



GLAD THAT BOTH HAD GONE

Honest Criticism Probably Would Have Pained the Soul of Statesman Whose Hobby Is Painting.

Sir Auckland Geddes, the British ambassador, said the other day at an art exhibition:

"Winston Churchill paints, you know. He writes, as well, but painting is his latest hobby."

"He's a good painter, too, though his friends joke him a great deal about it. He stayed not long ago at Dunrobin castle with the duke and duchess of Sutherland, and after he was gone the duchess said:

"Mr. Churchill is so original. He spent all his time while here painting one of the castle towers. He is gone now. I am so glad he took his picture with him."

MOTHER! CLEAN

CHILD'S BOWELS WITH CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP

Even a sick child loves the "fruity" taste of "California Fig Syrup." If the little tongue is coated, or if your child is listless, cross, feverish, full of cold, or has colic, give a teaspoonful to cleanse the liver and bowels. In a few hours you can see for yourself how thoroughly it works all the constipation poison, sour bile and waste out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again.

Millions of mothers keep "California Fig Syrup" handy. They know a teaspoonful today saves a sick child tomorrow. Ask your druggist for genuine "California Fig Syrup" which has directions for babies and children of all ages printed on bottle. Mother! You must say "California" or you may get an imitation fig syrup.—Advertisement.

Stumped.

The woman was helping her young nephew to undress at bedtime. The lad sat on the floor undressing his shoes, but in the course of time came a cropper on a knot. He tugged at the lace awhile, then all his pent-up feelings were uttered in a very feeling "D—n it!"

The woman was deeply chagrined at such language and informed him in most severe tones that nice people never used such words.

The boy was thoughtful for a moment, then he said: "Well, will you please tell me what they make those words for if you can't use them?"

The woman was without an answer.—Chicago Journal.

Highly Adaptable.

"A man should make some concessions to public opinion," remarked Mr. Gadspar.

"And if he's running for office he certainly will," said Mr. Twobble. "The Hon. Jeremiah Jabwind, for instance, has been a candidate for first one thing and then another for the past 20 years. All the Hon. Jeremiah asks of public opinion is just a chance to anticipate its wishes."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Warranted Loquacity.

"That little fellow does not seem to be very talkative," commented the picture enlarger.

"Well, no; not as a general rule," replied Gap Johnson of Rumpus Ridge, Ark. "But he can talk all right when he's got anything to say. For instance, he slipped and set down in a kettle of hot water tuther day, and fairly pized the surrounding atmosphere with his remarks."—Kansas City Star.

The good man prolongs his life; to be able to enjoy one's past life is to live twice.—Marial.

After a man has been knocked down by his enemies his friends kick him.

Mexia Typical Mushroom City

Texas Town Grows From Sleepy Place of 3,000 to 30,000 Inhabitants Over Night.

OIL BOOM IS RESPONSIBLE

Hundreds Are Forced to Sleep Out. Doors and There Is but One Bathroom in the Place—Prices Are High.

Mexia, Texas.—Mexia, which has come into so much notoriety through the sending of state troops here to put an end to outlaws, the sale of illicit booze and restore order, is a typical mushroom city.

Overnight a tented city arose. From an apparently sleepy little town of 3,000 population in October, 1921, where old settlers farmed for a living and eked out a bare existence from their lands to a bustling city of 30,000 people, and all in a few months, this is the recent record of Mexia, an old-time Texas town, which is feeling the effects of one of the numerous oil developments in the Southwest.

The population now consists of an assortment of oil field followers and thousands of men and women seeking employment. Consequently because of the exorbitant prices charged for a room, if one were lucky enough to secure one, hundreds of men, favored by the long continued mild winter, are sleeping on the grass along railroad tracks, public parking places and, in fact, anywhere they can.

Beds in Tents Costly.

Overnight a bed in a tent marked "A place to flop" soared from 50 cents a night to \$3. A night in a crude plank structure where one didn't know his bed-fellow or the hundreds of others in the single room cost \$5.

Rail traffic jumped hundreds of percent. There are two trunk lines, the Houston and Texas Central and the Trinity and Brazos Valley, leading through here, and passenger traffic is very heavy, while freight trains are frequently seen running three abreast, so heavy is the demand for oil machinery. One road is said to have spent \$500,000 in enlarging its facilities.

The water situation is not altogether what could be desired. Getting a bath here is quite an experience, if indeed not a task. The old saying, "If you want to do something big—wash an elephant," certainly has found parallel in Mexia.

But One Bathroom.

This luxury may be found, outside the woodland creeks, only in a downtown barber shop. The bathroom is a stall in a wooden-floored, plank-in enclosure. The plain, pine planks are slippery, but the proprietors of the house have found that it is not necessary to maintain first-aid kits because

the board floors are warped enough to allow the bather a foothold.

