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Elaborately Fitted and Bare-Handed Americans

Here is something almighty funny about the Typical American. It is pointed up by the recent sensational flights of Howard Hughes and Douglas Corrigan.

Start with Hughes. Hughes is a typical American. He is thorough, a genius for preparation and organization, using the best equipment money can buy, supplementing all of the newest scientific gadgets with a crew of skilled technicians, any one of whom would be a star if he operated on his own hook.

All those things are typical of America. That's the American way of doing things—as witness, for instance, the success of the existing commercial air line over the Pacific ocean. Have plenty of money for whatever you undertake, buy the best there is, lean heavily on science and machinery, put things into the hands of the most skilled operators you can find, prepare in every conceivable way—and then let her rip.

So far, so good.

But Corrigan is also a typical American. He is a lone wolf sort of chap, with a flair for relying on himself to the exclusion of everything and everybody else. He doesn't care very much—apparently—for the latest thing in gadgets, and all he asks of his machinery is that it will run if treated properly. Elaborate plans have no place in his ideology. He can substitute a genius for doing the right thing at the right time, a healthy spot of self-reliance and a bit of good luck, for the expensive scientific equipment his fellows rely on—and when he does he can make out pretty well for himself.

All of which, when you stop to think about it, is quite typical of America. It stems, perhaps, from the old inventive Yankee tradition, or from the day of the frontier; in any case, in its own way it is just as "typical" as is the Howard Hughes way of doing things.

This adds up to a paradox. Which are we, really, the Hughes type or the Corrigan type?

The answer is: Both. We are the land of Henry Ford and Thomas A. Edison, and also the land of Daniel Boone and Kit Carson. We are the greatest gadget-users on earth, and we are also a great people to get along without gadgets and a sailin' through on sheer human ability.

Which makes, when you stop to think about it, quite a combination. It may be a little bit puzzling to strangers, once in a while; but in the long run it's the sort of combination of abilities that ought to be pretty effective.

The government announces that the wages of many New York artists on WPA are going to be reduced. The poor guys'll have to go back to the boom-times custom of starving in a garret.

A CONSTANT FRIEND

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for horizontal and vertical words. Includes a small illustration of a woman's face at the bottom.

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



BASEBALL CALENDAR

Table with columns for League Standings (Texas, American, National) and Games Today (Texas, American, National). Includes team names, wins, losses, and percentages.

RESULTS YESTERDAY

Table with columns for League Standings (Texas, American, National) and Games Today (Texas, American, National). Includes team names, scores, and game details.

FRECKLES and HIS FRIENDS - By Blosser



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