

NEW YORK HINT OF VENICE

Reservoir is Beautiful Spot, With Stately Homes That Seem to Arise From the Water.

What the Brooklyn bridge is to the resident of Brooklyn the reservoir is to the middle uptown New Yorker—a refreshing and beautiful place for a brisk walk, says the New York Sun.

The reservoir, particularly the upper one, with a path on the brink, is a place of romance. Across the water rise stately houses; they seem almost on the edge of the water, like the houses of Venice. Sometimes the water is a sheet of ice. One day it seemed like a stretch of gray tundra, with inserts of blue crepe where the wind rippled the patches of water that remained. Close to the shore broken bits of ice tinkled continually against a stretch of solid ice, with the sound of sleigh bells.

But in summer there is another aspect to the reservoir. Horseback riders gallop around in frothing costumes, while the water sparkles in the sun.

But there is one point at a certain hour that lifts you out of New York, out of America, out of the world. The point is the western stretch of the southern side. The hour is sunset. The magic is produced by the fountain, a thin, high sweep of spray painted with rainbow shades by the setting sun. Up goes the stream, swirling into a gigantic feather in the gentle hands of the breeze. Suddenly the rainbow appears, to vanish as the wind swings the spray in another direction, to reappear again for a few breath-catching seconds. The spray sweeps here and there, covering you for an instant. The sun leaves it for a moment and the fountain becomes a bridal veil. Out comes the sun and the fountain flashes into glory.

SMALL BIRDS FALCON'S PREY

Partridge, Like the Pigeon He Is, Takes Toll From Weaker Creatures of the Air.

It was reported recently that in the eyes of a peregrine, a vicious bird, the wings of 22 racing pigeons were found. The peregrine falcon often kills birds which are unfortunate enough to cross its path. Pigeons and other birds that frequent the coast are relentlessly pursued by this hawk, and another prey is the golden plover, but this bird affords the hawk a good chase before it is caught.

The peregrine catches its prey by protruding its strong legs and talons to their fullest extent when within a few feet of the quarry. Then for a moment its wings are almost closed, and the next the prize is seized and carried off. If, however, the object is too heavy to be lifted from the ground it is forced along sometimes a hundred yards on the ground, and killed and devoured on the spot. The nest of the peregrine is usually placed on the face of some precipitous cliff, resting on a shelf of rock or tuft of vegetation, and consists of a mass of sticks and coarse stems of grass and ferns.

Something to Think About

By F. A. WALKER

RAGGED PRACTICE

FRIENDSHIP, the most sacred of all moral bonds, is never appreciated at its full worth until by some unlooked for snap of its golden moorings it takes fright and flies away. In the excitement of the moment, the loss may not be keenly felt, but as the years ride by in their swift chariots, lines mark the face and strands of silver streak the hair, there comes to the loser an inexpressible sense of loneliness which sharply reminds him or her of the glorious sun that has set behind the purple hills.

A friendship which multiplied joys and divided sorrows is gone forever. As you repeat this word "gone" in the night when you are alone, and again in the morning and at intervals through the day, it comes upon you with a new and terrible meaning.

How gladly you would erase it, but in spite of your oft boasted strength of will, you find in your grief that you cannot do it. Pride scores as detator. Like a beggar you sup on its dry crusts, and go to bed night after night with an ache in your heart and a sting in your conscience.

Yet you keep going crookedly about the byways and highways of life and continue year after year the ragged practice of unbending your neck or curving your lips with a friendly smile. It no longer matters so much how your behavior appears to the glaring eyes of the world, so you persist stubbornly to stir your pride and flout it in public places, dropping daily a little lower from the high ideals so sacred to you in the peaceful, hallowed days of friendship.

In the background of every picture depicting human unhappiness you will find an ugly blur of color quite at variance with the rules of harmony, caused by a slip of the tongue or a spurt of passionate anger between two persons, communities or nations. If you will study the blur intently you will find that it is the evil thing that destroys peace and strews battlefields with rivulets of blood.

