

Jenny Lind

Jenny Lind—perhaps the most famous singer who ever lived, and recently the subject of a film play—was once engaged to be married to an Englishman, Claudius Harris, a captain in the Indian Army, but broke the engagement because he went to sleep while she was singing! Another suitor was Hans Christian Andersen, the immortal—but painfully ugly—writer of children's fairy stories. When Andersen's perpetual wooing became more than ordinarily distasteful, Jenny reminded him of his extreme unlikeliness to Apollo by silently handing him a mirror, says Edward Wagenknecht (in his life of the "Swedish Nightingale.")

Which shows that she was not without sense of humor.

Jenny Lind was no beauty herself, and well she knew it. Once a German inquired of her concerning the beauty of Swedish women.

"All the Swedes are beautiful," she replied. "It is seldom that one sees anyone like me."

And the reason she gave for her refusal to sing in Paris was this: "I am too ugly. It is impossible for me to have any success in Paris."

Yet when she began to sing an extraordinary change came over her. She was transfigured. She became beautiful. Many eye-witnesses testified as to that. Most important of all (says Mr. Wagenknecht) is her own observation in this connection: "I became a different body, different soul."

When Barnum brought Jenny Lind to the United States, the whole country went mad over her—egged on, of course, by the master showman. But there were pious persons who did not accept her. One such, Mrs. Niles Wadsworth, wife of the village blacksmith of Cornwall, Connecticut, has been rescued from oblivion by Emanuel Scoville, Jr. Here is the story:

Niles planned to travel down to New York to hear Jenny. If he went to hear a play actress, his wife warned him, she would never speak to him again. He did and she didn't. They lived together after that for over twenty years, but he never spoke a word to him from that day on, even when he lay a-dying.

Once some Americans actually succeeded in forcing their way into her drawing-room, says Mr. Wagenknecht, Jenny entered, stiff as a poker, and asked them to state their business. Somewhat abashed, they replied that they had simply wanted to see her, to make her acquaintance.

"Well," said Jenny—she was very sensitive, "here is my front!" and she made a profound bow. Then turning about, "There is my back. Now you can go home and say that you have seen me." With which, abruptly, she left the room. Yet, after they had gone, she was overwhelmed with remorse for her rudeness.

Skull 20,000 Years Old Unearthed in Germany

Stuttgart.—Important prehistoric finds made in a cave near Ulm include the skull of a man from the Aurignacian period. This is the first one found in Germany, the only others in existence having been discovered in England, France and Austria. The cave, situated in the so-called Swabian Alb, was discovered by accident, and the Prehistoric Institute of conducting the excavations. In the entrance to the cave paleolithic tools and bones were found. The cave disclosed itself as a neolithic burial place, the finds including ceramics, hand-mills, flint weapons and the bones of mammoths, rhinoceroses, wild horses and cave bears.

The most important finds, in addition to the skull from the Aurignacian period, some twenty to fifty thousand years ago, include articles from the first millenniums following that period. Among them are ivory needles and other implements of eight different types, mammoth teeth and spearheads of bone and ivory. Of especial importance also are the remnants of carvings representing men and animals. The excavations are continuing and further important discoveries are expected.

John Bull

Mary Borden in Harper's Monthly (New York): John Bull makes a bad impression on strangers because he doesn't care what impression he makes. He is difficult to know because he doesn't want to be known. Confirmed and contented pessimist, his wants are few; one of them is to be left alone. It is not in philosophy, science or art that his genius lies, but in the conduct of human affairs. He is a practical, unconscious Socialist. He respects that queer animal, man, and his special contribution to the slow, lumbering evolution of the human race lies in that phase of civilized life most intimately connected with a natural, healthy man's needs. The Englishman has learned, among other things, the value of quiet and the high value of courtesy and how to give way to others. These are the insignia of civilized man. So is tact and a readiness to listen to another man's opinions.

He and his wife always think exactly alike, only she usually has the first think.

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Lines For Autumn

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Paper Made From Banana Leaf

Rio De Janeiro.—A process for making paper from banana leaves has been developed by Dr. Virgilio Campello, attached to the Chemical Institute of Rio De Janeiro. Two factories are employed making banana-leaf paper and efforts are being made to develop a regular industry.



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Owl Laughs

Football Definitions
Holding—Rumble seat technique.
Forward Pass—(a) Illegal use of hands; (b) hospitality to the guy sitting on the row in front.
Neutral Zone—Half the distance between the living room and the kitchen.
Linesman—One who has a hot line.
Unnecessary Delay—A guy who waits until he's leaving for an excuse to kiss her.
Fair Catch—A visitor, male or female, who is unencumbered.
Backward Pass—Service to the guy sitting behind you.
Time Out—Varies from 9 p.m. to 4 a.m.
Safety—One who takes little sister along on a blind date.
Place Kick—Privilege enjoyed exclusively by her old man.
Snapper Back—Sheba or Sheik well versed in repartee.
Disqualified Player—Victims of hall-tosses.

