

His Honor, the Mayor of Delhi, is in trouble again. Don't fail to read Bide Dudley's latest account of that amusing official's escapades. On this page soon.

Camels! If you think "They ain't no such animals," watch this page and learn what Little Rollie has to say about Prohibition.

6 Flying Boats Cruise 12,731 Miles in 3 Months They Sail the Seas Like Battleships; Not a Single Loss on Cruise

An Ever-Alert Convoy of Seaplanes Guarding Our Dreadnoughts.



By Will B. Johnstone.

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IN the United States Navy aviation has at last taken its place as an integral part of the fleet. Just eleven years ago New York...

Adaptable to overland purposes it remained for the United States Navy to lead the way in solving the difficult problems of practicable oceanic travel by air boats.

This history-making trans-Atlantic flight last year of the NC-4 was a beginning and fresh evidence of navy efficiency was shown this year when a squadron of six gigantic flying boats completed a record-breaking cruise of seven months, covering a distance of 12,731 nautical miles...

In fact, they were often landed in the open sea and in 40-knot winds, and rode the water safely, exceeding 83 knots an hour.

It was found unnecessary to house the planes, the aviators making all minor repairs en route, proving that boats of this class are able to carry on continuous active operations for periods of time hitherto thought impossible.

On Dec. 11, 1919, the squadron took from Savannah in the teeth of a nor'easter, scudding through to their destination at Cumberland Sound, where they found a 1,000-ton destroyer whose commanding officer had put to port to avoid the storm.

Already aviation organizations have been created in the Atlantic and Pacific fleets, and successfully employed a development of communications in the position finding, fire control and in the solution of strategic and technical problems involving cooperation with surface vessels and submarines.

The further development of air squadrons is endorsed by Secretary of Navy Daniels in his annual report, just published, and doubtless in the near future New Yorkers will be doubly thrilled on the frequent arrivals of the fleet in the port by spectacular overboard maneuvers of the air fleet buzzing up the river to anchorages.

She's Looking Way Ahead



But some day this little lady, Miss Carolinda Waters, will enter Vassar. She is the youngest applicant for admission that the college authorities have ever considered.

Plague of Old Egypt Back Again.

SHADES of the plagues of ancient Egypt! Santa Fe province of the Argentine now has complete faith in the Biblical account of the scourge of locusts, for at times millions of these insects "cover the face of the earth." They come suddenly and without warning, in great clouds, and settle down on the country. Then the ground resembles a great moving carpet. Little damage is done at first, though the Argentinians find it inconvenient to have locusts throughout their houses, but as the insects move through the country, they dig small holes and lay their eggs. Soon the larvae are hatched, and at that time, before they can fly, they are destructive. By the time they are ready to leave, every living thing in their path is destroyed. Eventually they fly away to parts unknown, and the farmers have to start their crops over again. Squads of locust destroyers, like fire-fighting units, are maintained by the Government to combat the pest, and ranchers are also responsible for fighting them. Their efforts are almost unavailing, however, because of the myriads of the insects.

THE JARR FAMILY BY ROY L. M'CARDELL

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LOOK, I got a Christmas card and a letter from Cora Hickett in Florida. She's down there with her mother!" said Mrs. Jarr, with great enthusiasm. "She sends a picture showing herself and her mother on a ladder picking oranges from the trees. Look at it, I wish we were there!"

Mr. Jarr examined the photograph very critically. "Are you sure they are oranges, they look like potatoes, sure it isn't a potato tree they are climbing?" he asked.

"Mrs. Jarr started to wipe her nearly weeping eyes. "My dear, I am not depriving you of a winter trip to Florida or anywhere," said Mr. Jarr, soothingly. "I'm sure I'd be glad to give you such trips, but you know we haven't the money."

"Anyway, I wouldn't go without you and the children," said Mrs. Jarr, choking her grief. "What does your friend say in her letter?" asked Mr. Jarr.

