

WHAT
YOU
LIKE

A GIRL who clerks in a 5-and-10-cent store sends this letter: "Why is it that some invisible force seems to keep me chained to my present job, when what I really want to do is act in the movies? I am getting well into the thirties. The bloom is leaving my cheeks. I try to be practical and sensible, but, by keeping my ears open and my mind busy figuring things out, I learn that I am in much the same boat as every one else. No one seems able to do what they want to do. Why is this?"

To this girl clerk, we answer:

The question you ask has been asked by every grown-up since humanity began to exercise its power of reasoning. And there seems to be no answer, except that fate or destiny has much to do with our careers.

George Ade, who is such a genius as a genial satirist that future generations will study his fables in slang as our generation studies "Rabelais," always wanted to write "heavy stuff." Maybe you remember the American Magazine's interview with George, in which he expressed his bewilderment because he seemed forced to write humor instead of philosophy or tragedy.

Another case is Eddie Foy, comedian, whose foremost ambition always was to play Hamlet.

The reader will apply it to himself—to the thing he wants to be, the life he wants to live, but cannot. It is as if invisible hands of destiny thrust you away from culmination of ardent desire.

The trail, as always in philosophy, leads nowhere. Common sense brings most of us to a certain degree of contentment by making us realize that we probably are doing what we were intended to do.

You see an able lawyer, proud of his ability to repair a clock. He says: "I was cut out to be a fine mechanic." Deep in his heart he knows that he is "kidding" himself—that law is his natural field.

This law, however, holds good only when we are definitely established in the rut through which we are destined to spend most of our mature years.

Often we are doing the wrong kind of work and yearn for something else. If fitted for the something else, ambition will make us find a way to get into the line we like.

When it comes to day dreaming, to things we yearn for but are unwilling or unable to attain with our powers, we generally are like vaudeville actors as booking agents describe them: "When they can sing, they want to dance. And when they can dance, they want to sing."

WORLD'S PRIZE TALKERS **W**OMEN talk more than men, says Dr. A. A. Brill, the psycho-analyst. John W. Raper, humorist, suggests that Brill should attend a session of the United States Senate, which might change his view.

If women really do talk more than men, it's because custom and courtesy make it easier for them to get an audience. Only reason the average person ever listens to any one else's talk is because he knows it'll soon be his turn.

The chief thing that keeps Europe from returning to normal is that most of its politicians are primarily interested in talking to the galleries.

HOOTCH TRADE PROGRESS **A** BOOTLEGGERS' protective association is discovered in Chicago by United States District Attorney Clyde. The association headquarters furnishes bail, lawyers and influence when its members get arrested.

Their customers might profitably form a similar organization, with fraternal features providing burial expenses for deceased members.

How far has the organization of bootleggers gone? How much bribery and lobbying are being carried on by the rum ring? The exposé will come, red hot, some day. Possibly in a retired bootlegger's memoirs.

SAW AND HAMMER PROSPERITY **A** MERICANS this year will try to erect \$7,830,000,000 worth of new buildings, or about \$70 for every man, woman and child. This is the estimate by the Copper and Brass Research Association. It fears that nearly a fourth of this gigantic building program will have to be delayed until 1924, because of shortage of labor, materials and money.

Good news. When it comes to employment and prosperity, it's impossible for America to bite off more than it can chew. A good year is starting. No news is more fundamental.

British Guiana Has Tropical Climate and Is Fever Infested

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What is the climate of British Guiana?

It is tropical. Owing to the intense heat and humidity along the coast, the northern portion is particularly unhealthy and fevers have interfered seriously with the development of this part of the country. The climate of the upland interior is naturally more moderate and inviting. The rainy period extends from April until the middle of August, during which time there is very heavy precipitation. Along the coast there is a second and lighter rainy season from November to February, in the short dry periods of the year east winds prevail. Guiana is free from hurricanes.

How much liquor was consumed in the United States in 1915?

Domestic fruit brandy..... 3,668,663
Domestic, all native liquors..... 161,012,093
Foreign spirituous..... 1,000,000
Domestic wines..... 37,640,405
Foreign wines..... 5,055,881
Domestic beer..... 1,881,964,835
Foreign beer..... 2,300,545
Total for the year..... 10,094,729,078

What was the most scientific of our Presidents?

Thomas Jefferson was probably the most interested in scientific things. He was an astronomer, physicist, engineer, anatomist, geologist, physician, naturalist and paleontologist. He discovered extinct animal species, invented new plants and species, and wrote on natural history and agriculture. Roose-

Man May Soon Be Rebuilt With Organs From Animals, Famous Surgeon Says

By BOB DORMAN
NEA Service Staff Writer
PATERSON, N. J., Jan. 6.—Monkeys, glands, pigs' eyes and other animal parts will soon be replacing worn-out organs of the human body, as a common practice, according to Dr. Edward B. Morgan, well-known physician here.

