HABEAS AND CORPUS BLESSED BY LAW

In San Francisco, where the mayor launched a campaign against pigeons in Civic Center, a brazen blue pigeon, above, fearlessly laid an egg in a judge's chamber in City Hall on April 12. A day later she deposited another egg in the same spot. Court employees turned their backs on the anti-pigeon drive and provided a makeshift nest. The judge even issued an order threatening contempt action against anyone who disturbed the nest. When two little squabs, right, appeared one morning, they were promptly dubbed "Habeas" and "Corpus."

Their Task

The Sons of Mary seldom bother,
For they have inherited that good part;
But the Sons of Martha favor their mother
Of the careful soul and the troubled heart.
And because she lost her temper once,
And because she was rude to the Lord her Guest,
Her Sons must wait upon Mary's Sons,
World without end, reprieve, or rest.

It is their care in all the ages to take
The buffet and cushion the shock.
It is their care that the gear engages;
It is their care that the switches lock.
It is their care that the wheels run truly;
It is their care to embark and entrain.
Tally, transport, and deliver duly
The Sons of Mary by land and main.

—from "The Sons of Martha" by Rudyard Kipling.

Life Is Real

An implement salesman stopped his car alongside a field where a farmer was plowing, a plodding bull hitched to the old-fashioned moldboard.

He had just got nicely launched into a sales' talk on modern farming machinery when the farmer held up his hand. He pointed down the field to where a row of open doors in a long implement-shed divulged a couple of tractors, a one-way cultivator, a combine and other kindred farm machines.

The salesman was dumbfounded. Taking off his hat to scratch his head, he exclaimed incredulously: "Well, what are you using this bull for?"

The farmer gave the salesman a long look, spit over the plow-handles and said: "I jest want to impress upon this critter that there's other things in life besides romance!"

A boy and his mother stood looking at a dentist's showcase. "If I had to have false teeth, mother, I'd take that set," said the small boy, pointing.

"Hush, Willie," said his mother. "Haven't I told you not to pick your teeth in public?"

CHRONICLES OF GINGER FARM

by Gwendoline P. Clarke

There is a wild wind blowing and I'm not liking it one bit. It isn't a cold wind but it is awfully rough. Maybe I shouldn't grumble when I don't have to be out in it very much, but even in the house it just about gives me the creeps. And of course it does make a difference even if one does stay indoors ... the egg man calls and before I can stop it the door blows back on its hinges. Partner hails me from outside to help him with a little job and I don't hear him for the wind. Bob says—"Watch for John—he may be in this afternoon." But unless I happen to look out at exactly the right minute I won't know whether John comes in or not. That is what the wind does to a farming area.

The men here are halfway through seeding. Probably they would have been finished except for being hindered first by rain and then a breakdown with the tractor. I shall be glad when they are through—all these rush jobs sort of keep everyone on edge. Lost time during seeding—even only half a day—can make a lot of difference to the growth and harvesting of a crop.

Yesterday I went to Toronto—enough to see a friend in hospital and back again. It was my first trip this year. As usual I wondered how any one could live in the city. But I also came to the conclusion that it would be awful to live in the country and work i the city—if it meant driving in everyday as so many do. No wonder there are so many people with a heart condition! or instance, at one of the intersection where there was a sign —"No left turn"—the fellow ahead of us stuck out his hand and wheeled gaily off to the left. On the Queen Elizabeth another fellow drove for five or six miles on the outside traffic lane so that other motorists had to pass him on his wrong side. Near home there was a car in the ditch that had caught fire and was still smouldering. Yes, there is plenty of opportunity to see thrills and spills on a one-hour drive along our highways.

And yet, just the day before, we had been out looking at a car with the idea of making a purchase. As it happened the man who wanted to sell the car was away but came home while we were waiting. He came along the road driving at seventy or seventy five m.p.h. — with the "rad" boiling like a teakettle. Needless to say we didn't want that car! But I guess we shall have to get one of some kind— a 1940 is about as much as our budget budget will stand—but not off the used car lot if we can help it. Any offers?

Our little half-ton pick-up is the handiest thing to have around on the farm, but it is a long way from being a pleasure car. Last week I even had to take it out once or twice with a barrel of fuel oil in the back! That is because Bob uses the pick-up as a portable refuelling station for his tractor. Partner gets annoyed if he sees me go out with the truc' loaded—but it doesn't worry me at all—just so long as I don't have anything oily in the cab with me. At that I would draw the line. Otherwise I don't mind—I never have been over-burdened with false pride.

