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LAWS

C LARIFICATION and simplification of the law as undertaken by the American Law Institute should be of almost immeasurable benefit to the legal profession and the public alike. The Carnegie corporation has just announced a gift of \$1,075,000 to the institute to pay for this work.

Almost daily cases arise in the courts in which the law on the particular subject under discussion is so muddled the court must rule arbitrarily on the point at issue and as often as not a new precedent is thereby established, making the next case all the harder. An immeasurable amount of time is wasted and millions are spent annually in straightening out tangles resulting from unnecessary complications in the law.

In Indiana the Legislature meets every two years and enacts several hundred new laws. More than half of these are amendments and in many cases the laws amended already have been amended from once to a score of times. Inevitably a tangle results and the courts are given more work.

A case in point is the recent decision of the Supreme Court on the prohibition law as it concerns possession of booze. The legislative intent was clear, but because an error was made in writing an amended title to an amended law, a section of the act was held invalid. This sort of thing is going on in all the States and in the Federal practice as well. In Indiana particularly a codification of the laws is needed. This has been accomplished in some other States.

In the aggregate, it is estimated that during 1922 nearly 200,000 pages of reports of the decisions of the courts were added to the already huge mass of American legal precedent. The consequent uncertainty of the law is a principal cause of the law's delays and of the miscarriage of justice.

CRIPPLING  
BIRDS  
NO SPORT

T HREE thousand letters were sent to sportsmen from one side of the United States to the other asking them what they thought of the five-shell automatic shotgun, the weapon that fills the landscape with lead until the last bird is out of sight.

Twenty-seven hundred answered and all but 125 declared against it—advocated that the cruel and indecent contraption be abolished by law, if necessary.

Men who know say that the automatic shotgun makes ten cripples to one bird that it brings to bag. The cripples hide away from humans but soon fall easy prey to the vermin of the air and the field.

No real sportsman will carry anything more deadly than a double-barreled shotgun when he goes afield for birds. The fair-minded sportsman finds pleasure in giving game some slight chance. And the bird that manages to escape man, dog and two barrels of hurtling death has earned itself another respite of life—a respite until a surer shot draws a bead on it.

SAVE A HUMAN LIFE! **W**OULD you hesitate to save a human life if such an act were in your power? Your answer, of course, is that you would not. You have an opportunity to prove the sincerity of your answer, to save not only one human life, but many.

In the Bible lands, that territory of which all of us have read so much, but about which most of us know so little, are thousands of children and thousands of grown-ups who actually will die if you do not act to save them. They are far away and we do not know them personally, but they are human beings, nevertheless.

They are suffering from lack of clothing, and winters are as bitter there as they are here. They are looking to you to help them. How would you feel if your child were dying from exposure and there lived in the world people who had plenty but who through negligence did not move to help him?

Persons in Indianapolis who have interested themselves in these people have arranged a bundle day May 1 when you can contribute your cast-off clothing, shoes, underwear, suits, coats, blankets, to save human lives. Arrangements have been made for you to take your bundles to the nearest church or fire station. They will be gathered up and shipped by the Near East Relief to those who need them. There is not a person in Indianapolis who could not make a contribution.

Last year the Near East Relief shipped three carloads from Indianapolis. Let's make it twice as many this year. Remember: The date is May 1 and the place is the nearest fire station or church.

WHERE DAD'S PAY GOES

G ERMANY is enforcing its law that compels husbands to give a third of their incomes to their wives to maintain the family table. Rent and other household expenses do not come out of the third.

How much of father's pay is spent for food in your household?

Forty-three cents out of each \$1 spent by the average American wage earner's family of five goes for food, according to the National Industrial Conference Board, leading expert in such matters. The humble stomach is nearly half of our problem of existence.

## Questions

## ASK THE TIMES

### Answers

You can get an answer to any question of fact or information by writing to The Indianapolis Times, Indianapolis, Indiana. Your letter should be addressed to the "Editor of Questions," and should include a stamp. Medical, legal and love and marriage advice cannot be given. Letters containing personal names or addresses, or containing any reference to paper, person, place, etc., should be prepared. Unsigned letters cannot be answered, but all answers are confidential and receive personal replies.—Editor.

What is the composition of cow's milk?

Eighty-seven and two-tenths per cent water and 12.8 per cent solids. The principal ingredients of the solids are fat, 3.7 per cent; casein, 3 per cent; albumin, .5 per cent; milk sugar, 4.9 per cent, and ash or salts, .7 per cent.

