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The only way to catch up with the future is to wait for it.

Sand may dispel clouds, but too much sand causes war clouds.

The fire of genius seldom kindles ambition in the man who has money to burn.

Judging from the product on display Santa Claus put in a mighty busy year.

There are now sixty-five products of the lowly peanut, not counting the tummy ache.

Hole-diggers on a golf course never surprise us. We always dig up at African golf.

You might as well endorse notes. If you're that easy, somebody else would get it anyway.

Winter is a season when a car at the side of the road doesn't mean camping or vamping.

The year 1924 wasn't exactly what we expected it to be, but then we all knew it wouldn't be.

If he talks to her for hours about himself, he loves her; but not as much as he loves himself.

And so there is "less friction" in prohibition enforcement—Grossing the palms seems to help.

The surprising thing about people is that most of them have just as much sense as you have.

While woman's place may be in the home, her daughter's place seems to be out in the auto.

Among things more blessed to give than to receive are knock-outs, measles, neckties and advice.

We are an easy-going people and never stay mad long enough to get a third party well organized.

There's small choice. If you're brutal to a bore you feel ashamed; if you're not he comes back.

The highest explosive on earth is made of uniting a selfish man with a woman who has a quick temper.

It's so simple. People never get what they want in this world because they want what they can't get.

At times you wonder whether S. R. O. stands for "Standing Room Only" or "Some Rotten Orchestra."

Correct this sentence: "I forgot my compact," said she, "but I won't need it for just these few hours."

It is one thing to get the ox out of the ditch on Sunday and quite another to get a little ball out of the rough.

Lives of great men oft remind us that to make our lives sublime, we must first cut out the static and the cross-word solve in time.

The bird who hunts gas leaks with matches ought to save a couple in case it is necessary to see whether the alcohol in the radiator is low.

**BIBLE THOUGHT**  
WITHHOLD NOT THOU THY TENDER MERCIES FROM ME, O LORD: LET TRUTH CONTINUALLY PRESERVE ME.—Psalm 40:11.

COMMUNITY PRIDE.

A mania for large and costly public buildings is sweeping the country, beautifying cities and towns, promoting community pride, but inevitably swelling, already burdened taxes. The threat of higher taxes has not abated the building. Beginning soon after the war and increasing in volume up to this time the hue and cry for public buildings has been heard in the largest cities and the smallest towns alike. Everywhere there is a popular demand for municipal convention halls, stadiums and administration buildings, courthouses, libraries, school buildings and other public edifices.

In many instances the demand is justified by the growing population. There is a recognized nation-wide need for additional school facilities that is only slowly being supplied. City and county administration buildings are woefully inadequate in many places. Adequate public library space as an educational requirement of the community is second only to the public school.

Beautiful public buildings are the pride of every community, but they must be paid for out of the public treasuries. Those who propose public improvements should not complain about the taxes they pay. Public improvements and low taxes can not dwell in the same house. Some communities are electing the former and others choose the latter.

A NEWSPAPER'S FAITH.

There are certain critics of newspapers who apparently have little conception of the work that the newspapers are doing in the world. There was a time (our grandfathers can recall it) when there was comparatively little in the average newspaper to rouse a man from his dreams, make him look with a wide-awake and seeing eye at the world around him, and—think.

This is what the real newspaper does to-day. It is not greatly bothered by the persons who say that most of the news should be suppressed because it is so "awful." The newspaper which believes in mirroring life as life really is shows greater faith in human nature than the critics—that is all. When they call this or that piece of news "awful," they often mean seductive rather than awful. They wrongly fear that human nature instinctively craves rottenness and that the exposure of a vile career will prove enticing.

It is no more enticing than the picture of an insane asylum is enticing. It shows as nothing else can show how terrible a sin is. Every line of the picture thunders with a power denied to speech. The memory of it is burned into the soul with a quenchless fire. The reader, old or young, serious or gay, can never misunderstand, can never forget. It is a lesson that lasts. It is the truth in flesh and blood—the truth acting itself out before our very eyes in real life.

