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WE WHO ARE ABOUT TO TESTIFY

During questioning of an elderly-looking witness in a Cleveland court it turned out that the man on the stand was 103 years old, and never had been in a courtroom before.

What a pity that the newspaper account of the trial didn't go as deeply into the case of the witness as it did into the case on trial! He was not even asked what he believed to be responsible for his remarkable longevity.

The answer probably would have been that he had kept away from witness stands for 103 years. That probably would have accounted also for the fact that he still retained most of his hair.

More than one man has had his life span materially shortened by a courtroom experience thrust upon him as an innocent bystander, and more than one man has grown bald faster after permitting an over-zealous attorney to grab him by whatever hair he had at the time.

The badgering of witnesses for the sole purpose of attempting to make them appear incompetent is fortunately a practice which capable judges are vigorous in fighting, but despite the co-operation of reputable attorneys such tactics continue to compose the bulk of the courtroom repertoire of the not-so-reputable.

It should be emphasized that serving as a witness is one of the duties which the privileges of citizenship carry along with them, and exposure to the possibility of courtroom embarrassment does not quite constitute sufficient moral ground for evading that duty.

The Cleveland witness would do well to start going to bed earlier from now on, watch his diet, and take up the practice of giving what hair he has remaining an occasional olive oil shampoo.

QUESTION PERIOD

The editors of the Connecticut Nutmeg, a rural newspaper of limited circulation, among whose number is a Heywood Brown, who also writes a column, are reported to have mailed the following question to five men of considerable prominence: "If you were hiring a reporter and had just one question to ask, what would that question be?"

Objects of this interrogation were President Roosevelt, William Randolph Hearst, Joseph Medill Patterson, president of the New York Daily News; Herbert Bayard Swope, editor of the old New York World; and George Bernard Shaw.

Now these men have other things to do besides answer all the questions rural journalists put to them, and the chances are that the Connecticut Nutmeg is going to have to cool its heel for a while. The paper you are now reading feels no particular obligation to join the bench-warmers and heel-coolers, however, so long as the office crystal-gazing ball remains in good working order.

Roosevelt, to reporter: "Are you intending to write a column?"

Hearst: "Can you spell 'exotic'?" . . . No, make it 'alluring'."

Patterson: "What kind of a lens do you use?"

Swope: "Have you had any experience in scintillating?"

Shaw: "Can you take dictation?"

STREET SCENE

What with all the butward aspects of our daily life becoming so thoroughly "functionalized," "streamlined," and "stripped of non-essentials," it's getting so a man can't have any fun at all any more.

Something in the soul cries very distinctly for an adequate supply of non-essentials . . . just a little curlicue here and there, once in a while. Nothing at all in the soul cries for a return to what might be called "the embroidered age," but it would add to the excitement of streamlined metropolitan scenery if a person could occasionally encounter . . . say . . . such a phenomenon as a strong-man performing in the ultra-modern window of a Bonnet Shop Moderne.

Take wooden Indians. Somebody did take them. They not only provided a pleasant distraction for the eye during a lunch-hour stroll, but made it easy to distinguish a cigar store from a beauty shop.

Those pitiful lost tribes cannot, of course, be brought back now from their celestial hunting grounds, but something can be done about the bare spots in front of the cigar stores. Would it be too much to suggest that these vacant sidewalk posts be turned over, together with their responsibilities, to the men who would otherwise be spending the coming summer months sitting on flag poles or roller-skating from New York to San Francisco?

Anyway, what the tidiers-up of metropolitan street scenery ought to keep reminding themselves as they go along is that most people enjoy nothing so much in the way of scenery as something to look at.

Hitler asks the Viennese to curtail the banquets for which they are famous, ignoring the quickest way to a man's heart.

Illinois woman regained her voice after being speechless for three months. Oh, the memory of her lost opportunities!

If the U. S. holds up its helium shipments to Germany much longer, Nazi efficiency experts will be making a substitute from old newspapers or peanut shells.

3 Legged Turtle Wins University Race In Shuffle

(Continued from Page 1) From the center to the edge of a circle . . . in the scorching time of 22.9 seconds to defeat Clark Gable, a beauty with ingrown ears. Gable's time was 45 seconds. The limper made laughing stock out of such entries as Mussolini, Hitler, Julius Caesar, Mae West, Charlie McCarthy, and others. The University of Detroit, claiming Gaoloma as the champion national intercollegiate turtle, has stirred up many challenges. Other colleges where similar turtle derbies were held plan to ship their championship turtles to Detroit for a national meet. The event will be held within two weeks at one of the downtown hotels.

Tulips Blooming In Washington's Parks And Basin

(Continued From Page One) "ington" were in full bloom today, several weeks in advance of their usual date—and also several weeks in advance of the annual tulip festival. Veteran observers predicted the blooms would be completely gone when the date for the festival arrives.

OFFER NEW PLAN WASHINGTON, D. C. (UP)—Railway labor and management today gave President Roosevelt a new plan which they believed would save the carriers from financial ruin. The proposal would include a guarantee by the government that roads would receive a fair return on their operations and any deficit would be given the railroads in the form of a subsidy.

