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Maintain the Efficiency of the Navy

The economical administration of our government should not be stressed to the point where it will hamper the construction of ships for the navy and the recruiting of men to operate them. The naval construction program, which is designed to give us an adequate navy, should be carried out without fail.

Our geographical position imperatively demands a naval strength of sufficient power to guard our coast line and insular possessions, while our diplomatic attitude suggests the necessity of a navy to protect our rights.

It is highly improbable that the United States will entangle itself in any European alliance that will make it a party to the settlement of continental disputes. So long as we maintain our traditional policy of refraining from entering into foreign alliances and combinations, we will be forced to stand alone and to rely upon our own naval strength to guard our rights.

The strength of our navy, however, does not consist solely in the number of new ships ordered to be constructed, but also in the fighting condition of the ships in commission. If scores of ships are tied up at the docks, waiting for appropriations that will permit the making of repairs; and if other scores are idle because the navy does not have enough sailors to man them, our naval strength is merely a delusion. All the ships of the navy should always be in fighting trim as far as their mechanical features are concerned, and there should always be enough trained men to operate them. These are the prerequisites of every effort to maintain our navy.

Since Roosevelt's day there has been a live interest in our navy. Succeeding administra-

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tions may have permitted it to deteriorate, but the American people still cling with fondness and faith to the principle of a well trained, efficient and strong naval establishment to guard the republic.

Edwin Denby, newly appointed secretary of the navy, shortly after he had received his appointment, said that "the peculiar situation of the United States demands and justifies a strong first line of defense." He favors the present building program.

"Primarily my duty will be to help keep the navy and marine corps not only ready to fight, but fit to fight, and trained to the minute," he said.

President-elect Harding recently informed congress that he favored no curtailment of appropriations for the navy. A thorough reorganization of the naval branch may follow the inauguration of the new president. Bitter complaints from within the navy itself regarding administrative methods and the damage which they inflicted upon the morale of the personnel have been heard from high quarters. New blood may quickly remedy this situation.

Assistant Secretary Roosevelt

President-elect Harding need not look far for justification in naming Theodore Roosevelt as assistant secretary of the navy. He won the appointment by his own ability. A graduate of Plattsburg and holding a commission, he resigned in order to enter the war as a private and be among the first to see service in France. The end of the war found him a lieutenant-colonel. He declined to let his name be used as a candidate for a seat in congress, but fought his way to the legislature. All his offices have come to him by virtue of his ability and his own work. He has not permitted his family name to sweep him into office.

The act on the part of President-elect Harding in selecting him for a place in the navy department was a gracious one. Mr. Roosevelt's father once held the post, and the new incumbent will enter upon his duties with the best wishes of the nation.

China's Future Is Bright, Says Leader

That China will make great strides in economic government and social progress in the near future is the belief of Alfred Sze, the new minister of the republic to Washington, who has arrived from England accompanied by his staff. He was Chinese ambassador at the court of St. James, and exchanged posts with Dr. Wellington Koo, the former minister at Washington.

Sze bases his predictions upon the ability of the Chinese people to adapt

themselves to new conditions, a characteristic which, he admits, is contrary to the popular western notion of his race. This adaptability is "the key to all those facts and phenomena of Chinese life, in the past as well as today, which seem to puzzle the western mind," the minister asserts.

"In all present considerations of China and her problems," says Mr. Sze, "it must be kept in mind that we are a people who, of all living races, go farthest back into the past. The whole of Europe was pagan when Confucianism had been for more than 500 years a living creed and a social code in our midst. The peoples and the races who were our contemporaries in those distant days have all disappeared into the night of the past, but we survive.

And we survive, not as a dying race, but as a great, coherent body of 400,000,000 people.

"The notion that China never changes is mischievous because it makes people think that the present state of China, with its unrest and disarray, is due entirely to the incapacity of her people to adapt themselves to the new conditions. It is no doubt true that there exists in China today a certain degree of unrest and political disturbance, but it is very important to realize that this is the state of things which occurs and has occurred in every country where a new system of government, or some other fundamental change in the life of a people, has taken place.

"Under autocracy, the country was considered a property of the ruler, whereas now it is regarded as the common possession of the nation. To work out the democratic principle one must have the necessary machinery in the form of parliamentary institutions. This machine has hitherto been worked by men trained under the old system of government. This view of the situation in China implies that the present political and economic difficulties of the country are not the outcome of racial incapacity or faults of character, but the marks and signs of a period of transition.

