JUST IN FUN

Thrifty

Thomas was rather thrifty. On a visit to the United States he decided to send a telegram to his host.

On inquiring at the post office he was told the charge, but that the sender's name would be free.

"That's splendid," he replied, "I'm a Red Indian and my name is "Cannacomthemorn Tam."

His Reason

"Why didn't you marry?" inquired the young man of the old bachelor.

"Well, you see," replied the bachelor, "when I was quite young I resolved that I wouldn't marry until I found the ideal woman. After many years I found her."

"And then?"

"She was looking for the ideal man," replied the bachelor, sadly.

Just Like That

Marriage resembles a pair of shears, so joined that they cannot be separated; often moving in opposite directions, yet always punishing anyone who comes between them.

THE SPORTING THING

"Never mind Johnston — they'll do that at the mill!"

To His Advantage

Two strangers in a first class compartment were in a friendly conversation. The windows had been closed by previous occupants, and the desultory talk had drifted to the subject of ventilation.

"I make it," said one, "an invariable practice to advise people to sleep with their bedroom windows open all the year round."

"Ho, ho!" laughed the other. "It is easy to see your profession."

"Indeed, and what do you think it is?"

"It is fairly obvious," came the reply in lofty tones, 'that you're a doctor."

Not at all," retorted the first, very confidentially. "To tell you the truth, I'm—a burglar!"

Learned His Lesson

The memory expert had been giving his turn in the village hall. The audience had not been enthusiastic, and the questions asked at the end of the show really infuriated the man.

When one dear old lady came up and asked him to what he attributed his remarkable memory, he thought it was time to call it a day.

"Well, madam," he explained, without a smile, "when I was in the Air Force, I once had to make a parachute jump from a height never before attempted. Just as I jumped from the 'plane, the pilot leaned over the side and yelled: 'Hi, you've forgotten your parachute!' Believe it or not, madam, that taught me a lesson, and I've never forgotten anything since."

In the Cart

"What's this I hear, flight-lieutenant? I'm told you were so drunk last night you pushed a wheelbarrow through the native quarter. Is that the way to keep up our prestige with these people?"

"You ought to know, sir. You were in the barrow."

Time Wasted

"This theory of governing children by appealing to their reason isn't all it's made out to be," said a worried school-teacher recently.

"A youngster needs a little spanking once in a while.

"One of my little boys had skipped his classes, deceived his mother, been found out, and caused much unhappiness all round. I took him aside, and we had a heart-to-heart talk. Johnny sat still, looking at me intently.

"I thought I was making great headway. I never saw a child who seemed so absorbed, even fascinated, by my line or argument. But you can never tell. Just as I had reached the climax in my appeal to his better self a light of discovery broke over Johnny's face.

"Please, teacher," he said eagerly, "it's your lower jaw that moves, isn't it?"

Hard Luck

After trying in vain to get a house, Brown set out one morning with a find-a-house-or-die look on his face. He wandered about all day without being successful, till at last his steps led him to the river.

"Ah!" he said, in utter despair, "how tempting it looks!"

Suddenly he heard a splash, and looking round, he saw his friend Green struggling in the water. Without attempting to save him, he rushed off to the local house agent.

"Quick," he gaspel. "Green has fallen in the river. Can I have his house?"

"Sorry, sir," said the house agent. "I already let it to the man who pushed him in."

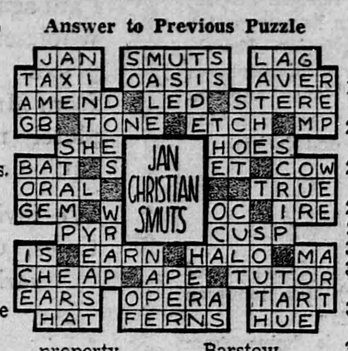
Changed

"By Jove," said a stranger at a dance, "what a long and lanky girl that is over there!"

"Hush," his host whispered. "She used to be long and lanky — but nowadays she's tall and stately. She's just inherited a million."

