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A Professor Ventures Into Blunderland

Just to add to the gaiety of nations a learned psychiatrist in New York has discovered that 'Alice in Wonderland' is a subversive book, full of dreadful things that are apt to affect the minds of small children very terribly.

This gentleman unburdened himself before a recent meeting of the American Psychoanalytic Association. He announced that Lewis Carroll's venerable classic has elements of cruelty, anxiety, danger and destruction and he doubted that children should be allowed to read it.

For instance: Alice does not get anything to eat at the famous tea party. The poem of 'The Walrus and the Carpenter' is full of cruelty. The lobster gets cooked. The Queen of Hearts wants to cut off everybody's head.

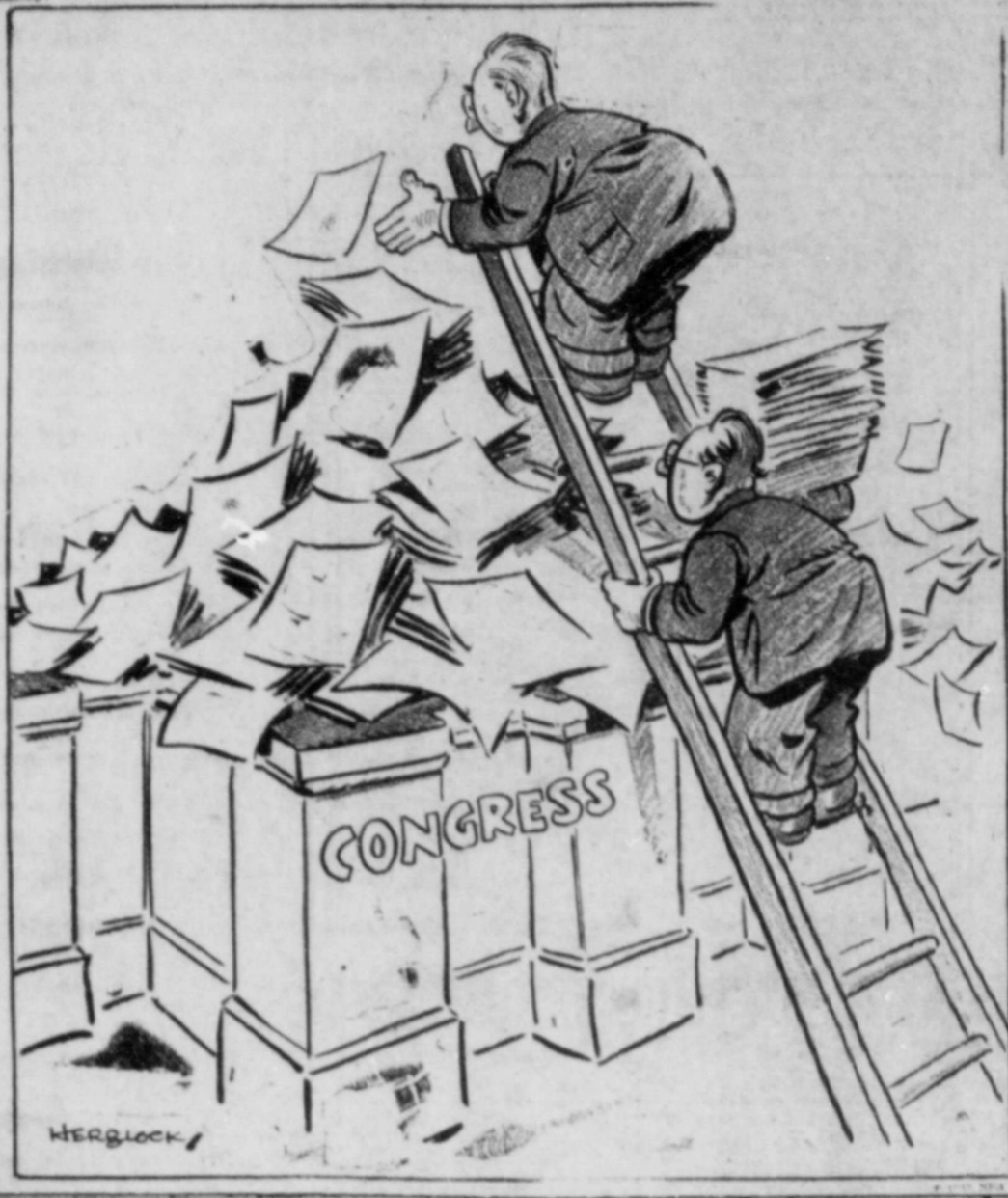
All this, as the learned psychiatrist points out, is simply ridiculous. Worse yet, it is confusing. And, as the psychiatrist says, we may ask whether such a literature might not increase destructive attitudes in children beyond the measure which is desirable.