In March he will attempt to restore a blind boy's sight by replacing his useless eye with one from a pig. Within ten years he expects such substitutions to become popular.

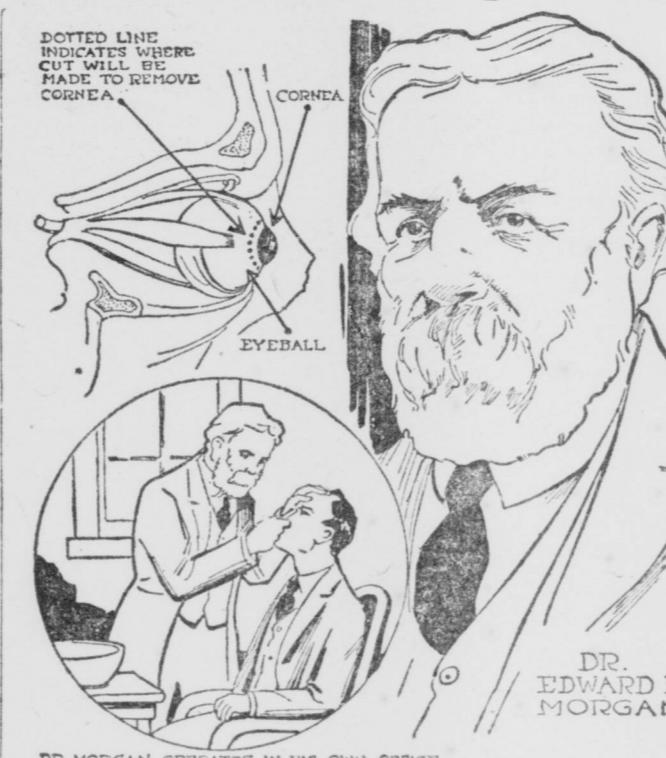
"The medical fraternity," says Dr. Morgan, "has just begun to open up the possibilities of the replacement of worn-out human organs by corresponding parts from animals."

"I am convinced that there are thousands of people walking in darkness who could be made to see by replacing their sightless eyes with pigs' eyes, which among the animals, most closely resemble the human eye. If the optic nerve has not been damaged, I can see no reason why such an operation should not be a success."

"Glands and kidneys, whose close counterparts can be readily found in animals, should also be capable of substitution. In fact, the substitution of monkey glands has already yielded beneficial results."

"The operation which I am going to perform on Alfred Lenawen should restore his sight. One of his eyes has been totally destroyed, but the other has merely become opaque in the cornea. Back of the cornea the eye is perfectly normal."

"As shown in the diagram, the cornea will be removed, cutting into the white of the eye a little, so as to leave room for sewing on the new cornea. Then the corresponding organ will be taken from a chloroformed pig, and attached to the boy's eye by six stitches. If the transplanted part adheres—and I see



no reason why it shouldn't—they boy will be able to see as well as ever.

I performed a similar operation some years ago on a woman, but with only partial success. She was able to see all right for two years, but at the end of that time the transplanted cornea dropped off, caused by a diseased condition of the interior eye. In the present case I look for an absolute cure, as the boy's eye is perfectly healthy."

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busily engaged in removing a tumor from a patient's eyelid.

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Burbank Answers Criticisms of Ohio University Scientists on His Plant Work

Luther Burbank, the plant wizard, killed by recent on-slugs by Ohio State University professors, replies to his critics in the following statement written especially for NEA Service:

Burbank directs his reply to W. M. Davis, a professor of zoology at O. S. U., who charged Burbank is a scientist.

BY LUTHER BURBANK

WELL, thank you professor. I have never claimed anything for myself, save the right to make the best use of head, heart and hands, anything

created from nature's crucible those things a most necessary to the lives of men.

Yet in many things have been claimed for me, most of them true, some of them quite ridiculous; especially this one, that I pilfer from others (by a adored orthodox scientist.)

This is not the first time my work has been impeached. I have heard such things before, mostly long ago, but have given no answer. My products have been fully able to do that.

The flea bites because it needs

sustaining.

LUTHER BURBANK

teach the science of my work in detail to others.

That problem confronted me many years ago on a woman, but with only partial success. She was able to see all right for two years, but at the end of that time the transplanted cornea dropped off, caused by a diseased condition of the interior eye. In the present case I look for an absolute cure, as the boy's eye is perfectly healthy."

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