"Here, I'll read it to you," said Mrs. Jarr, and she picked up the fountain pen that was crossed and re-crossed and written all around the edges.

"We arrived at Palm Beach Saturday all tired out after a terrific ride from Jacksonville over the roughest and dustiest road I ever saw. The weather is quite raw, and I'm sorry I won't be wearing my..."

"We're stopping at a nice hotel that has the most refined patronage. Mrs. Stryker is down here and is right in the thick of the battle of the gowns. My dear, you never saw such dresses in your life!"

"Mrs. Jarr sighed at this, but went on reading the letter. "And the fat and vulgar old things that wear the diamonds at breakfast! They never go in bathing, but then, that's easy to see why, it's the younger women who still have their figure who go in for bathing..."

"Who will say I didn't write that poem? You saw it written right here. I shall never visit it over again, never!"

Can You Beat It!

Comic strip panels with dialogue: WE ARE LUCKY TO HAVE SUCH GOOD HUSBANDS... YOU BET WE ARE! THERE ARE NOT MANY LIKE THEM... THEY ARE SO KIND AND GENEROUS... YES, THEY GIVE US EVERYTHING WE ASK FOR... THEY WORK HARD FOR US... THEY DEPRIVE THEMSELVES TO GIVE US LUXURY... THEY ARE PERFECT DEARS!... THEY ARE MODEL HUSBANDS!... WE MUST GIVE THEM SOMETHING NICE FOR X-MAS... YES, SOMETHING REAL NICE... O, LET'S GIVE THEM EACH A TIE... HERE ARE SOME REAL NICE ONES FOR FIFTY CENTS.

ANOTHER AMERICAN TEAM BY NEAL R. OHARA

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FLORA DEAN DIPPY is an authority on love, like Walter Camp is the works in football. Flora Bean can tell an All-American Romeo from the axle grease he parks on his dome. She has been giving the gay Lotharios and galloping Lochinvars the Bertillon stare long enough to tell a champ from a chesno. As a plain and fancy picker of vigorous manhood, Flora is the dandy plus ten per cent.

With much persuasion and twice as much expense, we have been able to grab Flora's All-American Parlor Football Team for publication to-day. It is one of the greatest pronouncements since Dr. Cook discovered the North Pole 800 miles from the spot where Rand-McNally put it. Here's the team!

Hubert Flynn, McHugh's Butcher Shop—On a park bench. Ellery Swoof, Brooklyn R. T.—Rear seat at movies. Galbraith Herk, Hippodrome Chorus—In front vestibule. Lester Smythe, Tiffany Notion Counter—Some dandy beach. Roy Dairymple, Matzie's Corset Shop—Night boat, deck. Michael McGann, Pittsburgh Boiler Co.—Any stone wall. Geoffrey Wilcox, Woolworth Used Car Dept.—Anywhere in the dark.

Randolph Twirl, Mushee Film Corp.—Anywhere at all. Willie Gish, U. S. Parcel Post—On any snug sofa. Adelbert Denno, Mameelle's Millinery—Limousine, rear seat. Harold Gregory, Wells-Fargo Exp.—Flyover, any seat.

Flora defends her choices thus: "Nobody has been tested more thoroughly in his position than Hubert Flynn. He has played opposite blondes, brunettes, redtops and wigs, and never lost a battle."

Swoof cannot be omitted from any comprehensive list, either. He has everything—lips like coral, teeth like pearls, ears like seashells—and all attached to solid rock. "For the front vestibule position I have named Twirl, although there are millions of good men for that position. Twirl has the call, I believe, on account of his staying qualities. Smythe has been the star of the East as the beach performer. He has never varied his play, whether in bathing uniform or white flannels. Other good men have been mentioned from the Great Lakes coast, the Gulf and the Pacific Coast, but Smythe leads them all in experience. Seventeen summers."

