

## Notes From Berlin

### KITCHENS OF LONG AGO.

Four thousand years ago Jonathan Flintface left some arrows and a primitive jackknife on the kitchen floor, but evidently forgot to come home. The result is that German savants today are able to reconstruct something of the history of the earliest known inhabitants of the region that is now Berlin. Recently, workers establishing a new settlement in the district geologically known as the "Spree Valley" in the south of Berlin, discovered the kitchen—one of four hearths made of carefully constructed pits lined with field stone showing the effect of fire. The arrowheads, as well as other flint objects, proved to be of excellent workmanship. There were also pots—with handles, a corn grinder, a knife more than three inches long and a flint auger, or drill. The archaeologists place the date of the relics as between the stone and the bronze ages—about 2000 B.C., the period of the earliest known occupation of the region which became the capital of the German Empire.

### SQUARING THE CIRCLE.

In these days of relativity, even the commuter must beware. If parallel lines meet in space, who is to gain the contention that a circle need not be round? The first problem plainly is one for Dr. Einstein. But the circle belongs to the Stadtbahn—Berlin's efficient and rapid suburban railroad service. Visitors are inclined to marvel at the geometric exactitude of its course. It is shown tracing a perfect curvature through the outskirts, cutting through the heart of the city like a ramrod, reaching more distant places such as Potsdam, Bernau or Strassburg upon tangents as direct as the stroke of a draftsman's pen. But inquiry develops that the engineers who laid out the Stadtbahn were not responsible for this geometric design. Actually the "ring" is an irregular quadrilateral with oval corners which Berliners compare to a dog's head in a muzzle. Some tracks follow the shores of Berlin's canals. Others dodge here and there at unexpected places. It just happened that the makers of the maps which are posted in every Stadtbahn car "went modern." They decided to conventionalize the chart in the interest of simplicity so that the customers could tell where they were going without bothering to find the way.

### PHOTOGRAPHY MADE EASY.

Mysteries of the photographic darkroom, where amateur snapshot hunters toil in an eerie light over trays of queer and acrid solutions, have been reduced to the simple process of pressing a button. Dr. Paul Hateschek, a German physicist, has invented two machines—a "grandometer" and a "kopimeter" that take the guesswork (which, of course, has been half the fun) out of amateur darkroom procedure. As every camera enthusiast knows, photographic negatives are not alike all over. They are black in some places and light in others. Now the amateur simply takes Dr. Hateschek's machine, which is no larger than a man's hand, and attaches it to the lighting circuit. A red cross glows. The amateur places the lightest portion of the film above the cross and turns a button until the cross is no longer visible. He then places the blackest part of the film over the cross and repeats the action until the cross disappears. Upon a scale he now may read not only the kind of paper on which the negative should be printed but the time which it should be exposed. One machine is for use in making pictures the same size as the negative and the other for enlargements.

### SIGNS FOR TRAVELERS.

Foreign travel has its complications. Some Berliners recall the confusion of the wife of a distinguished American over the sign: "Not Ausgung." She knew that "Ausgung" means "exit." But why, she asked, combine it with an English word? It was only after being told that "not" was not English, but the German for "emergency" that she got the point. Travelling will be simpler for her in the future. Berlin has recently received word that the international conference of railroad management has agreed upon the first four symbols of a "universal" sign language to be used for railroad stations. A question mark will appear above the information booths. An open trunk will mark the customs department. A chair will indicate the waiting room. A crossed cane and umbrella will show the "lost and found" department.—The Christian Science Monitor.

### Good Reason

One of the clerks at the employment agency was considered a bit of a wit, and he was preparing to gain a laugh at the expense of the next in the queue. "Where were you born?" he asked the man—a Scotsman. "Glasgow," was the reply. "Glasgow! Whatever for?" the clerk continued. "I wanted to be near mother," said the other with devastating meekness.

The convicts were doing their daily exercise in the prison yard. Two newcomers were carrying on the usual whispered conversation. "How long?" asked one. "Five years," replied the other. "What for?" "Robbing the First Ballyhoo Bank. And you?" "Ten years." "What for?" "I was its manager."

