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

Sightseeing

For two months the editor of this paper looked upon the historic and artistic treasures of Italy and France.

He looked upon Mussolini as he sat in his capacity of five members of the cabinet, which means dictatorship, as he opened a parliament composed of those who did nothing, said nothing and wrote nothing but what he dictated.

He traveled in trains patrolled by soldiers whose chief duty it was to see that even in the moving cars no word of criticism was uttered against government by force.

He saw the ruins of ancient Rome, the spots where men have triumphed for a brief hour of history and then passed on, forgotten. He went into the caves where Nero listened to the Cumean Sybil and where Dante, in his mad love, wandered in search of his Beatrice, believing that he could rescue her from the journey across the Styx.

He saw the work of great dreamers, immortal in canvas and in marble.

He rode over highways that had lasted for centuries. He visited the spots where civilizations have risen and then fallen to decay.

He saw countries ruled by soldiers. He saw men fear to speak. He lived in a land where protest must be less than whisper and where men disappear into the cells of prisons for daring to be men.

Everywhere, there was pride in the monuments, pride in the history, pride in the beauty of historic treasure.

It was all so interesting, very interesting, it was so easy to understand, easy for the guides to explain.

Sightseeing in Indianapolis, on return, is also interesting. But it is so hard to understand.

What would a guide say were he to wander into the State House and after pointing to the dome, begin to show the sources of pride?

What would he say when he pointed to the office of the Governor? Would he say that here we have the only man in all history who has headed a great State and whose title to the office and indeed to his own liberty, rests upon the fact that he successfully hid the evidence of his crime for a period of two years?

There, indeed, is something to be proud of. That truly is distinctively the possession of the State. When pitying the people of Italy, who must either whisper or disappear, for their lack of courage to face a firing squad, to defend their citizenship, what shall be said of a State which consents to rest under the shame of being governed by a man who escaped a cell by a plea that the statute of limitations had run against his crime?

There are distinctions that are at least not to be envied.

There are other things in the State House, of course, which would prove interesting to the visitor.

Instead of original letters of dead men, there are official files which are rapidly becoming quite as ancient and quite as venerable.

There is the record, for instance, of the case against the head of the Anti-Saloon League, charged with attempting to use his political influence to terrorize a court, which still awaits decision. Perhaps some local guide can explain to an inquisitive traveler, or even inquisitive citizen, a reason for delay in a decision in a land where speedy justice is guaranteed to every citizen and where no man should rest under such an imputation.

The primaries will be held early in May.

The Ohio Game Goes On

The determination of supporters of the late Senator Willis to go on with the fight in Ohio won't surprise anybody who understands Ohio politics, and particularly, the kind of politics of some of the professionals who pretended to be for Willis.

They are eminently "practical," so practical in fact that they gathered together at a funeral to arrange their plans to carry on; and they have made plain what this newspaper has claimed right along—that some of the most enthusiastic supporters of Willis were not sincerely for him at all, but were using his popularity in Ohio to get delegates who would cast a few complimentary ballots for the favorite son and then get back of the bedroom, midnight choice.

And they hoped it would be Dawes.

If they really were interested in Republican harmony and victory at the coming election, they might gracefully have joined forces with the Republican rank and file of Ohio and helped elect a solid Hoover delegation to the national convention.

Their policy is a selfish policy, which means, practically, rule or ruin. They don't think they can run Hoover. So they join the favorite son crowd of other States and will make a fight for delegates who will play the game of first blocking Hoover, and then picking a candidate in secret conference—something the people won't stand for this year so submissively as they did in 1920.

The criticism does not apply to those of the rank and file of Ohio Republicanism who were sincerely supporting Willis and hoping for his nomination at Kansas City. It applies to Carmi Thompson, Harry Daugherty and others who were trying to play the game of 1920 and were for Willis only as a means to an end.

The Invisible Party Line

The partisan conscience is unusually elastic this year in California. The explanation of a largely increased Democratic registration is that thousands of Republicans registered as Democrats so they can take a hand in a real fight, Hoover's victory at the Republican primary being taken for granted.

In Frisco, Democrats are jubilant, because they think it means that Republicans want to vote for Smith. But in drier sections it may work the other way around. You never can tell.

