

## Barns—Old and Grey Are They Romantic?

The e is no such thing as a new barn. There may be new farm buildings occasionally to house farm machinery, automobiles and perhaps a registered herd. But all barns, meaning literally "barley-places," are at least as old as the oldest inhabitant. He says that although he was too young to take an active part in the raising, he remembers hearing who built the barn. When he was a boy the oldest inhabitant was probably spinning the same yarn out of his "wits" and his neighbor's credulity. Let us be candid. No one remembers when a barn was put up.

Barns are historic and romantic. When a barn was raised it was part of the new civilization, that was building the wild land round about it. Even to this day you can see the marks on those rugged beams and the rounded posts that have worked loose an inch or so. But it was on the day when the last nail was driven, it began immediately to slip back into natural culture, from which all its materials had come. Now the chattering barn swallows swoop in and out of it as freely as centuries ago they used to visit their nests in the cliffs; and woodchucks, rabbits and foxes bred under the floor. Although men still carry on their labors there, opening and closing the doors every day as though that act of simple piety had any influence, they no longer control its destinies. No one has touched that dusty window in the peak since the barn was completed. When the hay crop was heavy, the hired man, who was storing away, may have mounted high enough under the roof boards to look through the three broken panes. But no one ever considered replacing them, or brushing the cobwebs from the frame. Excepting a little annual repairing to the roof or the foundation, no one would be rash enough to disturb the natural order of a barn's

transmutation. Man's authority over it ceases as soon as it is constructed. As the barn swallows have plastered their nests against the eaves and the spiders spun their webs across the windows, so generations of men have scattered their litter everywhere. Every beam within arm-reach bears its jumble of rusty horsehoes and empty kerosene bottles. Hunt long enough and you can always find just the right sized nail you require. Old scythe blades and scythe wrenches, old raps and files and a broken whetstone—every generation has bequeathed something to the next. For no barn can be cleaned. Even if you sluiced it, like the Aiguens stables, the next descendant would find some harness strap still depending from a beam to hitch one generation to the backsaw still hanging on a forgotten peg in the woodshed, or the fragments of a sweet brown jug.

Fire may destroy a barn completely. But nothing less lament can alter its destinies. If it is not propped up, a little more desperately by each succeeding generation, it will collapse under the weight of the snow or the fury of the blasts. But it does not lose character. You have only to throw off a few loose boards to find an iron buggy tire, still curved and worn. By this time the farmhouse, which was never very imposing, has been spirited away somehow, leaving only a cellar-hole in which the poplars have grown a foot thick at the butt, and the woodbine has covered the refuse, and the barn yields slowly. Since it has never been far enough under the roof boards to look through the three broken panes. But no one ever considered replacing them, or brushing the cobwebs from the frame. Excepting a little annual repairing to the roof or the foundation, no one would be rash enough to disturb the natural order of a barn's

## Cushions and Their Placing

Sombody has called them "treacherous trifles," those seemingly unimportant details by which the scheme of luxury in any home will stand or fall. The placing of a picture, or the hanging of a picture, can as completely make or mar a room as the choice of furniture, carpets or wall covering. The trouble with cushions is that they are so universal. There is no difficulty for the designer in many varieties to choose from; the big square pillows our eye-seeking desires delight in; the little, saucy pillows that make such a feminine background; and the exquisite silk concoctions that may conquer our pockets when we see them temptingly displayed.

But should we be persuaded to give fancy rein, fondly dreaming that haphazard selection will give an air of careless ease, many may be our regret. Every cushion may be right in its place—but there must be a place for it. The cushioning of a room is not a matter of chance. The cushion should have, care must be taken that no cushioning does not develop into carelessness. Each cushion must be chosen with a careful regard to its relation with a piece of furniture and to the harmonious whole of the room.

The question of color is, perhaps, the first consideration. We accent our scheme of decoration by color as a musician accents by the use of the soft and loud effects. Art has been very kind in the existing shades with which it has provided us. There are the yellows that blend with greens, and the greens that melt into blues.