MAKE THIS RESOLUTION.

One New Year's resolution fit and proper for all to make is to resolve to get in six months of energetic and unceasing productive labor before the hot weather and vacation season opens in July. In the words of the street period beginning January 1st and ending July 1st is the time for the worker to "get in his best legs."

The first six months of the year are peculiarly adapted for work. During the greater part of that period the weather being cold, is, itself, conducive to efficient toil. The outdoor attractions are few if any, and indoor working conditions are an inducement to work. And then there is only one widely observed holiday during the entire six months to interrupt and disorganize the long stage of hard work.

Work is not so smoothing and easy during the last six months of the year. July, August and September are the hot weather and vacation months of the twelvemonth, and work cannot compete with hot weather and the vacation urge except on the farm. As for the final quarter of the year, football, hunting, Thanksgiving Day and the Christmas holidays conspire to slay all desire to work.

So nature has given the North the six months from January to July in which to labor industriously and save thriftily that when spring comes he may buy himself a new automobile in which to spend his vacation.

INCREASING VOCABULARIES.

Presses of the dictionary publishers have been working overtime for weeks and booksellers have striven desperately to keep their supplies of dictionaries and word books replenished. This unprecedented demand for word reference volumes has been created by the cross word puzzle. It is said, with but little exaggeration, that everybody who can read and write becomes a cross-word-puzzle solver sooner or later. None will deny that few fads have had so universal an appeal as this puzzle of words.

From the standpoint of time consumed the cross word puzzle might be condemned. Puzzle solvers are expending millions of working and leisure hours daily in this new pas-

time. The cross word puzzles in book form or clipped from newspapers have replaced the needle work and popular novel in the stenographer's desk. Among men, office and factory workers the cross word puzzle is a new excuse for laying down the tools and the pen during working hours. Even husbands have been heard to complain their meals are late because of the introduction of the cross word puzzle into the home.

If the cross word puzzle was merely a pastime it would be a wanton waster of valuable time and in its present stage of popularity would be cause for concern among employers. But the great demand for dictionaries and synonym books is evidence that this most popular of puzzles is something more than a pastime. It consumes much time but to the advantage of the solver. The cross word puzzle has made the word book a best seller and has brought the dictionary and thesaurus into active use in many homes and by many individuals for the first time. Before the cross word puzzles became popular you could have counted on the fingers of two hands the number of persons in the average community making daily use of the dictionary. To-day hundreds of thousands of men and women own and use them.

TOO EASY.

What curious people there are in the world. Here is Mr. J. C. Squire, a leading English poet and writer, assuring that part of the world which reads the "London Observer" that he dislikes cross-word puzzles because they are too easy. Easy! As Mr. Squire is most of all a gentleman, we must believe that his statement is not a deliberate falsehood. It may be that a poet who spends his life in searching for the exact words to fit ideas discovered with comparative ease the word to fit a mere square. But a well known human weakness may further explain his contempt for the numbered square. Many a man who is enthusiastically fond of dogs cannot bear cats, having acquired a thoroughly doggish attitude towards felines. Mr. Squire is enthusiastic over acrostics. Can that be the secret for his jeers? He says in part: "When you see 'Behold the word will be 'Lo!' and personal pronouns are usually mortar in the chinks. Generally speaking their drawbacks is that they are too easy. The few posers are usually automatically solved by the discovery of all the letters in them through other words running vertically or horizontally across them. It is all very educative, no doubt; it is something to fix in one's mind the identity of the 'son of Haran,' of a 'quadruped in Madagascar,' and of 'members of a tribe in Assam.' It also has the soothing effect of an easy kind of patience. But unless higher flights are achieved than in the volume before me, the acrostic will hold the field for all who at present really enjoy it. It really promotes one's self-esteem to elucidate one of these contorted lights (acrostics); but there is little satisfaction to be derived from thinking of a word of two letters meaning 'depart' beginning in G and ending in O, or a word of five letters meaning the same as H.O. A drug, yes; but not an exercise of the intellect; not a test of erudition or memory; not a coping with the wits of an ingenious and obstinate opponent capable of the basest stratagems, the most monstrous syntax (and sometimes prosody), and the most dishonest tricks. But I begin to grow heated."

