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WHERE TOMMY MADE A POINT GEORGIE'S PATIENCE GONE

Remarkable That School Teacher Had Never Noticed That Quite Simple Truth Before.

Arithmetic, according to the average small boy, was simply invented in order to give teachers a good excuse for punishing their unhappy pupils. And certainly little Tommy Smith found it the unpleasant feature of his young life.

"Now, Tommy Smith," said the school teacher one morning, during the usual hour of torture, "what is the half of eight?"

"Which way, teacher?" asked the youngster cautiously.

"Which way?" replied the astonished lady. "What do you mean?"

"Well, on top or sideways, teacher?" said Tommy.

"What difference does that make?" "Why," Tommy explained, with a pitying air, "half off the top of eight is nought, but half of it sideways is three."—London Answers.

Too many men in the country vote as they pray—and they never pray unless it is to ask a personal favor.

A philosopher says that people might live forever if they would only quit worrying.

There is no wheat without chaff.

And the Youngster Signified the Fact With Slang Phrase Much to the Point.

"Slang and children are the two most prominent paths by which colloquial and technical terms come into everyday use," remarked Professor Jorgan. "Only the other day I overheard two small boys talking together.

"Georgie had a better memory than his brother, and Roger was always trying to get him to remember things for him. Georgie got tired of this, and when Roger wanted him to remember something he must do before school time the next morning, he asked:

"What do you think my head is, a parking place for what you want to remember?"—Los Angeles Times.

Yes, Luke, the moon and a woman's heart are constantly changing—but there's always a man in them.

It never takes the boss long to discover the clerk who thinks.

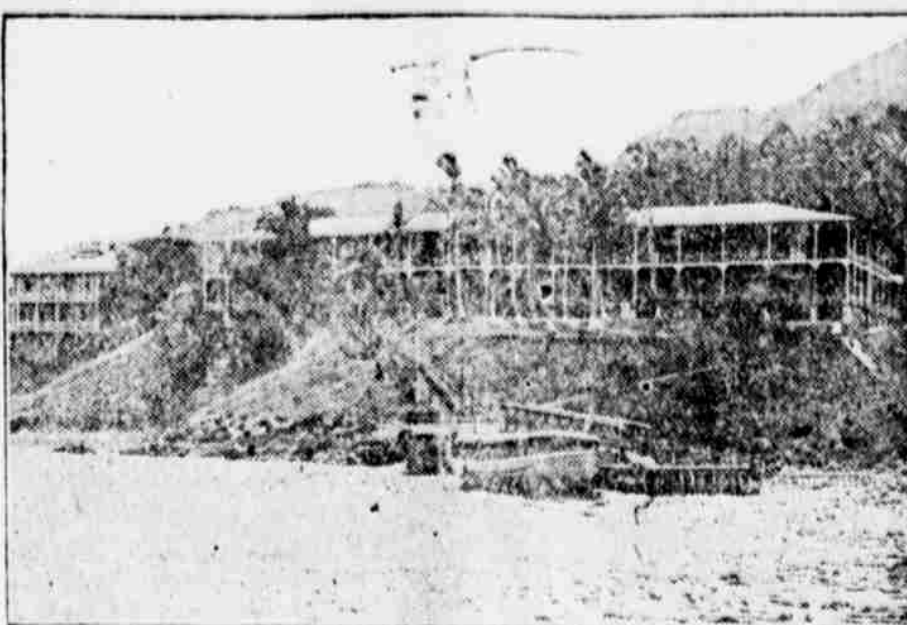
Among the people who get satisfaction by going to law are the lawyers.

Some writers never disturb the truth that lies at the bottom of the inkwell.

The AMERICAN LEGION

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AMERICAN LEGION NOW HAS THE DEPARTMENT OF PANAMA



Scene on the Island of Taboga, Where the Department of Panama Held Its Recent Convention.

Sixteen years ago when President Roosevelt called on the men of America to enlist in the great adventure of cutting a waterway from ocean to ocean through the Isthmus of Panama that the strength of the American fleet might not be divided by a voyage of weeks from the east to the west coast there were thousands of volunteers who answered his call. To Panama they went and built the great canal, fighting all the time against perpetual heat, almost perpetual rain, fevers and all the pests of the tropics. Many of them gave up the struggle and returned home but others stayed until the great dream came true. And they are there yet in that far-flung outpost of America by the locks that are lapped by the waters of two oceans.

Again in April, 1917, came a call to duty—a summons to war—and that call was not unheard at the canal. One by one men and women dropped out of the shops and offices and donned the army khaki and the navy blue or the modest cap and cape of the army nurse corps until on November 11, 1918, the day of the armistice, there were approximately 500 Canal men and women in uniform.

They saw service in all branches of American arms. They were on land and sea, in the air and under the water. They were a versatile people and they were fighters as their building of

the canal had proved. They came back with almost every medal and decoration of the war, including citations from the French, British and the other allies.

In September of last year several of these fighters met to form a post of the American Legion. One had recently been an aviator in France, another as a lieutenant of engineers had done things in No Man's Land that high British officers said were impossible. A third, after many months of volunteer ambulance driving before America entered the war, had enlisted in the French artillery and had ended as a lieutenant. This first post was immediately followed by a second and the creation of the department of Panama of the American Legion with headquarters at Cristobal.