Now the funny part about it all is that the scientific gentleman is entirely correct in that 'Alice in Wonderland' does have in it all the things he mentions. And yet they add up, not to something subversive, unwholesome, and harmful, but to a lovely fairy story that has given exquisite pleasure to whole generations of people.

And right there is where the magic of the literary artist comes in. Out of the most unlikely materials he creates harmony and beauty. Carroll did it with materials out of psychiatry. Mark Twain did it with an illiterate child, a town bad boy, and a group of riverside wasters and vagabonds.

Government officials are pondering the policy of moving people out of the dust bowl. As their problem was just the opposite, Rose Bowl promoters can't help.

Where New Year Resolutions Are Just Beginning



MARKETS

Table listing various market items and their prices, including stocks like Allied Stores, Am Can, and commodities like Corn, Wheat, and Sugar.

World of Style In Beach Outfit



Most appropriate for beach denizens like Gloria Baker, New York heiress, in the globe print of which her ensemble is made.

Moving Picture Solves a Murder

LONDON — A movie film has aided Scotland Yard in capturing and convicting two murderers. Alfred Stratford has been sentenced to death for the murder of Mrs. Ada Fortesque at Shepherd's Bush.

State Salaries To Increase Aug. 31

AUSTIN — Salaries of many state employes will return automatically to higher brackets on August 31, 1937, even if the legislature fails to vote for pay raises.

Footprints, it is said now, are better for identification than fingerprints. If true, your favorite detective will be meeting you at the beach.

Advertisement for 'IT'S COMING' newspaper, featuring a cartoon character and the text 'SEE Friday's Issue of this Newspaper'.

Large advertisement for 'Recipe for a Comfortable Night's Sleep' featuring an illustration of a woman sleeping and an electric heating pad. Text includes '...an Electric Heating Pad' and 'TEXAS ELECTRIC SERVICE COMPANY'.

Advertisement for 'THIS CURIOUS WORLD' by William Ferguson, featuring illustrations of a caribou and a crawfish with descriptive text.

Co-Ed, 21, Elected Justice of Peace

OSSEA, Minn. — Twenty-one-year-old Mildred Helmar, law student at the University of Minnesota, has been elected justice of the peace in the village of Ossea.

Lecturer Takes a Jungle Leopard to One School Room

CAPE TOWN — An exciting motor drive with a live leopard enabled a natural history lecturer to produce an unusual exhibit in his classroom at Wolsley, near Cape Town.

Large advertisement for 'PRINCE ALBERT' cigarettes, featuring a cartoon character and the text 'SPEEDY ROLLIN' I'LL SAY!' and 'PRINCE ALBERT Guarantees Satisfaction'.

# The HOLIDAY MYSTERY

By IDA R. GLEASON  
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**BEGIN HERE TODAY**

The quiet of the Christmas night at "Thunder Mesa," the dearest hideout in New Mexico, was a tragic ending when PEARL, the youngest of three children, is found dead with an ancient knife in his throat.

Book of the de Forest brothers and their friends.

