

It Seems to Me

by
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EVERY other month or so the Daughters used to meet at our house. I'm not sure it was the authentic D. A. R. As I remember, my mother belonged to a bootleg branch simply called the Daughters of the Revolution. It was easier to get into. One organization demanded that you present an ancestor on both male and female sides, while with us just one revolutionist was sufficient to make you eligible.

We could find only one of our clan who had fought in the Continental army, but he was a general. Years later I looked up his military record, and now I never mention him. But about a half a century ago, when we lived in a brownstone house in W. 87th st., I was taught to say: "My great-great-grandfather fought in the American Revolution."

I didn't pull it very much, and only under provocation. My chum, Vinnie Frank, down the block, used to tell me that his people were specially chosen by God. And at such times I used to trot out Gen. Sterling. I regarded it then, as I regard it now, as a pretty feeble sort of comeback, although in those days I did not know that the general led one of the most pell-mell retreats in the entire war, galloping like mad at the head of his troops until bawled out by George Washington.

By Courtesy of the General

STILL the general was good enough to keep us in the Daughters of the Revolution. We couldn't dig up anybody through the male line because my father was English. He didn't seem to take the Daughters very seriously. When they held their meeting at our house in the afternoon, he often refrained from coming home for dinner. But if he did he never failed to pull a long-standing wheeze. "Were there many killed?" he would ask politely.

My brother and I thought that was very funny, but in the course of years my mother got a little bored with it. In all fairness to her and to the rest of the Daughters I must admit that they didn't raise much hell around the house. And even if they had I would have been in no position to complain, because my mother never refused when I asked, "Can I have the Silent Nine meet here next Thursday night?"

However, my brother and myself did have a grudge against the Daughters. We would be told to play outside or, at any rate, not to make much noise during their sessions. They met in the dining room, and from behind the pantry door you could get a pretty good view of what was going on and also swipe the ice cream which people left upon their plates.

Cakes and Conversation

IRVING and I got bored with the proceedings pretty early. The activities seemed to be almost entirely cultural. People read poems and papers, and I believe one of the ladies played the piano and several sang. But you could hear much better songs at Percy G. Williams' Circle Theater any Monday afternoon for a quarter. It was exciting only when they were electing a second vice president or something. Then some of them would raise their voices and wave their arms. Still my father was only joking when he used to ask, "Were there many killed?"

At the age of 10 I did not take the Daughters of the Revolution very seriously. If they had undertaken to discuss politics and hand out ukases as to how the country should be saved I would have been just about as shocked as if they had told dirty stories. May I add hastily that the Daughters did neither? And I still think that it would be an excellent idea for the D. A. R. to go back to poems, soprano solos and lady fingers.

Your Health

BY DR. MORRIS FISHBEIN

THE liver is the largest organ in the body. It weighs three of four pounds and is really the factory in which a good deal of the most important chemistry of the body is carried out.

Blood vessels come into the liver bringing materials from the bowels, which the liver then works over into useful substances. One of the main purposes of the liver is to remove from the body a good deal of poisonous material. It also develops sugar materials.

Your gallbladder is situated just under cover of the lower border of your liver. The gallbladder is not a very big organ. It holds one or two ounces of bile. The liver forms the bile and passes a good deal of it into the intestines, but some of it is stored in the gallbladder.

ONE of the most serious diseases that can affect the liver is cirrhosis, or hardening. This comes from various types of poisoning, including alcoholic poisoning.

The most serious acute disease that can occur in the liver is development of an abscess either from ordinary bacteria or from such organisms as cause dysentery. The amebic abscess of the liver is associated with amebic dysentery.

Once it was thought that most of the common illnesses of mankind were due to deficient functioning of the liver. Liver pills were consumed in great amounts, the difficulty being, however, not with the liver, but with action of the intestines.

Most liver pills were merely laxative or cathartic pills which speeded up the bowel action.

Fortunately the human body is built with factors of safety. We have about seven times as much liver as is needed to carry on the work of the body. Therefore, damage to the liver may go on for some time without loss of life.

It is well, however, to take care of such conditions promptly because progressive damage of the liver is certain to result in death.

Today's Science

BY DAVID DIETZ

DESPITE the rapid strides which American scientists have made since the turn of the century, Professor Roger Adams of the University of Illinois, president of the American Chemical Society, says that the European scientist is still surpassing his American colleague in the quality and output of experimental research.

Peculiarly favorable conditions favor the European scientist, Professor Rogers says, adding that the handicaps attending scientific achievement in an American university can be surmounted only by "those individuals who have a genuine love for science, originality and profound ambition to succeed in research."

This will come as a surprising statement to many persons who have taken it for granted that opportunities for research now are superior in this country.

The young foreign scientist has a distinct advantage over the young American in his opportunity to demonstrate his ability and to accomplish results with the aid of assistants. Professor Adams continues, "He is not hampered by an overload of teaching and other educational university duties."

THE young American, with his doctorate completed, may or may not continue for one or two years as National Research Council fellow. His first employment, if he is fortunate, is that of instructor in a large university.

