

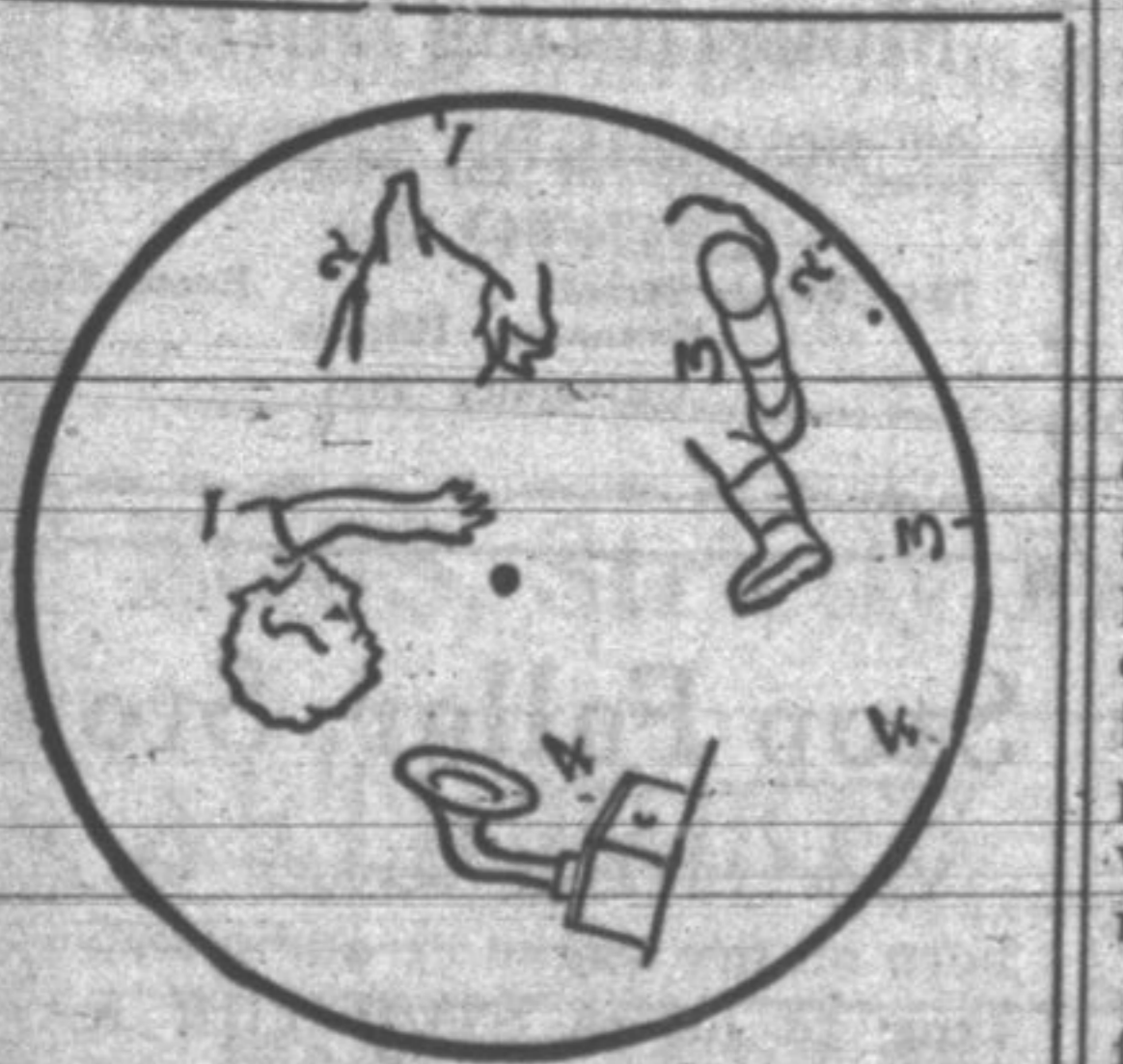
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"The Sage of Pota to Hill"

VOLTAIRE, A MASTER VIRTUE STAYING POWER

Frequently a reader encounters these two words: "Voltaire said." . . . I always read what follows; sometimes I do not understand it, occasionally I disagree, but always I recognize a master mind and hand. Some will not read him; they have heard he was a mean and foolish little man. On the contrary, he was so unusual that he is still encouraging or distressing his fellow men.

If you read of Napoleon you soon note he had a good deal of respect for Voltaire. You have undoubtedly heard of Frederick the Great, who had the advantage of being a king to start with. Voltaire was a much smarter man; he has had far greater influence on the world. In spite of faults inevitable and natural in any human machine, Voltaire came nearer having intelligence than any other living organism.

I give him no credit; he simply had it. Instead of being born a pitiful fool, he was born with the world's greatest mind. Some of the famous prophets were weaklings compared to him; Mahomet's personal history convicts him frequently of being a—indeed, I know of no great mystic among rulers who had a really good mind.

Voltaire won his fame as fairly as has evolution; every scholar has added him up, and given him great credit.

This long introduction to a quotation from Voltaire I just encountered in reading: "All men are equal; but it is not birth but virtue which makes them so."

In the gross sentimentalism of our conversation and reading the declaration that we are all equal is a favorite; but remember that a man really able to think says you are only equal to another if you have his virtues.

And virtue is a simple word; it means a high average in the sort of conduct the world has decided is good. The dictionary gives some pages to the word virtue, but it all condenses into this; a high average in fairness, honesty, industry, temperance, usefulness in small or great ways, and thrift in health and business.

And the lowliest of us may profit from the practice of virtue.

I have received many letters in a single delivery of mail, and not one of real interest; but I received one today that caused me to take notice. "The heroics of human life," said the writer, "do not consist in spectacular circumstances; in great deeds, or in the taking of cities, but in the staying powers we have for the mortotomy of little things that make up the long hard seige of living and behaving creditably." . . . This, it seems to me, is wise; had I encountered it in Emerson or Aristotle, I should have been moved no more than I was by this utterance of one of the plain people of 1929.

The girls should not spend so much time studying the beauty hints, that they have none left for the cooking recipes.



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