

LEE OAK PUZZLES EXPERTS

Authorities Differ as to Whether Tree Classes as a True Species or a Mere Hybrid.

The American Forestry association at Washington, D. C., announces the following trees as having been given a place in the Hall of Fame for trees with a history: The Old oak at Charleston, S. C.; Old Pisa, near Daytona, Fla.; The Lee oak at Cincinnati, O.; The great grape vine on Roanoke Island; The Old elm at Oberlin college, Ohio; The Bartram yucca that stood in Philadelphia.

The Lee oak at Cincinnati is on the property of William A. Windisch. The tree seems to be a puzzle to the experts. It was discovered by Dr. Thomas Lee in 1836, and in the description he wrote of it a few years later, gives its location at "four (4) miles back of Cincinnati on the Cornish farm." In honor of its discoverer it was called the "Lee Oak" and has gone by that name ever since.

What is the meaning of the word "swank"? The answer depends on the district in which the word is used. Only the other day a London magnate rebuked a solicitor for using it. In the north of Ireland a skinny, hungry-looking person is described as a "swank" whereas in Yorkshire the word is applied to a man who eats heartily, and in Essex to anyone who drinks to excess.

An Elaborate Responsibility. "It's a busy life," remarked the man who was waving a palm leaf fan. "How have you been occupying yourself?" "Voting. It's everybody's duty to vote. In addition to voting for state, county and town officers, I voted in the primaries, got elected as a delegate and voted over and over in the convention. Of course, I'm going to vote in the fall election, and I only hope they'll let me round out my record by putting me in the electoral college."

Something Unusual. "He must have a wonderful father and mother." "Why?" "He's only nineteen and he insists on getting married." "But what is there about that to show superior parentage?" "Don't you see? He's lived with them for nineteen years and hasn't even the slightest suspicion that marriage is filled with difficulties and responsibilities. He thinks it's all love and roses."

His Altered Tastes. "Do you remember the old fishing hole of your boyhood days?" "I certainly do. And if I could equip it with a sofa and an electric fan, and have a buffet right handy I'd rather like to pass an afternoon back among the old familiar scenes."—Boston Transcript.

Looking for Valuables. "How did that last little bit of safe robbin' turn out?" "It was a great disappointment," answered Bill, the burg. "Didn't find anything but money. The owner of the safe was a prohibitionist."

Reform Effected. "Are you content with the nomination?" "Yes," answered Mr. Meekton. "It has wholly destroyed Henrietta's faith in our culta board. It never once mentioned Harding."

To Vague. "I don't know whether her husband is a suitable or an aviator." "How do you mean?" "She said he was always going in."

A CANINE CUPID

By AGNES G. BROGAN.

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The girl looked up from her book just in time to see a young man, in an immaculate white suit furiously chasing a forlorn looking dog, who had aroused his ire by running in front of his car. The car was a new and shining one and the young man who chased the dog was quite oblivious to the damage the wet road was doing to his white shoes.

"You've a lot to do, haven't you, pursuing a poor half-starved animal that dared annoy you for a moment by blocking your way?" "I'm going to keep this strange dog," she replied, "for my own. I thought about it this morning when I saw him searching around our back door. Only—" her tone was regretful—"he did look so homey."

"I don't care how homey Casey is," she said, "I shall befriend him." "Casey?" asked the young man. "His name from now on," the girl said. "He looks like Casey."

The dog gave a furtive backward glance as she carried him indoors. To the surprised young man it seemed that the ugly mouth smiled. Reluctantly the white-suited one made his way down the flower-bordered path and into his waiting car. Reluctantly he looked back toward the vacant veranda. The young man also smiled.

"All right," the indulgent father replied, "but don't indulge his curtness upon me." As she sat, that evening, with the dog in silent adoration at her feet, it seemed, unaccountably, that the white-flashed figure of a man still occupied the step below. It was exceedingly curious how such a brief presence could haunt a place. Dulcie recalled the young man's good-natured acceptance of her rebuke—his whimsical smile. Then, shyly, her eye caught an advertisement in the evening paper:

"Lost," she read, "valuable Alredate puppy in vicinity of Park place this morning. Return to D. Benson, 2140 Elm avenue."

"Donald Benson at your service." "I don't understand—" Dulcie faltered, but she was beginning to understand very well indeed. "You see," he explained genially, "Sandy—that's Casey's real name—shook his strap and collar and strayed over to Park place this morning. When I tried to round him up with my car, he expected a deserved thrashing and ran to you for protection. Sandy's a wise dog—and a lucky one." D. Benson added sadly. You liked—Sandy. "So I must give him up!" the girl said slowly.

