

WHAT'S BECOME OF COUE? **H**OW many days since you have thought of Coue? He is almost forgotten. To endure persistently in American memory, one must be a baseball player, a prize-fighter, a stage or movie star, a theatrical scientist or medical man—or the inventor or marketer of a breakfast food, beauty lotion or some mechanical device that can be sold cheaply.

A reader, one of the wise few who will get permanent good from Coue's system of harnessing the imagination, sends a letter announcing his discovery that the original disciple of the Coue method of treating ailments by auto-suggestion was—Socrates!

He died 2,322 years ago.

Xenophon, Greek historian and militarist, wrote in his "Memorabilia" that Socrates one day said to him:

"I consider that those live best who study best to become as good as possible; and that those live with most pleasure who feel the most assurance that they are DAILY GROWING BETTER AND BETTER."

That sounds familiar, strikingly like Coue's "Day by day, in every way, I grow better and better."

Ten thousand years ago, and more, they probably had epidemics of the Coue idea. The orientals, especially.

Thousands of years from now, the Coue idea will be resurrected and have flash-in-the-pan epidemics of popularity.

What a pity, that these good ideas cannot stay with us permanently instead of visiting occasionally and departing before they become indelible!

THEIR LEAGUE AND OURS **T**HERE is much that we Americans can learn about the League of Nations from Lord Robert Cecil, British spokesman for the league, who is visiting us now. Not the least in his message to Americans is the clarification of one fine point, which probably can be blamed more than anything else for our undignified fear of the league.

Europe's conception of the league and ours are entirely different pictures. Europe sees the league, as Lord Robert explains, merely as an instrument of peace. It is simply one method of undertaking to end international disputes before they lead to war. The league is, after all, but an international round table.

In their frenzy over the menace of "entangling alliances," our irreconcilable Senators have conjured up for us a league straw man, with a bogie behind him. They have stood him up and knocked him down so much that some of us forget what the league really is. These Senators have almost made us believe that the League of Nations is a super-government, set up to threaten our sovereignty.

It is not that, at all, and Lord Robert does us a distinct service to point out to Americans what the League of Nations actually is. In a word, the league is merely the only existing machine which today undertakes to settle international differences without the resort of war. It may not be perfect, as Lord Robert admits. But it is the best instrument we have today, and it is functioning for fifty-two member nations. And when a better plan for fostering peace is invented, the league is ready to give way to it, if we understand Lord Robert's message.

THE ONCE DESPISED **H**ENRY FORD'S chemists discover that milkweed contains rubber as good as we now import from the tropics. That isn't all. After

Henry extracts the rubber, he'll use what's left of the milkweed—in making rosin, thread and fertilizer.

For generations the milkweed has been considered a pest, good for nothing. It is becoming evident that everything in the world exists for a useful purpose, lying dormant until hard work and patience lead to discovery. Opportunity sleeps at every elbow.

Maybe you think this milkweed stuff is a new Ford joke. It isn't. Ford tells it during an interview with a reporter for the Wall Street Journal.

MORE RADIO MAGIC **A** SPEECH by President Harding will be picked up by microphones and broadcast May 10 from radio station WEAF, New York City.

The radio expert of a New York paper figures out that "from the studio to the antenna the power carrying Mr. Harding's voice will be amplified about 3,000 billion times."

If you could similarly magnify your strength, you could easily do the work of all railroad locomotives in this country.

The old-fashioned brain gets rather dizzy when it contemplates the scientific magic of 1923.

## Questions

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What are the so-called seven *sef* virtues?

Faith, hope, charity, prudence, temperance, justice and fortitude.

How many people in the United States are deaf and dumb?

About 90,000—47,000 males and 43,000 females.

Who invented algebra?

It is not known, for certain. It is said that Diophantus wrote it in 170 A. D., and he may have been the inventor. Was brought into Spain about 900. Its signs are said to have been used first in 1544, but algebra did not come into common use until 1590. Descartes applied algebra to geometry in 1637.

