



NOTE:—Your question will be analyzed free in this column only when you include a clipping of this column and sign your full name, birthdate and correct address to your letter. For a "Private Reply"...

F. W.—Please tell me will Lou's do as I ask him? Ans: Heck NO. Joe Louis has troubles enough of his own...

W. M. C.—Not long ago I met a man without doubt a gentleman. He is kind, dependable and truthful. Should I invite him to my home?

Ans: If he is all that you claim him to be, then you certainly should make every effort to cultivate his friendship.

S. M. W.—Every Saturday, when he gets payed off, he comes home drunk and cusses me like a dog and throws his money away and then wants to run me away.

Ans: Its going to take more than "sweet treatment" to change him. He has got to be jolted out of his present state of mind.

X. Y. Z.—I am deeply in love with a young girl who sometimes treats me fine. Anything she does is okay with me, but now she says she wants me to stop going around with her.

Ans: Your girl friend is afraid that people will start "talking" about you if she continues on with the friendship.

A. D. P.—I pray every day of my life asking the Lord to give me twins. My husband also wants children. Maybe I'm too hasty about wanting as I know it takes time.

Ans: Dont you think you're asking the Lord for an awful big order when you pray for twins? I'm sure if you let Him know that you would take ONE if he will it so, that he might answer your prayers.

ADVENTURE—I have a strong determination to get myself a good job and grow up to be a great man someday. I have always been often helped to lead my people to a great lover of my race and have "victory" up to the standards of every nationality on the face of the earth.

Ans: Lad, with your courage, and lofty ideals, you can't help but get a job by Spring. I believe you will be successful in my attempt to get a good job?

gest that you try to complete your High School education and think seriously of entering the MINISTRY.

W. C. M.—I often read your column and think you are good. Will you please tell me will I be successful enough to get a car with my intended plan?

Ans: It would be better if you made out with the car you have now until middle summer. Around August of this year you will be in much better financial shape. GET YOUR CAR THEN.

B. M. M.—Please hurry. Will I ever meet a boy who will love me without me letting him—?

Ans: By being particular in choosing your friends, you will eventually marry and live happily. The next few years of your life will bring your ideal mate.

L. V. P.—My father has been married three times. He and his third wife separated. About three months ago he was married to his fourth wife. Do you think he will be satisfied with her?

Ans: Right now, your daddy wishes he hadn't been so hasty about getting married for the fourth time. He's got a "wild-cat" on his hands this time and your old man is about fed up with her.

X. Y. Z.—I have a sister whom I feel has been stoned upon and I'd like to know am I right in believing it is not true what was said? I think I'm in love. Does the boy love me? Do you think it wise to continue my association with him? Does he respect me less than before?

Ans: There is a lot more to your sister's case than appears on the surface, and a lot more than she will own up to. Some of the stories have been stretched a bit though. Your boy friend is more attached to you now than he has ever been.

L. B. E.—I was married to a person named "B." later to find out the name was "G." Is this a lawful marriage?

Ans: "Assumed marriages" are not commonly considered lawful. My advice however, is to consult a lawyer in the state where the ceremony was performed.

J. A. C.—I am now under the death sentence and I want to know if I will be successful in getting out of this mess?

Ans: Thru the efforts of your lawyer, I believe you will be lucky enough to get this death sentence commuted to LIFE IMPRISONMENT. Do not give up hope.

W. D. J.—I have 6 children and have been married 10 years. My hubby has been very good to me but lately he doesn't want me to go to town unless he goes with me and buys what I need. Tell me what's the trouble?

Ans: Your husband is brooding over a certain letter that he has in his possession and seems to be of the opinion that he can't trust you anymore. I believe you understand what I mean.

Flash!

NEW YORK (C) Feb. 16th — Bill Robinson, world famous tap dancer and movie star, walked with a limp and carried a cane when he made a brief guest appearance on the 125th Street Apollo theatre stage with Fats Waller and Jeni LeGon on Monday afternoon.

NEW YORK (C) Feb. 16th — Newspaper men have been urged by the National Urban League to file for jobs with the Wage-Hour division of the Department of Labor, Washington, for Principal Information Representatives, at \$5,600 per year.

NEW YORK (C) Feb. 16 — The new Paul Robeson feature picture "Big Fella", co-starring Elizabeth Welch, had its premiere at the 125 Street Apollo theatre on Friday, February 10, and played a week. Zaidee Jackson has an important role in the picture.

N. Y. TIMES INTERVIEWS HARLEM GRAY SHOP ON FOODS

NEW YORK, Feb. 16, (C) Once again Negro business in Harlem is given a big lift in prestige by the celebration of the eighth anniversary of Gray Shop No. 3, 266 West 145th street, noted as one of the smartest dining rooms in uptown Manhattan.

While people throughout the country were reading this article on how the tradition of fine food and service is being preserved in Harlem by Negroes themselves, the Gray Shop staff was feeling that this service which was praised so highly was only routine work for them.

