

Mr. and Mrs. J. Milton Coulter, 1065 Chatfield road, announce the birth of a son Wednesday, September 14, at the Evanston hospital. The baby has been named Joseph Smith Coulter.

Mrs. Franklin Courtney Ellis of Rochester, N. Y., returned to her home Wednesday after a ten days' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Harrison Mettler, of 1119 Sheridan road.

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FAMOUS DOG FANCIER TALKS ABOUT RABIES

Appearance of Rabies on North Shore Recalls Comment by Albert Payson Terhune

Prevalence of rabies among dogs throughout the north shore area within the past month and the resultant orders in various communities for inoculation of dogs as an alternative to muzzling, has occasioned considerable discussion among those who cherish canine pets. This general discussion concerning whether or not inoculation is efficacious has brought to the attention of the editor the accompanying extract from an article appearing recently in the Saturday Evening Post, of June 11, 1927, penned by Albert Payson Terhune, famous author and dog fancier. We quote:

"There is more profoundly hysterical talk of rabies and less actual knowledge of it than of any other menace on earth. Rabies exists, even as the sleeping sickness and leprosy and ossification exist. But it is one of the rarest of canine diseases. Not one supposedly mad dog in many hundreds actually is rabid.

"A dog is mortally sick and tries to get away to some quiet place to die, or a dog is lost in a crowded street and is driven wild with terror and con-

fusion by the pursuit of small boys, or a dog is tortured with thirst on a red-hot day, or has a fit. At sight of his uncertain gait and foaming jaws up goes the panic yell of 'Mad dog!' That cry is ever lurking, eager for utterance, in the fear swamps at the back of human brains. The crowd forms, the bellowing wary chase begins, and someone wins honor by firing six wobbly-aimed shots into the body of a pup that is probably friendly and harmless.

Describes Rabid Dog

"The genuinely rabid dog seldom will swerve an inch from his path to attack. On he runs lurchingly, snapping at the air—and at nothing else which does not come within his direct line of travel—until he drops from exhaustion. He is little more likely to turn aside to chase a human or any other dog than is a typhoid patient likely to pursue his doctor up an alleyway with an ax.

"A bite census was gleaned from several big-city dog pounds a year or two ago and the results were published. Some of the figures covered a period of more than a quarter century. The toll of impounded dogs ran high up into the thousands. The number of bites received by poundkeepers and dog catchers was appallingly large. But out of all those innumerable bites not one employe had incurred rabies or any other lasting injury.

Rabies Rare Ailment

"It has been estimated that S. P. C. A. employes have handled in all more than a million dogs, and this without the recording of one case of true rabies among such handlers. In Constantinople and in countless other Eastern cities for a thousand years stray dogs were tenfold more plentiful than they are in any American city. Yet rabies among Orientals was almost unheard of.

"Those facts by themselves ought to form a fairly sufficient exorciser of the mad-dog bugaboo. The dog catcher's prey is made up chiefly of the stray and sick dogs which are reputed to be the most virulent rabies carriers. New York's Health commissioner cites only nine reputed deaths from rabies in that city of about 6,000,000, since 1920—an average of less than one rabies death a year to every 3,000,000 people.

"Too often, when a dog is ailing, rabies is the instant diagnosis. Nobody takes the trouble to hunt for a simpler solution of the trouble. As wisely diagnose every prickly heat rash as incipient smallpox. I have known five instances among my own friends' kennels where a dumb-rabies verdict was given against a suffering dog whose jaws were fixed and wide, and where a morsel of bone proved to be the sole disease germ. Please don't think I am belittling genuine rabies. It does exist. But it is almost negligibly uncommon in most parts of America and it is practically unknown in modern England.

"I have been bitten again and again in the course of my lifetime acquaintance with dogs. Two of the biters were said to be mad. Thus far I have not developed rabies to any alarming extent. I have but one form of treatment for dog bites, a treatment which I and thousands of other folk have found 100 per cent effective, and which I think any physician will endorse. Here is the idea:

"A dog bite is as dangerous, no more, no less, as would be a similar wound from a piece of sharp metal or bone or other inorganic substance; plus any infection—not germ of rabies—that may be on the dog's teeth. As a rule, there is no infection on the teeth of a healthy dog.

