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Women's Privilege, Yes, but It's Costly

Jokesmiths would have had a thin time of it during the past 600 or 6000 years if they hadn't had the old standby about the woman's privilege of changing her mind. Through repetition, this prerogative has become as firmly established as the Rock of Gibraltar used to be.

This is all very fine, and so far as men go, they are used to it and freely grant it. But there is a side to this changeability which is not so well known. It is the dollars-and-cents cost of it.

If it weren't for the fact that women return one-eighth of the goods they buy in department stores, the cost of those goods would be lower. In other words, the entire sales of one day in eight are sent back. The cost of operating that day is a dead loss. Who pays for it? Why, the people who buy the goods—not only those who return a lot of them, but all buyers.

These conclusions are reached by the Twentieth Century Fund, a research organization which has been investigating various phases of retailing. The report is not yet final, but it suggests a tremendous source of waste in the returned-goods privilege.

Every buyer, this preliminary report points out, who orders several articles on approval, intending to buy only one, or who returns a narticle several times because it does not suit her, is adding materially to the general cost of distribution.

All this would be perfectly all right, of course, if the people who did the returning paid for the extra service. But they don't. All customers pay their share of it, even those who never use it.

The odd thing about this survey is that almost half of the women interviewed admitted that they themselves the women interviewed admitted that they themselves facturer, salespeople, or the state of their bunions.

At a time when the whole distributive system is being studied with a view to cutting its cost and thereby widening it, this is an interesting sidelight.

And it reveals again that one reason why things are high in the United States is because the people of this country have become accustomed to, and demand, levels of service, convenience, and choice known nowhere else.

Papers should print good news only, says a Canadian preacher. What, and have seven blank pages?

"I thought it would be nice to go for a trip," said a woman skipper who spent three years sailing 30,000 miles. Just a little run around the seven seas, as it were.

A former Alcatraz island prisoner now lectures on a tour boat that carries sightseers around the island in San Francisco bay. It's always nice to be able to get work near home.

We hear England's big blackout the other night proved very popular with puppy-loving, teen-age youngsters.

Michigan WPA workers are striking because they have been put on part time work. They maintain they cannot get used to only four hours of shovel leaning each day.

'Every Prospect Pleases and Only Man Is Vile'



Headed for a Dunking



Bettie Dorkley, 17-year-old high school girl, tumbles Earlita Ward into the water to win women's championship log-rolling title at Longview, W. Va., today.

MANICURIST EXPERT SHOT

By United Press
CLEVELAND, O.—Miss Marvel St. Aubin, a manicurist, shoots a pistol—and expertly—because, she says, it steadies her hand. "I started shooting in Florida last year," said the girl, a team captain of the suburban Lakewood

Police Pistol Association. "It's great fun and I think it improves my work as a manicurist."

Photo retouching business in Reno took a sharp rise after woman got a divorce by exhibiting pictures of black eye she says her husband gave her.

Waddies Praise Boy for Chuck Wagon Model He Built

By United Press
DALHART, Tex.—Old range waddies are complimenting a 12-year-old boy on his construction of a remarkably true and typical model of a chuck wagon.

The artisan is Frankie Bownds of Texline. The chuck wagon is an accurate prototype of those that a half century ago rumbled across the plains, except for the breaks. The bed is removable, with end gates, steps, a spring seat and line holder. At the rear of the bed is the chuck box, with a prop for the lid, which converts it into a table when the box is open. There are even steel wagon bows and of course a wagon seat. Wheels are carved from one piece of wood and have hubs and lin rims. There also are tongue, double and single trees, neck yoke and coupling pole. The wagon is about 25 inches long.

A Blind Attorney Argues Before Court

By United Press
SAN FRANCISCO - A Blind man read his arguments with his fingers before the U. S. Court of Appeals here. He was John A. Carter, U. S. Attorney for Idaho, who brought his notes to court in Braille. He opposed the appeal of a former Texas oil promoter whom the U. S. Court in Seattle ordered re-

DRESS REHEARSAL OF 1940 CENSUS HELD IN TWO INDIANA COUNTIES



Mrs. Russell Weesner of South Bend tells census taker all about her 16 children. Family rostered eight boys, eight girls.

