Today A Ball and Chain Life? Spirits Don't Flirt. Forty Million in a Teaspoon. What Court? Ours? Theirs? **By ARTHUR BRISBANE** 

You could write an interesting column daily about things that women do and things done to them. One Detroit lady gets a divorce by proving that her husband called her "his ball and chain."

He said a wife was like a ball and chain fastened to a man's leg. And that's exactly what a wife should be like with some men for the sake of the children.

Marriage originated as a device to make a man responsible for his family, to keep him from running away and neglecting the children.

Another interesting lady in the news is Miss Muriel McCormick. The reporter's dramatic story shows the young granddaughter of John D. Rockefeller free of all earthly entanglements, but deeply in love with the spirit of a young man killed in war, whom she never "saw in life.

She and the young man's mother visit his grave, regularly, and together they go to spiritualistic mediums for news of him. That is an ideal arrangement. Spirits never disappoint you and never look at any other girl. It would do them no good, up in Ectoplasm

Should the young man obey the medium and come down he will learn to his satisfaction that he died not in vain.

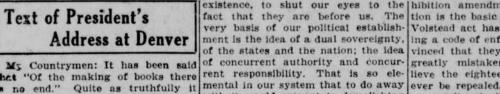
He gave his life for his country, and his father and mother gave, in his memory, a \$500,000 dormitory to Harvard university, a campus on the lake shore to Northwestern university, and a terrace to the Chicago Art institute. Sorrow is the soil in which good deeds grow.

What is the population of this earth? If you mean human be-ings, 1,600,000,000 would be about the right answer.

If you include all living beings "population," the figures bein come fantastic. Government investigation in England shows that a teaspoonful of soil contains more kan 40,000,000 living creatures. These are "organisms" that live, reproduce their kind and have consciousness

Is the difference between their consciousness and ours a difference n power, something like the differnce between the waterfall from a ainspout and the fall of Niagara? When Niagara's water goes

back to the ocean and is again lifted by the sun and dropped in ain, drops that were Nisgara may



ing of laws there is no end." We our whole scheme of government. plicity of laws, state and national. plicity of laws, state and national. If we were as assiduous about obey-these two authorities there will al. It will be the part of wisdom to recing and enforcing obedience to them

ing them, there would be no particu-lar occasion for me to address you toas we are in demanding and enactlar occasion for me to address you to day on the general subject of law enforcement. We all recognize that to secure effective administration of the laws, to establish in the public mind an attitude of willing ac-ceptance and obedience to law, is the mind all attribute of a law, is the ined region. I believe it can be made laws of their own. A difficulty, how-exactly that if we will but realize laws of their own. A difficulty, how-the necessity for real co-operation ever, arises at this point. A good mmunity.

between national and state author-Laws, of course, represent restrictions upon individual liberty, and in means for the exercise therein of to abdicate their own police authority these very restrictions make liberty concurrent jurisdiction. more secure. The individual sur-Not a New One.

renders something of his privilege to The problem of concurrent jurisdicdo as he pleases for the common tion is not a new one brought to us fact that some states which successgood, and so organized society is pos- with the eighteenth amendment. It fully enforced their own prohibition sible. It is successful just about in is as old as the federal government. proportion as laws are wise, as they It has required to be dealt with by represent deliberate and intelligent congress and legislatures, by exec- backwards in this regard.

public opinion, and as they are utives and by courts, in a multitude obeyed. Civilization had to travel a of relations to commerce, finance, was frankly accepted as productive of long way before it came to be com- transportation, and indeed the whole monly accepted that even an unwise realm of concerns in our complex solaw ought to be enforced in orderly ciety. It has demanded attention in all long as it was merely a state concern, fashion, because such enforcement multitude of issues ranging from the report that since the federal governwould insure its repeal or modifica regulation of trusts and transporta- ment became in part responsible there tion, also in orderly fashion, if that tion, and even of certain relations has been a growing laxity on the part were found desirable. with foreign governments, to the of state authorities about enforcing At this point it is worth while to proposal for a uniform statute of the law. Doubtless this is largely due raise a voice in protest against the marriage and divorce.