## How Wars and Automobiles Have Affected Crime in Britain

Influences of automobiles and of war in crime in England are brought out in a recent report of the British Government giving the crime statistics of England and Wales for 1928 compared with previous years back to 1857. Contrary to a common impression, there has been no continual increase in crime during this period. In 1857, in fact, crimes reported to the police totaled 4,760 for each million of population, while in 1928 the corresponding total was only 3,805. Recently, however, crime has increased from a low point of the curve during the Great War, when reported crimes were only about 2,500 per million of population. Tracing the ebb and flow of crime during the three-quarters of a century covered by the statistics, a decrease of crime was notable beginning with widespread public education in the eighties and culminating in 1899, the year of the Boer War, with 2,393 reported crimes per million of population, the lowest figure ever reported. Then followed a rise until six years after the Boer War when another decline began and continued until the second low point, during the Great War. In spite of their differences in length and importance, both wars were apparently affected English crime in almost identical ways. During the war crime dropped; after the war it rose. During the last few years, the recent disclosure of crime of violence and robbery again have increased, probably because the countryward diffusion of population due to the automobile has increased opportunities for robbery of unprotected country houses, has aided the escape of criminals, and has handicapped the police in protecting the large areas now more or less populated.

## Dishes for Warm Weather

During the hot weather the problem of how to use leftovers becomes important. If these are allowed to remain beside fresh foods they will soon contaminate them. For this reason housekeepers should examine the refrigerator every morning and plan how these food remains are to be incorporated in the menu.

Scraps of portage, bread, and so on may be used for thickening brown soups. Boil the scraps in the soup, then pass through a coarse strainer. Any kind of cold meat may be transformed into delicious timbales, patties, or cutlets; and scraps from a joint may be passed through a mincer (or cut into very small pieces with a knife) and stirred into breadcrumbs which have been moistened with stock. Shape into fat cakes and fry a golden brown in fat from which a faint blue smoke is rising.

The remains of mashed potatoes may be incorporated with other leftover vegetables, seasoned, and fried a nice brown. There are many ways of utilizing stale bread. If there is a large accumulation, spread thinly with butter or good margarine, arrange in a pliedish containing milk and a well-beaten egg, and bake in a moderate oven for an hour or so. If despite all precautions, butter should become rancid, it may be restored to its original freshness if the following manner. Break into small pieces and place in a bowl containing fresh milk. Leave for an hour or so, then drain off the milk, wash in cold salted water, and form into its former bulk.