But as for oil. There are a solid six miles of new derricks, drillers, outfit, tents, wooden buildings and people where once there was the open prairie. A survey of all local lumber men shows that buildings completed or contracted for since October 1 total between \$3,500,000 and \$5,000,000.

FLOOD BENEFIT TO FARMERS

Water Left Fine Silt of Good Earth on Impoverished Lands in Washington.

Sedro Woolley, Wash.—A fine silt of very fertile earth layer from two to five inches deep was left on the inundated farm lands when the flooded Skagit river subsided to its regular channel.

The layer of silt had added great value to the valley lands, according to owners. The flood, which was the most extensive known here since the early homestead days, lasted from De-

AMERICAN FOXES WILL BE RAISED IN GERMANY

Berlin.—American silver foxes and skunks will be cultivated on a large scale by a German stock company on a farm in the Austrian Tyrol, under the direction of Professor de Mill of the natural history department of the Munich university. In Germany, where the prices of the higher grade of furs have risen enormously in the last few months, a perfect specimen of silver fox costs 100,000 marks.

Long Ride on Wheels.

Sunbury, Pa.—To travel 900 miles to Florida on a bicycle without mishap was the experience of William Burell, aged sixteen, of Sunbury, whose parents received word recently that he had arrived safely. Young Burell is a mechanical genius and found no trouble in finding work at garages along the route. He will leave soon on the second leg of his journey to California. He intends to ride his wheel the whole way.

HOME TOWN HELPS

CITY SHOULD BE BEAUTY SPOT

Traveler Singles Out Atlanta, Georgia, as Ideal Residence Town, for Variety of Reasons.

The importance of insisting upon making our city a cleaner, more attractive city and one of which we may be proud, was brought home to the writer while attending a national advertising convention at Atlanta, Ga.

After making a tour of the residence and suburban districts, as well as the downtown business portion of Atlanta I was very favorably impressed. It was quite evident that the citizens there are making every effort to have their city known, not only as a progressive and up-to-date center, but as one of the beauty spots of the South as well.

In our own Kansas City should we not take more seriously the suggestions of a just and successful newspaper and give more thought and attention to the cleaning up, painting and beautifying of our downtown districts? To my mind, the present is the critical period in the life of our great city, and we should be careful not to allow our interest in its financial welfare to overshadow our desire to be known in the future as the city beautiful.

Advertising is one of the biggest factors in business, but before we can take advantage of that means we must get our business, or our community, in such a condition that we are justified in offering it to the public.—Kansas City Star.

WORK FOR CITY'S INTEREST

Best Kind of Business Man Recognizes the Duty Which All Owe to the Community.

What does a business man owe to the city in which his business is located besides the payment of taxes? Nothing, some close-fisted and tight-lipped business men will say. But they are not the biggest success, nor are they the kind of business men who get the most out of life. The business men who make the biggest successes and who get the most out of life are the kind who believe they owe something more to the city in which their business is located than the payment of taxes, who believe they owe it what they can contribute of active aid in solving the problems that confront it, social, political or commercial. Fortunately for the cities of this country, there are many able business men who, disregarding the advice of the kind of business men who say that it may cause them to lose some trade if they take sides in a city's affairs, are devoting considerable of their time and their talents to doing something for the general good of their city. And the number of such good business men is growing.—Lawrence (Kan.) Telegram.

Plant Trees.

There is no question about the need, the value, the absolute necessity of planting trees in America. Any small argument against it is overcome by big arguments by people who know the tree subject.

There is but one question left—how many trees will you plant? You don't have to do the actual work. Pay your money to the American Legion. The boy scouts of the country have offered to take orders from the legion and plant trees, and giving money is the least of the task.

If there is anything you want to know that you haven't been told about trees, you are welcome to write the American Forestry association at Washington, and you will be sure of a courteous reply, and a quick one.

Home Owning.

If home owning is promoted the profit to the country eventually will be greater than any outlay so far suggested. It is an investment in practical patriotism. It means more young men growing up in the country with an intense practical loyalty to the nation and its institutions. It means unity and strength based upon appreciation of service rather than disaffection and weakness due to apparent contempt for such service.

Road Improvement.

The time is near when all main roads will be paved and lined with trees and shrubbery. This beautification movement is well along already, thanks to the splendid memorial tree campaign which will plant a tree for every American soldier who served in the World War. We're now in the era of road building, and we soon will lead the world in permanent, connected highways.

His One Chance.

