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Vocabulary Is Enriched by New Invention and Experience

Who Would Have Thought of "Parking" His Gum Behind the Left Ear in the Ante-Motor Age—and What Would "Volsteadian" Have Meant to Your Grandmother?

By GABBY.

"AREN'T they lovely?" she cooed, pulling her new string of lapis lazuli beads across her spread fingers. "Do you like beads so well?" inquired her intellectual friend childishly. "Well, no, I really don't," the possessor replied honestly. "Now that you ask me, I can't imagine why I bought them unless—yes, I believe it's because I like the words 'lapis lazuli.' They fascinate me."

"I see, you are buying a vocabulary." "Tis true, a new possession, a new experience will enrich our vocabulary. What tourist ever returned from Europe unable to refer without a tremor to "the lower middle facade" or "gar-goyles," "apse," "nave," and other cathedralic parts. And what tourist to China who fails to come back speaking nonchalantly of his kussu work?"

One who changes his residence to another country or to a different section of his own country accumulates new words. Authentic vocabulary tests are based on this principle. You are given such a word as "corn pone." If you can define it, you are at once credited with, let us say, 100 words, the assumption being that if you know one word which is characteristic of a certain territory you are familiar with the other localities of that area. You are given a nautical test word. If you are "there," again you are credited with, for example, 400 words. In the end you are told you have a vocabulary of 15,000 or 20,000 words.

The war brought us "camouflage," "barrage" and "hangar" and many more words sounding quite familiar now, but having seemed at first irritatingly strange.

Popular new inventions have added much to the language of the street. Before the automobile came in, no one word would have thought of "parking" his gum behind his left ear, an expression quite acceptable in certain contemporary circles.

"Tuning in" and "tuning out" are terms of solemnity but nevertheless of very common usage with the radio radicals. Along with "broadcasting" they were unheard of phrases to the average enunciator a few years ago.

and how many more words of prohibition birth we have. "Volsteadian" is as good an adjective as grows, though it would have meant nothing to your grandmother.

The fashion for Freud and his followers has made the word "complex" startlingly and widely meaningful. It is no longer part of that mechanical grammatical lingo we used to reel off when analyzing sentences, simple, complex and compound. Rather not. It is a word to conjure with along with "sublimation," "inhibition" and "reaction," and other overworked words of psychological import.

"Chucker" will become as familiar as "inning" when polo is as commodified as baseball. Honest now, do you know what "ramp" means. Of course you do if you're an engineer or an architect, but it is taking football stadiums to bring the word into its own. You go to a game and discover your check reads: "Go to ramp 5. And from that hour on the word has a place in your life and your affections.

H. L. Mencken has given us a dissertation of characteristic humor and brilliance, along philological lines. We take roots from other languages and build words around them, he argues. Why not, says he, take our own roots and build. Whereupon with the root "boob" he coins such words as boobocracy, boobology, boobgeovine, boobogogue, etc.

Some questions asked in the reference room and children's department of the library about Christmas and Christmas festivals during the past week, are: "Is there a Santa Claus?" "Are all the Santa Clauses you see in the stores in Omaha related?" "Does Santa Claus answer Christmas letters?" "If nobody tells Santa Claus when a girl and boy have been good how does he know it?" "Does Christ know that we have Christmas?"

The bachelor scarcity, always acute, besides vexing, has become, besides a matter of horrible uncertainty. Heretofore young hostesses, after struggling to pair off guest lists, with a preponderance of deserving feminine candidates, have dropped the completed effort in the post box with a sigh of relief. Not so today, for runaway marriages, the newest social craze, give the matter a speculative angle that leaves the hostesses

with a horrible "I wonder if" feeling when cards are out. Recently the Pepper Pot invitations were issued and two of those invited had a good snicker. The "bachelor" whose name had been inserted in the little white envelope sent to a tiny Junior League was none other than the benedict whose secret wedding was discovered the next day.