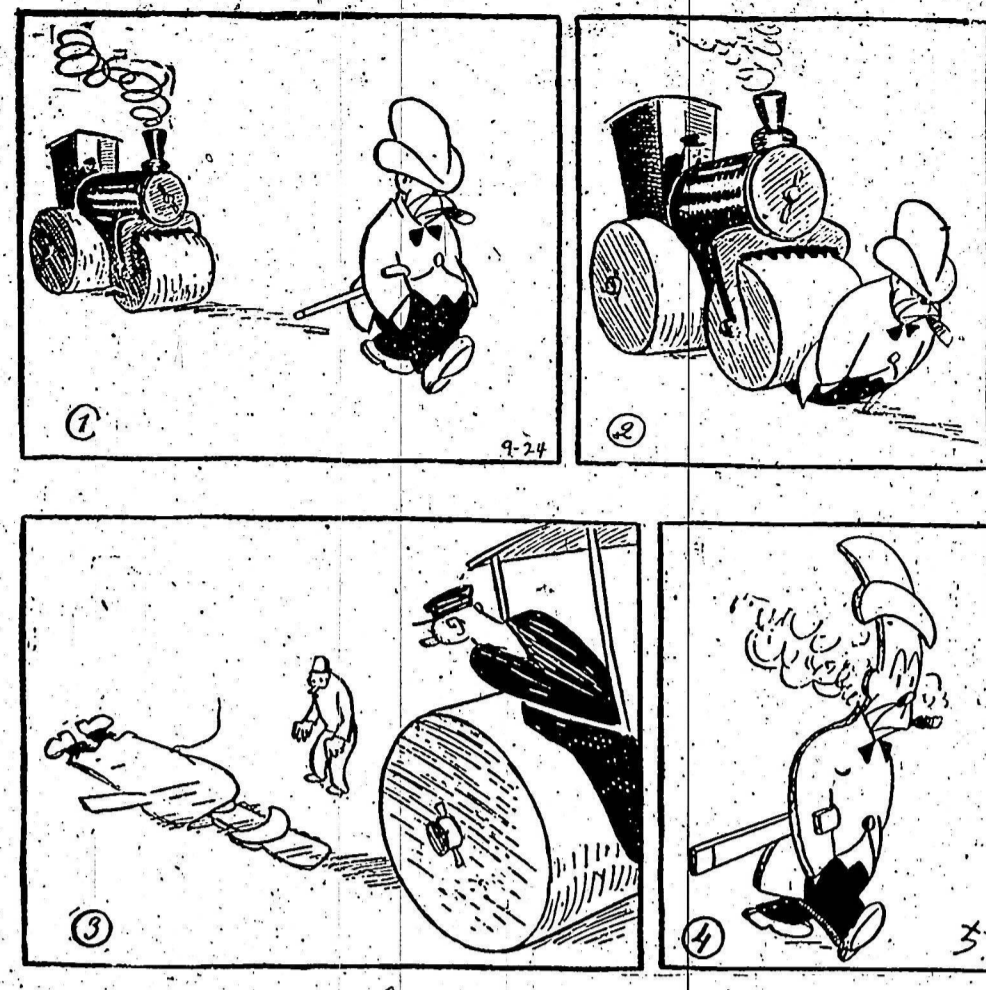
## At a Finch

"The young assistant in the boot shop smiled happily as his customer departed from the establishment. "What are you looking so pleased about?" "I've had my revenge," replied the other. "Revenge for what?" queried his colleague, in surprise. "That girl I've just finished serving was a telephone operator, and I gave her the wrong number in shoes," came the reply.—Answers.

## Fish in Hot Weather

Few foodstuffs deteriorate more quickly during hot weather than fish, and the housekeeper should make certain it is fresh at the time of buying, and that every precaution is taken to prevent it turning bad while in storage. If whole fish are required, select medium-sized ones in preference to

## ADAMSON'S ADVENTURES—By O. Jacobsson



## All Ironed Out. Dishes for Warm Weather

Wife of Famous Inventor Urges Women to Return to Homemaking

New York—Women were urged to return to homemaking as "an important business and woman's most important career" by Mrs. Thomas A. Edison, wife of the inventor and daughter of one of the founders of Chautauque Institution, in a radio-cast over Station WJZ, under the auspices of the Chautauque.

"Women have lost their prestige in their own sphere, that of homemaking," she said, "and they have failed to gain the equivalent in the men's sphere, for women still have a long way to go to achieve a measure of success comparable to that of men." "Unless the women of America make a decided effort to return to the business of homemaking, the most vital institution of the country is threatened. America is essentially a nation of homes. The woman who does not want to make a home is undermining our nation."

The decline of the art of homemaking in recent years, Mrs. Edison continued, has brought about a situation of widespread restlessness. Mrs. Edison stressed the high talents required of the home-maker, to the perfection of which, she said, a college education was invaluable. The attributes of a good home-maker, she declared, were executive ability, aptitude as a purchasing agent, an economist, a dietitian, and a viceroy in the gracious arts of hospitality. For proper background, she should also know music, art and literature, Mrs. Edison added.

## Economy Corner

Date Custard Pie  
Line a pie plate with a good crust and put in 2 cups chopped dates, then make a custard as follows:  
Two egg yolks, ½ cup sugar, 1 cup milk, pinch salt, 1 teaspoon vanilla (a little nutmeg may be used in place of vanilla). Beat this all well and mix with beaten egg whites, to which a teaspoon of sugar and pinch of baking powder have been added. Brown in moderate oven.