"Fortunately for the peace and security of the world, the peaceful development of China and her millions is an absolute certainty unless, indeed, that development is deflected by foreign agencies into channels of militarism. The Chinese development of China, if I may put it that way, must make for peace if only because the whole of Chinese culture rests upon the power and appeal of moral force."

Rippling Rhymes
By WALT MASON

THE PRICELESS THIRST

Some thirsty people wall and sigh because there is no gin; some day their costly thirst will die, and comfort will begin. A little while they'll dodge the cops and go to wild extremes to carry home a sack of hops and work out home-brewed dreams. A little while they'll drink it sport to trail the bootleg thug through alleys foul and squallid court, to some sequestered park; but they'll soon tire of all such brews that work like this commands, that make a man take off his shoes and walk upon his hands. A little while they'll walk in gloom, and yearn for things to drink, and hair restorers they'll consume, and many brands of ink. While yet this thirst of theirs endures they'll drink all things that kick, and liniments and spavin cures will make their innards sick. But all things perish and decay, like roses in the dell, and even a thirst will fade away, if it's not nurtured well. And to these wights will come a time, a morning fair will come, when they'll refuse to give a dime to greet the Demon Rum. And often they will wonder why they used to wildly be, because they lacked a shot of rye to multiply their grief.

Good Evening
By Roy K. Moulton

We have always thought that the picture of the boy riding the bicycle was particularly appropriate on the special delivery stamps. When you mail a special delivery letter from New York to Chicago, it reaches there about the same time a boy could make the distance on a wheel.

A REGRETTABLE INCIDENT

He was the type of author who wears a velvet hat and whose beard always seems to show through the skin even after shaving. He had written a successful play. It had had a long run on Broadway. He was smoking a cigar and gave it that peculiar angle which is an art, when a man walked up to him and said:

"Your play reminds me of Ibsen, and yet I am of the impression that you are more like Bummers."

The author bit him on the jaw and knocked him down. A crowd collected and a policeman made his appearance.

Later in the night court the author said:

"I am sorry, your honor: I thought that he was calling me names, and that is why I hit him!"—Marcel Steinbrugge.

ANOTHER DISAPPOINTMENT

Want ad. in New York paper: FOR SALE—25 caliber automatic, good as new, price \$10; bought it to kill a certain party and he left town. See D. O.

OTHERS WHO SEEM TO HAVE SLEEPING SICKNESS

Messenger boys, ticket choppers, soda water jerkers, some telephone operators, several street car lines, the special delivery letter service, tea room waitresses, bundle wrappers, county telegraphers, moving men, the teague of nations.

Colored boots are the latest novelty in women's wear.

In one model evolved by one of the chief makers, though the foot is cased in varnished black leather, this is punched out in a floral design and the tops, which reach half way up the calf, are of bright blue satin.

But, no matter how fast the shoes go on their upward trip, they will never catch up with the skirts.

Headaches from Slight Colds. GROVE'S Laxative BROMO QUININE Tablets relieve Headache by curing the Cold. A tonic laxative and germ destroyer. The genuine bears the signature of E. W. Grove. (Be sure you get BROMO.) 30c.—Advertisement.

Who's Who in the Day's News

ADMIRAL SIR LEWIS BAYLY

The man who, as commander of the first British battle squadron during the war, directed the movements of American destroyers on overseas duty, recently arrived in the United States. He is now retired and is taking a leisurely cruise around the world. One of his first acts on arrival was to visit Washington, where he has many friends. He served there as naval attaché of the British embassy under Lord Pauncefote and made more friends through his contact with American officers during the World war.

Admiral Bayly is sixty-four, and doesn't look it. But he does look the sailor. Tall, rather stooped, with a suit of civilian clothes which reflects small credit on the tailor who built it, his figure reveals strength and his face lifelong responsibilities of great decisions.

Why should a man who has spent his life at sea—and Admiral Bayly entered the navy in 1870—take advantage of his first real leisure to

Correct English

Don't Say:

A trial by jury is WHERE twelve men decide upon a verdict.

A primary election is WHEN you vote to select candidates.

The reason why I voted for him is BECAUSE I like him as a man.