## Responsibility For Punishment

Franklin Young Harper

Mr. and Mrs. Benson had three children, and almost from the birth of their first child Mrs. Benson had left disciplinary matters entirely in the hands of her husband. When one of the children broke a rule of the home Mrs. Benson would invariably call Mr. Benson's attention to the matter, suggesting that the child needed punishment and taking it for granted that he would do the punishing. Usually he was away from home during the day. If, while he was absent, one of the children did something that should not have been done Mrs. Benson always threatened to "tell Father" about it as soon as he returned. And when he did return, his wife, true to her word, would tell him all about it, and he would punish the child. This was the regular disciplinary procedure of the home. Mrs. Benson acted as a sort of spy but invariably shifted to her husband's shoulders the task of punishing the children.

As time went on it became necessary for Mr. Benson to be absent a great deal, and finally he secured a traveling position which permitted him to be at home only one night a week. Still Mrs. Benson kept to her custom and on that night reported to him all the wrongdoings of the children. So his short visit was usually spent meting out punishments for everything that had been done amiss during the week. Of course it came about that this was not a night to be pleasantly anticipated by either father or children, but rather to be dreaded by all concerned.

As the years passed and Mr. Benson's work took him farther and farther away from home, it became impossible for him to return oftener than twice a month, and finally he could get home only once a month. And, as no change was made with regard to the responsibility for discipline, that visit became less and less a pleasant occasion. Of course, as was to be expected, the home government finally broke down completely. Anarchy and chaos reigned supreme. What was wrong? Should the husband have resigned his traveling position in order to be at home to punish the children? Many traveling men are very successful fathers. But should not the wife and husband hold themselves equally responsible with regard to discipline? In other words, if Billie needs punishment, is it wise for the mother to say: "Now, Billie, when Papa comes this afternoon, I'll have him attend to you?" Isn't it better for the mother to punish Billie herself and get the matter over with?

Inflicting punishment is one of the unpleasant tasks incident to bringing children up properly. It can't always be evaded, though a wise handling of the problems that arise will minimize the need, but when it must be done, can either parent consistently shift the responsibility to the shoulders of the other?—Issued by the National Kindergarten Association, 8 West 40th Street, New York City. These articles are appearing weekly in our columns.

### Nothing Wrong

He had decided to sell his car—if he could—and when a middle-looking fellow knocked at his door and asked to see it, the owner eagerly flung open the garage doors and coaxed the car into the roadway.

"She's a beauty," he said. Jump in and I'll take you for a run!"

The potential buyer jumped in, and the owner managed to persuade the car to snort her way up a fairly steep stretch of road immediately ahead.

"Shell go up here like a bird!" he chuckled, hoping for the best. "Just watch!"

A hundred yards up the slope the car emitted a loud cough, trembled violently, and began to run backwards. The owner forced a smile, and lunged on grimly to the steering wheel. The potential buyer eyed him doubtfully.

"What's the idea?" he asked, suspiciously. "We're going backwards." "Quite all right!" grinned the would-be vendor. "I er—that is, I've left my tobacco pouch on the piano!"

After much bustling around the family was safely packed inside the car and the journey to the country began. Everybody was happy for several minutes, when Mother suddenly exclaimed, "Oh, John! I left the electric iron switched on." "That will be quite all right," replied Father, "for I've just remembered that I left the bathroom taps running."