Cardinal Salad  
Boil 2 large beets until tender, or use canned beets; slice, cover with 2 tablespoons vinegar and allow them to stand over night. Drain off vinegar and add to mayonnaise. Take 1 cup wax beans, 1 cup peas, 1 cup asparagus tips and mix with the mayonnaise. Serve in little lettuce nests of lettuce leaves and garnish with red radishes.

Strawberry Shortcake  
Beat 1 egg, add ¼ cup sugar and 1 cup milk and mix. Measure 2½ cups pastry flour, 5 teaspoons baking powder and ½ teaspoon salt. Add through a sifter to the egg mixture. Beat well. Melt ½ cup butter, add mixture, and beat again. Turn into 2 greased 8-inch layer cake pans. Bake at 400 degrees, 25 to 30 minutes. When baked, remove from pans. Place cakes on a cake cooler until cool. Wash and stem 2 quarts strawberries. Reserve about 1 dozen of the finest shaped berries for garnishing. Crush remainder slightly with potato masher. Then add 1 cup sugar and mix. Place one-half of berries between the two layers and the remainder on the upper layer. Whip ½ pint cream; add ¼ cup powdered sugar, pinch salt, and ½ teaspoon vanilla, and mix. Cover the upper layer of cake with cream, garnish with whole berries, and serve at once.

## Years Too Late

Maisie wanted to be in the beauty shop of a well-known rvyue colony. Thinking the correct procedure was to send in her photograph to the manager, she collected a number of "adits" and posted them off.

The following day a letter arrived asking her to make an appointment, but when she was shown into the manager's office he told her that she was too late.

"What?" she gasped disappointedly. "Is the position filled?"

"No," replied the manager, pointing to one of her photographs on the desk, "but you should have come when you had this taken."—Answers.

## Them Was the Good Old Daze.



## Automobiles Have Lessened Chances of Getting Lockjaw

In spite of the enormous number of cuts, scratches and bruises for which automobiles are responsible each year, the automobile must be credited, believes Dr. C. O. Sappington, of the National Safety Council, with a great decrease in cases of lockjaw in the United States in the past ten years. Not that automobiles or automobile have any direct effect on the lockjaw germ: What has happened Dr. Sappington explains in a recent issue of the Council's industrial bulletin, "The Safe Worker," is that automobiles have displaced millions of horses, especially in cities. The lockjaw germ, he continues, is a normal inhabitant of the digestive system of the horse. It is the old days when horses were common these living lockjaw germs were scattered by billions everywhere in soil and dust.

## Sir Harry Lauder Gets Stage Fright

Some Amusing Incidents from the Recollections of the Great Scot

By Sir Harry Lauder

Ye may be surprised to hear perhaps that I still get occasional stage fright—or, more correctly, stage frights: But despite my long experience, it is so still!

Here's one I got not so long ago, when I fervently prayed the floor beneath me to open and swallow me up. I was commanded to appear at a royal performance and got through what is always a thrilling performance for an actor without feeling too displeased.

Afterward, having changed, I came out into the corridor along which the royal party would later proceed to leave the theatre, and stood a while talking to a friend of mine, whose name was George. We heard the rattle as the doors opened at the end of the show and I turned hurriedly to go before any one emerged, singing out "Guid nicht, George!" as I did so.

Imagine my horror when I found the King just behind me on his way out to his car! His Majesty's face lighted with a laugh. With twinkling eyes he said, "Guid nicht, Harry, and guid luck," and passed out, smiling at his remark. "As for me, I just flew to my room."

Another stage fiasco which really turned to good account occurred when I was on tour recently in India. Lord Reading, who was then Viceroy, had invited me to dine with him, and in the rush of getting down and brushing up my performance with local color and interest, his letter got put aside for reply and was forgotten.

Suddenly, on the stage, I realized that the Viceroy was in his box and that I had not answered his invitation, and a moment of hard thinking. I can tell you. Then I said, after a pause in my chatter: "Ah! I think I'll accept the verra kind invitation of Yer Lordship this dinner. I might have written, but this saves me the stamp!"—Lord Reading was highly amused and, of course, explained later how it was I had not written. The audience was delighted.