Stamp News



REVISION of the Austrian stamp program is momentarily expected with annexation of the nation by Germany. Already the Dolfuss mourning issue has been invalidated by Hitler.

Unofficial advice from the Post Office Department indicates that 12 denominations out of the 31 new U. S. Presidential stamps just announced will be available by July 1. Whether the entire series will be completed during 1938 is not known. A great deal of preliminary work on these stamps has already been done.

Meanwhile, in view of the eventual removal from sale of the current regular series, collectors are laying in supplies of the 1922-23 issue, ranging in values from one-half cent to \$5. Cost of the entire series in blocks of four at the Philatelic Agency in Washington is \$42.56.

The U. S. Post Office Department does not expect to issue a special stamp marking the 30th anniversary of regular airmail service, despite several bills in Congress seeking this. Only the Airmail Week will be observed from May 15 to 21 by a special government cachet issued at Kitty Hawk, N. C. Covers to receive these cachets must be sent to the postmaster at Kitty Hawk before May 13.

No longer will Italy's three possessions, Ethiopia, Eritrea and Italian Somaliland have individual adhesives. Italy's colorful new set inscribed "Africa Orientale Italiana" reflects the merger of the three possessions. The set, comprising 20 values for regular postage, 11 for airmail and two for combination airmail and special delivery.

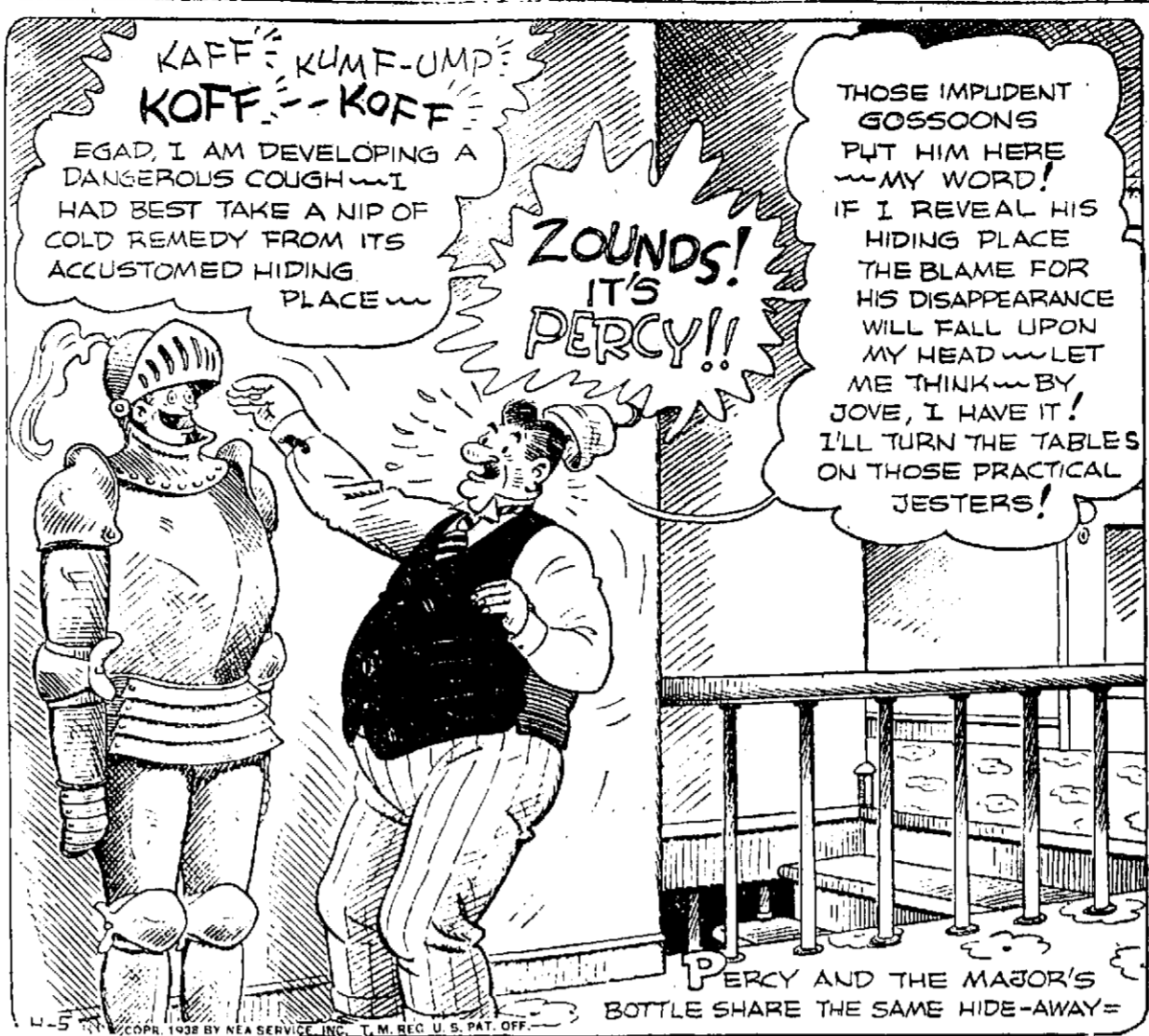
SIDE GLANCES

By George Clark



"At last I've met the girl who's visiting next door! I banged into her car in the driveway."