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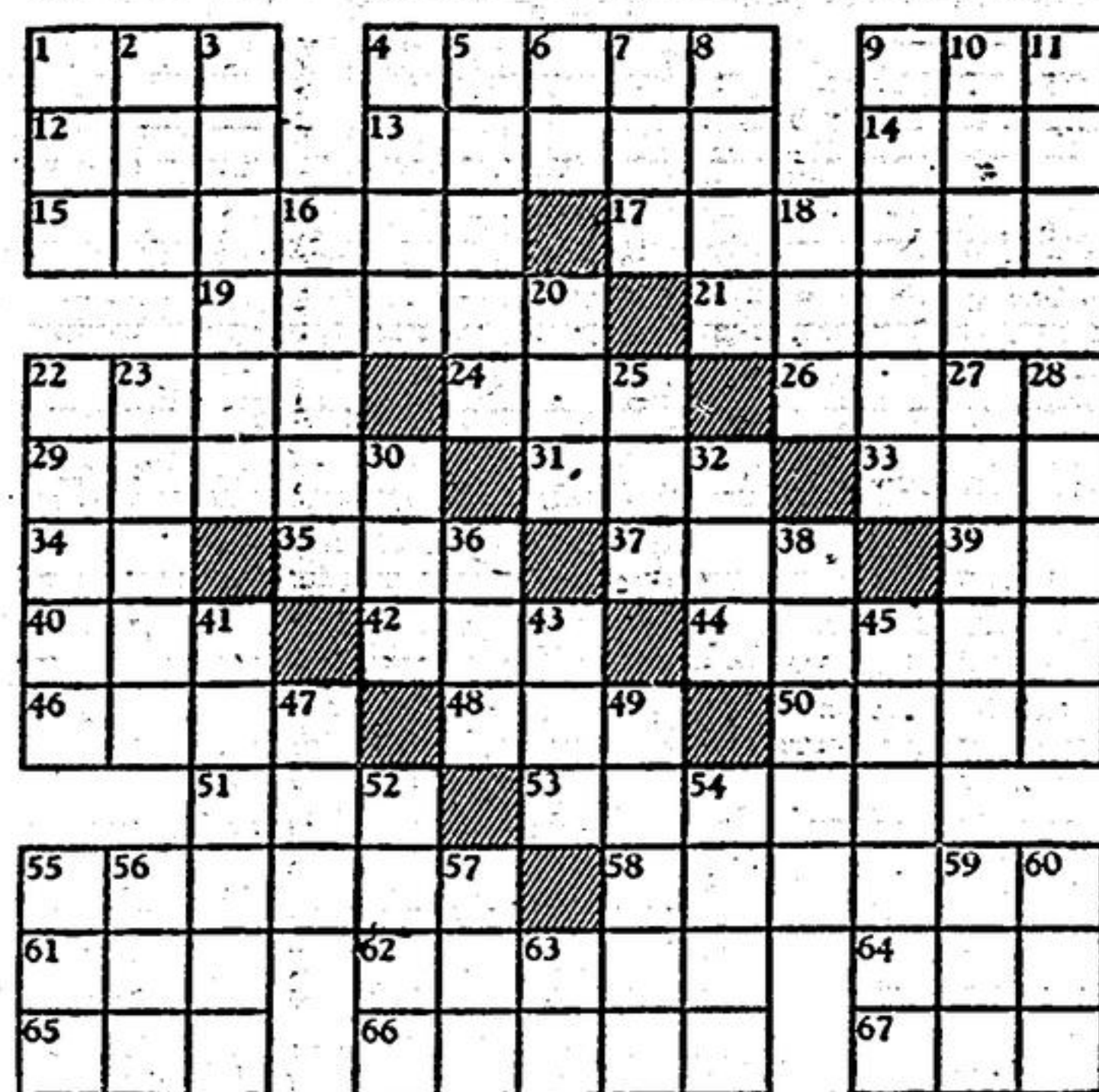
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A Berlin firm has perfected a pillow containing a radio loudspeaker. Some persons would, however, be more pleased with a loudspeaker with a pillow in it.

## OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE



### HORIZONTAL

- 1—Chunk of metal
- 4—Egg shaped
- 9—To scold
- 12—Everyone
- 13—Vital power
- 14—Armpit
- 15—Flat bodied fishes
- 17—Dwarf ear of corn
- 19—Belts
- 21—Napkin
- 22—Frank
- 24—To plant
- 26—Bristle
- 29—Pertaining to Hindu books
- 31—Small piece
- 33—To follow
- 34—Article
- 35—Slang; officer
- 37—Opening
- 39—Toward
- 40—To fall behind
- 42—Humorist
- 44—Communion plate

### VERTICAL

- 1—Dance step
- 2—Scottish; every
- 3—Gave glossy covering to
- 4—Baking place
- 5—Holding tools
- 6—King of Bashan
- 7—Electrified particle
- 8—To beat
- 9—Pierced
- 10—Mohammedan name
- 11—Pale

### VERTICAL

- 16—Pertaining to sound
- 18—Encore
- 20—Convulsive sigh
- 22—Ellipses
- 23—Pertaining to punishment
- 25—False hair
- 27—Carried
- 28—Pain
- 30—To daunt
- 32—Faucet
- 36—Fruit seed
- 38—Whitens
- 41—Drinking cup
- 43—Record
- 45—Dutch explorer
- 47—Molst
- 49—Bare
- 52—Jutting rocks
- 54—Neat
- 55—Insect trap
- 56—Constellation
- 57—Insect egg
- 59—Self
- 60—Flaxen
- 63—Greek letter

## Making Children Grow

Growth may be remarkably stimulated by diet, according to reports of recent experiments by Dr. Summerfeldt, described in Good Health (Battle Creek, Mich.).