Not all my unexpected laughs have been in the theatre, and some of them have been against myself. Here's one, for instance. I was leaving a train at a big American station one day when a battery of enterprising cameramen fairly ambushed me. They rushed me against a taxi I wanted to enter and so manoeuvred it that I was placed against the taxi, with my hand resting upon it. My hand, though I didn't know it, was apparently pointing to a placard. The next morning all the papers had pictures of me standing beside the vehicle gleefully pointing to a notice which read, "Great Reduction in Fares!"

## Helpful Hints

Cutting bread lengthwise, instead of the usual way, saves considerable waste when making sandwiches in fancy shapes.

Vinegar kept in stone jugs will affect the glazing and the vinegar best is the plumpest; therefore it is advisable to use rice or coffee bottles.

When putting a hook in hardwood you will find it much easier to slip the handle of a knife, or steel implement, through the hook and turn until it is secured in the wood.

Adding a teaspoonful of powdered alum to the water when washing silk stockings, will make the threads in the hosiery firmer.

## Out of Tune

Roberts was livid with rage when he entered through the gateway of his neighbor's garden. He calmed down somewhat, however, when the other approached him.

"I say, Smart," commenced Roberts, "you really must get rid of that dog of yours."

"What do you mean?" snapped Smart.

"Yesterday my daughter had to stop singing because your dog was whining all the time," Roberts complained.

"I'm very sorry," replied Smart coldly, "but your daughter started it."—Answers.

## Worry

Oh, worry, worry! You are responsible for more grey hairs and wrinkles than age. You have penciled more brows with tell-tale lines than years have ever thought of doing. Do your duty. Grasp your ends of the line and pull. Accomplish all you can, and never fret. When Providence sees such a fellow on the road, Providence is sure to harness up and meet him on the way with a two-edged carriage. Sure as fire is fire and frost is frost, Heaven will see the brave and pile stumbling blocks in the way of the cowardly-hearted who complain over nothing.

## A Stirring Tale

First—"Did you read about the man who swallowed the teaspoon?"

Second—"No, what happened to him?"

First—"He can't stir."

## Students Active in Aviation Classes

School principals in many parts of the States report that student activities in aeronautics are absorbing the interest of boys and girls, increasing the craftsmanship of both in their production of model airplanes, and making the standard of airplanes necessary to reduce standard planes to model scale.

The students have formed clubs, according to the reports, and have elected officers who take advantage of every aid offered by the airplane manufacturers and material dealers. The movement is expected to produce a generation both air-minded and well informed technically which will develop some of the original ideas predicted by Henry Ford, Thomas A. Edison, Guy Voughtan, Frederick Rentschler and other aviation and scientific leaders, who look to the youth of the country for the design of the ultimate airplane of speed, safety and practicality.

As an example of the activities of such clubs, Mrs. Laura B. Harney, faculty adviser of the Washington Junior High School Aeronautics Club, recently reported its program. Mrs. Harney found it necessary to acquire a ground school training and a private pilot's license in order to keep up with her students.

"The club meets for an hour every Thursday afternoon during school hours," she said. "It has seventy members, of whom 2 per cent are girls. On June 12 they staged their own aeronautical show and invited pilots and other interested people from the vicinity. Models, scientific technical notes, some of the historical photographs and other interesting aeronautical collections were among the exhibits."

Another large club is connected with the Cochran Junior High School of Johnstown, Pa. Organized last November with a membership of twenty-five, 100 members are now enrolled for a special course which was instituted by the faculty as the result of demands made on the science teachers. Nomenclature, model building, air traffic rules and laws, and the theory of aerodynamic flight are among the subjects taken up in the regular manner as part of the aviation courses in the school. Visiting air pilots, the quarterly give lectures to the class, and the instructor regularly reports to the members is a frequent feature of the recent examination of the club.