In Play—Girlie who gets the grand rush with "cut-ins" at a football dance.
Fumble—A bashful or awkward bozo.
Downs—Condition which requires aspirin and tomato juice the next morning.
Continuously in Possession—Frantic victim who has been double crossed by a guy who promised to "break" him.
Kneeing—Unfair advantage taken by fappers.

An old Dutchman, returning to Holland, was asked by a friend what in his estimation was the strangest thing he had noticed, and he replied: "The United States has many wonderful things, but the strangest is how they make life. They put in whiskey to make it strong, then water to make it weak; gin to make it hot and ice to make it cold; lemon to make it sour, sugar to make it sweet; then they say, 'Here's to you!' and drink it themselves."

Father—"When I was your age, son, I was glad to get dry bread to eat."
Bright Five-Year-Old—"You're much better off now that you are living with us, aren't you, Daddy?"

Bandi—"What! Only thirty cents? Been playing poker, eh?"
Victim—"No, but I've been sitting with some fellows who were!"

The handiest place to live is within your income. When the rat lays back its ears and humps i break, the smart dog knows it is time to use diplomacy. Our heart goes out to the man who joined the Navy to see the world and then spent four years in a submarine. A barking dog seldom bites, and a blustering man never fights. The book "What Every Young Man Should Know" should be read to "What Every Young Girl Should No." If we have to "without things we need, we just grin and bear it; it's doing without unnecessary things we want that makes us downhearted."

She—"What should I do for a sprained ankle?"
Joe—"Limp!"

Mother—"Come, Freddie, and kiss your aunt."
Freddie—"Aw, Ma, I ain't done nothin'."

Mary had a little lamb,
Given by a friend to keep;
It followed her around until
It died from loss of sleep.

Old Lady—"Why didn't you try to keep out of prison?"
"Gangster—"I did, and they gave me three months for resisting an officer."

The only man really interested in hot air is the owner of a furnace. The penitentiaries are filled with those who got caught and the resorts crowded with those who didn't. The older friends of a girl who's about to be married often try to comfort themselves by saying they'd hate to be as crazy about a man as she is. Some travel broadens the mind, but hitch-hiking tends to enlarge nothing but the gail.

Wife—"Well, dear, have you found a job yet?"
Hubby—"Yes, my pet, you go to work to-morrow."

The driver of the dilapidated car asked the bystander: "Can you tell me the quickest way to Victoria?"
After a critical glance at the car, the bystander replied, "Yes, take a 29 bus."

Unavoidable

"Jackson," said the master of the house to his gardener, "I thought you said you had rolled the lawn this morning?"
"That, be right, sir," said the gardener.
"Then what are all these little bumps?" asked the master.
The gardener gazed at the lumpy ground.
"Now that's a very funny coincidence," he explained. "Only yesterday I was reading in a paper that there's a lot of little earthquakes we never hear nothing about."

Malice
Malice itself drinks in the best part of its own poison. That of serpents is deadly to others, but harmless to themselves. This has no resemblance to it; it is deadly to its possessors.

Anywhere, Anytime



"Operator! I need your help!" exclaimed Mrs. Herbert Brodie as she hurriedly told the telephone operator of her need.

"My son Billy is very sick and his father must be reached."

Bert Brodie, a commercial traveler, was known to be somewhere in the western section of the province. However, such is the persistence of Long Distance operators that when an urgent call has to be put through and complete information about the location is lacking they "follow through" as long as there is any hope of completing the call.

Twelve cities and towns were called before Mr. Brodie was located. Within two hours he was at his boy's bedside. Upon the return of the father the boy began to show improvement. The telephone bridged the gap!

Big Entry List For Winter Fair

Live Stock and Agricultural Displays Higher Than Usual

A welcome and refreshing tone of confidence in Canadian agricultural conditions is sounded in the announcement by the management of the Royal Winter Fair that "prospects for entries at the Royal in all departments were never better than at the present moment."

"Exhibitors in the western provinces are most anxious to continue to display their live stock and other agricultural products," the Royal's statement goes on, "and the Dominion Government and the Provincial Governments, recognizing the advantages of the provinces continuing to occupy a prominent position at the Royal are contributing their usual financial assistance in transportation and in the selection of the live stock and agricultural products."

"There has been more than the usual number of inquiries from United States points this year and the Royal's survey of Ontario and Quebec indicates that there is considerably more live stock than usual ready for exhibition, so that we are very satisfied that the Winter Fair will open with the best and most representative live stock displays which we have ever had."

"Although general conditions last November were anything but favorable, 1930 was the Royal's record year, not only in exhibits and attendance, but the spirit of the people at the show was happier than at any previous event. We feel sure that the spirit of optimism at that time has served a very useful purpose in that it has enabled Canadians better to view recent economic adjustments with equanimity. We believe that a similar result will be secured at the forthcoming Royal Winter Fair, and be more noticeable perhaps on account of the greater contrast in conditions."

"The Royal this year is designed to commemorate its founding and inauguration ten years ago, when in the depression that followed the war it helped so signally to restore confidence to Dominion agriculture generally. Since its 'birthday' at that time it has established itself as an institution which Canadians all over Canada have pointed with a very considerable pride."