OUR BOARDING HOUSE . . . with . . . Major Hoople



FDR Receives Railway Plans

Labor and Management In Accord Upon Method Of Assistance

(Continued From Page One) Reconstruction Finance Corporation authority to make business loans would provide a means of financial aid to the roads. Advocates of liberal financial assistance contend increased equipment purchases would stimulate general business. This measure, which may result in new outpourings of federal millions to both large and small businesses, was before the house today. The senate already has approved it. Many believed the railroad report would recommend legislation to expedite financial reorganization of roads in bankruptcy or receivership and would propose machinery for compelling railroad consolidations.

Blonds Are Given Honors As Models Stage Exhibition

(Continued From Page One) most typical American model, and June Davis, the most popular model. Miss Judd appeared at the show wearing an evening gown, fur and jewelry appropriate to her title. Three hundred examples of the best advertising art of the year were on display.

France's Cabinet Will Seek Vote Upon New Bills

(Continued From Page One) Some reduction in production taxes was also provided. Bitter fights were predicted later today when the measures were taken up for debate and a vote. Premier Leon Blum was expected to send the bills to the finance committee this afternoon.

A soil chemist at North Carolina State college says alkaline soil will cause dogwood blossoms to change from pink to white.

McKenney on Bridge

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY Secretary, American Contract Bridge League

Solution to Previous Contract Problem The world bridge olympic, which will be sponsored this year by the American Contract Bridge League and conducted simultaneously throughout the world the evening of April 20, might aptly be termed the rubber bridge championship. risk the game when north, after his rebid, merely went to four. East and west won the first two diamond tricks, and south ruffed the third diamond. He now led a trump and west correctly refused to split his honors. However, south properly played the eight, thus limiting his possible trump loss to one trick. East failed to follow, and a trump trick was later conceded to west. If east had won the first trump lead, even with a singleton honor, south would still have been able to pick up the remaining trumps with the ace and king, and limit his losses in the trump suit to one. Had South instead played the king, hoping for an even break in the trumps, he would have lost his contract with the trump distribution which actually existed.

Bridge hand diagram showing cards for North, South, East, and West. Includes a dealer position and a score of 28.

Contract Problem (Solution in next issue) West bid the hand so as to tempt his opponents to get to three no trump, hoping to beat them badly. However, careful play on the part of South will allow him to make the contract.

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The Family Doctor

By DR. MORRIS FISHBEN Editor, Journal of the American Medical Association, and of Hygiene, the Health Magazine The speed of eating in the machine age, the development of all sorts of soft, fancy foods, the determination to overcome constipation as a national habit are among many other causes of serious, persistent inflammations and infections of the bowel that are grouped under the title colitis. There are some who feel that chronic ulcerative colitis is always due to infection with germs of various kinds. There is also the view that it is associated with deficiency of vitamins, minerals or other substances. Again it has been suggested that it is a part of the structure of the person concerned exactly as are such conditions as diabetes and cancer. There has also been the suggestion that this condition is due not to germs but to larger parasites of the type of the amebae. It is, of course, conceivable that in any case of this condition several of these different causes may be involved. In any event, it seems to be established that no particular type of person is more likely to have the disease than any other, that one race of people is just as likely to have it as another race of people, and that the condition is more likely to affect people of middle age than either the very young or the very old. Certainly the disease may occur in any climate. It is hard to incriminate any one food since the disease is found in all people of all races eating all kinds of food and among people who are light eaters as well as among people who are large eaters. This, too, would incline to the view that in any case of this disease several different factors may be involved.

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New Jersey Lad Shoots Girl Who Invades Home's Privacy

(Continued from Page 1) kilt air, his pipe jutting from the side of his mouth. The boy has been charged with atrocious assault, and if the girl dies, he will be charged with homicide. He said the girls rode to his house and told him he was a "serf" in their make-believe game and that they dismounted, looked into the house and demanded to know what was in a package on the table. The package contained a new 50-cent toy truck his father had given him for being good. It was the only thing in the house that he had for his own. "I told them 'none of your business,' but they wouldn't go away. The boy's mother is dead. Doctors said Betty's condition was critical.

Body Of Prized Baby Panda To Serve Science In Museum

(Continued From Page One) were taken for study under a microscope. Su Lin's popularity with children was credited with placing the zoo on a paying basis. She was valued at \$10,000.

Cats, Mice And Women Mixing At Joint Exhibition Of Pets

(Continued From Page One) their being "in good voice" but residents of the neighborhood said the noise they heard last night could mean only one thing—what any cat means when it howls. Every coin minted in Venezuela bears the profile of Simon Bolivar.

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