His duties, Professor Adams continues, "are generally to teach elementary courses, frequently not in his field of specialization, to supervise laboratory work, and, in addition, if he has the initiative, to undertake independent research."

The task of preparing lectures and delivering them properly is time and energy consuming, and his research must be a side issue, but a very important one, as it will affect his later promotion.

In most instances no assistants are available to him, and his research must be accomplished entirely alone. On the evidence that he is a successful teacher, and that he has demonstrated his ability in research, he is promoted in rank, and is then often relieved of part of his teaching duties."

The Story Behind the Ethiopian War



Benito Mussolini

BLACK SHIRT ■■■■■ BLACK SKIN

By BOAKE CARTER

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though the British stamp the head of their king on seals, official documents and postage stamps, Selassie prefers the lion, rather than a picture of himself.

The city is a city of smells. Until a few years ago, it had no drainage—the new system in there now being one of the results of Selassie's travels into the outside world.

Public health is waging an uphill battle. The public baths of Addis Ababa would bring consternation to those bright custodians of America's public morals on nudism and nudists camps, if they were to suddenly bob up in Ethiopia.

For in the pool, maybe at noontime, maybe in the late afternoon, half a hundred or more men and women—all as naked as the day they were born—splash about, and wash to the accompaniment of yowls and shrieks.

And the nudists in the United States claim that there is never the slightest indication of self-consciousness in their back-to-nature-and-mosquitoes camps, but they ought to go to Addis Ababa to see how it's really done.

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If the European stays out after 8 o'clock, then let him keep his eyes peeled for robbers. For they are plentiful. Also lepers walk about creating as much general concern as a fly.

Ethiopia is not a land of prohibition. The drunks have the dynamite of a mule's hind leg, and there is no shortage. Drunks are common sights. Selassie doesn't like it. So one of his new rules is that all drinking emporiums are to be shut down at 8 o'clock.

This was patterned after the English rule, where bars close up at a certain hour at night, re-open in the morning, close again around noon, and then open up again a short time before evening. So the wily ones who like the liquor in Addis Ababa get around the law neatly and effectively.

When the doors are locked at 8 o'clock—they just simply stay inside and imbibe to their heart's content all night. Clever, these Ethiopians.

THE sight of three or four men chained to another man, coming down the street leads the uninitiated to believe that here comes a cop and his three prisoners. Not so. It is a creditor, leading his three debtors.

If the creditor in Ethiopia believes that his debtor is likely to beat a sudden retreat before he pays his bill, he has the debtor chained up to him, so as to make certain he won't get away. Domestic and debt slavery is the rule in Ethiopia.

Court proceedings, before Selassie made an effort to establish an orderly system of justice were of the impromptu variety. In fact, outside of Addis Ababa, they are still as simple, direct and elemental as ever.

Court may be held suddenly on the street corner, in the gutter or

DOGS abound in prolific numbers. They scavenge and their great competitors are hyenas. The hyenas and the town dogs converge on the refuse dumps of each little village—and the quiet of the night is made hideous by the howls, growls and shrill laughs of these animals as they fight to the death for scraps with monotonous regularity.

It is not an uncommon sight to see dogs, mules, goats and chickens, plus the family, all in one big mud-and-thatch room.

Beggars greet one almost everywhere. The Arabs have called Abyssinia Bilad-Wa-Issi—"Land of Give Me Something."

Some Ethiopians are anxious to



With war drums beating for general mobilization, these wild Moslem irregulars from the interior of Ethiopia marched with tireless stride toward the frontier to meet the Italian invaders. Barefoot and armed with a variety of weapons, they streamed through the streets of Addis Ababa, a strange sight beneath the modern signs which adorned the fronts of the buildings they passed.

they arrived by steamer. The boxes were stowed on the Englishman's river boat and the return journey began. Alive with curiosity, some of the natives opened one of the boxes.

Out jumped a rabbit.

And, with wild shriek of terror, overboard went the Ethiopians. Only with the greatest of difficulty did the Englishman ever entice his men back on deck. They listened to his explanation of the rabbits and their harmless qualities.

But the Ethiopians were unconvinced. They claimed the rabbit was bewitched and therefore dangerous. For any animal that twitches its nose like a tarantula, had ears like a donkey and a tail like a goat was certainly bewitched!

THE aristocracy dress in white.

They are completely covered to all intents and purposes, in great contrast to their fellow natives. Their costumes are of cotton or of silk—the silk denoting usually either a rich man or a noble. The tunic is tight, the sleeves long. The trousers look unlike Indian jodhpurs.

Over all this comes a long mantle, wrapped around the shoulders and throat and extending down to knee level. It makes the wearers look as though they have kilts.

When you see a lean, athletic looking upper class Amharic wearing these pure white clothes, you see a worthwhile picture of a splendid human specimen. When the clothes are dirty—and that's often—they look awful.