Recent examinations of the club have produced a number of papers which show standings despite the fact that some of which older and more experienced aviation enthusiasts have found difficulty in answering girl received one of the highest scores.

Clubs and classes are being formed at other high schools, each with its own field of activity, and none of them lacking in pathos among the students.

## Wolf Creek Pass, Colorado

Evening falls with soft sounds. And colorings in these mountains. A gentle breeze is making its rounds. Low, tender whisp'ers as they sweep through the evergreens. Whose discarded branches, here and there, glow. For my fire—the brass blaze. All the secrets of the wild and the happy places. Where the wild, carefree, roam.

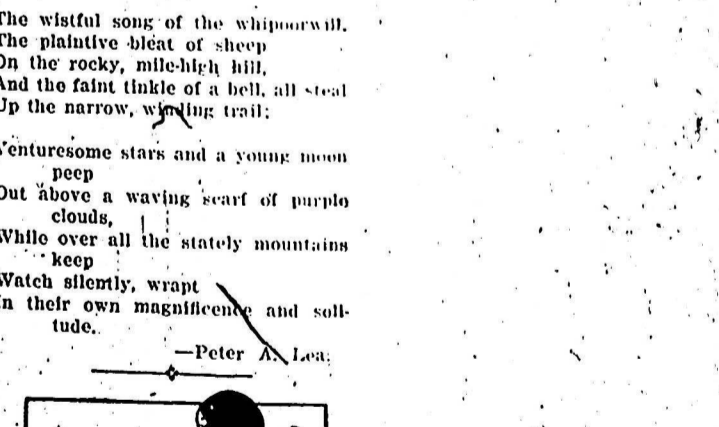
I hear a slight stir. Somewhere near, then a sudden whir. And glimpse the bright flash of wings. And two gay birds getting home late. Are off and away, the lovely thimble!

From the tiny village below Comes an occasional humming, to and fro. It is carried and echoed. Voices, softened by distance, grow into a melodious murmur. There is the bark of a dog, and a shrill whistle calling it to heel.

The wistful song of the whippoorwill. The plaintive bleat of sheep. On the rocky, mile-high hill. And the faint thicket of a well, all stand up the narrow, winding trail.

Venturesome stars and a young moon peep. Above a waving scarf of purple clouds. While over all the stately mountains keep. Watch silently, wrap in their own magnificence and solitude.

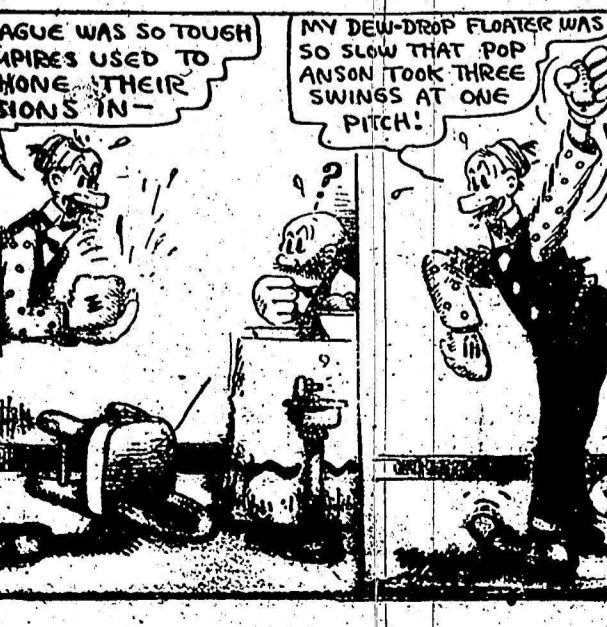
—Peter A. Lee.