vast volume of half-baked criticism that is constantly aimed against insisted that particular policies could ment has actually taken over the Americans, on the ground that they not be carried out because of the con-are alleged to be an undisciplined flict of jurisdictions; but experience the contrary. The federal government and rather lawless community. The has proved that whenever a given is not equipped with the instrumencriticism, of course, arises out of the issue became so acute that evasion talities to make enforcement locally fact that during the period of a very was impossible, procedures have been effective. It does not maintain either by confers on it, it obviously commits short national life, during which the devised for dealing with it. Whocurrents of human affairs and inter- ever will go back to the debates over adequate or designed for such a task. ity, the end of which we are reluctant cherishes the protection of law in revealed the soul of the republic. ests have moved more rapidly than the enactment of the antitrust law, If the burden of enforcement shall to conjecture.

in any other period of history, we or the discussions of the interstate have been under the necessity to es- commerce measures, must recognize upon the federal government, it will tablish institutions, laws, modes of that these were but varying phases administration, which would meet of the same general question that not only the requirements of a new ommunity established in a new the enforcement of the prohibition to be regarded as an intrusion upon nullify national policies; but the will themselves suffer most when with soul affame in eagerness to aid to Shelby for the fight on the Fourth. world, but would permit adaptation law.

to rapidly changing conditions. It A good deal of useful accomplishcomes also of the very erroneous im- ment toward uniformity and clarification of state and national laws has pression of many nationals that our liberty is a license, instead of guar- been effected through the efforts of the American Bar association. This, anteed freedom under the law. of course, has been an unofficial ef-

## Many Experiments.

fort-a labor of love and patriotism, Older countries have had the priviconducted by men especially qualilege of developing laws and institutions slowly, gradually, painstakingly, through multiplied centuries formal and official might be evolved proper province. These are complipossible that something rather more from these beginnings, which should tremely slow. America had to build help in perfecting the co-ordination. on the foundation of long-established President Roosevelt recognized this European models not always adaptpossibility when he called a council able to our requirements, and thereof governors to consider problems fore necessitating many experiments then demanding harmonious and uniin modification and readaptation. form treatment. Under the present Moreover, we started our experiment just at the time when the old medieval order was being changed at the state executives for consideration the hands of the state and local auhigh speed by the processes of the of methods to give full force and ef- thorities, and it should be executed in which marked emergence from the

later middle ages into the onrushing eenth amendment. era of modern industrialism, modern science, and modern democratic procedures in government.

The founders of our country were ompelled to establish institutions here, in a time when their whole inance of intellectual, moral, poli-

future.

the Omaha Bee: Tuesday, June 26, 1923 fact that they are before us. The tion is the basic law of the land, The this matter, and that as time passes clearly dominant public opinion of the finer aspirations. We accept the doc- for ourselves. very basis of our political establish- Volstead act has been passed, providment is the idea of a dual sovereignty, ing a code of enforcement. I am con- acceptance by authorities everywhere moved from the domain of political be firmly established and healthfully

that "Of the making of books there rent responsibility. That is so ele- lieve the eighteenth amendment will is no end." Quite as truthfully it mental in our system that to do away ever be repealed. Details of enforcemight be paraphrased, "Of the mak- with it would amount to demolishing ment policy doubtless will be changed as experience dictates. Further, I Americans undoubtedly hold all Certain functions and responsibili- am convinced that whatever may be records for the making of a multi- ties have been imposed upon the na- made will represent the sincere purtional government, while others have pose of effective enforcement, rather

ways be unavoidably something like ognize the facts as they stand.

Policy of States.

The general policy of the states deal of testimony comes to Washingity, if we will only develop effective ton that some states are disposed ment.

burden of prohibition enforcement to federal authorities. It is a singular status before the eighteenth amendment was adopted have latterly gone

Communities in which the policy highly beneficial results, and in which there was no widespread protest so to a misconceived notion, too widely rights.

There have always been those who entertained, that the federal governa police or a judicial establishment

continue to be increasingly thrown create a federal police authority people. comes before us in connection with which; in time will inevitably come cal authority to manage local concerns. The possibility of disaster in

> gested. Yet it is something that we in this situation. The federal government ought to perform, in connection with the en-

fied for its direction. It has seemed forcement of this policy, those functions which are obviously within its ance in all its aspects as it relates to international commerce, the importation and exportation of liquors, the collection of federal revenue, the prevention of smuggling, and in general the enforcement of the law within the proper realm of federal authority. administration a similar course has But the business of local enforcement been adopted in bringing together by states and cities ought to be in fect to the concurrent authority of all sincerity and good faith, as other states and nation under the eight laws are presumed to be executed.