You, the endorser of the note, are responsible for its payment.

A change of men and parties HAVE taken place at Washington.

Say:

A trial by jury is THE DECISION upon a verdict by twelve men.

A primary election is THE VOTING to select candidates.

The reason why I voted for him is THAT I like him as a man.

You, the endorser of the note, are responsible for its payment.

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—Advertisement.

ELECTRIC Washers, Ironers, Cleaners, at Meerhoff's 9 South 9th St. Phone 1236

Back hurt you? Can't straighten up without feeling sudden pains, sharp aches and twinges? Now listen! That lumbago, sciatica or maybe from a strain, and you'll get blessed relief the moment you rub your back with sooth-ing, penetrating "St. Jacobs Oil." Nothing else takes out soreness, lame-ness and stiffness so quickly. You simply rub it on and out comes the

pain. It is perfectly harmless and doesn't burn or discolor the skin.

Linber up! Don't suffer! Get a small trial bottle from any drug store, and after using it just once, you'll forget that you ever had backache, lumbago or sciatica, because your back will never hurt or cause any more misery. It never disappoints and has been recommended for 60 years.

—Advertisement.

Rub Backache Away

Back hurt you? Can't straighten up without feeling sudden pains, sharp aches and twinges? Now listen! That

lumbago, sciatica or maybe from a strain, and you'll get blessed relief the

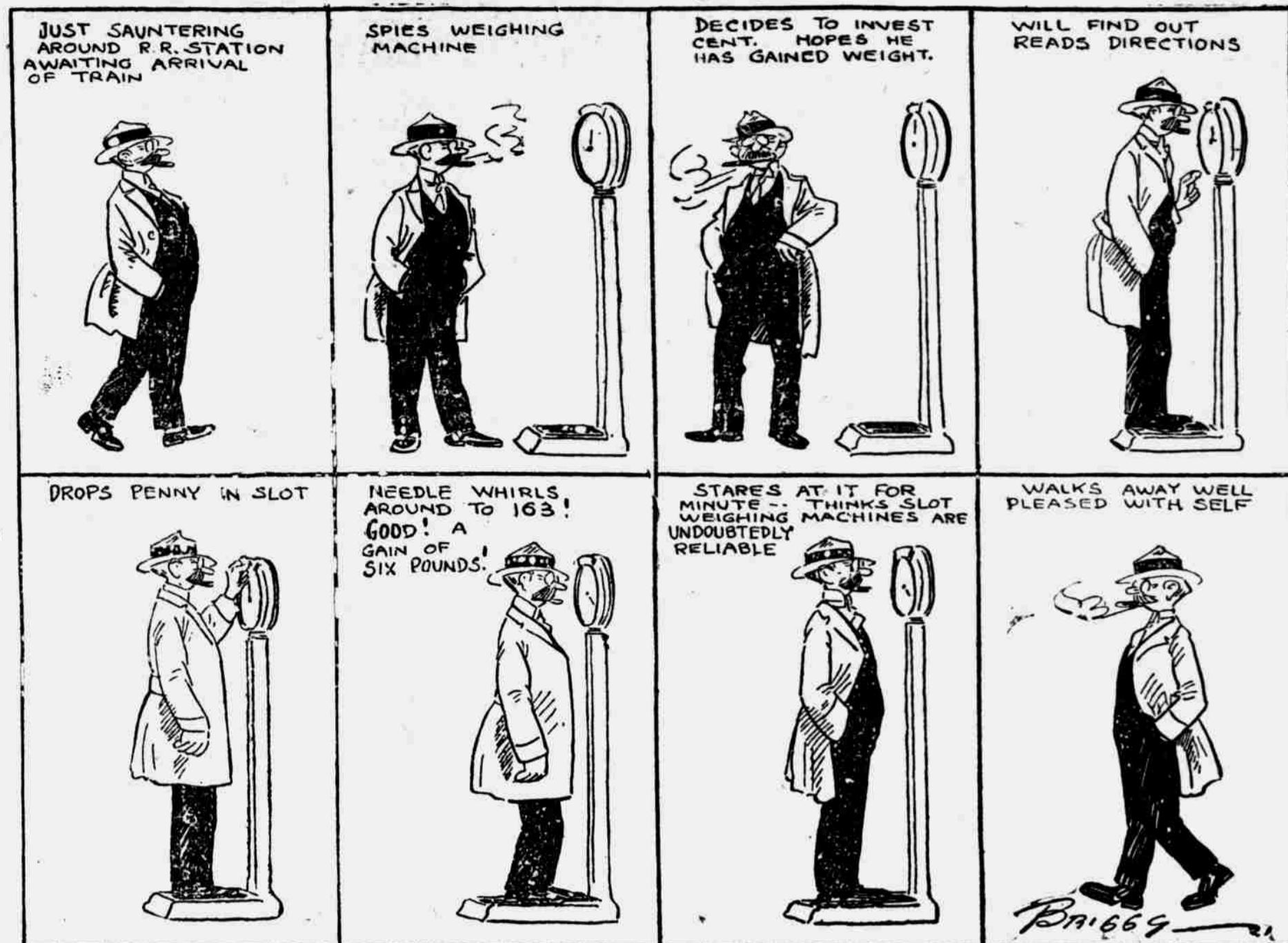
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Movie of a Man Weighing Himself