By feeding eleven children on a diet in which were large quantities of vitamin B and extra supplies of other vitamins and minerals, he succeeded in securing a rate of gain nearly five times the ordinary amount. Says Good Health:

"The dietary by which this extraordinary rate of growth was secured consisted chiefly of farina, oatmeal, corn-meal, and wheat germ. One per cent. each of brewer's yeast and alfalfa leaf-meal were included. Besides the above plant foods, 2 per cent. of bone-meal was given, probably to supply lime, but an abundance of this element should have been found in the alfalfa meal, the wheat germ and oatmeal; or, if more was needed, another portion of the alfalfa meal would easily have supplied it. Bone-meal may be suitable for lions, tigers, and other carnivorous beasts, but it is not a proper constituent for a human bill of fare.

"This experiment clearly demonstrates the tremendous importance of diet regulation, especially during the growing period. It is certainly not a pleasant thought that many thousands of children are stunted in their de-

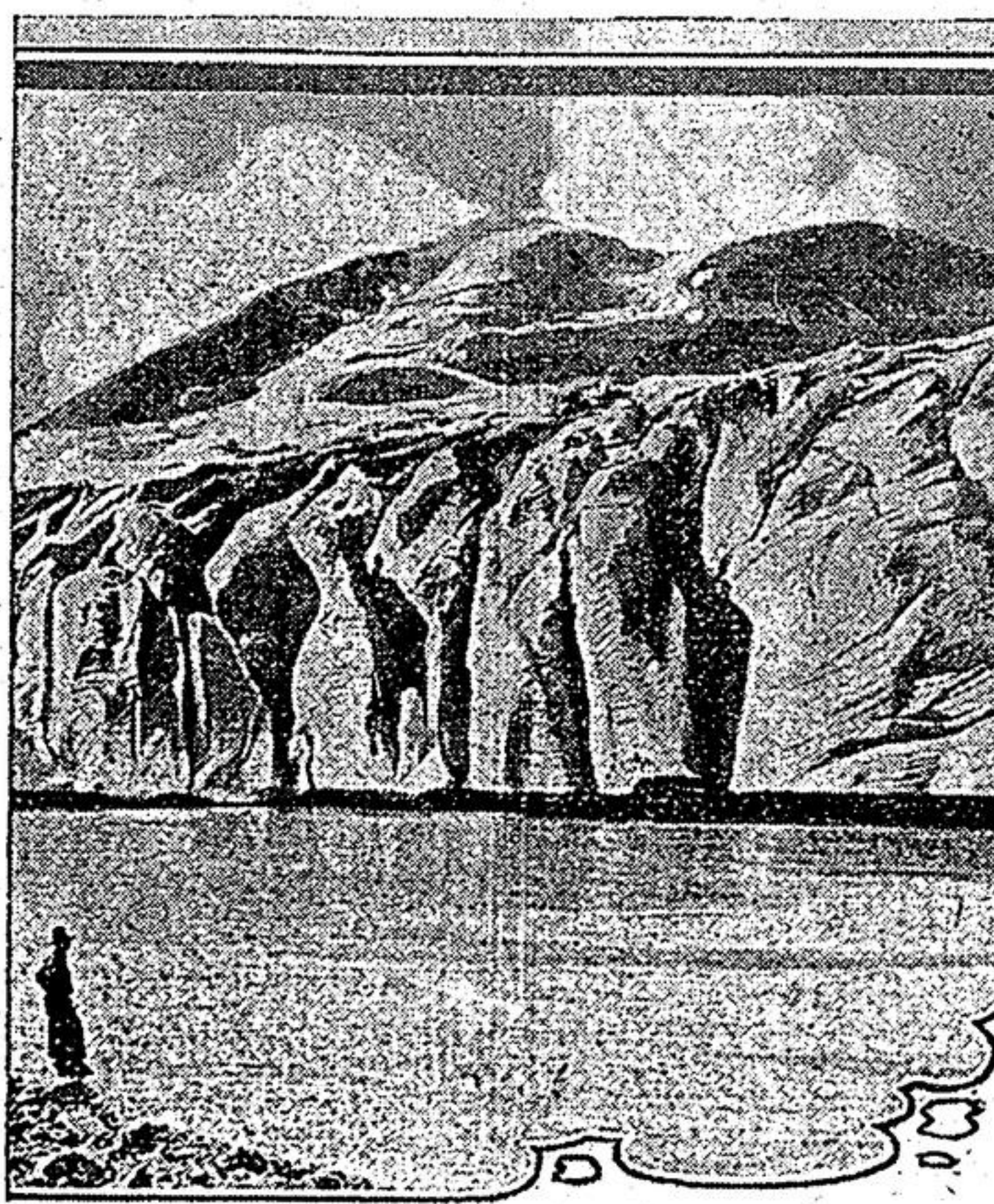
velopment by wrong feeding, and yet there seems to be no escaping this conclusion. Children while dependent upon their parents are in the position of interned prisoners. They must eat what is given them. If they are inadequately fed, their parents or guardians are responsible for the consequences.