As there has been a tremendous growth in the business of growing wine grapes since prohibition, the growers may join bootleggers, the Anti-Saloon League, and others who find profit in prohibition and follow the leadership of Evangelist McAdoo and the hosts of righteousness.

Anyhow, no matter which candidates benefit by the switch, it is interesting to note the ease with which Republicans and Democrats slip across the invisible line that divides the two old parties.

Probably no one finds that he feels any different or suffers any violent change in his political convictions when he crosses the line. Even scientists couldn't find the difference between a Democrat and a Republican, while the difference between such Republicans as Senators Norris and Smoot and such Democrats as Smith and McAdoo is visible to the naked eye.

But it is a sign of growing political health, because it means more independent and intelligent voting.

Big Bill Tells 'Em

"So long as there's prohibition, there'll be pinapples," declared Big Bill Thompson, in an interview explaining Chicago crime.

"Pinapples," it should be explained, is thieves' language for bombs. The mayor spoke of the parties who "cook alcohol" and of the "dimie" who didn't "come through."

These phrases refer to the practice of rendering potable the denatured alcohol of trade, and the collection of bribes and graft for protection of the illicit industry. The "dimie" is the party who figures as go-between.

When a "dimie" collects and does not give the protection promised, he is, according to the ethics of the underworld, "bumped off," that is, assassinated.

What the eminent Bill intended to say was what has been intimated from time to time in these columns, namely, that prohibition has created a lucrative industry which is beyond the law and that the disputes in that industry are settled out of court.

There is the pineapple on the back porch, the gunman who shoots from cover without warning, the machine gun, the blackjack and other implements by which one man imposes his will upon another.

Mayor Thompson speaks as one having intimate knowledge of these matters and we are glad to have his corroboration. If asked for a way out, it might be that Mayor Thompson also would suggest following what the Canadians have done.

Thank You, Mr. Morrow

Announcement from Mexico City that the Mexican and United States Governments have at last reached full agreement on the long-vexing oil problem is as encouraging a bit of news as has been printed in months.

In the past, the oil problem has always arisen to cloud the relations between the two nations. If it has finally been disposed of with satisfaction to both sides, as seems evident, the greatest barrier to harmony has been removed.

To United States Ambassador Dwight Morrow and President Calles of Mexico, go the sincere thanks of both nations for having found a solution. They have measurably advanced the cause of peace in the new world.

—David Dietz on Science.

Synthetic Theories

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SCIENCE today is going through one of the most interesting phases in its history. It might be termed a phase of synthesis or perhaps a phase of readjustment.

What is happening is that two theories developed in entirely different parts of the field of science suddenly turn into each other. Apparently they are antagonistic. It looks as though one or both must be wrong.

But along comes a genius who evolves a new theory by which the other two are reconciled and by which a little more of the marvelous nature of the universe is revealed.

Such a theory is the new Schrodinger wave mechanics, the last word in scientific theories and theories which, in the opinion of many authorities, brings us a little closer to understanding the nature of the physical universe.

Four important theories have been developed in the last twenty-five years. We must bear these in mind if we are to understand wave mechanics, for wave mechanics is built upon them.

The first one is the Bohr theory of the atom. According to this theory, every atom is a miniature solar system. There is a central nucleus composed of a mixture of positive and negative electrons. Other negative electrons revolve around this nucleus like planets revolving around the sun.

The second theory is the quantum theory. According to this theory, radiant energy, like light, X-rays, the gamma rays of radium and so on, are made up of little driplets or bullets of energy called a quantum.

The third is the Einstein theory. According to this theory, space and time are united into a four-dimensional universe or space-time. Space-time is wrapped by the presence of matter. Gravitation is the manifestation of this warping or curving of space-time and measurements of length and time vary with the amount of warping or curving.

The fourth is the theory of the equivalence of mass and energy. According to this theory, mass and energy are merely different manifestations of some more fundamental entity and it is believed that under the proper conditions mass or matter can be converted into energy or energy back into mass. This theory had its start in the work of James Clerk Maxwell, who first pointed out the nature of light.

We shall see next how the theory of wave mechanics was built upon these foundation stones and what the theory means.