PEARL JOHN is the youngest, and the others are TANTE JOSEPHINE, old and an invalid, RAMON VASQUEZ, a guest at the party, PROFESSOR SHAW, a geologist, and BOB GRAHAM, an antique dealer, at the hacienda.

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have had it all the time." A slight movement from the figure on the floor made them all turn except the Indian.

RAMON'S eyes were open and, as he saw de Forest, a slight smile crossed his face.

"I'm your cousin, Pearl John," he said. "Other branch of the family. The money was why I came. Knew about the ring. It would tell where. That's why—" he paused so long that they thought he was gone, but finally the words came. "Why I killed them—the men. You were next—then the fortune—would be mine."

"But I don't understand, Pearl John!" Bob exclaimed. "It was Broken Shield who killed him—he had the knife." Surprisingly, the Indian himself answered. "This is very old kiva. My people's. The knife there. It was always kept here. I brought it back. He—" pointing down at Ramon, "stole it and killed Pearl Sam, Pearl Pierre."

"But why did you attack Ramon?" asked Betty, looking at the Indian.

"Sipapu very holy. Gods strike anyone dead if they touch." "The money from the pearls," Ramon's white lips moved slowly but the words were distinct.

Pearl John knelt beside Ramon and felt for his heart beat. After a minute he arose. "No use," he said. "He's gone this time. You may all as well know now; it won't make any difference. The de Forest money is kept down under the sipapu. Come on."

"I've a notion to let the young lady speak her own piece," said de Forest. "As for the professor, we might stop in his room and see if he can't do some talking now. The man I left with him said he seemed much better."

SURE enough, the archeologist was better and when they entered, he turned his head meekly. In answer to Pearl John's questions he said in a thin voice, "It was Ramon who struck me in the basement. He came upon me suddenly. I was sure the old pueblo was intact and also that the obsidian knife was hidden there. I still want it for the museum."

For a moment the others, who knew where the knife was at that very minute, shuddered. Then Pearl John said, "If you still want the knife when you get up, Professor, and will guarantee to take it away from the mesa, I'll give you the cursed thing. It's caused enough damage."

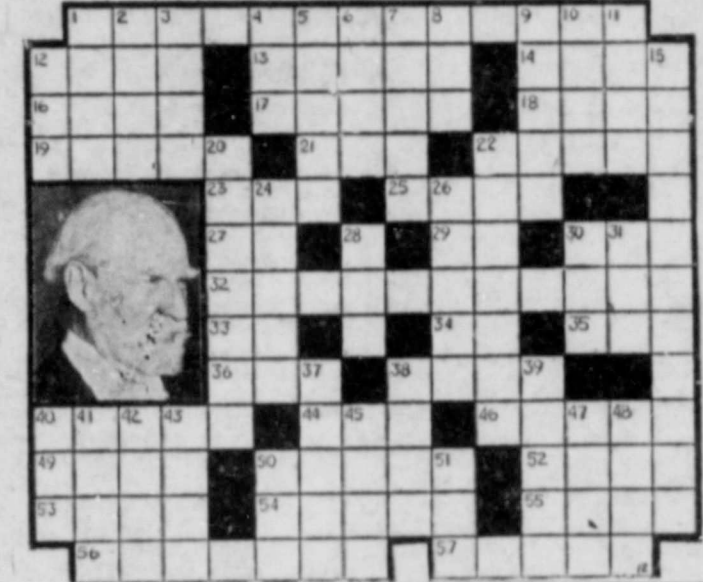
The professor's face lighted. "You have the knife?" He half rose in his excitement. "I'll promise anything to get it." Then he added in a low tone, "I've seen strange things happen when sacred objects were desecrated—things I could never explain on scientific grounds."

"So have I," de Forest answered thoughtfully.