"With this new and rather startling information concerning the possibility of securing a notable increase in stature merely by adding a few inexpensive items to the bill of fare, it is easy to believe in the possibility of realizing the late Mr. Burbank's forecast of a new human race within six generations by the thoroughgoing application of scientific methods of race improvement."

## Gems from Life's Scrap-book

- Justice
- "Justice is truth in action."—Joubert.
  - "Justice without wisdom is impossible."—Froude.
  - "Moderation is the basis of justice."—George MacDonald.
  - "There is no virtue so truly great and godlike as justice."—Addison.
  - "Justice demands reformation of the sinner."—Mary Baker Eddy.
  - "Every place is safe to him who lives with justice."—Epictetus.
  - "All religion and all ethics are summed up in justice."—Conway.

## Do You Know?



That from the Columbia Icefields in the Canadian Rocky Mountains three great rivers flow to three different oceans? They are: the Columbia, which flows into the Pacific Ocean; the Mackenzie, which flows into the Arctic Ocean; and the Saskatchewan River, which finds its outlet through the Nelson River into Hudson Bay and thence to the Atlantic Ocean.

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## Owl Laffs

At a dinner a well known professor was introduced as follows: "You have been giving your attention so far to a turkey stuffed with sage. You are now about to give your attention to a sage stuffed with turkey."

Professor—"Will you please stop exchanging notes in the back of the room?"

Student—"They're not notes. They are dollar bills. We're shootin' craps."

Professor—"Oh, pardon me."

The boy who has never had to wear a pair of heavy boots all winter doesn't know the real joy of going barefoot in the summer.

Plumber (to his wife)—"Doncha believe them cartoonists, dear. I ain't never found no lady in no bath tub."

### Stray Shots

The older a man grows the more he cares for comfort—and the less of it he obtains. One has to keep up in the up-keep is to be kept up. No golf course is complete without a mourner's bench at each tee. The best reason a girl can have for starting a diary is that she knows enough about men to fill a book. You have to think out some things for yourself—nobody can help you. Success is the privilege of doing what you want to do, when you want to, and as you want to. Most women do not know what they want until they discover what their husbands do not want. Character is the diamond that scratches every other stone. Love, sweet child, is the last word in a letter asking for money. Digging in a garden may improve one's philosophy more than the reading of books.

Doctors have proved that an ordinary person retains only one-fifth of what he hears. Which goes to prove that a woman isn't an "ordinary person."

Accused—"How could I commit forgery when I can't write my own name?"

Judge—"You are not accused of writing your own name."

An old Indian went into a bank to borrow some money.

Banker—"What can you put up for security that is, how many ponies do you have?"

Old Indian—"Got 100 ponies."

Six months later the old Indian came in with a very large roll of hills and paid the note. As he turned to leave, the banker said:

Banker—"We let you have money when you needed it, now why don't you deposit your extra money with us?"

Old Indian (grunting)—"All right. How many ponies you got?"

Counsel had finished their speeches. The court awaited the judge's summing up. Presently he leaned forward and glared hard at the thick-set man in the dock. "Prisoner at the bar," he said, "it has been proved that you entered the building on the tenth. You tore up a huge safe and lowered it out of the window to the ground. Furthermore, you tore the door of the back entrance to the building off its hinges. What is your answer to that?" The prisoner shrugged his shoulders. "Well, your lordship," he returned, "I did it in a moment of weakness."

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