If you have a true friend, give him or her the best of which pure friendship is capable of giving; or if you have quarreled, break the truce and heaven will bless you! (Copyright by the Wheeler Syndicate, Inc.)

YOUR HAND Characteristics and Tendencies—the Capabilities or Weaknesses That Make for Success or Failure as Shown in Your Palm

LOSS OF MONEY

AS WE may read by various signs in the hand that the fortunate subject has acquired, or is to acquire, wealth through inheritance or through his or her own exertions, so we may read also, in the hand, the loss of wealth, after it has been possessed and enjoyed.

Inspect carefully the finger of Saturn, the middle or ring finger, near the top, for a star. If it appears plainly near the edge of the finger it indicates loss of position and money. See also the Mount of Saturn, which lies at the base of the base or beginning of the mount, a zigzag line, the same loss is indicated.

Naturally, it must be understood that these signs, as so many others in the hand, are not always perfectly clear and well-marked, and great care must be exercised in reading them, in conjunction with the other marks and signs in the hand. (Copyright by the Wheeler Syndicate, Inc.)

WANTED IT AS A WARNING

Old Gentleman Had Particular Use for That Peculiarly Atrocious-Looking Beetle.

On the counter of the Christmas bazaar stood all the usual horrors which an unscrupulous world insists on giving the poor kiddies as "toys." There were animals, birds and insects which resembled nothing save the creatures of a particularly fierce nightmare. The customer steeled himself by a chair, and after a careful selection, picked up one specially terrible beetle. "I'll take that," he told the assistant. "How much is it?" "Half a dollar," replied the girl. "Is it for your little boy?" "No, I want to take it to a dinner party I have to attend."

"Whatever for?" exclaimed the girl, surprised out of her carefully acquired calm. "Well, I'm going to stand in front of me on the table when the drinks are going round and when I see two beetles—well, it's time to go home!"

Out of Babes' Mouths. "Children often enunciate profound truths unconsciously," said Senator Hiram Johnson.

"I once asked a tiny tot what a demagogue was. The tot thought a moment and then answered: 'A demagogue is a vessel containing beer and other drinks.'"

The Friendly Path

By Walter I. Robinson

CITY MANAGER PLAN

WILL the city manager plan solve all the problems of municipal government?

Enthusiastic supporters of placing city management in the hands of one man, chosen to direct all affairs just as the president or managing director of corporations has charge of the business of these private enterprises, contend that this comparatively new method of administering municipal affairs would be more efficient than anything tried heretofore.

But experience thus far has not provided proof that the contention is sound. Since the method of choosing the city manager is to have him elected by the council or commission and not by the public, it is found that friction often develops between the man so chosen and those naming him. Instead of eliminating the evils of political control or political influence, as supporters of the plan argue, it will, we find that councils are more inclined to "play politics" or to try to do so than when the chief executive of a city is answerable to the people direct. It certainly is much easier to oust a city manager who doesn't happen to fall in line with the wishes of a few councilmen than to remove a mayor from office by the recall—which might be a point in favor of the newest system of governing cities, were it not for the fact that, as most people know from actual experience if they have had anything to do with councilmen, the legislative body doesn't incline always to follow the wishes of those who pay the bills.

If citizens of any community desire to increase the beauty of their town and efficiency of its officials so that their happiness may be increased and their management decreased, it's pretty poor policy for them to experiment with new methods of conducting municipal affairs. Certainly one would not be wise in objecting to experiments when there were possibilities of the experiments resulting in better government. But where voters work and vote intelligently for honest, efficient officials, including the mayor, one finds good government, and faults which may be found with the administering of municipal affairs in most cases may be directly traced to the indifference of those making up the so-called best citizenship in the choosing and electing of candidates for public office.

Far better to arouse voters to efficiently exercise their right of suffrage, than to worry about trying something new on a chance. (Copyright by the Wheeler Syndicate, Inc.)



The man with a short pocket always has a long face.