What was the size of the largest gold nugget ever found?

One weighing 190 pounds, found in 1858 in Australia.

What is the average amount of metallic ore produced from a ton of ore?

Four-tenths ton.

What does "mantani semper libet" mean?

"Mountaineers are always free." It is the motto of West Virginia.

What are the ceremonial observances of the flag?

It should be hoisted at sunrise, hauled down at sunset. At "retreat" civilian spectators stand at "attention" and uncover during the playing of the "Star-Spangled Banner." Military spectators stand at "attention" and give the military salute.

These are "lifers."

Not a few of their sisters in

## OLD BUCCANEER TALES TAME AS PIRACY GROWS IN MODERN RUM WAR ON SEAS

### Orphan Is Champ Marble Player



Land Gunmen Rival Water Bandits in Illicit Booze Trade

—33 Government Dry Agents Have Been Killed in Enforcing Law.

By EDWARD THIERRY

NEW YORK, April 28.—Piracy and murder are writing pages picturesque and violent in the booze history off America. No complete statistics are available of this growing crime phase, yet thrills surpassing fiction are found even in a brief and causal survey.

Smugglers, pirates, "hi-jackers," gunmen, bootleggers and bandits today furnish battle, blood and color not to be found between the covers of yesterday's dime novels.

Thirty-three Federal dry agents have been killed since enforcement began, not counting police and other city county and State officers.

Booze directly or indirectly killed seventy-two persons in New York in the first four months of 1923, according to records of the medical examiner's office; that's more than four deaths a week.

Fights with the law and internal feuds have cost the lives of many bootleggers and rum runners. Unlisted numbers have died of phonous liquors.

Here's a fortnight's characteristic booze record: Five men murdered, five drowned, one burned to death, one driven insane, two wounded, nine mysteriously missing.

Those two April weeks began with a story of piracy from Vineyard Haven, Mass. Eight bodies were washed ashore after a battle at sea, noisy enough to be heard at the distant Gay Head life saving station. The pirates' vessel got away in the fog, but the steamer John Dwight, loaded with bottled ale, sank after her boilers had blown up.

Pirates were blamed also for the mystery shrouding the fate of nine members of the crew of the schooner or Patricia M. Beman, found with sail set and anchor dragging in Great South Bay, Long Island.

Decks had been splintered by bullets and were littered with cartridges. Cabins were in disorder, as if captain and crew had left hurriedly. Were they carried away or driven into the sea? Empty whisky cases and burlap sacks were found in the looted hold, and notebook showed notations of sales of 3,918 packages of liquor. There was a case to a package, it seemed, at \$48 or \$50 a case, or some \$190,000 worth of booze.

During the same two weeks a Long Island man was found insane from

### WATSON HAS 'NOTHING AT ALL TO SAY'

### Riley's Poem Paraphrased in Connection With World Court Squabble.

By JOHN CARSON

Times Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, April 28.—The

Day after President Harding made his speech in New York, defending his proposal for participation in the international court, the doors to Senator "Jim" Watson's office were closed and locked.

The Senator had nothing to say. Immediately Riley's bit of verse was paraphrased:

"Nothing at all to say, boys, nothing at all to say."

Presidents that are in love, boys, usually have their way.

Billy Taft did before you,

When Teddy objected so strong,

Nothing at all to say, boys,

Nothing the whole day long,

It was hinted and rumored and left to be understood, however, that Senator "Jim" was going to be a peacemaker in the party. He was going to try to find a way out.

Having led up the hill in the charge on Harding's court, the next policy was to lead down the hill.

But if the rumbustings from the White House are to be properly appraised, all this will accomplish nothing. There is more than one report of plume from the White House because of Senator "Jim's" leadership, assumed and not conferred.

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At the next session of Congress, Votaw, who, by the way, is a brother-in-law of President Harding, will, with the consent of his chief, Attorney General Daugherty, press this need and ask for a suitable appropriation to cover the cost of an adequate Federal prison for women.

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