On our way home from Toronto we came through one of those new housing surveys wher a friend of ours is waiting for his new home to be completed. I suppose most of the houses that we saw were around nine or ten thousand dollars and as we looked them over I wondered how many of them would still be standing by the time they were paid for! Of course, they will have all the latest, built-in stream-lined conveniences which is what attracts people today—and one couldn't ask for anything nicer—if they are built to last. I wonder ... For my part I would sooner have an older house in a more settled area and fix it up to suit myself. But it is a good thing we are not all alike or there would be little expansion or progress in this world.

Speaking of houses reminds me of the modern way of moving which I heard about only recently. Neighbours of ours are moving down to Montreal. I imagined them having an awful time packing and crating, ready for the job. To my surprise I learnt that the movers do it all and unless they do the packing themselves they will not accept responsibility for loss or breakage in transit. It seemed so strange to go ito a house, knowing the people were moving out and see everything still in place, except the curtains!

HOW-TO FIX-IT

By Tom Gregory

New Gadgets and Inventions You'll Probably Be Seeing

ELECTRIC RAZOR. Electric razor housed in plastic that shaves wet with regular blades in a "side-to-side" reciprocating motion. Razor is motivated by an electro-magnetic drive. Power consumption 2 watts. Said to be practically noiseless and to create no radio interference. Driven element is powered by a cylindrically shaped permanent magnet which is affixed to the gold-plated head. Can be removed for blade changing and cleaning.

LOW-COST VAPORIZER. Germ-killing vapor, particles of which are said to penetrate and kill airborne microbes that cause respiratory maladies is now available to public in simple, inexpensive form. Makers claim vaporizer is easy to work and vapor can be discharged instantly in any room. Is said to be effective for six to eight hours.

ALUMINUM PIGMENT. Aluminum pigment, using aluminum particles as base, provides new paints which offer positive protection against mold and rot in all climates. Is manufactured in paste form; 2 lbs. of pigment mixed with 1 gal. of usual aluminum paint said to provide maximum protection. Is claimed to be perfectly safe—will not affect food, animals or poultry. Also works well on metals and other non-organic surfaces.

MODEL HOME KIT. "Build-A-Plan," model home kit, enables homebuilder to set up model of his future home from blueprint. Kit includes floorboard base, divided into small grooved squares, each equal to 1 sq. foot, and miniature wall, door, window and building sections of plastic. These stand up in grooves to duplicate any floor plan. Also includes scale furniture cut outs.

PLASTIC SOAPCAKE PAD. Soapcake pad of plastic holds soap cake of any size or shape and allows water to be conducted away before bottom of cake becomes soft. Designed to fit all soap dishes or to be used alone on flat surface.

KITCHEN BOWL COVERS. Kitchen set of matched bowl covers in polka dot design is made of plastic. New construction seals the elastic in and keeps it protected from unsanitary contacts. Plastic used said to be waterproof, mildew-proof, and not harmed by greases or alcohol. Soap and water will not weaken the workmanship.

WEARABLE LIFE PRESERVER. Clothing for marine sports made of durable lightweight fabric has built-in, inflatable plastic life preserver which can be quickly and easily inflated by mouth in emergency according to maker. Jacket, when uninflated, looks like conventional jacket. Two-piece outfit is also offered for sailing and motorboating. Consists of jacket mentioned above and trousers coated with resins to afford extra protection from elements.

POWDER BRUSH. A handbag accessory about the size of a lipstick case. Gold-plated container holds a black or red nylon bristle face powder brush which pops out with a turn of swivel base. Another similar brush is available for use on suede shoes.

GALLEY STOVE. Two-burner instant-lighting kerosene hot plate is new marine appliance. Has two separate burners, each with built-in preheater to eliminate use of special pre-heating fuels. Case is of specially processed aluminum said to be highly resistant to salt-air corrosion. Unit is 2 in. long, 9½ in. high and 13 in. deep. Weighs 19 lbs. Burners are made of brass and stainless steel.

The Sunday School Lesson

By Rev. R. Barclay Warren

WATCHING AND PRAYING IN GETHSEMANE

Mark 14:32-42

Golden Text:—Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak. Mark 14:38.

"Gethsemane" will always be remembered as the place of great agony of Jesus. Here bore upon Him the full realization of His mission. It was not the prospect of death that brought the bloody sweat to His brow, but the bearing of the sins of men. In this hour when He craved and needed human sympathy most, his disciples fell asleep. He asked them to watch and pray, but three times He returned to find them sleeping. Said He, "The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak."

