

What Irvin S. Cobb Thinks about

Vanishing Wild Life. VARNER PLANTATION, Tex.—Thanks to wise legislation, the wild fowl are coming back to this gulf country. True, the flocks may never again be what they were; yet, with continued conservation, there'll again be gunning for one and all.

Becoming a Head Man.

LET an unshorn dandruff fancier claim he's divine and, if nobody else agrees with his diagnosis, the police will jug him as a common nuisance and the jail warden will forcibly trim his whiskers for him or anyhow have them searched.

Let the writer of a daily column begin to think his judgments are perfect and his utterances are infallible—but, hold on, what's the use of getting personal?

Grandma's Togs.

WE LAUGH at our grandmothers who believed that, for a lady to be properly dressed, she should have a little something on anyway.

Maybe those mid-Victorian ladies sort of overdid the thing—bustles that made them look like half-sisters to the dromedary, skirts so tight they hobbled like refugees from a chain gang, corsets laced in until breathing was almost a lost art, boned collars so high they seemed to be peeping over an alley fence.

How old-fashioned those times seem today when every dancing floor is a strip-tease exhibit and every bathing beach a nudist show; and a debutante, posing for snapshots, feels she's cheating her public unless she proves both knees still are there.

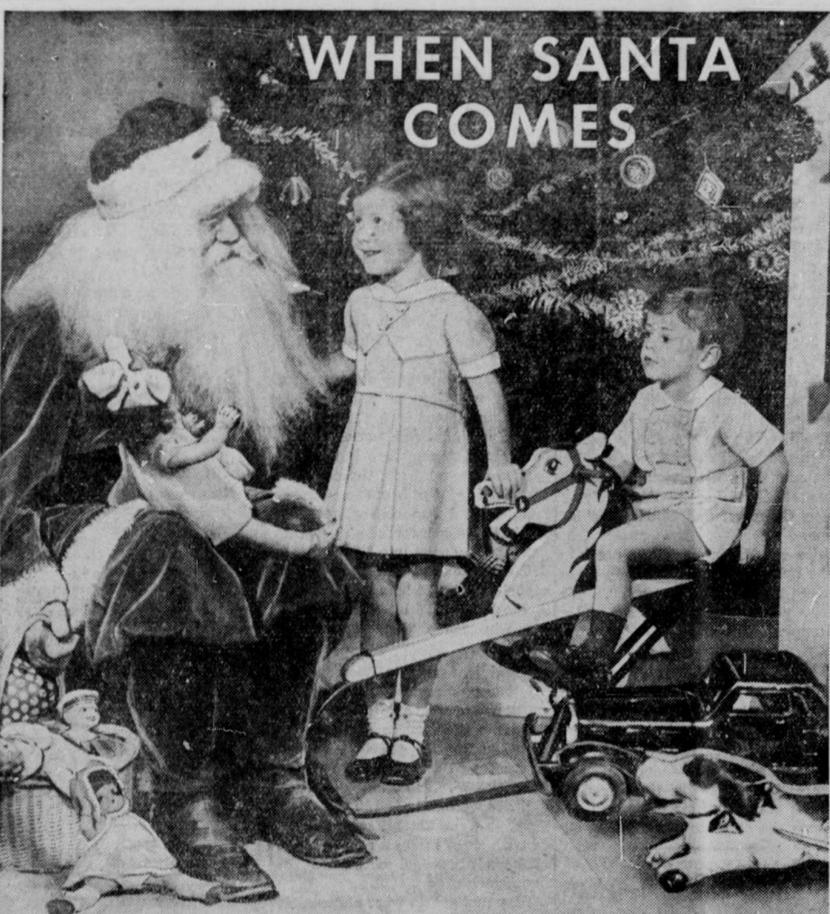
I've been reading Dickens again. This means again and again. I take "Pickwick Papers" once a year just as some folks take hay fever. Only I enjoy my attack.

Dickens may have done caricatures, but he had human models to go by. He drew grotesques, but his grotesques had less highly-colored duplicates in real life.

What writer since Dickens has been able to perpetuate one-tenth so many characters? There is Tarkington with his Penrod and his Alice Adams; there was Mark Twain with his Huck Finn and Colonel Mulberry Sellers.

On Christmas morning when Jim Knox went out to the spring for a pail of water he noticed something like a card tacked on Joe Hathway's door. He saw no smoke from the chimney. Taking in the water, cautiously he approached Joe's cabin in door, and read the note which said:

Dear Jim: You will find me gone. I was reading some last night in "The Christmas Carol" and in the Bible. I read that verse that told of peace and good will to man.



The Squire's Chance

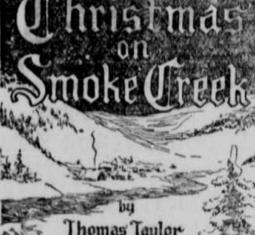
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SQUIRE ANDERSON and his wife faced each other across the breakfast table. Maria was thinking that there was nothing under the sun more irremovable than the Squire, unless it was one of the older and lumpier pyramids.