Moral: Lovely maidens had best watch the social sheet. Escorts inexplicably delayed may be at home with their wives. Looking at the bachelor problem from another angle, Gabby has in mind a young gentleman of royal blood who has a penchant for married lady visitors, or perhaps it is merely a kindly spirit he has for the stranger in our midst.

Recently a gracious charmer came to visit from the western coast, leaving behind her three children and an adoring spouse. In a praiseworthy attempt to show the city beautiful at its best, the bachelor gave her a well-chaperoned and thoroughly platonic rush, which she received in just as detached a manner, albeit, gratefully.

At this point philosophers would do well to ponder on why evil should befall one of such high motives, but befall it did, two or three evenings ago at the Orpheum theater. A performer threw a bridal bouquet into the audience straight into the lap of the visitor, and seeing her blushes and the confusion of her escort, actors and audience hailed him joyfully as a prospective groom.

Earlier in the week the bouquet fell into the hands of the daughter of a farmer owner of one of our substantial hostilities. She is engaged to wed though it is not generally known and her fiance was at her side when the significant memento struck. He is the son of a dealer in coal.

A Titian-haired daughter caught the buds another night, Gabby is expectant in that direction. Mr. S. Claus Will Visit Nursery

The last Saturday before Christmas is to be a great occasion at the Day Nursery of the Junior league. It has been chosen for the children's Christmas party. Mrs. Isaac Carpenter, jr., chairman, will be assisted by Mrs. Lester Klapp. The tree, which is to glitter according to approved standards, is being trimmed by Miss Peggy Reed and Miss Margaret Eastman. Each child will receive a toy, a "useful" present and a box candy from the general sack of Mr. S. Claus. This important role is to be filled by Malcolm Badridge, and his aides, who are procuring the gifts, are Miss Virginia Barker and Miss Josephine Schurman.

Little Miss Mary Harding, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Harding is contributing to the Day Nursery play room a doll house, which is to be newly furnished and equipped for light housekeeping under the supervision of Miss Willow O'Brien.

The James L. Abneys to Visit the Woods. Mr. and Mrs. James L. Abney of Linn, Mo., whose wedding in June was one of the foremost social events of the year, are planning to return Thursday of next week to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Wood. Mrs. Abney, who will be remembered as Adelyn Wood, will extend her visit into the New Year, but Mr. Abney will return after Christmas.

Mrs. Max Begniol of Lincoln will give a Christmas dinner party for Mr. and Mrs. James Abney of Linn, Mo., and Mrs. H. N. Wood. Mrs. Abney, who will be remembered as Adelyn Wood, will go with their children, Joan and Jimmie.

Mrs. Henry Bohling and Mrs. F. H. Davis are planning dinner for Christmas week, when Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bohling of Chicago, parents of Mr. Bohling, will be honor guests.

Miss Elizabeth Stewart, sister of Mrs. Clinton Brome, who returns Friday from a California trip, will be the guest of Mrs. Brome's bridge club to which she is hostess that day, Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Brome and Miss Stewart will go to Chicago to spend a week in metropolitan gaieties.

Tuesday Miss Gertrude Stout will give a luncheon for Mrs. Thomas Niles of New York.

Mrs. Carroll Belden will give an afternoon bridge Christmas week for her sister Miss Louise Brown of St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Spear will entertain informally at dinner at the University club, Saturday evening, December 22, in honor of Mrs. Spear's sisters, Misses Phyllis and Hortense Schurman, of the University of Wisconsin, who arrive December 20, to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Spear.

Due to the illness of their grandmother, Mrs. J. F. Coad, the Richard Coads, who are visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. B. McConnell and Mrs. George Weigert of Cedar Rapids who is the guest of her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Coad, jr., will not be present at social affairs.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sibberson will give a dinner Christmas eve for their parents, Chief Justice and Mrs. C. J. Smythe of Washington, D. C. Other family parties will be given by Mr. and Mrs. C. C. George for Miss M. D. George and Mrs. Clyde Edmundson of Galesburg, Ill., and by Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Hertz who will have as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Hertz, Mrs. Alec Whitney and Mr. and Mrs. James Whitney of Lincoln.