(To Be Concluded)

## Eminent Jurist

- HORIZONTAL**
- Well-known U. S. Judge.
  - Christmas carol.
  - Assumed name.
  - Class of birds.
  - Verbal.
  - To engrave.
  - Duration.
  - Badge of valor.
  - Golf device.
  - Small memorial.
  - Beer.
  - To require.
  - Negative.
  - Right.
  - Eggs of fishes.
  - Affable.
  - Electrical term.
  - Senior.
  - Tiny vegetable.
  - To soak flax.
  - To percolate.
- ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**
- INDIA MAJ MAHAL  
COURTS V VIRTILE  
ONCE ELITE METIA  
NET DEADENS DIAC  
IS BE ND EIDRE  
C R O T  
I N O N E T A J W A R E C A P I N  
E M T S I S I N D I A S E N A  
O N U S S A T I N C O M B  
R E B U S S O L N A T A L  
Y E I M A U S O L E U R I N E
- 7 Harbor.  
8 To employ.  
9 Detested.  
10 Bad.  
11 Half.  
12 Name.  
13 He was U. S. of State (pl.).  
14 Dances.  
15 Withdrawn.  
16 Slack.  
17 To rub out.  
18 Emissary.  
19 Knock.  
20 Unit.  
21 Clan symbol.  
22 Observed.  
23 Lost to view.  
24 Beret.  
25 Cry of sorrow.  
26 Bill of fare.  
27 To try.  
28 To east.  
29 Back.  
30 Entrance.  
31 Pronoun.  
32 Membranous bag.  
33 He was twice appointed to this.  
34 According to.  
35 Varnish ingredient.  
36 Exultant.  
37 Male ancestor.



## Sport Glances. . . . . By Grayson

**NEW YORK**—With the arrival of 36 steeplechase stars, another spectacular gamble is added to the most speculative of all sports—horse racing.

Thirty-six wealthy sportsmen and sportswomen of the Atlantic seaboard pooled \$90,000, exclusive of importing charges, to bring the thoroughbreds from France.

The majority of them are French-bred, but some have antecedents that trace to Ireland, foremost breeding ground for jumpers, and to England.

What makes this a pure gamble is that the names of the nags will be placed in a whirling barrel, with each subscriber drawing a name, which will be the title of that particular patron's pony.

The bangtalls have been imported to stimulate the branch of racing which the interested patrons most admire.

The depression still is rampant in France. There are threats of war, with its increased taxes. Good gee-ges, therefore, are relatively cheap. Hence, the purchase in France, rather than in Ireland or England.

Most of the subscribers are patrons of hunt meetings, or cross-country hurdle races. With some few exceptions their entrants were not considered sufficiently capable to go onto the race course to tackle Bushranger, Amagansett, or their like. Good runners are scarce, let alone steeplechasers. Jumping fields are small, and generally made up of the same hurdlers.

OUT of the importations, the pool subscribers hope to get fast animals which can race at Belmont Park and Saratoga.

The turf bodies are responsible for steeplechasing being no more widespread than it is. They have

## "OUT OUR WAY" - - - - - By Williams



## ALLEY OOP - - - - - By Hamlin



## MYRA NORTH, Special Nurse - - By Thompson and Coll



## RECKLES and HIS FRIENDS—By Blosser



## Variance Is Held As Purely Normal In Infants' Feats

**CHICAGO**—If a baby does not start walking when a year old, or if he appears slower than the neighbor's child, mothers still have little cause to worry, according to Dr. Alvin C. Rambler, Northwestern University ediatrics instructor.

"Walking alone is usually possible at the age of 14 or 15 months," he said, "but I have seen babies of 10 months walking well—while others 16 months may have made little or no effort to walk and may still be normal."

The same is true of other physical traits, he said.

"The usual time for the growth of the first teeth is from six to eight months—but I have known several healthy babies who were born with either one or two teeth."

The growing-up process is a "steeplechase," he said, with survival dependent on meeting each hurdle as it is reached.