NOVELIST

Answer to Previous Puzzle

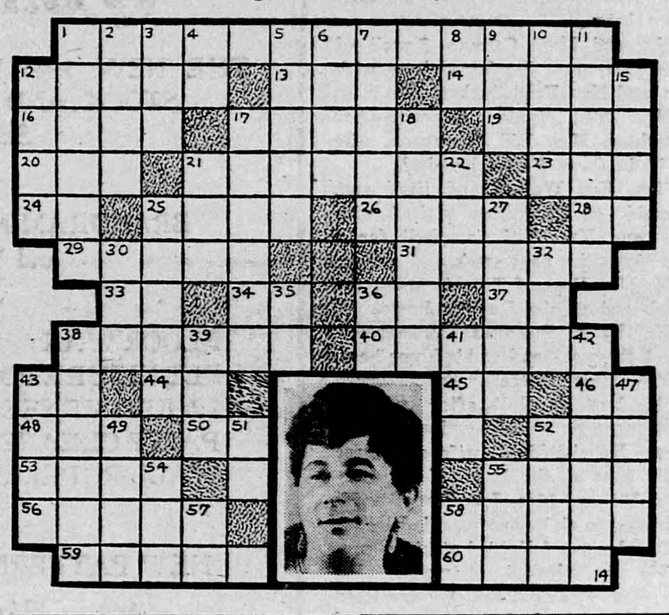


HORIZONTAL

1 Pictured writer, —— ——.
12 Upholstery gimp.
13 Seine.
14 Woody plants.
16 Hastened.
17 Sedate.
19 Seasoning.
20 Insurance (abbr.).
21 Trades.
23 Lady Literate in Arts (abbr.).
24 Giant king of Bashan.
25 Numerous.
26 Ooze.
28 Either.
29 Suffer.
31 Permit.
33 Exists.
34 Electrical term.
36 Order of Merit (abbr.).
37 Symbol for erbium.
38 Make slower.
40 Landed property.
43 Palm lily.
44 Street (abbr).
45 Alleged force.
46 Compass point
48 Hail!
50 Daybreak (comb. form).
52 Paid notices.
53 Peel.
55 Daze.
56 Nullify.
58 Shop.
59 Cringe.
60 Her —— is now Mrs. Montagu Barstow.

VERTICAL

1 Conveys.
2 War god.
3 Disencumber.
4 Bone.
5 Vestibule.
6 Chair.
7 Pig pens.
8 Right (abbr.).
9 Creditors (abbr.)
10 Ardor.
11 Color.
12 "Buckeye State."
15 Heavenly body.
17 Sandpapering machine.
18 Sleeping visions.
21 Rumanian coin.
22 Selections (abbr.).
25 Ship's spars.
27 Supplicate.
30 Cravat.
32 Swedish weight.
35 South Dakota (abbr.).
36 Whirlwind.
38 Opponents.
39 Consumed.
41 Spinning toy.
42 Undergo.
43 Narrow fillet of cotton.
47 Slave.
49 Ireland.
51 Upon.
52 Small particle.
54 Dutch city.
55 Station (abbr.).
57 Babylonian deity.
58 Tin (symbol).



VOICE OF THE PRESS

Truth Comes Out

Strange as it may seem, truth occasionally pops out at Nazis testify at Nuernberg. For instance, the admission that the annihilation of Coventry was deliberately planned, after all these years of claims that the bombing resulted from the planes getting lost trying to find another target.

—Windsor Star.

Faith in Humanity

In all my travels over the world I have never lost hope for the human race because in the lowest slums of the big cities and the hovels of the blighted lands there's always someone bravely struggling to make a flower grow.

—Detroit Free Press.

Something to Laugh At

Commenting on international affairs, a London newspaper suggests that the greatest need of the world today is a revival of laughter. This opinion seems to be shared by the designers of the new spring bonnets.

—Toronto Saturday Night.

Situation Worsens

Fewer men are now applying for farm work than at any time during the war. In Canada's most essential industry the labor situation has worsened.

—Farmers' Advocate.

Hot Stuff

Among the hottest news is the story from New York that the pepper shortage in the United States may last for years.

—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

Classy Robbers

Some bandits show more class than others. Down in Missouri, a bank was robbed of $7,000, the robber going away in the bank president's car.

—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Reckless

Accident statistics reveal that home is the most dangerous of all places. But with a reckless unconcern for their own safety, people still persist in hunting houses.

—Peterborough Examiner.

Seeking Secret

Rome newspaper charges Soviet Russia with running an extensive spy service in Italy with the cooperation of Yugoslavia. Evidently they seek the secret of why Musso didn't topple from that balcony sooner.

— Windsor Star.

His Annual Fit

With spring styles in the offing father is due to have his annual fit.

—Chatham News.

Aim to Please

"Do you serve prunes?" the guest asked the waiter. "Ma'am," he said, "we serve anybody. What'll you have?"

—Ottawa Citizen.

Reminiscent

A Japanese volcano, now in eruption, can be heard twenty miles away, doubtless reminding the natives of Tojo in his better days.

—Edmonton Journal.

Why?

We turned out ships in time of war easily but it is impossible to build houses the same way amid the distractions of peace.

—Brandon Sun.

Bound to Get You

There's no use. If you make out your income tax return wrong, you are in the hands of the law; if you make it out right, you are in the hands of the receiver.

—Farmers' Advocate.

The Stalin Way

A man like Stalin, we understand, is so used to getting his own way that he writes his diary three weeks in advance.

—Windsor Star.

Mass Production

Three hundred typists are needed in Britain to speed divorces. Anglophobes will say the British were always slow on mass production.

—Hamilton Spectator.

Or More!

Harnessing the atomic bomb will be like putting the saddle on a hundred million bucking bronchos.

—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Upside Down

Pandit Nehru, potential Indian Prime Minister, stands on his head every morning before breakfast. We feel like doing the same when trying to understand the Indian problem.

— Hamilton Spectator.

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