons are getting treated the same way. I know if they are in Pennsylvania they are getting Louis, Denver, Salt Lake City, atreated that way.

Well, I am thanking you again for the Post because by having it I found a good friend of mine and a number of fellows in the service. He is Lt. Irvin Davis, who is stationed in Camp Pickett, Virginia with the infantry. Then they sent me to Camp Ellis, Illinois, and there I found a guy that I ran around with back in good old Shavertown. He is Pvt. Joe Gallagher from Shavertown. Just about every night Joe and I go up to the service club and P. X. to sit around and talk about the fun we had back home and wonder where some of our gang is. Boy, I would like to thanks to you for sending it to us. next year! know.

Well, I guess you would like to know what we do in a Station Hos- Please address it to me at the pital. Well, we are about 200 to Merced Army Air Base, Merced 300 miles behind the front lines and California. take care of the men who are wounded. We have 750 beds so you can see it isn't very small. We have about 300 men and 75 nurses and 47 officers and everyone of us 

• Please tell me how we are going is kept busy at all times. We give the men the best treatment we can, then send them back to the States all the good men in the army? in a No. Gen. Hosp. from there some Good luck to you. Prof.—Editor. of them go home and others to camps in the States. Ones we can take care of are sent back to their units to fight. Well, that is for that.

There is one thing I would like to do and that is to thank each and every one of you in person for making the Post the best in the country. Well, I hope every thing is O. K. back there and everyone is doing their best to get this mess over so we can come home to the ones we love and try to forget what was going on over there. So till I get the paper and come home to thank you, I will close with luck to everyone back home.

Yours truly, Pvt. Allen D. Pritchard Camp Ellis, Illinois • By golly, we almost put this

letter on the front page. From salutation to conclusion it radiates enthusiasm. Just in case folks don't know it. we'd like to say, Allan, that you are one of three sons of Mrs. Ellen Pritchard, Shavertown, who are now in service. Had a letter from Bob at Camp Edwards this way I can keep informed as to what week, and Ray is overseas with the my friends and neighbors are doing engineers.—Editor.

#### From Professor Boston

Since my last communication with

you, I have traveled quite some distance. I have been assigned to the Merced Army Air Field as meteorology instructor. I received my commission at the

Grand Rapids Weather School on August 21. On that date, I was ordered to report to the Army Air Forces Western Flying Training Command, with headquarters at Santa Ana, California, for an assignment to an air base. We were (Continued on Page Three)

### THE SENTIMENTAL SIDE By EDITH BLEZ

Have you begun your annual struggle with window curtains yet? There is nothing quite as attractive as fresh curtains draped gracefully over a spotless window pane, but I would rather someone else hung the curtains. If you are one who can take curtain hanging gracefully, you are out of my class. You are in a class by yourself. Don't tell me there is nothing to

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don't last forever. Fun-

ny-business there at our

Capitol will get cleared

up. Several congressmen

went home during the last

few years, and without a

return coupon on their

down there on the payroll

I would not dally around,

about making a long and

careful look into the first

crystal ball I could find-

if I had not already done

In our land of the Free,

we go in for bobbed hair

and then we go in for let-

ting it grow and pinning

it up. We go from night-

shirts to pajamas. We do

things. We go odd places.

We been tasting every

concoction any Govern-

ment Doctor could cook

up. We have a bad taste

in our mouth. But she

looks like we might be

headed for home again-

back to the ways of our

forefathers. Brothers and

sisters, home will look

Yours with the low down,

home on a short leave and left by

automobile for California on August

We had a wonderful trip across

the States. We traveled the central

route, which took us through St.

cross the Mojave Desert to Santa

Upon reporting to headquarters,

was assigned to Merced, which is

located in central California in the

heart of the San Joaquin Valley.

This is the fruit center of the entire

Flying conditions here are excel-

lent during the greater part of the

year. There is no rain during the

spring or summer months but they

say it rains frequently during the

and, again, we wish to extend our

We should like to continue to re-

ceive the paper at our new location.

Sincerely yours,

Lt. Clarence S. Boston

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From The Thick Of IT

Received two copies (June issues)

of the Post several weeks ago. First

since May. Very glad to get them.

I would have written sooner, but as

you know am working for a "Ver-

min Exterminating Concern", and

we just had a busy season. "Open

Season", in fact. Wish the Post

could get through oftener. Thanks.

Via V Mail

Lewis LeGrand

Pacific

• That's a lot to expect from a

spots. Johnny Garbutt mentioned

that you were on a mission.-Editor

Clay Pigeons To Airplanes

I received your much appreciated

Dallas Post. There is not a better

and don't let anyone try to tell you

that news from home doesn't mean

a lot to the morale of a soldier. It

sure peps them up when they re-

ceive mail at mail call, which, in-

I have a fine bunch of fellows in

my barracks. I have not found one

that doesn't try to cooperate with

the rest of the gang. We have very

good food and all we want of it.

Our basic training is quite tough but

the more we have, the more we get

used to it. The Army sure puts a

soldier in excellent condition. My

Somewhere in South

Yours,

Dear Howard:

Merced Army Air Base

My wife and I enjoyed the Dallas

-JO SERRA.

If I was a Senator still

R. R. ticket.

vit. I suspect some of the people who brag that it is a simple task have just as much trouble as I do, but they aren't frank enough to admit

There is so much to this business of getting the curtains up. It isn't half as simple as it looks. First, there is the business of just enough starch to make them hang properly. How much is just enough starch? Do you know? No one seems to know and there isn't a book on the market with the information, but there must be "just enough starch." They tell me—the wise ones—that it comes with practice. From my experience I've never had enough practice.

After the curtains are laundered the search for something to stand on to hang them. Something always seems to happen to the step ladder. It is broken or someone has borrowed it. An ordinary chair is never high enough. How are you going to make a chair higher if there isn't a Philadelphia phone book in the house? Well-we manage to locate something and then the circus is off to a good start! I never find myself ready to slip the curtain onto the fixture that I don't discover that the curtains do not match. Every year I tell myself that the curtains must be matched before they are hung, but every year the same thing happens. I get down from the chair and begin matching curtains. You know what happens when they are dragged all over the place. Mine always have to be pressed again!

This year I have suffered added trials. This year I had to put up the fixtures that hold the curtain rods. It was simple when I began operations. There was nothing to it! Just a curtain fixture, a couple of nails and a hammer. It didn't work out quite as easily as I suspected it would. The hammer and I didn't get along very well. You wouldn't believe what a mess I got in to. I finally got the fixtures where they belonged and then I attempted to fit the new curtain rods into the fixtures. Once or twice the fixtures didn't quite hold and I found mythe nails as well. I thought I had self with not only the curtain rod in my hand but the fixtures and hammered the nails quite successfully, but I evidently didn't! Why doesn't someone tell me about these

It finally worked out alright, but it was terrific while it lasted. If anyone suggests fresh curtains at Christmas time I'll swoon. My curtain hanging is over until this time

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