It was back in 1929 that the first Gray Shop was opened in Harlem. Shortly after this beginning, a second shop was opened, and in 1931 the Gray Shop fever having taken a firm hold on Harlem, the largest shop of all, No. 3, in West 145th street, was opened, with a spacious dining room which seats 80 people, the shop all told seating 100 persons.

One innovation has been the building in of a brick barbecue pit where real southern barbecue is prepared right before the eyes of the patrons. And also the southern fried chicken, which took the fancy of the New York Times culinary expert, has long been regular fare for the Harlemites of above average taste.

But in the Gray Shop service also lies one of its secrets of success. A well trained staff of waiters, who have had experience on dining cars and boats, give to Harlemites the same service which commands fancy prices outside the Harlem district. In the dining room, which has walls of grained wood, giving an air of dignity and distinction, are seen tables faultlessly set with linens of gleaming white cleanliness and china of matched design throughout the intricacies of formal dinners, sparkling stem glassware, and silver that has each implement in its proper place from fish fork to demitasse spoon.

Nowhere else in Harlem does the lover of good food and service find such close attention given to detail and correct procedure as at Gray Shop No. 3. Comments have often come from visiting patrons of other cities who know and appreciate service, long before the New York Times heard of the Gray Shop tradition and sent its special writer to investigate and write a lengthy report which was broadcast to the world.

The heads of the Gray Shop are substantial business men who not only successfully operate their own business, but take an interest in

DARK LAUGHTER

by Ol Harrington



"Say, Bootsie, it's three A. M. an' all the food's gone but don't let me rush you—jest take your time."

the development of business throughout the Harlem area. Once a leading spirit in the Harlem Business Men's Club and officially connected with the National Negro Business League, they are even now laying plans to serve successfully a record number of World's Fair visitors and are cooperating with other enterprises to make this a banner year for Harlem business generally.

WHEN ONE ROOM IS DIFFICULT TO HEAT!

CLEANING OUT WARM AIR DUCT OR REGISTER MAY BE THE REMEDY

Are you grumbling this winter because there's one room in the house that you just can't heat? Usually it's a bedroom; but it may be the dining room or even the living room. And to heat rooms like that, you either have to keep all the rest of the house uncomfortably hot, or resign yourself to having one room that feels like a cold storage box.

If you have this problem, don't blame the architect, don't vow to give up an otherwise comfortable home. Your heating plant may only need some simple adjustment to give complete satisfaction.

First, make a careful examination of the warm air duct, or stack and register of the room in question. If necessary call in a heating contractor to look it over. If the rest of the house is warm, that indicates at least that as designed and built, the heating system was adequate; so the chances are something has gone wrong since. Perhaps there is a loose connection or a portion of the duct has slipped down or sideways, letting the heat that was intended for the room pass up inside the wall. You may be able to trace trouble of this sort by feeling of the walls and locating spots where they are warmer than they should be.

Often the register connection has slipped just enough to spoil the warm air flow; or dirt, fluff or even more serious obstructions have clogged the duct. Children have been known to poke pieces of cloth or paper into registers and cut off the room's heat supply.

Look over the windows too. Make sure they fit tightly and that there is adequate snug weather stripping. Installing a modern storm window often works wonders. Double windows and storm doors sometimes save as much as 20 per cent of fuel bill. Look around the baseboard for cracks through which on the windward side, a stream of cold air can come whistling in.

Economic Hi-Lights

Happenings that Affect the Dinner Pails, Dividend Checks and Tax Bills of every Individual. National and International Problems Inseparable from Local Welfare.

In theory, meetings of the Senate military affairs committee are usually supposed to be strictly secret. In practice, information about what goes on at the conclaves usually starts leaking out immediately after they are over. Senators are only human—and, like anyone else with important special knowledge in their minds, they have a hard time keeping it to themselves.

The recent meeting between the President and this committee at the White House was supposed to be even more secret than most. Even the stenographers were excluded. But, as usual, the leaks were much in evidence. The next day an account was widely published to the effect that the President had stated in conversation that America's frontier was in France, and that this explained the U. S. government's willingness to have the French buy big quantities of war planes here. Still another account stated that the President had gone farther yet, and said that our frontier was the Rhine River.

Two days later the Chief Executive branded these reports as "a deliberate lie," and added that a move was on foot, supported by some congressmen and newspapers, to misrepresent and discredit him. But whatever the truth of the matter, the episode served to unloose a veritable torrent of oratory in the always talkative Congress—and served as well to bring into sharp focus the fundamental differences that exist over our foreign policy.

We are embarking on the largest armament program in our peace-time history. When a country builds a war machine, it involves far more than merely appropriating the money, increasing the personnel of our fighting forces, and placing the orders with the arms and munitions makers. It involves the greatest question of policy. It involves our entire attitude toward the relations with the other nation in the world. And it thus very directly involves every person in the country.