Jesus knew the truth of that statement in His own experience. At first He prayed, "O, My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as Thou wilt." Here was a human shrinking from the bitter cup. The second time He prayed, "O, My Father, if this cup may not pass away from Me, except I drink it, Thy will be done." Here is exemplified the triumph of the spirit over the flesh. At no time was there rebellion to God's will, but the flesh was weak. Later, angels ministered unto Him.

When Jesus faced this great crisis, He prayed earnestly. He gained strength for the trying hours of the morrow. If we would have poise and calm in life's struggles, we must learn to pray until we have found strength in God.

We cannot think of Gethsemane without feeling a deep gratitude to Jesus Christ Who suffered so for us. He alone is our Saviour.

"It was alone the Saviour prayed
In dark Gethsemane.
Alone He drained the bitter cup
And suffered there for me.
Chorus:
Alone, alone, He bore it all alone;
He gave Himself to save His own,
He suffered, bled, and died alone,
alone."

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Modern Etiquette

by Roberta Lee

Q. Is it true that any kind of invitation may be extended over the telephone?

A. Yes, with one exception, and that is the formal invitation.

Q. Is it necessary to introduce a newly arrived guest to another guest who is taking leave?

A. No, this is not necessary. Nor should one ever interrupt a conversation between two persons in order to introduce a third.

Q. How are invitations to a bridal shower issued?

A. By note, card, telephone, or they may be given orally.

Q. Is it correct to eat French fried potatoes with the fingers?

A. No; only with the fork.

Q. When the person who is making an introduction does not speak a name clearly, and it is very important that the name be known, of whom should one ask that the name be repeated?

A. Ask the person introduced, not the one who has made the introduction.

Q. Is it ever possible to take food into the mouth from the point of the spoon?

A. Never; food should always be taken from the side of the spoon.

Q. Is it proper for a girl to use her small mirror, and apply lipstick and rouge in public?

A. Whether it is proper or not, it is being done; but this does not include the use of a comb or a nail file.

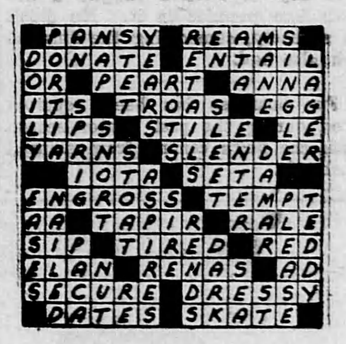
Q. What is the minimum number of courses one should serve at a luncheon?

A. Three courses.

Q. When giving a gift of silverware to a bride, should the initials of the bride's maiden name or those of her husband's name be engraved upon it?

A. The initials should be those of the bride's maiden name.

Answer to Crossword Puzzle



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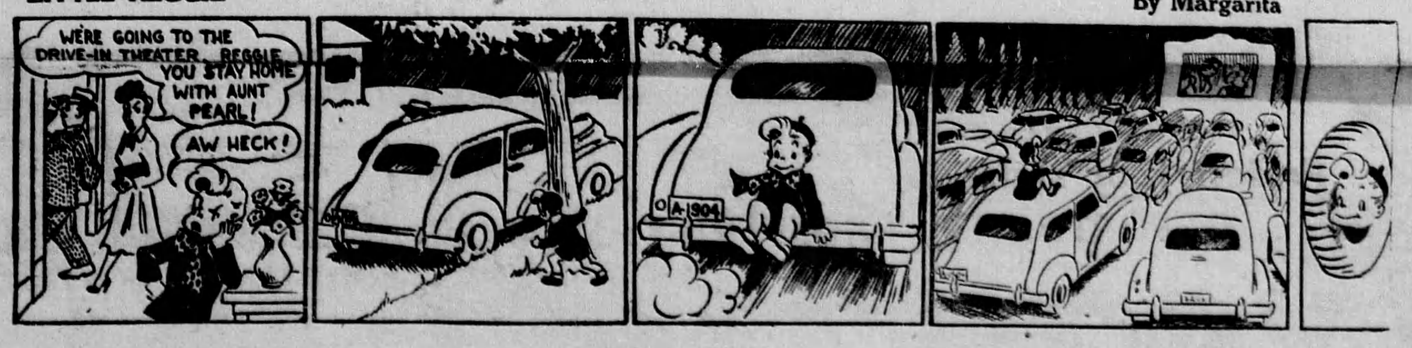
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