GOOD IDEA FOR ANY TOWN

Example Set by Newark Public Library Might Well be Copied by Other Communities.

Were you ever on the top of Pike's peak? It is about 14,500 feet up in the air, and some people, in spite of motors and cog railways, find the ascent difficult. The plateau on which the Tibetans live—it is ten times as big as England—is all of it as high or higher than Pike's peak, and the mountains around slope up to nearly 25,000 feet. Kipling in "Kim," spoke of it as being like a swallow's nest under the eaves of the roof of the world—"Kim threw his soul after his eyes across the deep blue gulfs."

It is still a mysterious land, and until a few years ago almost an unknown one. The Newark (N. J.) public library has just held an exhibit of all sort of things Tibetan—things brought together through the happy conjunction of a missionary of unusual experiences and the museum staff—and this exhibit is supplemented with pamphlets and pictures tending to make it more understandable and interesting. This is a typical example of the work of the Newark library under its unusual chief, John Cotton Dana, says Leslie's. A few years ago there was a similar exhibit of Colombian things—Columbia being another interesting and inaccessible land.

Director Dana believes that a library should "sell" itself to business men and not restrict its activities to young lady readers of fiction, children and unoccupied old gentlemen. It should be a real constructive force in the everyday life of the community, and not a mere collection of books and a lounging place. The Newark library is pretty well known among librarians about the country, but the sort of work it does is not limited as generally as it might well be.

The New Slogan. "Your motto used to be, 'Don't knock, boost.'" "Yes, But I've become interested in socialism. My motto now is, 'Don't boost, knock.'"

Shrewd Advice. "He told me that he loved me." "Has he told anyone else?" "No." "Then get him to do so."—Boston Transcript.

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.

CLARICE

WHILE Clarice has its origin in the same root as Clare or Clara, its evolution progressed in a far different manner. The Latin adjective clarus, meaning bright or famous, is of course responsible for both names, but where Clare followed the English and French, Clarice is the product of Italy.

The old Latin feminine of words ending in "or" to signify the donor, was "ix"; in modern Italian this becomes "ice." Clarice, therefore, was the feminine name so evolved and meant "to make famous." It proved popular throughout Italy, its famous bearer probably being the wife of Lorenzo de Medici.

Though France already had a Claire, she adopted Clarice, giving a soft "ss" sound to the "c." This explains the Clarissa which sprang up in England and was given extraordinary vogue by Richardson in his novel wherein he made Clarissa his heroine. The popularity of this book in France brought forth Clarice. It is not the first instance of one language adopting the change made upon one of its own words by another tongue.

Clarinda and Clairmond are two other fanciful interpretations of the original Clarice. The diamond is Clarice's talismanic gem. Its potency is best expressed in the old rhyme:

The Evil Eye shall have no power to harm, Her that shall wear the diamond as a charm. No monarch shall attempt to thwart her will, And even the gods her wishes shall fulfill. Friday is Clarice's lucky day and her lucky number. (Copyright by the Wheeler Syndicate, Inc.)

A LINE O' CHEER

By John Kendrick Bangs.

THE ONLOOKER

IF RO I chance to be Life's best comes not to me And greatness true is not To be my happy lot I surely still can find Joy of a sterling kind In viewing those to whom Fortune and Fame have come From as I thrill to see The Hawaiian majesty, And with pure rapture gaze On Beauty's stirring ways That lie beyond the line Of talents that see mine. (Copyright by the Wheeler Syndicate, Inc.)

To Maintain Soldiers.

At the present rate of exchange it costs \$2,000 to maintain an American soldier for one year, \$1,300 for an English soldier and \$375 for a French soldier.

ATTRACTED BY STRONG LIGHT

Myriads of Fish Helpless When Diving Bell Descended into the Depths of the Sea.

At Dover, England, there has been constructed a series of immense breakwaters in order to increase the size of the harbor. In the work a big diving bell was employed. When this machine was descending on one occasion the men seated around its sides saw in the glare of the electric light a strange sight.