Differences in caste are recorded by the number of colored bands round the throat and the colors themselves. At other times, the way the mantle is worn conveys the indication of what type of individual is the wearer.

The ignorant—the ordinary Joannite Q. Publics as it were—are not allowed to ape the higher-ups. They are bareheaded, barefooted and often bare in a lot of other places, too!

Still, when the upper-class Ethiopians instituted the use of imported umbrellas for themselves, they were kind enough to allow the ho-holloi to ape them to the extent of straw sunshades.

THE European who thinks he is going to get any special deference because he is white will get a rude awakening. The Americans adjudge themselves just as good as any one else in the world.

And the only time they will pay homage is when they find out that homage is actually due and warranted.

Perhaps this may be the reason for such hauteur. They have seen many white men come into their midst in their time down through the ages. There were the Portuguese in the Sixteenth Century. There were the renegades of all races. There were the Armenians and the Greeks, who fled from their countries to escape death from the hands of revolutionaries or religious persecutors, and settled in Ethiopia. They mixed freely with the Amharics, intermarried, and so infused their Caucasian blood with all the other types of blood running through the veins of these ancient people.

And so Ethiopia is a strange mixture of goodness and badness, of rules and lawlessness, of mediaevalism and modernism—a land of startling contrasts.

Side by side in Addis Ababa stand squat mud huts and modern stone buildings.

Side by side in Addis Ababa move mules, cattle, sheep, rickety carts and rakish, streamlined American automobiles, consuming gasoline at \$10 a gallon!

This is the strange city of contrasts that has become the focal point of the world's interest.

It may be here that Fate may decide whether or not the youth of the world will be able to finish out the days of his youth in the pursuits of peace or stricken out, a corpse, on some bloody battlefield.

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The Way I See It

by
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NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—The American Federation of Labor seems divided against itself on the question of "industrial" or "craft" unions.

A typical "industrial" union is the United Mine Workers. All union men who work in coal mines belong to a "mine workers" union. Every union bricklayer belongs to that craft union—whatever his particular industry.

Where an industry is national and highly integrated like the automobile or steel or textile industries, there is not the slightest question that the industrial union is best for labor, management and the public.

Working conditions and wages have to be fairly uniform throughout an industry, for the low conditions tend always to pull down the high. Competition for costs between companies does this. If labor pressure can only be exerted against a single company, its competition limits the increases or betterments it can make. But where a whole industry deals with uniform rates for all companies, it can be far more liberal without ruining any particular company.

As a matter of fact, in this case, the industrial form of union is not merely the better form—it is the only logical form.



Gen. Hugh S. Johnson

Fields Sometimes Overlap

BUT there remain many important fields where the industrial type of union is inappropriate. This is so whenever there is no organized national industry with which to deal, as in the building trades (except in cities), and in all the service industries—cleaning and dyeing, barbers, etc.

The two fields sometimes overlap as in the case of bricklayers in the mining industry who might not belong to the bricklayers' craft union.

To a layman, at least, the solution seems too simple to quarrel about—use both types, each where it fits best. With industry rapidly forming into great organized groups, labor hasn't got a Chinaman's chance unless it organizes on the same pattern.

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Liberal Viewpoint

BY HARRY ELMER BARNES

OUR schools now are running full blast, grinding out their grist of traditional information. Except in the better schools, particularly private and progressive schools, there is little attempt to classify students according to their abilities or to provide instruction based upon the probable future career of the pupil.

The intellectually brighter ones go to college if they are capable financially of paying their way. The others, certainly the vast majority, never get beyond high school. Their education program and their future careers are sacrificed to the silly curriculum rendered necessary by archaic college entrance examination requirements.

As a consequence, the majority of our boys and girls leave school with no real practical preparation for life or a lawful occupation. They go to swell our already too extensive ranks of floating and hopeless youth. They are a natural recruiting ground for crime and racketts. At the best, a few of the more fortunate may pick up trivial and unskilled jobs or drift into CCC camps. In any case, their morale is bad and there is little possibility for them to become, either economically or politically, intelligent and constructive citizens of our country.

EVERY consideration of common sense and educational logic emphasizes the desirability of classifying our school children early in their educational career. Those who possess the intellectual attainments and equipment to justify the expectation of success in college well may be given a literary education, but by no means the present cramped and out-of-date offering rendered necessary by the dictatorship of college entrance boards.

Those who quite obviously are not likely to do well in purely intellectual pursuits should be given an altogether different type of educational opportunity, in large part manual training and other industrial education which would enable the recipient to qualify for some skilled work at the end of high school training.

The necessity for some such revolutionary innovation was set forth recently by President Dixon Ryan Fox of Union College in an address before the New York State Council of School Superintendents:

"It means we shall classify American youth at the age of 14 into prospective headworkers and handworkers, that we shall admit the latter are bound to be vastly more numerous than the former and that we shall suit education to destiny."

"Europeans always have done this, but we have prided ourselves that the Declaration of Independence vated all classification of society for America and believed that we would lead the world to adopt our benevolent doctrine."