BY ELIZABETH WALKER
NEA Service Special Correspondent

SOUTH BEND, Ind.—Uncle Sam's mammoth question bee show—the 1940 population census—is getting a dress rehearsal here as a cast of 174 interrogators practices quizzing technique on residents of St. Joseph and Marshall counties.

Already some surprising facts are coming to light. One South Bend family contains so many children that the parents can't remember names of the kids without looking them up in the Bible. St. Joseph county has a surplus of unwed 28-year-old women. Many wives are older than husbands. The average wife knows as much about her husband's finances as he does.

In nine out of ten homes, it's the lady of the house who speaks up with the answers. That goes even when hubby is also present.

Not all of the subjects take kindly to this rehearsal business. A house-painter called it "a lot of damn foolishness," declined to climb down off his ladder when an interrogator found him at work. One little old lady would only see the census taker through the window.

Supervising the work is Gerald Ryan of Washington, D. C., U. S. Census Bureau field director. He tells us why this particular area was selected for the test.

"In these two counties," he says, "answers to every question, sociological or which the census can raise. Marshall county cultural; St. Joseph county contains a cross-section of industry, agriculture, transportation professions."

The scene shifts from house to house, questioners—Hosier school masters or housewives, unemployed clerks, farmers, student—do their door-bell ringing. Purpose is to determine whether the plans questions are acceptable as they stand, revamped before being shot at the year.

Many of the questions are of a personal nature. And some of the census takers were a bit the results when they began sticking their noses into their neighbor's business. Thanks to campaign publicity drive by the U. S. Census Bureau, however, the questioners are being most cases, in friendly fashion.

Among the "danger zone" questions are: "Is the family home free of debt?" "What was your age at last birthday?" "with the ladies only."

If hot working or seeking work, reason? How many times have you been married?"

Remodeling Fort To Parrot Brought to Be Started Soon If Plans Pan Out

By United Press
MARFA, Tex.—A \$38,000 boost in the original allotment for improvement work at Fort D. A. Russell here may be available through a turn-back of that amount to the federal government for another project.

In a letter to Rep. R. E. Thomson, democrat, Texas, General George C. Marshall, acting army chief of staff, said the fiscal allotment of \$30,000 for construction at the post may be augmented by the \$38,000 returned.

Under the original allowance, a bakery building has been constructed and work has been almost completed on a 50-man barracks.

lensed through habeas corpus after he had served two years for mail fraud in an Idaho prison camp.

Music Calms U To Use

By United Press
FORT WORTH, Tex.—Hath charms to soothe the desire for narcotics, off the U. S. Public Health Hospital have decided.

To aid the 300 patients institution, Dr. W. F. chief medical officer, at the hospital has ordered quite supply of musical instruments, including brass, string types.

The civil service commission advertised a competition for a musical director hospital.

A song writer sang world-wide warbling of "Adeline" as a means of national harmony. He's never listened in on the laproom quartet.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



ANSWER: Right. However, the African elephant has not been tamed as generally as the Indian elephant. For years, it was believed that the former could not be trained to work.

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SERIAL STORY
Murder on the Boardwalk BY ELINORE COWAN STONE
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Yesterday, Chandra traps Wilmet. Identifies him as Mrs. Talbot's missing nephew. He accuses Wilmet of stealing his silver dagger, declares that both Mrs. Talbot and her nephew had had a fight. The fragments of glasses found in the wheel chair may identify Wilmet as the murderer.

CHAPTER XVIII
MR. WILMET had sprung to his feet. "But this is preposterous!" he cried. "Why—why, I was the one who brought you here! If I—"

"Because, Inspector?" Chandra's voice was a gentle purr—another trait Earl Talbot shared with his aunt, Inspector, was the illusion that, single-handed, he could outwit the world. But now? The chairwoman stood, suddenly very tall, it seemed to Christine, and the blustering little man—she is going to tell the whole story.

"You are going to tell us, my friend, how gloriating over the trick which you robbed your aunt years ago, you persuaded yourself that you were sufficient to the 'master mind' for a much more daring crime. . . I doubt you intended murder in the beginning. But probably, after you had drugged Mrs. Talbot and taken what you supposed to be valuable bonds, you realized that she had recognized you—"

"I didn't!" Mr. Wilmet's round face was white and drenched with sweat. "—why, I never heard of the woman before last night. . . Inspector, he's trying to—for God's sake, don't let him do this!"

her empty house; but it was necessary to your infantile exhibitionism to do the thing in a really spectacular way, and you had more ideas than you knew what to do with. . . Tell them how, after you had entered the house with Mrs. Talbot's own key—"

"But how could I?" Mr. Wilmet's cry was shrill with triumph. "Why, she didn't have a key."