### Government to Act.

What I am saying must not be con-

there will be a more and more willing country, the question is definitely re- trine for ourselves, because we must nation will not permit the law of the will be a permanent bar to the wise ers.

land to be made a byword. determination of many issues utterly The issue is fast coming to be rec- unrelated to the liquor question. It mands our larger helpfulness to the God's bounty in creation and man's ognized, not as an issue between wets and drys, not a question between respect for many laws. It will bring ment in old world politics or spon- living the becoming life unless we are those who believe in prohibition and disrepute upon our community, and be those who do not, not a contention pointed to as justifying the charge between those who want to drink and that we are a nation of hypocrites. those who do not; it is fast being There can be no issue in this land raised above all that, to recognition as an issue of whether the laws of the law.

Warns Against Perli.

It is easy to understand the condi-

practices of a few more, and rebel

against the denial to the vast majori-

content than partial prohibition and

It is the partial indulgence which

the greater crime is the impairment

of the moral fiber of the republic.

The resentful millions have the ex-

ample of law defiance by those who

can afford to buy, and are reckless

inculcated a contempt for law which

enough to take the risk, and there is

challenges the majesty of law, but of civilization.

this country can be and will be enforced. So far as the federal government is concerned, and I am very tions under which much unrest has sure also, so far as concerns the very great majority of the state governdeveloped, but it is not easy to comments and the local governments, it prehend so much of complacency will be enforced. A gratifying, in- amid the developing peril. I want deed it may fairly be said an amaz- to give warning against that peril.

Many citizens, not teetotalers ing, progress has been made in the last few years toward better enforce- their habits, unlawfully acquired stores of private stocks in anticipa-It is a curious illustration of loose tion of prohibition, pending the ratiin this matter, and to turn over the thinking, that some people have pro- fication of the amendment and the posed, as a means to protecting the enactment of the regulatory law. fullest rights of the states, that the Many others have no scruple in seekstates should abandon their part in ing supplies from those who vend in enforcing the prohibitory policy. That defiance of law. The latter practice

means simply an invitation to the is rather too costly to be indulged federal government to exercise powers which should be exercised by the American millions who resent the lawstates. Instead of being an assertion ful possessions of the few, the lawless of state rights, it is an abandonment of them; it is an abdication; it amounts to a confession by the state ty. Universal prohibition in the Unitthat it doesn't choose to govern itself ed States would occasion far less disbut prefers to turn the task, or a con iderable part of it, over to the federal authority. There could be no more complete negation of state

The national government has been iniformly considerate of the sensibilities of the state about their rights and authorities. But when a state deliberately refuses to exercise the nowers which the constitution expressto a policy of nullifying state author-

### Strange Proposal.

The policy of nullification has never authority, and asking the national sovereignty to take over an important

cationists. I venture to say, will discover that they have perpetrated what is likely to prove one of the historic blunders in political management, I am making my appeal in this mat-

constitutes one of the most demoraliz. There is another phase of law-ob ing factors in the situation.

It was very generally believed that pelling. I am thinking of the law of the adoption of the constitutional the golden rule, a statute from the amendment would take the question Man of Nazareth, who brought new

existence, to shut our eyes to the hibition amendment to the constitu- through the most difficult stage of ties, and with the acquiescence of the are associated all our ideals and our humankind, while promoting security

This is no under appraisal of the essentials of material existence. We of the states and the nation; the idea vinced that they are a small, and a of the unalterable obligation of law action, it will continue a demoralizing and hopefully strong ourselves before may rejoice in the flood tides of My Countrymen: It has been said of concurrent authority and concur- greatly mistaken minority who be- enforcement. The country and the element in our whole public life. It we can be effectively helpful to oth- material good fortune, we may becomingly boast the measureless re-

But I believe the law of service de- sources of the republic, through will be the means of encouraging dis- world. No, I do not mean entangle genius in development, but we aren't sorship for the adjustment of old seeking to advance humankind as world controversies. I do mean the we achieve for ourselves. I would commitment of this nation to the pro- like the ages of envy and hate, and motion and preservation of interna- conquest and pillage, and armed paramount to that of enforcement of tional peace, to the judicial settlement greed and mad ambitions to be folof disputes which, unless settled, lead lowed by understanding and peace.

to added irritation, strained relations, by the rule of law where force ha reigned, the decisions of a world and ultimately to war.