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Having Fort Crook, Fort Omaha and the downtown headquarters, Omaha is especially favored with a large army "set," which intermingles with civilian social life, adding both breadth and interest to it.

Gen. and Mrs. Halstead Dorey have made many friends since coming to Omaha last February from Washington, D. C. General Dorey is brigadier commander of the 14th infantry brigade.

Their two daughters will arrive home this week for the holiday season. Miss Georgiana is a student at Holton Arms, Washington, D. C., and Miss Ednah is at Rosemary Hall, Greenwich, Conn. Mrs. Dorey's native state Mrs. Dorey will entertain for her daughters at the Service club next Saturday night when guests costumed as children will attend from both the forts and town as well. Friday tea dances at the fort will be made especially attractive during the holidays.

Mrs. Dorey is greatly interested in Christmas at the post. There will be a celebration for all the children at the Service club on December 24 and a beautifully lighted tree will go up on the parade to stand during the week.

Fort Crook, too, will put on holiday attire for the Merrie, Merrie Christmas season. Mrs. Bucker, wife of Col. Guy E. Bucker, who has been in command of the 17th infantry for the last year, is a leading spirit in planning a tree for the children of the post in the Sunday school entertainment.

Her daughter, Miss Charlotte, will arrive home this week from Ward Belmont, where she is a student. A Christmas dance will be given at the Officers' club, December 23, and the week at the fort is otherwise full of social gaieties.

Welcome arrivals a week ago were Lieut. and Mrs. Harold Doherty, former residents of Omaha, now of Fort Riley, Kan. They will sail from San Francisco on February 12 for Honolulu where Lieutenant Doherty, son of Mrs. Robert Doherty of Omaha, will take up his first foreign service for the Ninth field artillery. Among the army hosts for the visitors have been Capt. J. Clarke and Lieut. S. E. Cookson, both of Fort Omaha. Lieutenant Doherty has returned to Fort Riley but Mrs. Doherty is remaining on to visit with friends here and in Des Moines before leaving for the west. She will be the recipient of much informal social attention during the coming week among former acquaintances here.

Other travellers to Honolulu will be Lieut. and Mrs. H. B. Sheets, who have been at Fort Crook for the last year. They are leaving Omaha this week to sail for Honolulu January 15. Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Bucholz recently entertained at bridge for them.

The vicomtesse de Tocqueville arrived in Omaha last week and will make an extended visit with Dr. and Mrs. F. J. Despecher, the former of whom was a playmate of hers during their childhood in northern France. Dr. Despecher's father was godfather to the vicomtesse.

Mme. de Tocqueville is a niece by marriage of Alexis de Tocqueville, French statesman and sociologist, author of the famous book "Democracy in America," which is a classic source on American conditions about 1835, and which had a profound effect on the attitude of European opinion toward the young republic.

Following the tradition of her uncle's friendship for America, Mme. de Tocqueville served on the information bureau of the Y. M. C. A. in France during the war, and in 1914 was sent to America on duty by that organization. She has remained here ever since, except for brief trips to France. The recollection of wartime tragedies making a prolonged stay in her native land too painful.

Madame de Tocqueville will give reminiscences of French authors whom she has known personally, before the Alliance Francaise at an early date. She has lectured on French literature and social and political conditions in many parts of the country, including the Institute de France on Fifth avenue, New York City. She was entertained by the Alliance Francaise Saturday at the Burgess-Nash tea room.

Pre-Holiday Social Week Suggests We Are "Back to Normalcy"

Pre-Holiday Calendar

Vicomtesse de Tocqueville Guest of Dr. and Mrs. Despecher

As Christmas seasons go, the one on which we will embark socially this week is not excessively gay. Festive hours for visitors are unwelcomed. Perhaps we are at last back to the "normalcy" we have so long striven for, and family holidays will be the order of the day.

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