The water beneath them suddenly became alive with thousands of all very fish, which darted hither and thither in their efforts to escape the unexpected captivity. Some succeeded in diving under the edges of the bell, but as it descended nearer and nearer the bottom, the few inches of water remaining became thick with the fish. When the bell rested on the bed of the sea the men captured nearly a thousand of the sprats. The fish were probably attracted by the electric light that is used in such a bell.

Shoes at a Wedding.

The custom of throwing one or more old shoes after the bride or groom either when they go to church to be married or when they start on their wedding journey is so old the memory of man stretches not back to its beginning. Some think it represents an assault and is a lingering trace of the custom among savage nations of carrying away the bride, by violence; others think that it is a relic of the ancient law of exchange or purchase, and that it formerly implied the surrender by the parents of all dominion or authority over their daughter. It has reference to a Jewish custom mentioned in the Bible. Thus in Deuteronomy we read that when the brother of a dead man refused to marry his widow she asserted her independence of him by "loosing his shoe." It was also the custom of the middle ages to place the husband's shoe on the head of the nuptial couch in token of his dominion.

As Good as the Dog.

"How did they happen to meet?" "He ran over that puddle of which she was so fond." "Did he replace it?" "Looks that way. He and she are now engaged."—Stray Stories.

Activities At Cliff Haven

Cliff Haven, N. Y., July 27.—Mr. David Goldstein of Boston paid the Summer School a visit several days ago, preparatory to his address on August 8. He is touring this section of the country in the brightly painted car of the Catholic Truth Guild, conducting open air meetings in defence of the Catholic Church under the auspices of the Guild and the Knights of Columbus. Mrs. Margaret Moore Avery, President of the Catholic Truth Guild will also address a Cliff Haven audience on August 9.

Rev. Albert J. Sterne, C. S. S. R. of New York City is giving the morning lectures this week on "The History and Development of the Woman Problem."

The Summer Schoolers are enjoying a rare musical treat four evenings this week. Rev. Vincent C. Donovan, O. P. of Providence College, Providence, R. I., gifted with tone qualities of a most pleasing nature, is rendering a program of classical songs which has seldom, if ever, had its equal at the Summer School or elsewhere. The Auditorium has been crowded every night during his recitals.

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"Blood Money."

"Blood Money" was the name applied in the Middle Ages and well into the more modern period to the money paid for bloodshed. It might be either the compensation paid by a manslayer to the nearest relatives of the victim, to secure himself and his kin from vengeance, or the money paid as a reward for bringing about the death of another, directly or through evidence. It was once common among the Scandinavian and Teutonic peoples, who called this money payment wergild. The price, varied with the nature of the crime and the rank of the victim. Certain crimes, such as the slaying of a sleeping person, could not be compensated by a money payment; such criminals were declared outlaws and could be slain with impunity. The term is now often applied to the reward or bribe paid for giving up a criminal to justice.

KHAKI AS VIEWED BY YOUTH

Army Called Place Where Collectors Cease From Troubling and Cal-lousness Leave the Feet.

Ideas about army life that persuasive recruiting sergeants never heard of in all their various "hitches" in the service, were brought out by the public schools of the country under the auspices of the army and recruiting service.

Freedom from annoyance while in khaki is the theme of a little girl in Ohio, who writes: "One of the benefits of an enlistment is that you ain't all the time bothered by bill collectors." "You get respect for law in the army," a Montana boy is convinced, because "the Constitution says America is a country of free and ungovernable rights."

Another boy in Illinois wishes "teacher was a man so she could be a soldier." Filled with the enthusiasm of a patent medicine prospectus, an Indiana school girl has this to say: "An enlistment is good for the mind, the liver, the lungs and the kidneys. It cures the callouses on the feet and puts them on the hands."

The waiter often puts the carte before the monkey.

Be of good courage; that is the main thing.—Thoreau.

Waiting works wonders if you work while you wait.

Another can give a reason