What were three important decisions of the Supreme Court?

The Dred Scott decision, which declared the Missouri compromise unconstitutional; the decision in the Marbury vs. Madison case, which arrogated to the Supreme Court the right to void a law of Congress, and the decision which declared the child labor law unconstitutional.

What was the quickest trip ever made around the world?

So far as there is a record, that of John Henry Mears in 1913, in which

the time consumed was thirty-five days, twenty-one hours, thirty-six minutes. This, by far, eclipses Nellie Bly's famous trip in 1889, in which the time was seventy-two days, six hours, eleven minutes.

What countries of the world have the most Jews?

Poland and Ukraine, each with 3,500,000. The United States is a close second with an estimated Jewish population of 3,100,000.

Where did the various nations bury their unknown soldiers?

France, at the Arche de Triomphe; Britain, in Westminster Abbey; Italy, in Victor Emmanuel monument on the Piazza Venezia; Portugal, Batalha Monastery; United States, in Arlington Cemetery.

How many persons between the ages of 20 and 25 years attend school in the United States?

According to the census of 1920, 21,375,976.

Which is the largest continent Europe's "fish"?

Frogs that bark like dogs were discovered in the wilds of Santo Domingo by an exploration party.

## SHEIK OR BUSINESS MAN:

By NORRIS QUINN  
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LEVELAND, April 27.—What type of men do American women love—not with the love that impels them merely to marry, but with the deep devotion that leads them to risk all, to defy convention, to court public censure?

Do they turn to the "sheik"—youthful, slender, faultlessly tailored in jazz attire, oiled of hair, short on romance?

Or do they give their affection to the middle-aged man of affairs, whom good living has made a little stout about the waistband, whose features time has denuded of handsomeness, whose youthful sense of romance one or two "misunderstanding wives" have dimmed—but whose purse and checkbook stand up under the most rigorous demands?

Or these two types, which would the average American girl choose?

Which would you choose?

Writing from Los Angeles, Jack Jungemeyer, motion picture observer for The Indianapolis Times, says American women are turning their love from the prosaic American type and bestowing it on the slyph-like Latin type—as witness Rodolfo Valentino's vogue among the flappers.

"Sheik a Challenge"

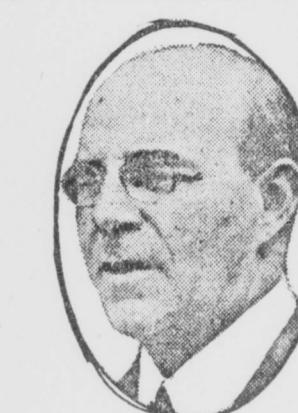
Still another motion-picture writer says that Valentino is a standing challenge to every American business-man husband—that American husbands, to hold their wives' affections, must emulate Valentino and his ilk, must forget the stock market occasionally for a few poetic words of love or a kiss on the finger-tips.

But facts don't seem to bear this out.

Four men have recently been in the public eyes as figures in spectacular love cases—and not a one of them can in the wildest imaginings be characterized as a "sheik," nor does one of them approach the Latin type.

The first of these is the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall, New Brunswick (N. J.) rector, found shot to death in a park beside the murdered body of Mrs. Eleanor Mills, his organist, a woman of romantic bend, who in fervid letters to the rector had told him of her love for him.

The Rev. Hall was fat—he was



pubescent. He dressed always in somber attire. He wore spectacles. His love notes showed his literary background was a theological one not one of love poems. He was just an ordinary, middle-aged, well-to-do, colorless man.

Mitchell's Case

No one ever regarded J. Kearsley Mitchell, the Philadelphia millionaire, was the sort of a man to whom the romantic would appeal, until the murder of Dorothy Kling, the New York model.

To his friends and associates, Mitchell had seemed just a kindly disposed, middle-aged man, a little thick in the waistline, with the good fortune to be blessed with plenty of money, a fine family and an enviable social position.

Then there's James A. Stillman. Testimony at his wife's divorce proceedings—which were successful—alleged that for years Stillman, a bank president had held the love of a stage beauty, whose charms would easily have permitted her to make a creditable marriage.

Stillman was bald-headed, wore eye-glasses and was an ordinary American business type. He could tell you the closing price of any bond on the New York market but he was not as fluent at quoting love verses.

Jake Hamon was another. Clara Smith lavished her love on him—and finally shot him because she feared she'd lose him. Hamon was the most attractive features of the men



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What's the answer?

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