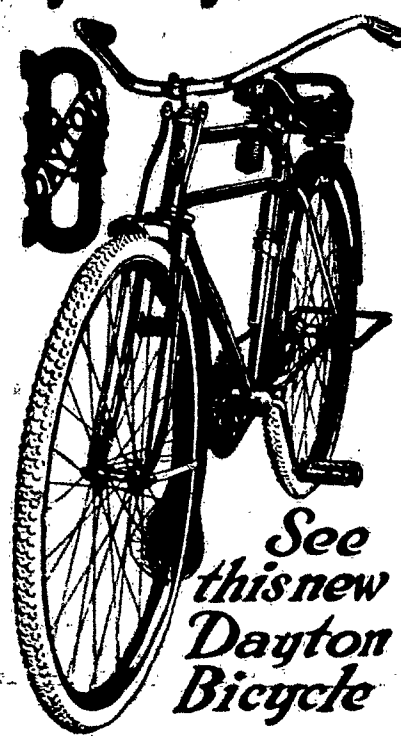


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Something to Think About

By F. A. WALKER

CHARITY

FOR some five or six years we have had a riot of charity appeals. There have been drives for this and campaigns for that—tag days and all other kinds of days.

Rightly the people have responded with promptness and generosity to all the appeals, touching the bottoms of their pockets occasionally when the drives came very close together and always giving something, however little they were interested in the cause.

The war was responsible for the most of the appeals. But the war is, technically, at least, over, and it would seem as if there ought to be a let-up and a good breathing spell—so that pocketbooks may recover and charities get down to a normal basis.

Charity ought to mean something to the giver as well as to the receiver.

Real charity means giving real help. Money is frequently a long way from being the best thing that you can give to a poor and suffering individual.

If you saw a man in a pit and all his efforts to get out were unsuccessful, you would scarcely be doing him any good by dumping a dollar down into the pit with him.

Nor would it be the best thing to get down in the pit yourself.

The best thing to do is provide the man a way out of his predicament—a way to better himself—a way to get up on a level with his fellow man.

It was not the amount of money that the Good Samaritan spent that made his name a synonym for generous charity. It was the fact that when he saw the man who had been down to Jericho lying by the roadside "he went to him and bound up his wounds and set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn and took care of him."

There are too many of us who are generous with our dollars and misers with our smiles. We spend a dollar where a hearty good cheer, a message of encouragement, a little thoughtfulness would do a good deal more to help those to whom we intend to extend aid.

Charity which lessens the self-respect of the one helped is badly bestowed.

A loaf of bread given in such a way that the receiver thinks less of himself than he did before he received it is an injury rather than a help.

Better, he had hungered a little longer until his bread could have been obtained without cost to his manhood.

There is a good deal of misdirected charity in this world. We give to sufferers far away and close our eyes to those near at hand.

We give for show—from the pocket rather than from the heart.

We not infrequently make conditions worse instead of better by giving without understanding.

Do not think this is an argument against charity. It is not. It is an argument for wise charity.

Give us much as you can. Give as often as you can.

The mite was a noble gift for the widow, but unless you are a widow do not take that as the basis for your contribution.

But give wisely. See that a wholesome, useful and helpful application is made of your donations and the world will be better and you will be better for having helped your fellow man.

But above all be generous of your kind words of your smiles, and of your encouragement. It is impossible to misapply them. You can be sure they are certain to help and you can be equally certain that they will in no instance and under no circumstances work a harm.

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CLAIRE WINDSOR



Claire Windsor, the charming "movie" actress with the pretty face hails from Seattle, Wash. She decided that she could act as well as "the queens of the movies." She spent much of last winter making the rounds of the studios daily in her automobile before she was engaged by a producer. In the last year she was featured in several important screen plays.

"What's in a Name?"

By MILDRED MARSHALL.

Facts about your name, its history, meaning, whence it was derived, significance, your lucky day and lucky jewel.

AGATHA

AGATHA, the good old English favorite, has a distinctly Greek origin. It comes from the Greek word meaning good. For a long time it remained indigenous to Greece, but finally came to European fame through a Sicilian girl called Agatha, who was tortured to death at Rome in the Decian persecution. Sicily straightway made her a guardian saint and since that little island has always proved a bone of contention between warring European countries, and was held successively, for periods of greater or less duration, by the Greeks, Saracens, Normans, French, Arragonese, Spaniards and Bourbons, the name of St. Agatha spread throughout Europe.

St. Agatha's festival day is celebrated in the churches of all the countries which held Sicily for a time. Even Russia has adopted the name and calls it Agafia. Agatha was the name borne by the daughter of William the Conqueror who was betrothed to the unfortunate Earl Edwin and died on her way to a state marriage in Castille. St. Agatha was a favorite saint in England and the shears with which she was mutilated are the symbols carved on many an old wooden church calendar.