J. CLERK MAXWELL

Questions and Answers

You can get an answer to any question of fact or information by writing to Frederick M. Kirby, Question Editor, The Indianapolis Times, Washington Bureau, 1322 New York Ave., Washington, D. C., enclosing two cents in stamps for reply. Medical and legal advice cannot be given. No extended research is made. All other questions will receive personal attention. Unsolicited questions cannot be answered. All letters are confidential. You are cordially invited to make use of this free service as often as you please.

EDITOR.

Was the American flag originally designed to have a star for every State?

The design of the flag was outlined in a congressional resolution passed on June 14, 1777, which states "that the flag was to be thirteen alternate stripes of red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing the new constellation." At first a new stripe and a new star was added for each new State, but soon it was realized that the flag would grow too large, so on April 4, 1818, Congress passed a resolution reducing the number of stripes to thirteen, once more representing the original colonies, and providing that a new star be added to the field when a new State was admitted to the Union. Since that time the original thirteen stripes have been retained and we now have forty-eight stars.

If the eclipse of the sun is caused by the moon getting between the sun and the earth, why is it that there is not an eclipse every month?

There would be an eclipse every time the moon comes to the phase known as new, if it were not for the fact that the path of the moon about the earth and the path of the earth around the sun are not in the same plane, but incline to each other at an angle of 5-1/2 degrees. In addition, perturbations due to various causes result in a distinct and well-marked deviation from the moon's course.

What is "fourmaline"?

It is a transparent silicate with a vitreous luster, commonly black or brownish or bluish-black, but sometimes blue, green, red or colorless. Certain varieties are red externally and green internally, while still others are red at one extremity and green, blue or black at the other. The stone is found in Burma, Ceylon, India and Brazil, and in the United States, splendid specimens occurring in Maine. They are also found in New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut and California.

In parliamentary procedure what is the motion "the previous motion"?

It is a motion to close debate, and to put the immediately pending question to a vote, and usually it is offered when the original motion has become submerged in a mass of amendments. The "previous question" is not susceptible of debate, and is mandatory upon the chair to submit a question to the vote, whether the assembly wishes to vote on the pending motion or not.

What do the names Effe and Euphemia mean?

Effe is of Celtic origin and means "heart's devotion." Euphemia is Greek and means "fair fame."

On what day of the week did March 19, 1910, fall?

Saturday.

Times Readers Voice Views

The name and address of the author must accompany every contribution, but on request will not be published. Letters not exceeding 200 words will receive preference.

Editor Times:

Has law and principle and justice no place in State or city government in this day and age? How can our councilmen, whom we trust to be men of high character, be taken to task for betraying trust, then come pawing up to our esteemed prosecutor and say "Don't punish us, let us go scot-free for this wrong?" The very suggestion that they be permitted to plead guilty to malfeasance charges and escape punishment by paying \$1,000 fine is adequate to convince any citizen of their guilt. The fact that Boynton Moore, who has admirably been starred in the role of the goat, now faces a probable sentence of two to twenty-one years in prison, has had sufficient strength to bluff the remaining guilty ones into action.

Those men who betrayed the public trust do not deserve consideration of any kind in any form. If they were men of good principle to begin with, this bribery scandal would never have come up, and if they were even good crooks they would accept their punishment and not whine, for even criminals realize that crime must be punished by one law or other. Men who fear not the taint of bribe money need have no fear of prison; that's what prisons were made for.

It is high time citizens of Indianapolis awoke to the realization that for once demand that justice be done. It is time the various civic leagues get together and see that such men are removed from office and that men capable of handling a council job are installed. This city and State has been given an overdose of partyism and factionalism by this time each and every citizen should be converted to the cause of the City Manager League. It is our one and only hope of hauling the fair name of our State out of the mire in which factionalism has placed it. The only avenue of escape from the ruin and despair that come of sin and crime; purgatory is the recognition of error, it is self-discipline and self-reformation, it is the painful effort to acquire and practice wisdom; paradise is the possession and enjoyment of knowledge and beauty of life; these are the stages in the Pilgrim's Progress of the human soul. Had not Dante known all the sufferings of hell in his outcast life? Had he not sought through a thousand tortments the guidance of wisdom (Virgil) to the blessedness of love (Beatrice)? By knowledge, he thinks, we can make our way out of hell; but only by wisdom and love can we enter into happiness.