Mr. Constant Knags—You don't mean to tell me your wife allows you to interrupt her lectures? Mr. Henry N. Peck—Along toward the finish she gives me a slight chance while she gathers her breath for the last word.—Houston Post.

Some Time Ago.

"When we were first married you were only too glad to wipe the dishes." "I know, but that was when we only had two dishes."

DON'T DESPAIR

If you are troubled with pains or aches; feel tired; have headache, indigestion, insomnia; painful passage of urine, you will find relief in



The world's standard remedy for kidney, liver, bladder and uric acid troubles and National Remedy of Holland since 1696. Three sizes, all druggists. Look for the name Gold Medal on every box and accept no imitation.

Rats in the Cellar, Mice in the Pantry, Cockroaches in the Kitchen

What can be more disagreeable than a home infested with pests? Destroy them with Stearns' Electric Paste, the standard exterminator for more than 43 years.

Kill rats, mice, cockroaches, waterbugs or ants in a single night. Does not blow away like powder; ready for use; better than traps. Directions in 15 languages in every box. Order from your dealer. 2 oz. size 35c. 15 oz. size \$1.50.



YOUNG GIRLS NEED CARE

Mothers, watch your Daughters' Health

Health Is Happiness

From the time a girl reaches the age of twelve until womanhood is established, she needs all the care a thoughtful mother can give.

The condition that the girl is then passing through is so critical, and may have such far-reaching effects upon her future happiness and health, that it is almost criminal for a mother or guardian to withhold counsel or advice.

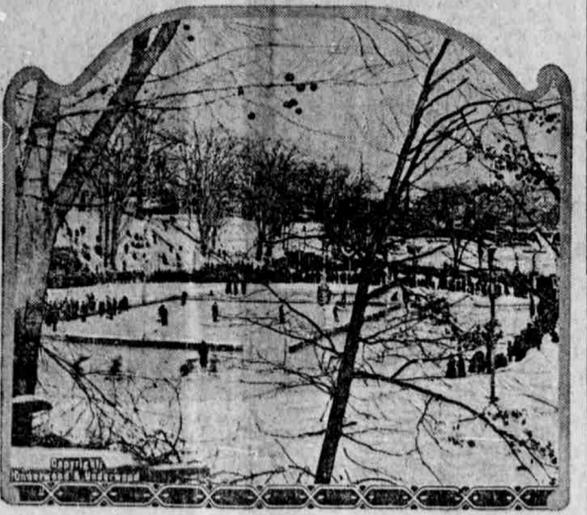
Many a woman has suffered years of prolonged pain and misery through having been the victim of thoughtlessness or ignorance on the part of those who should have guided her through the dangers and difficulties that beset this period.

Mothers should teach their girls what danger comes from standing around with cold or wet feet, from lifting heavy articles, and from overworking. Do not let them over-study. If they complain of headache, pains in the back and lower limbs, they need a mother's thoughtful care and sympathy.

A Household Word in Mother's House writes Mrs. Lynd, about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. "My mother gave me Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound when I was 14 years old for troubles girls often have and for loss of weight. Then after I married I took the Vegetable Compound before each child was born and always when I felt the least run down. Both my

Lydia E. Pinkham's Private Text-Book upon "Allments Peculiar to Women" will be sent you free upon request. Write to the Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Massachusetts.

Skating Tourney at Plattsburg



General view of the rink at Plattsburg, N. Y., during the national amateur outdoor speed-skating championship.

FIND A NEW USE FOR PIGEONS

Forest Fire Fighters Find Them Efficient Assistants.

As Means of Quick Communication Between Ranger on Fire Line and Headquarters Carrier Pigeon Has No Equal.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.) The carrier pigeon has found a place for itself in the fire-fighting forces of the forest service. It demonstrated its worth this year in the Idaho national forest, and will be installed next year at all protective camps in that district. As a means of quick and certain communication between the ranger out on the fire line and headquarters, the carrier pigeon has no competition, reports from Idaho to the Department of Agriculture state. One bird, after a preliminary course of training, was taken a rough trip by

only gave welcome assurance of victory over the red peril, but saved a number of men from making a long and tedious trip through the forest.

URGES BRITISH EMPIRE RADIO

Wireless Commission Advocates Building of Stations in Colonies and in China.

London.—The wireless telegraph commission has recommended to the government the construction of stations in England, Canada, Australia, South Africa, India, Egypt, East Africa, Singapore and Hongkong. A year was devoted to study of the question. The average cost of the stations is estimated at not more than £100,000, normal value \$800,000, but those in England, Egypt, Singapore and Hongkong would aggregate about \$853,000, or \$4,265,000. Recommendation is made that two wave lengths be fixed for each transmitting station, and that each center be equipped for receiving from several stations in the chain simultaneously.