Peaceful Way. I would like the United States to

In such a thought is concern for

our own country no less than anxiety

justment difficult. I am thinking of

more than our own freedom from

worth much of its cost, because it

brought an American awakening and

experienced the supreme commitment.

world began.

by the masses, so there are literally for a world which is finding read-

court rather than the decrees of national armies, the observance of the give of our prestige, our influence, golden rule as the law of human and our power to make the interna- righteousness, and the wail of human tional court of justice an outstanding suffering and sorrow lost in the glad and universally accepted agency of ju-dicial determination of justiciable questions and the peaceful way to in-of service, if we heed our finer imternational settlements. It is too much pulses, if we keep alive the sout to say that such a court will give a which we revealed in our national guaranty against war, but it will prove defense, we will add to security for the longest step toward war preven. ourselves, and give of our strength tion and maintained peace since the to this ideal world advancement.

> Butler to Show What Became of \$60,000

conffict, with all its attending burdens Police Commissioner Dan Butler is and sorrows. I am thinking of our going to "show" the city council what America having a commitment to an became of \$60,000, which was special exalting enterprise to save us from ly appropriated to establish a patrol the reaction to mere sordid existence. system in the residence districts.

This was the result of an argument and to keep our hearts aglow while we serve as a vanguard in the march yesterday between Mr. Butler and representatives of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, who have been urg-The world war was a frightful calamity, from which the earth will not ing the establishment of an extensive patrol system.

have fully recovered in a century to "You can rest assured that no one come. Nearly five years have passed and peace is not yet secure. Our own said the police commissioner. has put the money in his pockets" "There cost was beyond an understandable isn't even adequate protection for the may some day find expression in far appraisal, but I sometimes feel it was downtown district now.

> Elks' Rodeo Is Success. Special Disputch to The Omaha Bee

secure when he himself is the exam- We saw our America ready to do or Hastings, Neb., June 25 .- The Elks die for our concept of civilization and odeo herè was a complete succes be necessary, at large expense, to appealed strongly to the American be call for awakened conscience and its guaranties. It exaited us and and probably will be repeated network made us a better, a more patriotically year. The contestants have scattered devoted people. I would like to go on, all over the country, a number going

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I do not see how any citizen who organized society may feel himself nle of contempt for law. Clearly there There are some historical awakened realization of true self-inrecords regarding efforts of states to terest on the part of the few who

partial indulgence.

more serious form.

and interference with the right of lo- spectacle of a state nullifying its own reverence for law is forgotten and passion is expressed in destructive lawlessness. Ours must be a lawsuch a situation hardly need be sug- part of its powers, is new. When the abiding republic, and reverence and implications of this strange proposal obedience must spring from the influmust recognize as among the menaces are fully understood by people and ential and the leaders among men, as parties devoted to preserving the well as obedience from the humbler

rights of the states, the new nullificitizen, else the temple will collapse Lawless Drinking Problem. Whatever satisfaction there may be in indulgence, whatever objection

there is to the so-called invasion of personal liberty, neither counts when ter to the broadest and best senti- the supremacy of law and the stabilments of law-abiding Americans every- ity of our institutions are menaced. where. We must recognize that there With all good intention the majority are some people on both sides of this sentiment of the United States has question in whose minds it is abso- sought by law to remove strong drink utely paramount. Some would be as a curse upon the American citizen, villing to sacrifice every other con- but ours is a larger problem now to sideration of policy in order to have remove lawless drinking as a menace their own way as to this one. This to the republic itself.

servance to which reference is im-

strued as indicating any relaxation of the national government's purpose to do its full duty in this matter. I have no doubt that if the burden is cast, in undue proportion, upon the national

the accomplishment of quite every-

themselves dewdrops, or water n the gutter, or tears.

What becomes of us when the ggregation of consciousness lockid up in our skulls goes back to the ocean whence it came?