So, after Virgil has taken him through purgatory, whose inhabitants are in pain, and yet joyful with the sense of their movement toward liberation, the Roman poet leaves him at the gates of heaven; he, knowledge, can take him only to the gates; now wisdom and love must lead him. (We are reminded of Dostoevsky's definition of hell as the condition of one who is unable to love.)

Beatrice comes, and ushers him into paradise; the ending is happy and so wins the name of Comedy, according to the usage of the time, for this humorous epic of human suffering.

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A voter.
MARGARET O. STEARNS.

The Only Practice He's Had!



THE STORY OF CIVILIZATION

Dante Finds Peace From Passions

Written for The Times by Will Durant

ST. Bernard had preached the reality of hell fire with sadistic severity; St. Thomas Aquinas had written, "The blessed in glory will have no compassion on the damned, for that would impugn God's justice." Is it any wonder that that blood-thirsty god is dead, and that mankind today is struggling to re-conceive deity in a nobler image?

There is something a little fulsome, then, in Ruskin's praise of Dante's character: "The central man of all the world, as representing in perfect balance the imaginative, moral and intellectual faculties, all at their highest, is Dante." Let us not deceive ourselves: no man was ever more revengeful and bitter; in the "Inferno" is the Bible of Dante's vengeance, a pamphlet in the war of Guelph and Ghibelline; Dante invents hell, as man invented it, that his enemies might have a last resting place; it is a repository providentially designed for those who have opposed or differed from him in this world.

We can understand why Voltaire, with his brilliant exaggeration, wrote to Father Bottinelli: "I estimate highly the pleasure with which you take to say that Dante was a madman and his work a monstrosity"; and why, he could add, in the "philosophical dictionary," "The Italians call him divine; but it is a hidden divinity; few people understand his oracles. He has composed a great point of light, radiating in every direction, and moving all things. God is light and truth."

And that should not know that they all have delight. As much as their own vision penetrates. The truth, in which all intellect finds From this it may be seen how blessedness is found in the faculty which sees. And not in that which loves, and follows next.

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"LITERALLY," says Dante of his terrible Comedy, "the subject is the state of souls after death, taken simply. If, however, the work is accepted allegorically, the subject is man, according as by merit or demerit through freedom of choice he is subject to justice, rewarding or punitive."

And in the "onvivio" he writes of one of his poems: "since the literal sense is sufficiently explained, it is time to proceed to the allegorical and true explanation."

What then is the allegorical "and true" explanation of the Inferno? Essentially it is a description of the actual states of man on earth. Hell is the ruin and despair that come of sin and crime; purgatory is the recognition of error, it is self-discipline and self-reformation, it is the painful effort to acquire and practice wisdom; paradise is the possession and enjoyment of knowledge and beauty of life; these are the stages in the Pilgrim's Progress of the human soul. Had not Dante known all the sufferings of hell in his outcast life? Had he not sought through a thousand tortments the guidance of wisdom (Virgil) to the blessedness of love (Beatrice)? By knowledge, he thinks, we can make our way out of hell; but only by wisdom and love can we enter into happiness.

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of heaven; our earthly life, as Schopenhauer argued, gives us more material for a description of hell than a description of perfect bliss.

Even Beatrice, for whose beauty and kindness we have waited some sixty-seven cantos, turns out to be a frigid statue of conscious virtue and No! me tangere. Do-not-touch-me, loveliness; she dares not smile says Dante, with the preciosity of the troubadours, lest she be shriveled up in the brilliance that would come upon her; and her last words to Dante are a ruthless denunciation of his sins.

It is a little too perfect, and we long for the warmth and vivacity of hell. Shelly differs from us; "Dante's apotheosis of Beatrice," he says, "and the graduations of his own love and her loveliness by which, as by steps, he feigns himself to be ascended to the throne of the supreme cause, is the most glorious imagination of modern poetry."

SO DANTE rises through successive planets and heavens to the presence of God. At every step the light is increased, for light is the chief element in his conception of paradise, as wisdom is the chief element in his conception of happiness. At last the full light floods him, and he knows the Beatific Vision: "My vision now undimmed, more and more entered the beam of light which in itself is Truth." He sees, at the summit of the heavens, a great point of light, radiating in every direction, and moving all things. God is light and truth.

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1. The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, or a given number of strokes. Thus, to change COW to HEN in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEN, HEN.