The first convention of the department was held recently on the Island of Taboga, 12 miles from the mainland of the Isthmus of Panama and in sight of the spot where in 1513 Vasco Nunez de Balboa discovered the Pacific ocean. At this convention Elbert S. Waid was elected department commander and Edward J. Daily, department adjutant for the coming year. These offices previously had been held by Conyngnam Patterson and Herbert Pearson, respectively. Arrangements were also made to have the Panama department represented at the Cleveland convention.

SHALL GIRLS BE ADMITTED?

Membership Question Looms Before Officials of Legion—Some "Y" Workers Present Claims.

A recurring question before the officials of the American Legion is that of eligibility to membership. Just where is the line to be drawn? Shall, for instance, those "little sisters of the army," the "Y" girls, be admitted to full membership?

Although at present they stand without the pale there are some who believe they should be taken in. Some of the girls themselves have very modestly presented their claims. The following is an excerpt from a letter from Miss Sallie Lou Massey of Meridian, Miss., to the national commander:

"I am just one of hundreds of 'Y' girls at home now, wearing pretty clothes which don't seem quite right after having worn the uniform. In France we cooked, kept house, handed out magazines and papers and danced—hundreds of kilometers we danced—all of which isn't so much, I know, but the spirit behind it made us feel that we belonged to the men of the A. E. F. and they to us. Has all this comradeship been shed with the uniform? We have watched with high hopes the development of the American Legion, and in your splendid achievements



Sallie Lou Massey.

those hopes are being fulfilled. Why is the 'Y' girl, who was one of you in France, left out? Is not affiliation with the American Legion the only way by which we can carry on and keep the spirit that was ours in France?"

Miss Massey served nine months in France. She received a citation for courageous work among the troops during the influenza epidemic in the fall of 1918.

ELECTED FOR THREE YEARS

Thomas J. Bannigan Is Re-Elected Connecticut Department Adjutant for Unusually Long Period.

The innovation of choosing a department adjutant to serve for three years was adopted by the Connecticut convention of the American Legion. Thomas J. Bannigan of Hartford was



Thomas J. Bannigan.

re-elected for that period. Ordinarily the term of a department adjutant is one year only but the longer period, it was felt, would enable Mr. Bannigan to obtain far-reaching results.

MEDAL OF HONOR SAVED HIM

New Jersey Legion Member Escapes Jail Sentence by Display of His Emblem.

Sentimental considerations left out of the reckoning, Frank Sadowski, an American Legion member of Newark, N. J., found out the other day that a Congressional Medal of Honor is a handy thing to have.

Sadowski works in the day time and sleeps at night. That is, he had been sleeping of nights until a couple of loving cats began a noisy courtship on his back fence. Sadowski stood it as long as he could and then went down in his old barracks bag and dragged out the trusty automatic he carried in France. The cats became casualties and Sadowski became a prisoner of the law and was halled into court charged with disturbing the peace.

The evidence was all against him and he was about to be sentenced when, inadvertently, he mentioned that he once killed six Germans single handed and captured their machine gun with the same revolver with which he routed the howling cats. For this feat he won America's highest war honor, and a string of lesser medals. He produced the medals as proof and the Judge let him off.

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ALL DRUGGISTS SELL IT

COMMON ERROR IN GRAMMAR

Words "Began" and "Began" Are Wrongly Used by Those Careless in Their Speech.

It is quite common to hear someone say, "I began to do that work yesterday." "The battle began between the two armies," etc. This use of "began" to express the past tense (sometimes called the preterit) of "begin" is not incorrect, according to some authorities on the uses of words, but there is a fairly general agreement that the better word to use is "began." If you wish to safeguard yourself against possible criticism, say "I began to do that work yesterday." "The battle began between the two armies," etc., not "began."

Richard Grand White, in "Words and Their Uses," a high authority, criticizes and condemns the use of "began" instead of "began" to express the past.

Of course, it is incorrect beyond any doubt to say, "I have began" to express the perfect tense of "begin." Say, "I have begun," never "I have began."—Columbus Dispatch.

Seat of the Trouble.

Herbert often complained about the peculiar disposition of his small cousin, with whom he could not get along well. After a recent disagreement he came into the house out of patience and exclaimed: "Well, mother, James and I might just as well quit trying to be friends if he is my cousin. We just can't agree. He's too full of human nature."

A wise man always bets on top dogs and bottom facts.

What's bred in the bone is weighed out to us by the butcher.

The Wild, Wild Women.

Swiggs—The pictures I liked best were those wild animal ones of a few years back—the pictures that had a story interwoven around lions, tigers, wild cats, and so forth. Quite unique and interesting! I wonder why they dropped off so suddenly. Did the animals perish or devour the actors or what happened?

Swiggs—Competition was their Nemesis. The "vampire" came into vogue about that time, and naturally they were too tame in comparison to terrify the public any longer.—Film Fun.

Inside Information.

Billy went up to dad and said: "Father, I know what Mary will want this year for Christmas."

"It's a bit early to start telling what you and Mary want for Christmas. But what is it?" replied the father.

"Mary will want a doll," said Billy.

And just then little Mary came running into the room with big tears dripping down her cheeks and exclaimed, "Daddy, Billy broke my new doll."

The Autocrat.

"Do you and your wife talk politics at home?"

"Never," replied Mr. Meekton. "We have a perfectly good cook."

"What has that to do with it?"

"We are afraid she might get into the conversation and tell us both how we'll have to vote to keep her from leaving."

Not Quite.

"So they had smuggled whisky on that yachting party. This is going she limit."

"Oh, no; that is three miles out."

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