Jasper broke a shocked silence. "He's right, Inspector," he murmured. "Mrs. Talbot hadn't taken her key with her."

Christine, watching as if in a fantastic nightmare, saw the little man freeze as he understood how much he had told in those five words; then leap to his feet and dash blindly, straight into the arms of two uniformed men who had appeared in the doorway.

"Get his keys," the inspector ordered.

When one of the officers handed the ring to him, he passed it to Jasper, a silent gesture of the gesture.

"Yes, sir," Jasper almost whispered. "The middle one."

"All right. Take him to the bureau. . . Well—even Inspector Parsons looked white and shaken as his subordinates led the hysterical man away—"I've seen a third degree or two; but at least policemen don't hit mugs over the head with black magic. . . And now, suppose you tell me how you know all this."

He took a folded paper from his pocket and handed it to Christine.

It was a short note in Cousin Emma's hand.

"My dear Christine," it said. "If anything should happen to prevent our visit, Jasper will hand you these. Take good care of them, for the bonds are non-registered; so, of course, anyone could use them. They are yours, as most of what I possess will be in the end.

Affectionately yours,
Emma Talbot."

"This morning," the inspector said, "I'd have sold my soul to know who really wrote that."

The telephone rang, and he hurried to answer.

"He has? Good work!" they heard him say. "I'll be right up. . . Well," he hung up. "Miss Thorenson was right about that bench. Mr. Earl Talbot has shot the works in his confession. I guess that cleans up the slate."

"Not entirely," Chandra extended a hand. "I'd like my glasses."

"Your—what?" Chandra explained evenly, "that he'd set his spurs somewhere—even if it wasn't in my studio—or he would not have been wearing a pair of sun-glasses with ordinary lenses."

"You mean," the inspector said after a blank silence, "that you hypnotized that poor nut with your own spectacle case?"

"Something like that," Chandra admitted.

Then he murmured with a strange, tired smile—Christine recognized the quotation—"It was something in it—his eyes and all."

(THE END)



RED RYDER By Fred Harman



BY BRUCE CATTON
NEA Service Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON—The Hatch bill outlawing "pernicious political activities" as its printed title expresses it, has a neat surprise package in it which practically everybody overlooked while it was being passed.

Its opening sentence states that it shall be unlawful for "any person" to intimidate, threaten or coerce any other person for the purpose of influencing that person's vote in a presidential or congressional election.

Because of its phraseology, this—according to Senator Hatch, its author—applies not only to politicians, but also to employers of labor. It means that any employer who threatens his workers with a shutdown if so-and-so isn't elected is liable to a \$1000 fine or a year's imprisonment.

Nobody paid the least attention to this while it was pending, although Senator Hatch says he tried his best to point out that this paragraph was intended to apply to employers as well as to politicians.

"I just couldn't get anybody to listen to me," he says. "Two senators got the point, and two correspondents—counting you—have asked me about it. And some bond house in New York City wrote and asked me if that was what the bill meant. I wrote and told them it was, and they replied saying that they were all for it."

Odd sidelights on the contrasting ways of labor organizers, as revealed in the records of the Wage-and-Hour Division covering the appearance of Clarence R. Kyles, Texas mill owner, before the Textile Industry Committee at Atlanta early in July:

"Q. Has there been any attempt to organize your employes by union representatives?"

"A. Yes. They have tried in about four instances.

"The C. I. O. tried to do it three times, and they came with-

out notice disguised as workmen and asked for positions in the mills, but they couldn't get any signers. The A. F. of L. organizer came to my office and introduced himself to me and asked if I would co-operate with them in organizing the company."

Mr. Kyles added that he told this latter gent that it was no dice and that this organizing attempt got no farther than the other's had.

