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## HEALTH TEST ON BIRTHDAY

We are asked by the National Health Council to remind folks of their birthdays. When a man reaches his anniversary day it is a good time to ask himself: "How much longer am I going to live?"

The health council says the answer depends upon the man. He may have a disease he doesn't even dream about and which he could stop if he knew about it. The sensible thing for him to do is to find out if there is anything wrong with him.

Therefore, the health council has started a health examination campaign, the slogan being: "Have a Health Examination on Your Birthday." However, no one should wait for his birthday to have it done. Do it now. It may be too late on your next birthday.

## THE MATTER WITH MEN

THE modern young man has lots of faults, but the worst of these is—conceit. This is the verdict of ninety-one out of two hundred girls recently questioned on this score. There were only four who would not find fault with him at all.

Selfishness, fondness for liquor, and a liking for money rather than culture were "copiously mentioned."

Said one young woman, "He's too anxious to get—too loath to give. Expects to be entertained. Thinks only of a good time."

From another, "Hard to talk to. He has nothing to say to a girl of intelligence."

And still a third, "Too immoral, too superficial, too egotistic."

Aside from all these things, they don't think men of today "are so bad."

## NATIVE SONS AND SUNSETS

ONE queer thing right after another seems to be happening in this Ford boom, which is rattling right along apparently without anybody at the steering wheel. Close study of the figures in the national poll now being conducted by Collier's Weekly shows that—with only one exception—he is putting all the "native sons" in the shade in their home States.

In Alabama, Ford is leading Underwood, 1,189 to 899.

In Ohio, Ford is running ahead of both Harding and Cox with 6,096 votes to their 4,108 and 2,156, respectively.

In Idaho, Ford is licking Bill Borah, 67 to 34.

In Wisconsin, Ford has 1,593 votes to 1,460 for LaFollette.

In California, faced by a three-cornered opposition, Ford has 4,710 votes to 3,278 for Johnson, 813 for McAdoo and 715 for Hoover.

In New York, Ford has lost his only State so far. With 3,903 votes, he is running behind Harding, an Ohioan, who has 5,898, and Governor Al Smith, 5,416. McAdoo, who used to live in New York before he went to California, polls only 879.

Governor Smith is the only prospective candidate that Ford so far has failed to beat in the former's home State.

Looks like some of the "native sons" are suffering a bad eclipse.

## MISS QUINCE, THE KAISER AND YOU

THE President's voyage brings a revelation. Not so very long ago, editors had a saying that a dog fight in the home town was more interesting to the American public than an earthquake killing 10,000 people in China.

And they were right, too. We did not care much for foreign news.

The election of a town marshal, or a new bridge over Goose Creek was infinitely more important as a piece of news than the doubling of the British Navy. And the arrival of the out-of-town girl, Miss Prunella Quince, daughter of the well-known Mr. and Mrs. Quince, completely laid in the shade an item about a mere Kaiser galivanting down to Palestine.

Now it's different. The President's voyage shows it. Wherever he spoke—in Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Idaho, Montana or on the Pacific coast—he found one topic was always a sure-fire hit—our joining the world court; our doing our bit to help repair the damage done to the world by the war.

Even isolationist newspapers had to admit it. The President ran the gamut, too, talking on farming, on prosperity, on capital and labor, on the railroads, on economy and on taxes, that nearest and dearest of all subjects to the pre-war voter's pocket, therefore to his heart. Yet none of these got the hand that not being a slacker in helping restore the world to normal gets.

Why this sudden change? Simply this: The last few years have taught us that the earth with its peoples is one small community, like an apple crowded with mites. One sore spot on it anywhere endangers the whole thing.

We have learned that while the Goose Creek bridge is important, because our crops are hauled to market over it, we may not have any market to haul our crops to if the outside world is in turmoil and cannot buy.

We know now that everything that goes on anywhere in the world is "local" news to us because it affects us locally and individually.

Miss Quince's visit still interests us, of course, but it probably never has upset our appetite for a single meal. But the Kaiser's trip in search of "a place in the sun," hit each and every one of us a wallop which has changed the whole course of our lives forever and for aye.

The bard was right. The world's a stage. We are all on it and "Death" is our only cue to get off.

Monte Cristo thought he owned the earth. He has many descendants.

Greatest optimist on this earth is the man who buys his next winter's coal in this weather.

Ninety per cent of the Vassar girls vote they want to wed, showing Vassar girls 90 per cent truthful.

Professor Dewey of Columbia wants to make war an international crime. We want to say to make war is an international crime.

Just about every fly we know needs swatting.

You can't be in two places at once, but if some people could, both places would be sitting down.

## SUCKERS BLED BY OIL FAKE

Promoters Clean Up \$70,000,000 Through Mail Order Frauds.

WASHINGTON, July 5.—With oceans of ink and acres of paper with which they choke the United States mails to send their tons of letters and circulars promising golden wealth to a half-million "suckers" from Maine to California, oil promoters now being tried at Ft. Worth, Texas, cleaned up no less than \$70,000,000.

One cannot realize the enormity of the fraud until he talks with Chief Inspector Rush D. Simmons, head of the Postoffice Department investigating service, whose men worked up the evidence.

Estimate Is \$100,000,000

"That represents only the amount of the money obtained by the first ninety-two men indicted," Chief Simmons said. "Our estimate of the total amount obtained by Texas fraud artists was originally \$100,000,000, but further investigations indicate the figure may be closer to \$150,000,000."