"The Royal is entering upon its new cycle under conditions which permit it to perform a service to Canada in influencing the general outlook and state of mind of the Canadian people, apart altogether from its influence upon agriculture. The aim of the management is that everyone who visits the Royal and everyone who exhibits there shall be better equipped to meet whatever problems may cross their path in the immediate future."

Silver Clue

When Simpson was leaving his club one night he discovered somebody had taken his new umbrella—by mistake, of course—and had left an old one in its place. Next day he met Jimpson in the street with it.

"I say, old chap," said Simpson, pleasantly, "would you mind handing over my umbrella?"

"It's not yours," replied Jimpson, indignantly. "I bought it only last week."

"Sorry if I make a mistake," said Simpson. Then in a more serious tone he added: "Would you care to do me a slight favor?"

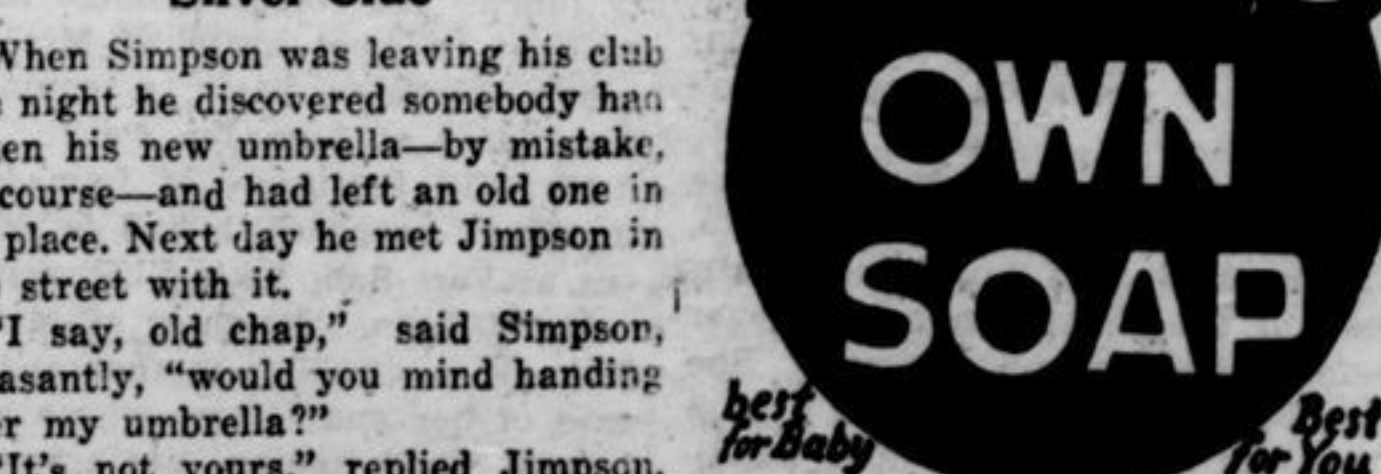
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Insects Face Hard Times

Night Lights and Low Temperature Disturb Pests' Regime

The depression has hit the insect world. Oriental peach moths and codling moths which infest certain New Jersey peach and apple orchards are worried about the state of affairs.

Up to now these insect pests found egg-laying conditions in these orchards just right—darkness at night and an average temperature not far from 60 degrees Fahrenheit for a good part of the year. Photo electric cells and sensitive thermostats have changed, all this and now the moths face the prospect of not being able to lay their eggs at all.

Dr. Thomas J. Headlee, entomologist of the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment station, has discovered that these moths will not lay eggs on the trees in daylight or if it is colder than 60 degrees. Accordingly he has had electric floodlights, with "electric eye" control, installed in a large orchard, together with thermostats to cut the floodlights out of circuit at temperatures below 60 degrees.

The electric eyes turn on the floodlights at dusk and turn them off at dawn. To the surprise of the moths it now never gets dark in that orchard except in very cold weather and then they are too torpid to lay. Consequently the next generation of moths in that region seems likely never to be born and the orchard men believe they have found an economical method of eliminating these pests. Times change, for better or for worse, according to whether one is a fruit raiser or an insect pest.

Cold Water Taps On Tropic Roads

Simla.—"Cold water for every man." This is the inscription that may be read hanging over a tap beside a trading post on the Hindustan-Tibet road, between Simla and Mashobra, writes a correspondent of "The Christian Science Monitor." The announcement, with its implied invitation, is another evidence of the thoroughness with which the British authorities in India seek to serve wayfarers and those poorer members of the Indian and Tibetan communities whose livelihood is earned along this ancient highway. Lying far below the snow line of the Himalayas at this point, the Hindustan-Tibet road in the summer is one where water is rarely to be seen, and the boon of these unexpected wells and fountains can be readily imagined. There are other water facilities on the road, but government coupons are required to secure the water from wardens who serve it out. And for those men whose work takes them daily along the sun-baked road the advantage of the availability of this "cold water for every man" is one that can be estimated only by those who know India and Tibet.



WHEN FOOD SOURS

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100-Mile Speed on Roads TO BE

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