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*Depress the Tracks.
 Give the Business Men Fair Play.
 Build a New Village Hall.
 Enforce the Traffic Laws.
 Build the Truck Road.*

DEFENSE TEST DAY

The term, "Defense Test," may easily be misunderstood. It readily suggests the idea that an enemy exists against whom we must defend ourselves. We become pugilistic to some degree. But the real purpose of this occasion is to try out the nation's mobilization power, to find out how quickly and in what quantities our protective capacity can be put into action. It is well to know in a general way what we could do in case of war, but it is much better to know by a definite demonstration exactly what we are prepared to do.

The animating motive is NOT militaristic any more than the motive behind a fire drill is to throw people into a panic.

Corinne Roosevelt Robinson expressed the purpose well when she said: "There is nothing aggressive, nothing militaristic in an effort to prevent incipient trouble by measures that will make any trouble impossible... It is to be a simple demonstration that, should a sudden spark be thrown into our midst from any source, the trained firemen shall spring to their places to avert danger BEFORE it shall have become uncontrollable."

SCHOOL BEGINS

School begins next Monday. Time was when this simple and certain fact struck terror to the heart of the youthful student. It meant the end of vacation joys. No more long delightful days on the old farm, poking the pigs or riding on the hay-rack. The family must pack up and go back to town. What a difference between the woods and pastures and those stuffy class-rooms and screwed-down desks!

But those days have passed. Children positively like school. It was only yesterday that I saw several live-blooded boys hanging about a grade school as if it really were an attractive spot. One of the boys went into the building and the janitor had to drive him out.

I, being well past the grammar school age, was allowed to enter. I went in just as the teachers' meeting was breaking up. What rather surprised me was their youthful appearance and their amazing good looks. Moreover those of more experience were uniformly active and enthusiastic.

Nowadays teachers are specialists—science, music, arithmetic, drawing, dramatics. And if a teacher is a real teacher and also a specialist then it's no wonder that children like to go to school.

HIGHFLYING

Ever been up in an air-plane? I have had that experience, and having had it I'm done with it. As something past I enjoy it. While it was going on I didn't care for it.

I thought that I'd like it. Ever since I had seen the planes skimming a few hundred feet above the ground on the Lake Front in Chicago I had had a desire to aviate. How delightful, said I to myself, to soar above the sordid streets and really fly.

And so when the opportunity presented itself I at once seized it. I was on my way from Rome to London via Paris. Why not fly from Paris to London? Sure enough, "Why not?" So instead of going the land and water route I decided to go by air. This momentous decision meant buying a ticket for the passage for thirty dollars.

The day arrived. In a motor bus with eleven other prospective fliers I sped from the Grand hotel in Paris to the air-field. I bought a lunch for \$1.25, an outrageous price. My luggage was loaded onto the plane and I climbed in after it.

Soon the pilot started the twin engines. What a roar they made! After warming up sufficiently he threw in the clutch, and the plane trundled off across the field. And then the wheels left the ground, and I was flying at last! Really FLYING!

But I didn't enjoy it. And the higher I rose the less I enjoyed it until I wished I were back again on Mother Earth. No use in wishing. I was headed for the upper air and England, and even could I have reached the pilot and made myself plain the flight would still have continued. Knowing this I swallowed my desire and tried to keep the

machine from swooping and tipping.

Having reached a fair altitude the pilot found it necessary to circle about in order to allow a second plane to pass ahead of him. When he began banking I thought the plane was side-slipping and that my journey was suddenly and unpleasantly ending. But we soon resumed our course, the plane and I, and the landscape continued to decrease in size and increase in area.

I cast many glances downward noted especially the checker-board appearance of northwestern France. The rivers were mere silver threads. We rose above the clouds and shot along at about ninety miles an hour. Far below the rippled English Channel looked like molten glass. BUT—I longed for London.

And by-and-by the landing-field came in view and we went down, dipping and circling. The trip was over. I had flown!

I didn't eat my high priced lunch.

CUT THEM DOWN!

If possible an ordinance ought to be passed limiting the height of hedges at street corners.

A corner resident who allows his hedges to grow so high as to screen the approach of autos on

intersecting streets ought to be regarded as a miscreant; that is, the police should cut down his hedges to the proper limit and he should be forced to pay the costs.

Any driver who on nearing a corner has been forced to peer anxiously between branches and leaves or to take a dangerous

chance will appreciate the value of having hedges cut down to this humane limit. One auto collision in the past week was due directly to such obstruction.

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Cross Word Puzzle

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TRY THIS ONE!

TRY your wits on this new puzzle. It's one of a number The Sunday Herald and Examiner is going to print every week for your amusement. To show how it works, here is the solution of one of the definitions given below: "12-84—A stream in Australia." Now almost any geography or atlas would reveal the fourteen-letter combination "Endeavour River," which fits in the squares beginning with "12" and ending with "84." Here's another, with one of the letters known: "21-22—The conclusion." In the 22 square you already have the "d" of "Endeavour." That leaves two letters to be found, and it ought not to take long to figure out that the word is "end." There are a few abbreviations and a few words that may require some digging in this Cross-Word, but most of them ought to be found with little trouble. Next Sunday The Herald and Examiner will give you a new puzzle to work on.

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Here Are the Hints

HORIZONTAL.

- 1-12—A large city of Europe.
- 13-15 Having Got Up.
- 16-18—Pertaining to Ionia.
- 19-20—A hole in the ground.
- 21-22—The conclusion.
- 23-24—An abbreviation for "every other."
- 25-30—Members of the Hindus' highest caste.
- 31-32—A diphthong.
- 33-34—That which aids in solving a mystery.
- 35-36—A plant used in making soup.
- 37-38—A personal pronoun.
- 39-40—The act of sticking.
- 41-42—Initials of King Victor.
- 43-44—A plural personal pronoun.
- 45-46—One who holds ideals.
- 47-48—Railroad.
- 49-50—A abbreviation for unanimous.
- 51-52—Always.
- 53-54—A abbreviation for a sacred person.
- 55-60—A fine, filmy substance or fabric.
- 61-62—Fifty-one.
- 63-64—Relatives.
- 65-66—Fifty-four.
- 67-69—Pertaining to irony.
- 70-72—Bring back to life.
- 73-84—A city of British Columbia.

VERTICAL.

- 1-73—The extreme northern point of Asia.
- 2-38—A bird.
- 3-20—The egg of a parasitic insect.
- 4-14—Steamship.
- 5-26—A visible expression of grief.
- 6-15—An article.
- 7-16—Two.
- 8-29—M'dday.
- 9-17—Upon.
- 10-21—A popular dessert.
- 11-41—A county of Scotland.
- 12-84—A stream in Australia.
- 25-55—Attractively suitable.
- 27-57—Those who stand by.
- 28-58—The doctrine of the Arians.
- 30-60—One who sings.
- 44-74—Whole.
- 47-83—To live again.
- 56-77—First name of author of "A Kentucky Colonel."
- 59-80—Not odd.
- 64-75—At present.
- 65-82—Ablaze.
- 68-76—A point of the compass.
- 69-78—Initials of a religious sect.
- 70-79—Initials of an eastern state.
- 71-81—Against.

The Solution

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