

Throngs View The Silver Fleet



Blaze New York was inspired to cheers, as Mayor Jimmie Walker christened the flagship and sent the fleet on its transcontinental tour with a message of goodwill to the mayor of Los Angeles. Tens of thousands of miles will be traveled by this fleet in a dramatic tour of tire demonstration conducted by Goodrich.

Inset—Mayor Walker shakes hands with Fleet Commander as he bids him goodspeed

NO LONGER MUST EAT "PECK OF DIRT"

All Sorts of Things Now Are
Germ Life, According
To Scientists

Not so long ago people were saying, "You have to eat a peck of dirt before you die, anyway," with much the same comfortable resignation that their fathers displayed in calling an epidemic of disease a "visitation of Providence." As to the bacteria themselves, ever since their discovery they have been considered by the scientific world as in some mysterious way necessary to the life of the individual.

That belief is being shaken by the tremendously important experiments conducted at the Pasteur Institute in Paris. By the most painstaking and patient processes, plants and lower forms of animal life are being developed in an absolutely aseptic environment—free from germ life.

Among Animals

"In spite of the enormous technical difficulties which were encountered," says Doctor E. Wollman of the Institute, in an account recently published in the New York Times, "it was eventually shown that among such superior animals as chicks, guinea pigs, and goats, aseptic individuals develop in the aseptic state just as well or even better than the individuals that contain bacteria."

Daily life in an aseptic test tube is not likely ever to be our lot as human beings. We shall probably have to go on living for a while with millions of bacteria, friendly or unfriendly, without and within. Fortunately we can reduce our own dangers from them through attention to the cleanliness of what we touch or eat. Soap and water remove many bacteria by removing the dirt, often invisible, which harbors them. The bathtub,

laundry, and kitchen sink represent for most of us the nearest practical approach to the purity of the laboratory. Life that flourishes without the elusive and ever-present bacteria is assuredly safer and more enjoyable, without that peck of dirt.

"And how is yer son doin' at coll-ich, Ole?"

"Me and Ma is sure proud, Hiram," the dean wrote and said he was deliquet in all his classes. Ain't he smart?"

"What business are you in?"

"The food business."

"What part?"

"The eating part."

Girl— I'd like to see the captain of this ship.

Boy— He's fo'ward.

Girl— I don't care, this is a pleasure trip.

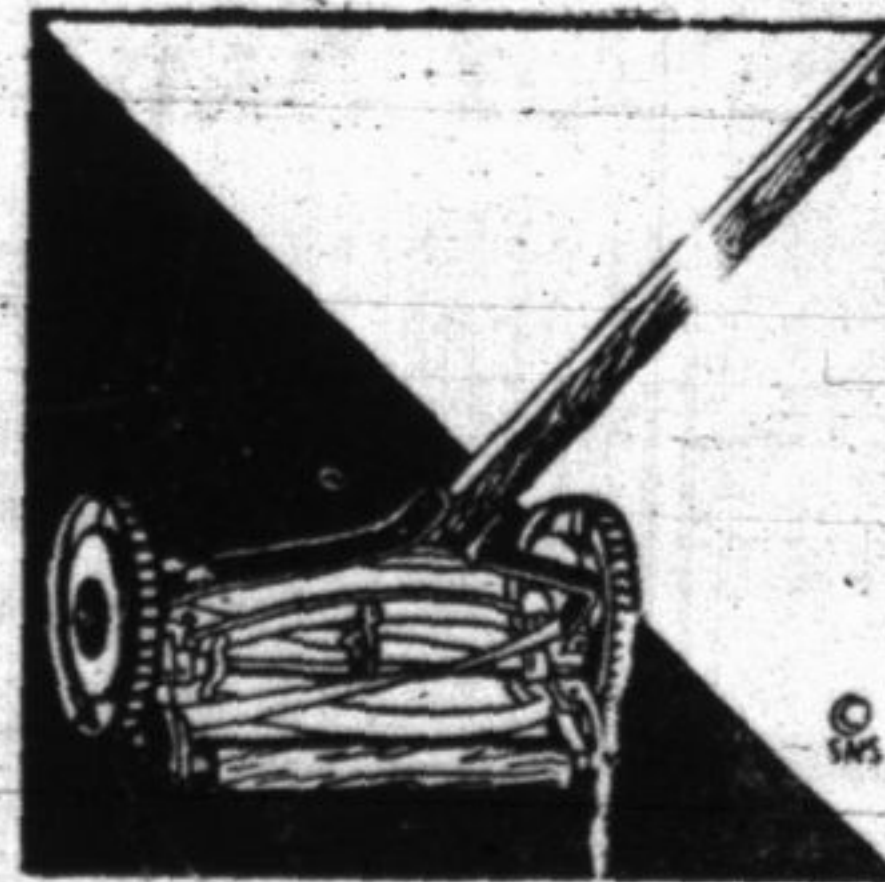
Pluck— Hey, there feller! What you all runnin' for?

Cluck— I's gwine to stop a fight.

Pluck— Who's all fightin'?

Cluck— Jes' me and another feller.

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