"Being born is in itself an ordeal, and from then on the matter of adequate adjustment to life through proper feeding, clothing and nursing is the greatest importance in the well-being of children. The disease of infancy are the most serious of the obstacles, but while they are many, and most disconcerting to face, with a good physical endowment and adequate medical aid they may be faced with equanimity."

Many women have praised the ex-king for giving up his throne for a woman in an age when a man usually won't even give up his car seat.

## SISTER MARY'S KITCHEN

**By NEA Service**

LIFE'S full of surprises. So are apples. Especially when rolled into a casserole with a slice of ham.

**Ham and Apple Casserole**  
(4 to 6 servings.)

One large center slice of ham 3-4 inch thick, about 2 pounds, 1-2 cup brown sugar, 1 teaspoon dry mustard, 6 tart apples, 12 whole cloves.

Trim all fat from meat and cut slice of ham into 6 pieces of suitable size for individual servings. Arrange the pieces in the bottom of a shallow heat resistant glass baking dish, 2 quart size. Put the strips of fat which you have cut off in between the 6 slices of ham. Next mix sugar and mustard together, then sprinkle it over the meat. Wash and cut each apple into halves, crosswise. Remove core. Place each apple on a slice of meat with cut side down on meat. Stick a whole clove in top of each apple. Bake uncovered, about 45 minutes or until ham is tender, in moderate oven (350 degrees F.). That's what you call a "cozy" dish for cold weather diners.

**Broiled Bananas and Ham**

Allow one large ripe banana for each serving of broiled ham. Broil ham in usual way. Peel bananas. Place on broiler rack or in pan. Brush with melted butter or ham drippings and sprinkle lightly with salt. Broil until bananas are brown and tender. Allow from 6 to 10 minutes for broiling. Be sure you serve the broiled bananas very hot. In fact, nothing is too hot for a broiled banana.

**Baked Bananas with Orange Juice**  
(6 servings.)

Ten bananas, 1-4 cup orange juice, 2 tablespoons powdered sugar, 1-2 tablespoons butter, 1-4 teaspoon cinnamon, pinch salt.

Peel bananas and scrape free of strips and blemishes. Cut each in half, crosswise. Butter shallow baking dish. Arrange bananas in dish. Sprinkle with orange juice, sugar, cinnamon and salt. Dot with pieces of butter. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees F.) for 45 minutes.

A. Near Lynchburg, where he settled in 1826. He had spent a year in West Texas in 1817-18, among the Indians, in search of health. Recovering from a lung trouble, he returned to Cincinnati home at the time of the Battle of San Jacinto? H. J. L.

**LET'S KNOW TEXAS—TEXANS**

WILL H. MAYOR, AUSTIN, TEXAS

In this column answers will be given to inquiries as to Texas history and other matters pertaining to the State and its people. Address inquiries to Will H. Mayor, Austin, Texas.

Q. Where was there a town in north Texas known as Jonesboro? N. D. A.

A. At the crossing of Red River due north of the present Clarksville, the community antedated

where he remained until 1826, before coming back to Texas.

Q. How much land is now under irrigation in Texas in the Lower Rio Grande Valley? H. L.

A. About 380,000 acres.

Q. To what extent is citrus wine manufactured in Texas? H. L.

A. The first citrus winery began operation at McAllen, Dec. 1, and is now making grapefruit wine which is reported to be of fine flavor, and for which a large demand is expected. The winery has a capacity of about 3,500 tons of fruit for the season.

Q. When was Van Zandt County organized and for whom was it named? C. H. L.

A. Organized in 1848 and named for Isaac Van Zandt, who came to Texas in 1839 and settled in Harrison County. He was licensed to practice law in 1840 and the same year was a member of the lower house of the Republic of Texas in 1842 was minister plenipotentiary to the United States; was a member of the constitutional convention of 1845 and a leader in enacting the Texas Home-Stead law. He died in Houston, Oct. 11, 1847 while a candidate for governor.

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