The movement to settle industrial disputes through mediation rather than through strikes seems to be growing, and a fair number of cities have set up local boards of conciliation and mediation. Latest tabulation at the Department of Labor shows that during the last year such boards have been in existence in Seattle, Minneapolis, Sioux Falls, Milwaukee, Toledo, Philadelphia, Sheboygan, Newark and Ventura, Calif.

Most famous of these, of course, is the Toledo Industrial Peace Board, which—operating through-out on a purely voluntary basis—was at the first of this year credited with having handled 212 disputes involving 35,000 employes. Included were the settling of 37 strikes and the averting of 36.

In some cities, according to officials of the Labor Department's Conciliation Service, such boards are short-lived, coming into existence solely at the instance of the mayor and dying when he leaves office or loses interest. In others, however, they have made a definite place for themselves and have rendered the community a lot of service.

In general, the Conciliation Service is inclined to think that a conciliator from a state or federal agency is apt to have more success, simply because he comes from out of town, isn't involved in any local relationships, and may carry a bit more prestige than a local man would carry. But they like the idea of city boards of this kind and hope the trend continues.

Then a couple of skunk waddlers wandered out from under the speaker's platform, sauntered down the aisle, and left the meeting flat.

A staff of probably 35 people will be taking off for California shortly to carry on the investigation of the Senate Civil Liberties Committee. The committee got \$50,000 for its expenses in place of the \$100,000 Senators LaFollette and Thomas (its only members) said was necessary; opinion as to whether the Senate will give it more when the \$50,000 is gone is divided.

Meanwhile, the \$50,000 will be stretched as far as possible. Documents of the committee's files will be photostated instead of copied, to save on stenographic costs.

Most of the committee's workers will be "borrowed" from various government departments and agencies. (This is a common Washington custom followed by practically all committees.) The bulk of the \$50,000 thus will be available for traveling expenses and living expenses.

Between-session junkets to Europe "to study conditions" are common as grass for congressmen. They enable the solon to get a nice vacation and make his constituents think he's working. But Congressman Kent Keller of Illinois, who takes off for Europe presently, is really going to work. He introduced a complicated reconstruction bill in the closing days of Congress. Now he plans to spend the next four months in Europe, mostly in Norway and Sweden, to get a line on methods of combating unemployment. He'll use the material thus gained when he starts plugging for his industrial reconstruction bill next winter.

Murder Cases In Scotland Yard Now Increasing

LONDON, Aug. 20—Scotland Yard has so many unsolved murders on its hands, together with the Irish Republican Army terrorist campaign, that its famous detectives are working overtime continuously.

Normally Scotland Yard can throw a force into any district in the country so that no possible case is left unexamined. This following the famous Scotland Yard dictum that "it's thoroughness that counts."

Now, however, scores of its members are engaged in chasing I.R.A. terrorists, a chase that often consists in keeping unremitting watch on suspects and arresting them promptly if they do anything suspicious, so that Yard authorities are unable to devote all their energies to major crimes that still re-

main unsolved in various sections of the country.

Chief of the murder cases at present is that of Margaret Newton Jackson, who was found strangled in her home at Sholden near Deal, Kent. She was the wife of a colliery employe, and although Scotland Yard has had his best men working on the case for days, they still are without a concrete clue.

All they know is that sometime between 8:15 A.M. and 11:30 A.M. somebody slipped into Mrs. Jackson's home, strangled her, and slipped out again without being seen, although the house is on the main road and hundreds of people passed it during that time.

Next on the list is the murder of George William Stapleton, just outside of the village of Flitton, in Bedfordshire. He was followed by the murderer and killed by blows of a heavy willow stake. He had been paid his wages of 34 shillings the murderer left 10s. 3d.

A similar murder took place in Plympton, 17-room mansion of William Alfred Lewis, in Pontypool, Monmouthshire. He had been killed by blows from an iron pipe in his home. Once again the motive for the crime apparently was robbery, although the murderer left a box containing \$100 behind.

One murderer has killed for a few shillings; the other for real money, but in neither case can the Yard find a clue that will enable detectives and say the usual formula of arrest.

Other cases the Yard has not yet abandoned, and which have occurred over the past 12 months, include:

William Murfitt, Norfolk farmer who was poisoned.

