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"Give Light and the People Will Find Their Own Way."—Dante.

Ed Jackson and Consistency

Wonderful indeed is the mellowing influence of time. With the passing of the years comes a broader, more tolerant outlook upon life in general, a tendency charitably to gloss over the mistakes of mankind. There seems to be so much more of the doughnut and so much less of the hole as season after season and year after year wheel by.

By no one is this more strikingly exemplified than by Ed Jackson, our Governor by grace of a technicality. He sits in the executive's chair in the State House, a serene figure, a virtuous, vindicated figure, deaf to the clamor of the State that he resign. The people, as always, are in error, when they can imagine that they are shamed by his continuance in office. Tolerance, benignity, broadmindedness—that is Ed Jackson.

But turn back three years and there we see another Ed Jackson, the grim avenger, the knight in shining armor, entering the lists for the honor of the State, which must be protected at all cost.

Earl Crawford, State highway commissioner, has been indicted, charged with irregularities in disposal of surplus war supplies. The disgrace to the State, in the casting of suspicion on one of the official family, weighs heavily upon Ed Jackson. The good name of Indiana will be smeared and smirched, covered with shame, unless Crawford resigns.

So says Ed Jackson, bubbling over with righteousness. Crawford has not been convicted. He never is convicted, a nolle prosequi being entered, because of lack of evidence.

But the finger of suspicion has been pointed at him, so Jackson asks him to resign, according to Crawford's statement, at a conference in the Governor's chamber. Crawford refuses.

Jackson writes him a letter demanding he step down. Crawford again refuses. And Jackson goes sorrowfully about his duties, bent beneath the burden of shame because this man Crawford can not see the light, and insists on remaining in office after being indicted.

That was nearly three years ago. Time has fled past and Ed Jackson constantly has grown more tolerant of man's frailties. He in turn is indicted. He goes farther. He faces trial, is engulfed in a wave of damning evidence that says he was party to the conspiracy to bribe Warren T. McCray, then squirms out, advancing only the statute of limitations as a defense.

Now, of course, remembering the righteous Ed Jackson of three years ago, in the Crawford case, he will resign. Suspicion has been cast on him. There is a stain on the State's good name if he remains in office. One clearly sees Ed Jackson on his way to renunciation—Abraham offers up Isaac.

But does Ed Jackson resign? You guess. He does not. The passing of the years has broadened our Governor. He views the world through different colored glasses. He now is superbly tolerant, splendidly forgiving. And, to prove it, he not only will retain his office, but he will allow the people to elect him to his higher office.

Consistency, thou art a jewel. But then, nowadays, even Woolworth sells jewels.

When "Lizzie Men" Fight Our Wars

There's a lot of talk nowadays, at home and abroad, about the mechanical "men" who are going to fight our wars for us. Wars, it is said, soon may become pretty nice affairs, both pleasant and safe.

Generals will sit in swivel chairs back in their gay capitals, press buttons and send machines crashing across No-Man's Land, through the skies or under the seas, to win the battle for them.

Even military men are beginning to talk that way. In England they are perfecting tanks, fortresses on wheels, several times larger than those which Sir Julian Byng employed at Cambrai, during the World War, and far more effective. The British have vast numbers of these steel war-wagers and we hear the prophecy that fleets of them will take the place of armies of men in conflicts to come.

Submarines and airships can be maneuvered by wireless, and leading scientific men predict a time when neither sea nor air craft will need human crews, but only somebody to direct them from the kind of a reply Humphrey made.

There has been a widespread belief that Humphrey is wholly unfit for the public office he now holds. His letter clinches the belief. He should be removed at once from the Federal Trade Commission by the President. He shames the Government.

The Good Old Days

Comparisons of present-day youth with the youth of an earlier generation do not cease. There are still plenty of people who believe that young people today cut a sorry figure when contrasted with their fathers and mothers at the same age.

But listen now to President James Rowland Angell of Yale, who has been studying young men for a good many years. Comparing present-day students with those of preceding years, President Angell said this to the alumni:

"I have yet to hear any competent observer whose experience goes back to an appreciably earlier day, fail to agree that, with due allowance for obvious exceptions, the students of our time seem, on the average, distinctly superior to those of his own in breadth of outlook, sincerity, range and vividness of intellectual interest and essential stability of character."

After which, it goes without saying, a comparatively small expeditionary force could complete the job. But here again human life is the deciding

BRIDGE ME ANOTHER

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BY W. W. WENTWORTH

(Abbreviations: A—ace; K—king; Q—queen; J—jack; X—any card lower than 10.)

1. How do you apply the "Rule of Eleven?"

2. When the dummy holds A X X with Q X in declarer's hand, how should he finesse?

3. When should you not hesitate to put your partner in the position of being over-trumped by declarer?

4. **THE ANSWERS**

1. Deduct the number of the card led from eleven. The answer is the number of cards higher than the one led which are not in the leader's hand.

2. By leading a small card from dummy and finessing Q.

3. When you can force opponent's high card from dummy, thus preventing a losing discard.

Times Readers Voice Views

The name and address of the author must accompany every contribution, but on request will not be published. Letters exceeding 300 words will receive preference.

To the Editor:

I would like to bring to your notice a matter that I believe would be of interest to the public, the truth with regards to the charitable associations of Indianapolis and public welfare.