ODD FACTS ABOUT YOURSELF

By YALE S. NATHANSON, B. Sc., M.A., Department of Psychology, University of Pennsylvania

**The Death Fear.**  
When you die, you die as dead as a door nail, some people say. Others believe that your soul passes into the body of an animal or another person; others, that your soul goes to Heaven or a land of suffering, according to the life you have led; some, that you live after this life only when people speak about you. In other words, a reward for having led a great life is that, in the years that follow, your name never dies and therefore a long after-life is assured you.

The mystery of death, and the fact that no one has ever returned to tell the voyage of the soul, has caused every one, some time in his or her life, to suffer great fears concerning death, just like these persons whose statements are quoted: "Up to fourteen I could never think of death without tears. It would often come over me with tremendous force with an awful thing death is. It cannot, must not be, that we must all die and give up this beautiful life, and I would cry and cry."

"I used to cry hopelessly and with absolute and wild abandon because I must die. It was far worse at night."

"Deaths death is so unpeppery terrible that I cannot speak or think of it with a steady voice."

"I struggled against drowning, but sank satisfied and curious to learn the new experience of death;

after rescue my fear was intense. "From eighteen to twenty-five I was constantly saying to myself: 'Let's see if I can stand the thought of death now.' Its horror to me is in its unreasonableness; it is a melancholy, and not a terror."

"I grew so afraid to pass a graveyard on the way to school that I grew sleepless, lost flesh and became literally afraid of my shadow. I was cured slowly by memorizing Longfellow's 'God's Acre.'"

"When I became convinced that the personality ended when put in the grave and that there was no future life, my fears of death, which had been morbid, ceased."

"I have a chronic fear that my father is to die. Although he is well, I fancy all the details and suffer over and over as much as if it were real."

"Don't live a life from which every vestige of enjoyment and happiness is being crushed because of morbid fear! Many persons find their only relief against these terrible feelings in these thoughts. "After all, so many others have lived their lives in happiness. Every one has a certain number of years to give if he takes care of himself. I will live mine and enjoy them as I should."

Often some little formula like this will help you. Or perhaps you can make one up which will hit your case more closely and solve your great problem of unhappiness.

That Body of Yours



By James W. Barton, M.D., Gas Pressure.

In a former article I spoke about the gas formation in the stomach, which at times resembles a toy balloon in size and shape.

Sometimes the rings of muscle at both openings, contract so forcibly that the gas gets firmly imprisoned in the stomach.

This distends the stomach, and the pain at times is very severe. You can readily see that when this gas distends the stomach, that the stomach walls will be pushed up against every other organ in the vicinity.

What happens? The stomach pushes against the diaphragm—that is the floor of the chest—and gives the heart and lungs less room in which to work. Accordingly breathing becomes more difficult, as the diaphragm has to push down against this gas pressure.

Similarly the heart gets crowded for room, and has to beat more frequently.

This difficult breathing, and rapid heart action, may become severe enough to cause collapse.

What brings about this condition of the openings? Too much food at one time might be the cause, but more frequent causes are heavy exertion too soon after a meal, or some emotional disturbance before the digestion has got well under way in the stomach.

Well keep in mind that a ball of gas has got up into the top of the stomach, and away from either of the openings.

Your first thought is to try and get it moved over so that it will come up through the mouth or go down into the intestine.

Therefore by bending from side to side, twisting the body around from side to side, lying first on one and then the other side, the gas will often reach one or other of the openings in the stomach. If it doesn't your doctor will likely put a stomach tube down and relief is immediate.

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