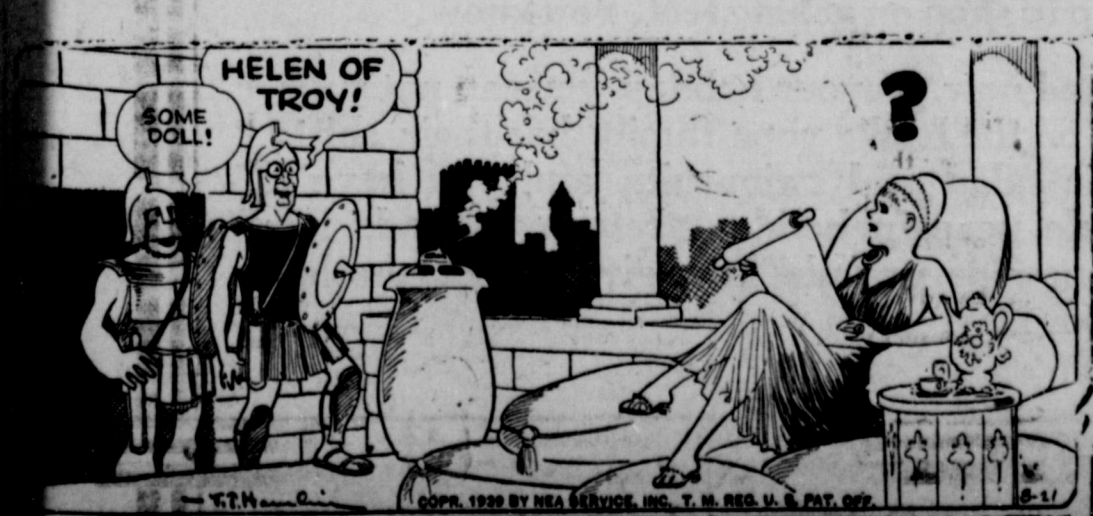
Pamela Coventry, the 9-year old girl who was criminally attacked and killed. Her body was left in a sack in a ditch at Hornchurch; Essex. There the police arrested and charged a man but the jury heard the evidence and acquitted him.

Ethel Wraithmell, the Leeds girl whose body was found cut to pieces.

Arthur Izzard, the Chatham mental hospital patient who was found battered to death near Canterbury.

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ALLEY OOP - - - - - By Hamlin



LEGAL RECORDS

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- Chevrolet sedan, Reuban Neal, Rising Star; Butler Chevrolet Co., Rising Star.
- Chevrolet sedan, Jim Barton, Pioneer; Butler Chevrolet Co.
- Ford tudor, Ray Swain, Eastland; King-Bull Motor Co., Eastland.
- Ford, Arlie H. Toote estate, Desdemona; Ray Murray Motor Co., Corpus Christi.
- Packard sedan, Mrs. Frank Lovett, Eastland; Packard Dallas, Inc.
- Ford coupe, T. L. Cooper, Eastland; King-Bull.
- Ford fordor, H. V. McCardle, Cisco; Nance Motor Co., Cisco.
- Ford tudor, Wayne Smith, Cisco; Nance Motor Co.
- Chevrolet town sedan, James Pipkin, Eastland; Harvey Chevrolet Co., Eastland.
- Chevrolet sedan, M. S. Malone, Eastland; Harvey Chevrolet Co.
- Chevrolet truck, National Bank, Cisco; A. G. Motor Co., Cisco.
- Buick sedan, Fred G. Fortenberry, Breckenridge; Muirhead Motor Co., Eastland.

Marriage Licenses Issued

- William Nunn and Miss Harriet Pauline Guber, Pioneer.
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- John Paul Miller and Dora Mae Godwin, Brownwood.
- Bill Viduale and Consespion Santayo, Brownwood.
- James Loyd Woods and Miss Ramalee Wright, De Leon.
- Jack Russell Pierce and Miss Mary Helen Tilley, Sudan.
- James Henry Miller and Miss Alberta Ella Whaley, El Dorado Springs, Mo.
- S. W. Johnson and Mrs. Cleara C. Keith, San Antonio.

Suits Filed

- 88th district court: Nonnie Mae Robbins vs. T. R. Robbins, divorce; Elizabeth Holmes vs. Earl Holmes, divorce.

CHEANEY

A protracted meeting is now going on at the school house. Bro. Skaggs of Duster and Bro. Tally of Ranger are doing the preaching and are having a good attendance.

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