SHORT SHORT STORY

"You've smeared your chin again, dear!" And that was enough. It never failed to madden the Squire when his wife reminded him that he had daubed egg on his chin. "I forbid you, absolutely forbid you, to buy a ticket on that car, Maria," barked the Squire.

Christmas on Smoke Creek



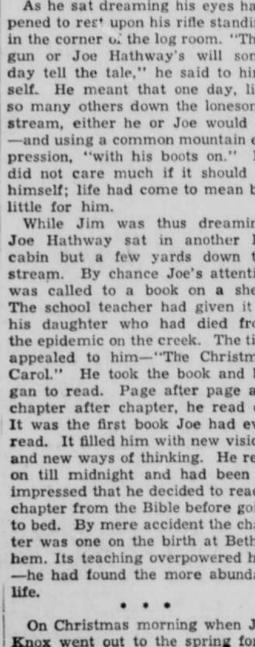
THERE was not to be any Christmas tree at the little church at the head of Smoke Creek that year; and of the several families who lived there, not more than half were expecting Santa Claus. The dark days had left the dismal little valley or hollow even more gloomy than it had been in better years, when the mines across the ridge in the next hollow gave some employment to the heads of the families of Smoke Creek.

Boxing Day Is Time for Making Christmas Gifts



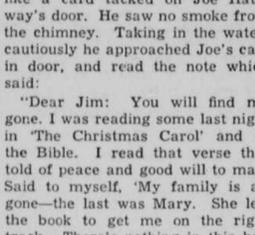
THE first weekday after Christmas, Boxing day, is a legal and bank holiday in England, Wales and Northern Ireland but not in Scotland. This is the day on which "Christmas boxes" or gifts are expected by, and given to, errand boys, servants, letter carriers, etc., observes a writer in the Detroit News.

The Yule Sing



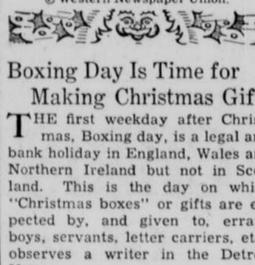
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Bells of Christmas



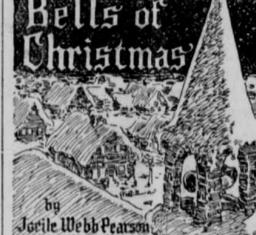
TOM MADSEN sat beside the fireplace and gazed moodily at the blazing logs, as the sparks spiraled upward. Outside flakes of snow beat against the window pane to the chime of the church bells ringing peace and good will to all the earth.

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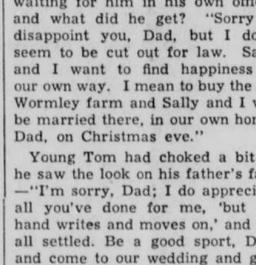
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Ask Me Another



- 1. How many bachelor Presidents has the United States had? 2. What does the abbreviation "non sec" stand for? 3. How does a twelve-year-old dog correspond to age in a human being?

Constipated?



What a difference good bowel habits can make! To keep food wastes soft and moving, many doctors recommend Nujol.

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The Housewife...

"Research Professor of Economy" SHE'S not a Ph.D. or an L.L.D. She hasn't a diploma or a cap and gown. Her research is not done in the laboratory or the library. As a matter of fact, her findings are made, usually, in the street car, in the subway, in the suburban commuter's train.

Catch Up on Chic



IF YOU'RE a bit behind in the thrilling game of Sew-Your-Own, Milady, why not take advantage of the holiday season and catch up? Today's trio is especially right for "vacation sewing" because it consists of simple practical pieces that require little time and trouble. Make all three and you'll have gone a long way toward putting the old punch back in the game.

Streamlined Styling. The slip at the left is all you could wish for from the standpoint of styling. It offers superb lines from the moderately low cut V neck, through the dart-fitted waist right down to the very hem. The clever overlapping back is light proof and provides an action pleat so necessary for complete satisfaction. Important, too, is the fact that you may choose the material you wish in your own color.

Pretty in Sheer Wool. The two-piece in the center is, like the slip, heavy on style. The defined waist is effectively young as is the flowing skirt and little round collar. It is just the frock to give one lots of git-up-and-git for the second semester, or "to break the ice" whenever one is anxious about one's appearance.

Modern Home Dress. When it's home you're thinking of you naturally turn to a frock like the third member of the trio at the right. This button-all-the-

way model is different enough to delight you and simple enough to set you sewing at sight. It is cut for comfort but with an ever watchful eye on that elusive little thing called chic. Crisp contrast may be had in the collar and cuffs and in that trim row of buttons that march down the line—and then back again. Look fresh in your version in pretty percale.

Pattern 1946 is designed for sizes 14 to 20 (32 to 44 bust). Size 16 requires 3 3/4 yards of 39 inch fabric. One yard of ribbon is required for shoulder straps. Pattern 1404 is designed for sizes 12 to 20 (30 to 38 bust). Size 14 requires 4 3/4 yards of 39 inch material. Pattern 1390 is designed for sizes 34 to 48. Size 36 requires 4 3/4 yards of 35 inch material.

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