"Tell you what," D. Benson exclaimed, "I'll bring Sandy over and leave him with you as often as you like." Dulcie smiled. "And call for him again?" she asked. "The young man sighed a sigh of great content. "I'll start bringing that dog over early tomorrow morning," he told her.

GREAT "FIXER" IS LARDNER

According to Chauncey Depew, Humorist is "All to the Good" as a Diplomat.

Chauncey M. Depew is a great admirer of Ring Lardner and delights to relate an anecdote concerning the well-known sport writer and humorist. It was at a club in Philadelphia and a certain gentleman whom the crowd was trying to entice into spending the evening there declared he could not remain because he had promised his wife he would come home.

"You can have him, Mr. Lardner," "You can have him, Mr. Lardner," "You can have him, Mr. Lardner," "You can have him, Mr. Lardner,"

FIVE-YEAR-OLDS WILL TALK

And Surely This One Came Near to "Spilling the Beans" for Poor Mamma. After looking at all the rugs in the store, the customer decided that she thought she liked the pink one with the purple roses best.

"Well, madam, it's—er—hardly usual," demurred the proprietor. "But in the circumstances, perhaps—" The customer's five-year-old daughter, who had stood silent during the long inspection, now tugged violently at her mother's skirt.

Miss Alcott's Elms. Among the trees in historic Concord are the two old elms in front of the Louisa May Alcott house, and the little grove of pines and spruces just beyond it. Under the shade of the elms once lived the author of "Little Women" and among the whispering pines Hawthorne walked, thought and wrote or conversed with his friend, Thoreau.

No Light in Darkness. The census taker runs up against many amusing experiences. Chief among these are the explanations some people offer for the various answers they make to questions put to them. One of the census workers in Kansas City asked a woman whether she could read. She answered rather hesitatingly, that she could not, and then hastened to explain:

A Way Out. Premier Clemenceau gave the red ribbon of the Legion of Honor to an old acquaintance of his who had done important work for France in the war. The recipient of the decoration was delighted and at the same time embarrassed because the large beard, which he had worn for years, hid the honor badge from view.

His Strange Way. "Mr. Gloom," sternly said the candidate for alderman. "I understand that you have been saying that I am so big a fool you wouldn't vote for me even if there was nobody else running?" "You are an even bigger fool than I thought," snarled J. Fuller Gloom, "if you rush around notifying people every time you happen to understand something."—Kansas City Star.

Early Humor. "Professor Diggs hits no recreations whatever, I hear." "You are very much mistaken." "Ah! What does he do to rest his mind after hours of arduous study in his library?" "He chuckles over the wheezes of Babylonian column conductors, written on tablets of clay."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Rann-dom Reels

By HOWARD L. RANN

THE PICNIC

THE picnic is a place where people go to relax from labor and study the bug family. There is no place on earth where the habits and personal eccentricities of the wandering and dissatisfied bug can be studied to greater advantage than at a picnic, when the tabicloth has been laid directly over a smoldering ant hill.



The Man Who is First to Get to the Table but Never Can See Anything to Do Except Prophecy Rain and Fight Flies.

which is supported by the patient, perspiring taxpayer, is a lugubrious and agonizing joke. If congress would quit distributing free garden seeds and give out trustworthy barometers instead, fewer picnic parties would have to be haunted home in a back and wrung dry by anxious parents in the dead of the night.

Men are invited to picnics on account of their lovable attributes and their ability to produce a fire out of water-soaked brush. A picnic without a few men to build the fire and eat all of the surplus potato salad would be a grove failure than an attempt to sell envelope chemises on the African coast.

Fortify Your System Against Diseases FATHER MOLLINGER'S HERB TABLETS

Writers Who Died Young. Among poets and writers who died in the thirties are Charles Churchill, thirty-three; the earl of Essex, thirty-four; Mackworth Praed, thirty-seven; Adelaide Proctor, thirty-nine; Sir John Suckling, thirty-three, and Charlotte Bronte, thirty-nine. Kents, Chatterton and Marlowe died in their twenties.

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Catholic Summer School Celebrate Fourth

Cliff Haven, July 9.—The birthday of the Nation was fittingly observed in the Patriotic Celebration held at the Catholic Summer School on Sunday, July 4.

One of the ablest speakers in the State, the Honorable Mr. Martin Conboy, Director of the Selective Draft was the orator of the day. In his speech Mr. Conboy made a powerful protest against the movements of the day which clearly violate the principles enunciation in the Declaration of Independence, especially that principle, which declares that "Men are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights."

is the question of the hour. But those who know the charms of the Great Lakes have already made plans for their annual pilgrimage to America's Wonderland, Lake Erie with its incomparable fleet of magnificent passenger vessels is especially attractive to travelers, and plying its waters you will find some of the largest and most palatial steamers.

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