I believe that the citizens of Indianapolis donate their money with the understanding that any one found in need and worthy of help is to be given aid, but such is not the case. I find that some are taken care of, while others could not put out help with a crowbar.

When they ask for aid they are put through a third degree that makes one think that they are being suspected of being crooks of the lowest type. Welfare bodies grasp at any excuse like a drowning man at a straw to keep from giving aid to a dead and worthy family.

There is in Indianapolis today a man, his wife and four children, who came here some seven or eight months ago from another city, after reading the Indianapolis papers and the bright prospects offered by city boosters. Things looked lovely, so the father decided this was a good place to locate. He came here, not as a moocher on the city, but with \$300, and this, he had a right to believe would carry him through until he could get a job, but up to the present time he has had five days' work and his little savings are gone. Not knowing where their next meal was to come from, the family appealed to the welfare workers of the city, without success, then to the Salvation Army, but they were told they could do nothing as the Army's hands were tied, as they were listed at the welfare bureau.

Can you believe this from a so-called Christian organization?

This is a fine boat for them and the city. The papers send out boosts to draw people here, they come, spend their little savings, go broke, get a kick, and told to get out. Given the choice of "starve or get out," they told this man (and others who interceded for him) that they could not give the family anything to eat, but would help them back where they came from.

Now this would cost quite a sum. Why not use this sum in helping them get a foothold here? The father has always been a sober, steady worker. He was crippled in the mines, but has asked odds of no one. But this State, as well as others, has passed laws making paupers of cripples, as he has been told here that the industrial board does not allow factories to employ cripples without first getting its consent; therefore it is easier to turn them away than to get the board's consent.

Isn't it enough to kill the spirit of a man to tell him he is of no use because he is crippled?

What are we coming to when we allow such conditions to exist? We do not question the charity workers as to what is done with the vast sums donated to relieve the suffering of the poor and needy, nor how much goes to pay the fat salaries of the charity workers, who sit in their nice warm offices and do not hesitate to turn down a person asking for food, even knowing little innocent ones may be suffering.

They are getting theirs, so why worry over others? The only thing they worry over is how they can squeeze a little more out of the sum donated by the people to increase the already easy money they are getting.

The next charity drive will be a few thousand short because of this one case alone. It is going to be made known to people who have donated liberally in the past. This man can be found at 124 N. New Jersey St. Would be glad to have you investigate. H. F. CREON.

124 N. New Jersey St.

To the Editor:

I noticed in Wednesday's Times an article stating the Indianapolis Public Service Company had petitioned the Public Service Commission for permission to issue over \$400,000 five per cent bonds at 98 cents on the dollar, the proceeds to cover money spent in betterments during 1926 and 1927.

Can you inform the public as to whether the money expended came out of the rates paid and what becomes of the proceeds of the issue (if permitted)—is it in the nature of a snowball?

Also, why are water company gold bonds worth only 98 cents on the dollar when gas company preferred stock is snapped up eagerly at a price above par?

Very truly yours,
ARTHUR W. SMITH.
3946 Park Ave.

What is the nationality of Roland Colman, the movie star?

He was born in Richmond, Surrey, England.

What is the area of North America?

8,589,257 square miles.

On what date did Easter Sunday fall in 1907?

March 31.



THE STORY OF CIVILIZATION

'End of World' Cry Brings Terror

Written for The Times by Will Durant

K NIGHTHOOD and chivalry were discouraged, in some measure the flowers that grew in this dark soil, watered with the blood and tears of fifty million slaves. Since the poetry of feudal life centered around the exploits of war and love, the feudal baron prided himself on the power of his lance and the beauty of his lady.

He practised the art of killing in tournament and jousts; and since armour made medieval battle safer than modern sport, he saw to it that peace should never long prevail;

periodically he found reasons for leading his vassals (minor lords who managed land held in fief for him) against some neighboring baron whose adjoining territory invited chivalric robbery.

A blow on the cheek made him a knight, a horse and a mistress made him a chevalier. He kept his word with his friends, though he sometimes broke it with his enemies, especially if they were "heathen"; with infidels, if he felt there need be no fidelity.

He praised woman as a deity in his verse, but in the prose of every day he looked upon her as a necessary evil, or as occasionally the pleasant instrument of the devil; when he left her for distant journeys he put her charms under strict surveillance, and saw to it that the double standard should be honorably maintained.

Feudalism was at its height when the world almost came to an end in the year 1000. Throughout Europe the end of the tenth century had been awaited with terror as the millennium that would bring the last judgment and the destruction of the world; and even those who hoped for heaven, unaccountably feared the premature arrival of their deity.

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TRACY

SAYS:

"The Rag Bags and Garbage Cans of the United States Would Not Only Feed and Clothe Whole Nations, but Supply Them With Luxuries."

While we throw away thousands of automobile tires other people put them up for sandals. If you doubt it get the consular reports from Salzburg and Mexico City.

The picture of avoidable waste is no less pathetic than that of unavoidable thrift.

The rag bags and garbage cans of the United States would not only feed and clothe whole nations, but supply them with luxuries.

We have our spots of poverty and unemployment to be sure, but they are nothing to what is common in some lands.

It is a good thing to pause now and then and recall how "the other half" lives; not the other half of your own town, but the other half of the world; the half who to