For that reason Agatha became one of the most popular feminine names of England. Its vogue became so great that, like all names in common use, it was applied almost generally to the servant class. Agatha is the name of the interesting maid-servant in Southey's "Doctor." But of late years it has leaped to prominent revival among the most aristocratic circles and the list of "Honorable Agathas" includes a daughter of almost every titled house in Great Britain. France likes the name and both Italy and Spain have taken it without change with the exception of the asprate which they cannot pronounce. Portugal calls it Agueda.

The flame-hearted ruby is Agatha's talismanic stone. It is said to give her bodily strength and mental power and to wear it insures her peace and regal bearing. Tuesday is her lucky day and 3 her lucky number. Her flower is the lily, signifying purity.

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A LINE O' CHEER

By John Kendrick Bangs.

A BAD QUEST.

ALL bad quests beneath the vault
The worst, I vow, is finding fault.
Unless the moment you detect 'em
You do your darndest to correct 'em.
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POOR SERVICE

"That plate didn't have over a dollar in it when it passed us."
"No wonder. The preacher made such a poor delivery that it is a wonder he collected anything at all."

THE ROMANCE OF WORDS

CRANK

THE only apparent connection between a person who is obsessed with a certain idea or eccentric, and the piece of machinery bearing the same name is that both of them are *cranked*—the one mentally and the other physically. But Donn Platt, who first used the word in its current sense, sensed another connection between the two.

"Horace Greeley," he stated, in the course of one of his invectives against the famous editor, "is like the crank of a hand-organ—continually grinding out the same old tunes." In addition to being cleverly phrased, the comparison appealed to the opponents of Greeley as being particularly truthful and the simile was quoted throughout the country. In the course of time it was separated from its original connection with Greeley and applied to anyone whose hobby bordered upon the ridiculous or even the insane. The question of sanity being a very delicate one—as may be seen by a comparison of the expert alienists at any trial—the word filled a long-felt gap and provided a semi-humorous appellation which could not be construed as libelous.

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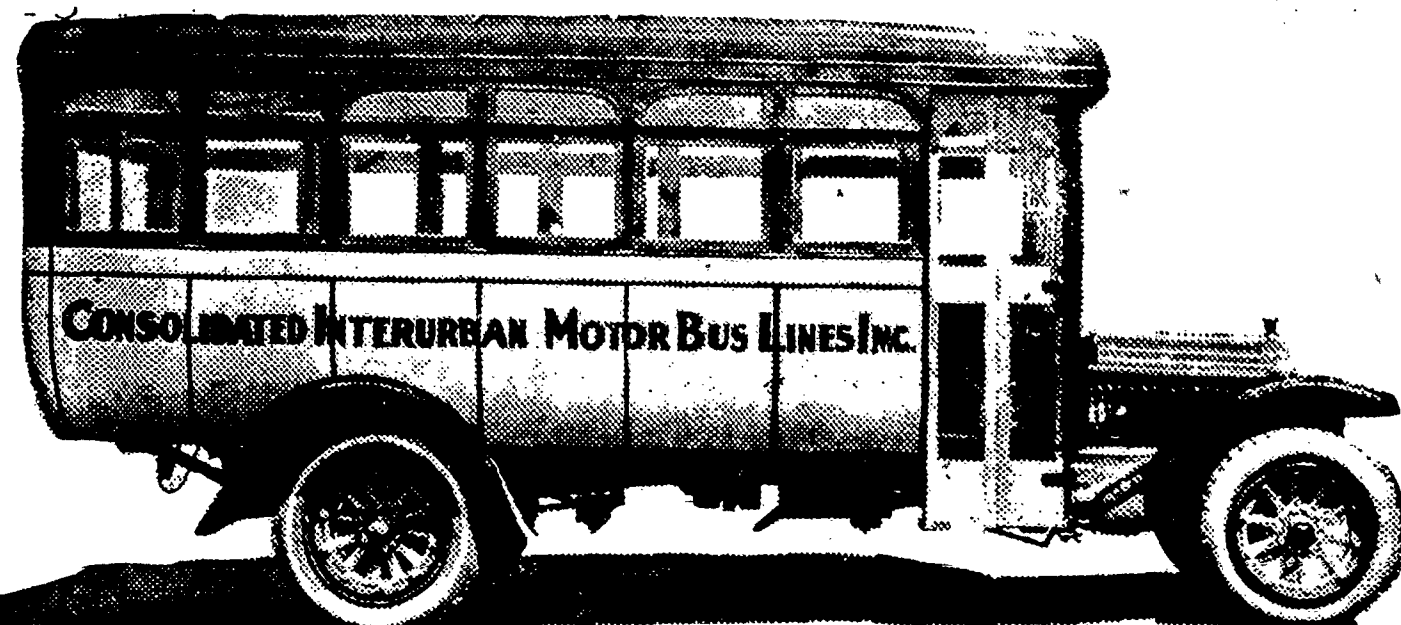
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