

# Notes To You

It's not the heat. Not altogether, anyway. And it can't be just the humidity. There's some infernal spanner being thrown from a great height into the wheels the gods are grinding for this poor, unworldly columnist. Somewhere, someone is lousing it up for jfw.

Or maybe you didn't read the "Social and Personal" columns of last week. There, for all to see, was recorded the fact that a gentleman "had returned

to London this week, after visiting relatives and friends in town."

**FIENDS!**  
Funny thing is, the wife usually checks the second proofs, after we have cast a fevered glance over them in the first instance. We have to report that the dear woman, who can usually find something wrong with anything we do, missed it entirely.  
Irvin Rosner, here we come!

**jfw**  
The news from Henry Kelneck has done a little to dispel our gloom. Henry finds that among the wide selection of records stocked in his Music Shop is one describing a horse race on one side, and a motor boat race on the other. Great stuff, says Henry, pointing out that the horse race, for instance, starts with a peachy fanfare, with gallop, gallop, he's in the lead, he's dropping

behind, all over the place.

And the best of it all is, that the same horse doesn't win every time. Four races are described side by side in the grooves of the record, and it all depends on how the needle is set down when the record begins. And Henry says the grooves are too close together for the player to fix the race.

Swell stuff for parties. Next time you stage a bridge and find the house is on the losing end, switch on the gramophone and make up a book. Of course, it may happen that you got your paper a little late this week, and that the Music Shop is sold out by now. But you could have your name put on the list.

You know, like for washing machines

and refrigerators, cars and stuff.

**jfw**  
Speaking of raining, and looking back to the good old daze when horse racing got a bit of a play locally, we called together our sports department the other day and asked him what could be done to bring the sport back to the Porcupine.

He said what the Porcupine was really pining for was pork, but we got him out of that rut in time for him to suggest that racing could be started here in a small way this summer, with the right backing.

Asked for details of what he meant by starting in a small way, as only one horse in a race isn't really too fearfully exciting, he stated that we could start off in August with a rat race. In September, he continued, we could race

rabbits, followed by cats in October and dogs in November.

And of course in December there would be the usual race for council.

**jfw**  
One aspect of military efficiency which never appealed to us, was the army cook's determined efforts to save any time one might otherwise be inclined to waste on contemplation of a menu. Precious minutes one had spent in civvy street restaurants, pondering which entree would best satisfy the inner man, were saved by the brilliantly conceived expedient of serving one dish, day in and day out, 1939 to 1946 (both dates inclusive).

Stew was the word for it. Things are so different now. Round our love nest in Snob Hollow, we never know what's going to be served up next.

What served us as a brain in the army seems quite incapable of forecasting the menu, more than a few minutes ahead.

We're getting a little more used to things as time goes by, however, and lately we've seemed to discern a more definite pattern behind the apparent confusion of varying dishes. Things seem to go in eras, we note.

There was for example, the "no potato, no bread" era that followed the wife's discovery of added poundage. Then there was the meatless era, following our own discovery of the price of beef.

We have just got over the tomato era, in which every dish was flavored with that item. Right now, we are in the cheese era. Don't ask us why. But we get cheese in the creamed celery,

cheese in the salad, cheese with the asparagus, and cheese for our mid-night snack.

Having got the hang of things thus far, we decided last weekend to take a hand in the menu-planning. We dashed over to our pal Bates and purchased some garlic. So far we've had it in the spaghetti and with the roast, and we managed to sneak some into the soup. At time of writing we are able to report that cheese and garlic are running neck and neck.

Husbands with similar culinary troubles are invited to write this column for advice. Simply send a stamped addressed envelope along with your problem, which should be written, or preferably typed, on a two-pound slab of sirlion.

jfw

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