We have apparently reached the time when our foreign policy must be definitely fixed and established in one way or another. And this

is going to be no simple matter. For the congress seems to be bitterly divided over what our policy should be. And it is not in any sense a partisan division—politics plays little or no part in it.

On the other hand are those who believe sincerely that in a sense that we are our brother's keeper—that, as the only great democracy immune from immediate attack by a powerful totalitarian state, it is to us to throw the weight of our influence and resources behind the menaced democracies. These men see the world as a great battleground in which an undeclared war without quarter is taking place between fascism and democracy. The cause of democracy in Europe they reason, will soon be lost unless helped by the New World democracy. And if that happens, they argue, we will be next in line for fascist aggression. So, they conclude the thing to do is to help the Old World democracies stave off fascism before it is too late.

The other school believes with equal sincerity in rigorous isolation. That means a policy of treating all countries, democratic or totalitarian, with equal consideration. They feel we must build up an adequate defensive military machine, and keep our resources for our own use, they argue, to pull our country's fat out of the fire. And, they conclude, if we insist on aiding the other democracies with moral suasion and giving them access to our factories and resources, it will eventually mean that we will have to aid them with our army and navy. President Wilson's refusal to be neutral, they think, and his obvious bias toward the allies, was responsible for bringing us unnecessarily into the World War.

This illustrates the two major extremes of thought there are, of course, many more moderate groups which favor a modified neutrality—or a modified internationalism.

No one can answer the question of which side will win. Mr. Roosevelt it is believed, feels that neutrality must be somewhat relaxed. On the other hand, there is a strong and determined group in Congress, led by Senator Borah, which is determined to resist to the end, and Administration effort to actively aid the European democracies. At this writing, it looks like a stalemate is in prospect over foreign policy.

The business picture is changing

but little. The anticipated downswing remains in evidence, and is security values.

One good sign, is sustained strength in commodity prices. They characterized by serious losses in have declined—but to nowhere near the same extent as stock prices. And there seems to be no danger of a big break in this field.

The inventory situation is also favorable. The economists are resting on their oars now, confident that spring will bring the much-advertised upturn.

INTERESTING NAVAL NOTES

"Postal Laws and Regulations permit the mailing of letters from Sailors, Soldiers, and Marines on board ship without the customary postage stamps.

The latest ship to invoke this ruling was the United States Cruiser Marblehead which, when she left the United States some time ago for duty in Asiatic Waters, did not have the time to obtain an additional supply of postage stamp and as a result the ship's postoffice ran completely out of stamps shortly after the vessel arrived on her Station.

This fact did not deter from her crew writing their relatives and friends back in the United States for in the upper right hand corner, where the stamp would ordinarily be placed, each envelope bore this inscription: "Sailors Letter; Collect upon delivery" and signed by the Ship's Commander.

Rear Admiral S. P. Carter, during the Civil War, offered his services as an Army Officer to President Lincoln. He entered the Army, rose to the rank of Major General, returned to the Navy and rose to the rank of Rear Admiral, being the only man to hold both ranks.

The largest Naval Hospital (1400 beds) is located at San Diego, California.

During the first 120 days of a Naval Recruit's service he is entitled to take out Government Insurance in amounts up to \$10,000."

Congressman Harry B. Coffee

from Nebraska's fifth Congressional district took a definite stand against the proposal for a war referendum in replying today to the University of Omaha's Middle West Poll.

The last of Nebraska representatives to respond to the Omaha university's statewide canvass, Congressman Coffee was the only Nebraska representative in Washington willing to commit himself definitely on the question of whether or not the people should vote before Congress may declare a war on foreign soil.

Declaring that he had voted against the measure during the last session of Congress, Congressman Coffee said: "The adoption of this proposal, in my opinion, would enhance rather than diminish the possibilities of war because it would have a tendency to encourage aggressor nations to disrespect our rights with a feeling of impunity.

"After all, the attitude of the people would be reflected by the vote of their representatives in Congress who would be better informed and less susceptible to propaganda."

Congressman Charles F. McLaughlin, members from the second Nebraska district, said he had voted against the referendum bill at the last Congress, indicated that he was still opposed to the idea, but qualified his stand by stating that "this does not mean that my mind is closed on the subject."

The three other Nebraska Congressmen, George Heinke, first district, Karl Stefan, third, and Carl Curtis, fourth district, declined to take a stand on the issue. Each promised to give the referendum careful consideration should it come before the present Congress.

Thirty-six Nebraska and Iowa newspaper editors who also replied to the University of Omaha's poll were evenly divided over the referendum issue, with eighteen editors voting "yes" on the proposal and eighteen voting "no."

Seventeen of the eighteen editors favoring the referendum stated they believed their views reflected the sentiments of their readers. One said he didn't know.

Of the eighteen editors opposed to the referendum only four ventured to say their views coincided with their readers' feelings. Five opposed to the referendum said they thought their readers were for it; seven said they had no idea how their readers felt; and one said his readers were probably equally divided on the question.

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