"The forward deck position on the night boat calls for elusiveness and an ability to dodge watchmen and searchlights. Dairymple at this post stands supreme. He has never been caught off his guard. McGann, for the stone wall assignment, is a veritable Tarzan. He has been discovered holding many times this year, but never took a penalty. "For anywhere in the dark, a good, all-around man is required. He must be shifty, fast and have plenty of nerve, and also a pocket flashlight. Wilcox is our choice. He has received many kicks from irate pup-paws, but always has been able to come back at the old boy. Wilcox weighs 235 pounds."

"Randolph Twirl has been a star since he took his screen test. For anywhere-at-all loving, Randy is conceded to be the best there is by critics from Hollywood to Fort Lee. He has plenty of critics in Hollywood, but they all admire his nerve. "For the back seat honor in the limousine position, Denno stands out strong. He is rated as a good man at any speed, and his flock of two-sixes makes him an easy choice. The flivver job is the toughest of all, demanding not only keen headwork and dim headlights, but also that elusive knack of driving with one arm. Gregory gets this position on our "All" team through his clever work on rough roads as well as smooth. When a flivver has Gregory in its lineup it's a powerful scoring machine."

MAXIMS OF MODERN MAID BY MARGUERITE MOERS MARSHALL

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The three A's which are the essential branches of learning in love's negotiation are Aspiration, Adoration, Abnegation. The difference between a sophisticated and an unsophisticated person is that the latter assumes all marriages happy unless proved otherwise, and that the former assumes just the opposite.

Talk is said to be cheap—but from the reluctance with which the average American doles out to his wife words of affection or praise one might guess each syllable made a large-sized dent in his bank account. A boy may know that he nears man's estate when he is old enough to be presented with neckties for Christmas. The man who is offended late for dinner is the man who is grouched at.

LOOK OUT FOR THE BOGUS COLLECTOR! BY SOPHIE IRENE LOEB

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A MOTHER, signing herself "Indignant," writes to me as follows: "My three children are all in the primary grades in public school. About a week ago a man came up to them and seeing that they carried money which I had given them for the Red Cross told them he was an agent and would collect the same. This, a case of taking advantage, is typical."

There is only one way to cure this evil, and that is a matter which must be taught in every home—beware of the stranger! Mothers should make it their daily duty to warn children against trusting strangers under any and all circumstances. Also in connection with this, children should be taught the further injunction—ask the policeman.

When a child is accosted by a stranger for the collection of money such as in the case above, the little boy or girl could well say, "Let us go to the corner policeman, and if he says you're all right, well and good."

Of course, first of all, if these children were told to take the money to the school they might well be repudiated for not doing what they were told. One of the biggest elements that must be taught every child in taking messages is to let nothing hinder them from taking the message exactly where it was intended. But, falling this, the next best thing, when children are on the street and in doubt, is to appeal to the policeman.

As a general proposition, the policeman would give out to the children and direct them right. If he does not do this he is not fulfilling his duty. The second place, should the policeman not do the right thing in connection with the child by putting him off or wrongly directing him, then the parent has redress, for the policeman is a public official charged with the public duty. Especially is he there in defense of the weak against the strong.

As a general thing it is the parent's fault when children are easily "taken in." The parent has failed to have the child fully realize the dangers and pitfalls that confront him, especially in a great congested city.

If this schooling were taught in every home the children would be more alert and would not be so easily led. Further, it would help to make the young man and the young woman more careful in forming hasty acquaintances.

Like Life in Harem, Don't Want to Leave

MANY of the Armenian girls who were forced into Turkish harems during the war and became the involuntary wives of Turks and Arabs are now unwilling to leave their husbands, according to Entente and American officials who are attempting to restore them to their families. Many feared the hardships of the old life among their fellow-countrymen who knew of their servitude, and others have become so attached to their present husbands that they declare they prefer existing conditions to those prior to the war. Where the women have children the complexity of the situation is even greater.