2. You can change only one letter at a time.

3. You must have a complete word of common usage for each jump. Sling words and abbreviations don't count.

4. The order of letters can not be changed.

D	A	R	K
M	A	R	K
M	A	R	L
M	A	I	L
F	A	I	L
F	A	I	R

TRACY

M. E.

SAYS:

"We Admire the Man Who Does Things, No Matter How He Does Them. Success Has Become the Safest Alibi of Crooks."

The Thompson-Crowe-Small machine is not looking to beer runners, bootleggers and anti-Britishers for victory in Chicago.

All the yelling to save this country from King George is for no other purpose than to keep up the racket.

Back of the flap-doodle and balderdash there is a more effective argument.

"Big Bill, the Builder" is the slogan that Chicago's fat mayor and his associates are betting on to pull them through.

Getting Things Done

To read the news coming out of Chicago the last few weeks one would imagine the "Windy City" had fallen blindly in love with a bunch of crooks.

That is why outsiders find it difficult to understand the situation. To them it looks as though there were no issue but crime, graft and corruption; that the Thompson-Crowe-Small machine had no excuse to offer for its existence except a blatant degree of friendliness toward the elements of vice.

Talking to Chicagoans, however, or at least some of them, one gets a different story.

"Well," they will say, "conditions probably could be improved, but this chap Thompson gets things done—pays streets, puts in sewers, fixes up the parks and encourages business."

Era of Jazz

From the standpoint of clean government, such an argument seems pitifully weak, but it has come to be listened to with profound respect in this land of bobbed hair, jazz, anti-evolution laws and home-brew.

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Prosperity at Any Price

Prof. Andre Siegfried of France has written a book about us which many people do not like.

They don't like it because it is too penetrating, tells too much of the truth and exposes our faults with painful candor.

"In its pursuit of wealth and power," says Professor Siegfried, "America has abandoned the ideal of liberty to follow that of prosperity."

Nothing proves that more vividly than the political strength of such men and machines as now rule Chicago.

Unpunished murderers are forgotten, a mounting crime wave is ignored and dens of vice are tolerated for the sake of upholding an administration which spends money, provides work and makes the city believe it is progressive.

Nation Is Over-Anxious

Every community in America suffers from the same complex and can be hoodwinked in the same way.

Fifty years ago the people were buying watered stock, subscribing to foolish contracts and winking at corrupt practices in order to get railroads.

Just now they are so anxious for electricity because of the industrial development, they prize the fact that they are ready to bind themselves by any kind of an agreement and shy at measures which are necessary to protect their own interests for fear it will slow up the game.

Necessity for Graft

The notion has become widespread that prosperity cannot be had without graft, that the big boys will not promote legitimate business without a rake-off and that honesty means slack times.

Thousands of Chicagoans fear that they would not get paved streets and skyscrapers if bootlegging were to be stopped.

Unprecedented Scandals

Nothing affords crime and crookedness such a degree of protection in the United States today as the feeling that they cannot be suppressed without hurting prosperity.

Prosperity has actually blinded this country to the significance of some of the worst political scandals that have cropped out since it was established.

During the last four years we have been treated to exposures without precedent. There is nothing in our history to compare with the attempted theft of such properties as Teapot Dome and Elk Hills, with the debauchery of the Pennsylvania and Illinois primaries, with the crooked transactions in alien property and with the mismanagement of the veterans' bureau.

Dangerous Incincerity

We have seen three Cabinet members forced to resign under fire, and we have seen one of them escape conviction by a hung jury. We have seen an alien property custodian found guilty and a chief of the veterans' bureau sent to jail. We have seen two oil magnates dragged into court with an ex-Secretary of the Interior.

The pathetic part of it is that we have seen such things without getting more than mildly interested. Prosperity has dulled our senses to what they imply.

Our civilization is not only wrong, but doomed, if we cannot be well off without working at dishonesty, or have a progressive Government without shutting our eyes to lawlessness.

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. What is the quick trick value of K X X X X X?
2. Partner not having bid, what do you lead against a suit bid when you hold A K?
3. Partner not having bid, what do you lead against a suit bid, when you hold A K J?

The Answers

1. One-half quick trick.
2. A.
3. K.

They Say

South Bend News-Times

The presence of Arthur Robinson in the Senate of the United States, where he is daily hurling insults at men, living and dead