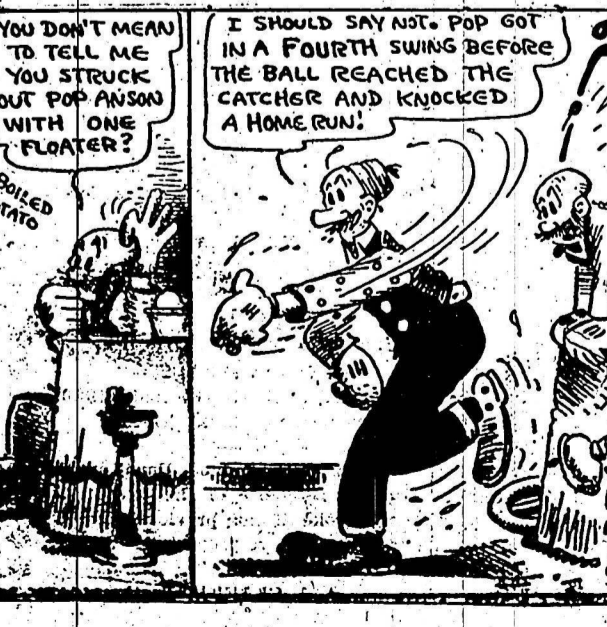
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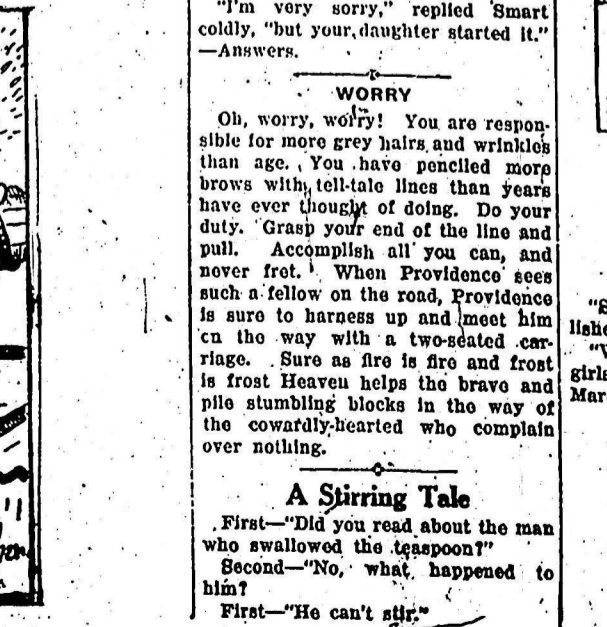
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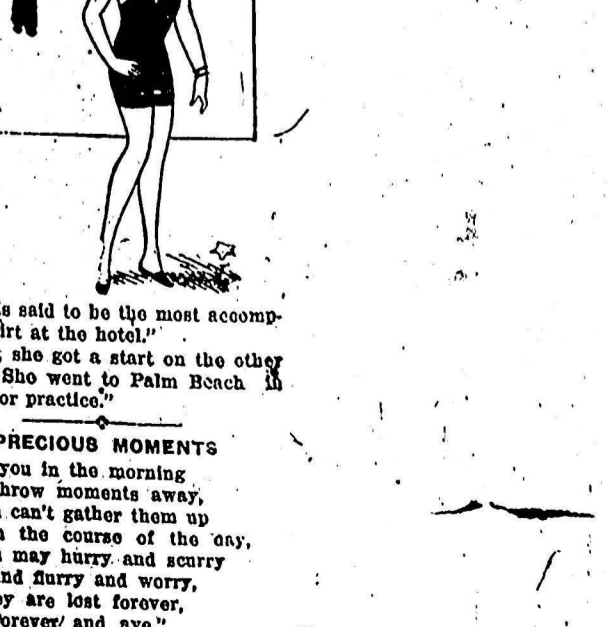
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## Delirium

Delirium is a state of acute mental confusion, characterized by a rapid change in consciousness, and by the presence of hallucinations, delusions, and other abnormal mental phenomena. It is often associated with fever, infection, or other physical conditions. The symptoms of delirium can be frightening and disorienting for both the patient and their loved ones. Treatment typically involves addressing the underlying physical condition, providing supportive care, and ensuring the patient's safety. In severe cases, hospitalization may be necessary. It is important to seek medical attention if you suspect someone may be experiencing delirium.