The stock promoters began work several years ago, according to Simmons.

"There was enough genuine oil production in Texas to give color of legitimacy to their fraudulent enterprises," he continued, "and crooked promoters flocked there. They often tied up with some local man."

With perhaps less capital than would be necessary to start a first-class peanut stand, "million-dollar" oil companies sprang into being.

"Dividends" Laid Out

So-called "dividends" which the stockholders though were coming from profits were almost invariably paid out on new stock sales. Frequently the wise oil promoter sent out fat "dividend" checks as mere bait, urging the sucker to return this, plus more money, and get more stock. More often than not the game worked and the promoter got his "dividend" back and some more money as well.

Eventually, the hollow shell of fraud and pretense began to collapse by its own weight. Such pretenses could not be carried on forever. Then, into the breach of suckerdom, strode the "merger" scheme to bleed the stockholders some more.

These are the days distracted women remember at the station the tickets are in the trunk.

Questions Ask The Times Answers

You can get an answer to any question of fact or information by writing to the Indianapolis Times, Washington Building, 1325 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis, Ind., inclosing 2 cents in postage.

Medical, legal, love and marriage advice can be given. Specialized research can be undertaken, or papers, speeches, etc., be prepared. Unsigned letters can be written. Letters are confidential, and receive personal replies.—Editor.

What is the nearest Mars ever comes to the earth?

34,000,000 miles.

How can I remove whitewash from concrete? Scrub with a wire brush.

When is the best time to cut black locust trees for fence posts so that they will not sprout.

The summer.

If you walked north, and kept on walking after having reached the North Pole, in which direction would you be going?

South.

Who were the original Siamese Twins? What became of them?

Chang and Eng, made famous by Barnum. They died in 1874, aged 63, at their home near Salisbury, N. C., within a few hours of each other.

Are drivers of United States mail vehicles exempt from observing traffic regulations?

No. However, some cities have voluntarily passed ordinances giving mail vehicles the same right of way as police patrols and ambulances.

When a death, illness or other accident postpones a wedding, how should the guests be notified?

The parents of the bride issues cards using a form worded in the following manner: "Mr. and Mrs. James Smith beg to recall the invitations issued for the marriage of their daughter Martha and Mr. Donald Clark on Thursday, July 16."

How much coal can a miner get out in a day? How much does he earn, and how many days a year does he work on the average?

Daily output varies from five to ten tons. As much as fifteen tons has been gotten out in a day. The miner is not paid by the day, but by the ton. The average wage is \$1.28 per ton. The average working year is 200 days. A miner does not necessarily work all of this time. Most miners average two-thirds of the 200 days. Eight hours is a working day.

Who was Hoyle, of "according to Hoyle" fame?

Edmund Hoyle, born 1672, died 1769, was an English writer on games. Of his early life nothing is definitely known, although it is asserted that he was educated for the law. For many years he lived in London, writing upon and giving instruction in games, and in 1742 he published a "Short Treatise on the Game of Whist," which went through many editions and became the world's authority. He also published works on backgammon, piquet, quadrille, brag and chess.

When Little Willie Is Full

Lady (at school treat, to Willie, who is looking unhappy):

"Why, Willie, haven't you had enough to eat?"

Willie: "Oh, yes, Ma'am: I've had enough. I feel as though I don't want all I've got!"

When Mother Is Mayor

"You have a woman mayor here?"

"Yes. She's just been elected and her husband is about the unkindest man in town."

"Why so?"

"He's told several of his friends confidentially that if his wife had the same opinion of him she had before the election he's slated for the job of dog catcher."

Heard in Smoking Room

[By an Indianian]

HERE had been some sort of a newspaper convention on, some where, and the Pullman smoker was full of editors and such. The talk got upon poetry and Indiana authors, and one of the speakers announced that one, Jay Jones (now Representative) of Martinsville, was

## TOM SIMS SAYS:

It never rains but it's a picnic somewhere.

Wishing you were an iceberg is a nice summer indoor sport.

Latest style is many little bows. They catch many big beaus.

Nice thing about hot weather is a man can't blame it on his wife.

No matter what happens at a prize fight somebody knew it would.

Many June husbands are forgetting how to drive with one hand.

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People going on vacations to forgoings shouldn't forget how poison ivy looks.

Another flier airplane is invented. Almost as safe as kicking a box of dynamite.

As a light summer pastime we suggest lying on the floor counting holes in lace curtains.

Many are taking advantage of the warm spell to watch those who leave their shades up.

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tions but a year off, char-

man of the Republican and Demo-

cratic national committees now are

actively at work for the next cam-

aign.

John T. Adams of Iowa, chairman

of the Republican committee, and

Cordell Hull of Tennessee, chairman

of the Democratic committee, each are

following the example of former G.

O. P. chairman Will H. Hays, now

one of the "master minds" of the

movies. Hays believed in an early

start. Adams and Hull are follow-

ing his example.

Regional Conference

Adams is staging a series of

regional conferences throughout the

country, meeting important officials

of the various State organizations

and developing plans for closer co-

operation between the national and

State committees.

Democrats on the other hand, fired

with enthusiasm as a result of section-

al Democratic victories throughout

the country, are just as active. Hull is

confering with important

Democratic leaders from various