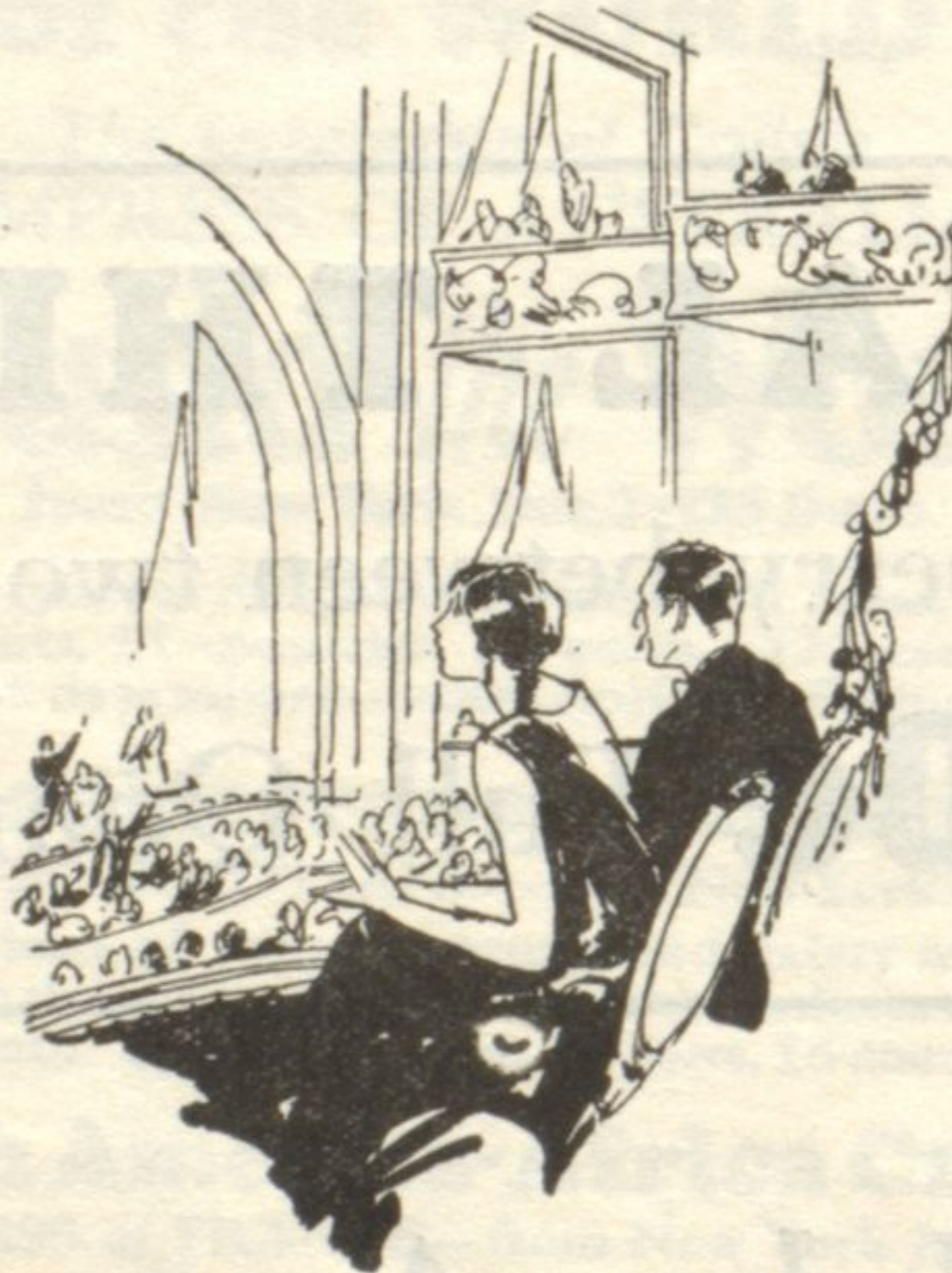
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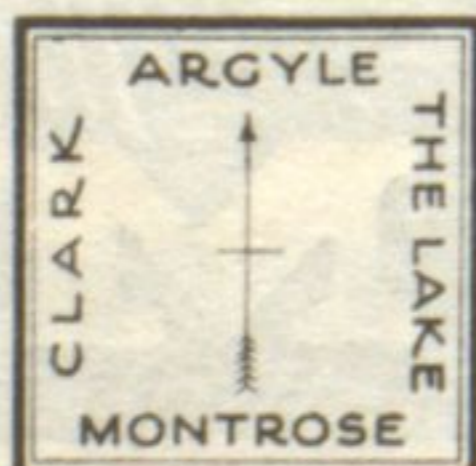


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