If it returns here, does it return inside of one ivory skull, or scattered among a million of those soil "organisms?" You would be grateful for an answer to that.

There is nothing ridiculous in suggesting that the power of consciousness of ten million million "organisms" of the soil might be combined into a thinking power equal to that of Newton. One drop of water, multiplied sufficiently and raised to a height of 500 feet, would have 1,000 times the power of Niagara.

One practical word. Fathers and mothers, look after your children that go barefoot. Remember that the 40,000,000 organisms in a teaspoonful of earth may include hookworm and lockjaw germs.

Don't let children play barefoot in filthy mud puddles or go barefoot when the skin is cracked or cut, opening the door to the germs. Sandals are better than bare

feet in summer and just as good for the health. Insist on them if vea can afford them.

The supreme court says that foreign ships cannot bring alcohol into American ports. Europe says the decision must be referred to The Hague court of arbitration.

We are not bound by The Hague court. Our supreme court would rule here regardless of The Hague court and Hague court decisions.

Suppose we go into the world court. And suppose that world court should hand down decisions, as it probably would, directly contrary to the United States supreme court. What then? Would the president, as execu-

tive, use the forces of the nation to enforce a decision of the United States supreme court, or would he consider that decision overruled by a higher power and enforce decision of the world court which he advocates? That might create an unpleasant situation.

Why not let that world court rule supreme in the disorganized and disunited states of Europe and let our supreme court rule in these United States of America?

Dr. Jervey of the American army has invented an automatic gun that shoots highly explosive shells weighing more than one pound, "in bursts of five shells," so delicately adjusted that the silk on a flying machine wing is strong enough to explode them. Browning, the famous gun man, is at work on an automatic cannon that will send big shells as rapidly as the bullets from a machine

gun. Plenty of such guns and plenty of flying machines are more important to this country than 47 varieties of world courts and leagues.

What we want is to be let alone and to let other people alone. (Copyright 1923)

tical, and industrial traditions was stitutional system; a formal council being wrenched by the most amazof co-ordination, representating state ing revolution that human society and national governments: authorhas known. In the circumstances, ized to examine into particular needs their achievement in laying the foundation, and our later one in building In this area, to devise projects in co-ordinated action, and to propose ur present superstructure upon it, epresents an accomplishment I be any powers of legislation or of manthink we will find all justification

for satisfaction in our progress thus datory initiation, such a body might far, and confidence in an assured render an advisory service which, if made permanent and continuing, Our problems are the problems of a would conceivably be of great ad-

We have dealt upon the same gen-

eral principle in fixing a program for

the utilization of the waters of the

Colorado river. Indeed I have thought

these conferences contained the germ

of an idea which may some day grow

into a useful auxiliary to our con-

elatively new country, and of a new vantage, But for the present there are imform of political organization, in a time of social flux. We shall not mediate problems before us which succeed if we attempt to solve them cannot await the possible creation of all at once; but no more shall we any such slow moving mechanism of succeed if we assume to ignore their philosophic consideration. The pro-

'Yes, We Have No Bananas" But

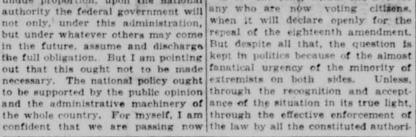
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but under whatever others may come repeal of the eighteenth amendment. in the future, assume and discharge But despite all that, the question is the full obligation. But I am pointing kept in politics because of the almost out that this ought not to be made fanatical urgency of the minority of Unless, them formally to the congress and to be supported by the public opinion through the recognition and acceptwe without parallel. Thus viewed, the legislatures. Without possessing and the administrative machinery of ance of the situation in its true light, the whole country. For myself, I am through the effective enforcement of confident that we are passing now the law by all the constituted authori-

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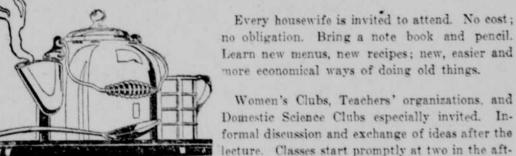
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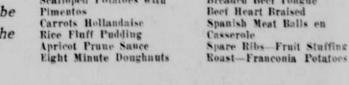
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