Answers to Questions

C. B.—In a euchre game, A deals and turns up a club, B and C and D pass. And A turns the club down. B makes the trump hearts. A plays a lone against B and D and takes only two tricks. How many points do B and D make? How many points would A have made if he had taken three tricks? Could A have played a lone hand, according to Hoyle?—According to Hoyle, page 195, under euchre: "No one but the individual maker of the trump can play a lone." It is then generally conceded that an opponent may play a lone against this, but not until the maker of the trump has stated his intention. As a result of this rule, the play mentioned was out of order. If this section of rules had been waived, and "house rules" established, it might have been then that B and D would have made two points. If A had succeeded in taking five tricks he would have made four. A previous understanding would have been necessary.

Reader—When was Lima, Peru founded?—In 1535, by Pizarro, when he was looting the treasures of the ancient Inca civilization.

Readers may obtain answers to questions by writing to the Palladium Questions and Answers department. All questions should be written plainly and briefly. Answers will be given briefly.

TODAY'S TALK
By George Matthew Adams, Author of "You Can", "Take It", "Up".

GRACEFUL COURTESIES

The fragrance of the rose or violet has never been patented. It has been extracted, concentrated and imitated, but the secret of its mysterious sweetness, its delicacy of odor, is held by the keeper of Nature alone.

But I believe that even more than this fragrance I appreciate the manner in which it is distributed. It comes from the little nests of the petals so unafraid, so freely and so naturally—and lasts even after the rose itself has withered and dropped its leaves to the earth-bed below.

The courtesies of the children of the fields are so graceful! "They toll not, neither do they spin, yet I say that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these!"

What a world this would be if only everyone could feel that he didn't have to do everything "just so" or according to some rule or set of rules. Many of us get tangled up in them and lose our way.

It's the graceful courtesies that are simply born in a man or woman that make them real and genuine.

And it's the veneers and pretensions of an insincere society that lose us in a maze of unrealities.

I am amused by the trials at form and correctness—knowing, as I do, that the man or woman is merely walking through some imitation of what they stupidly believe to be the "right thing".

The right thing is always the natural thing—the graceful courtesy that is felt, the honesty of purpose that nestles in the heart as does the nectar in the rose.

The graceful courtesies are the beautiful acts that spring up without call, the little thoughtfulnesses that tint the day as do the foam-like clouds in an otherwise uninteresting sky.

Memories of Old Days
In This Paper Ten Years Ago Today

Lower water rates, free meters, increased water pressure and probably a special fire main from the reservoir were to have been clauses in the proposed new franchise for the Richmond City Water Works company, which the board of works was to have insisted upon, according to President Hammond.

Protect the Children

Healthy Blood and Healthy System is a Child's best protection against Colds, Grip and Influenza. Give them GROVE'S IRON TONIC SYRUP. 75c.—Advertisement.



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This is your opportunity to establish yourself in business and build a solid, substantial business with profit to yourself and a satisfied clientele.

The Company you will represent is a firmly established concern having ample financial resources and manufacturing a complete line of commercial trucks.

Concerns owning its product are enthusiastic in their praise of these trucks.

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Only a man, or group of men, of proven business and financial ability and sincerity will be considered.

If this appeals to you, we suggest that you request further information at once. Correspondence strictly confidential.

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