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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

By F. A. WALKER

THE QUESTIONER.

WHEN Shakespeare wanted to express the tragedy involved in snuffing out of the life of his most actual character, he did it by words, "The rest is silence."

He might have put it in another way saying that Hamlet would ask these questions, "For that was his disconcerting habit, stopping silence before a puzzling and a puzzling universe, is it that man has never done, a human being who just asked reason for the first nightfall and first appearance of the stars on the threshold of all modern scientific investigation."

If it were necessary to find a definition of man which would differentiate him from all the rest of creation, it would be sufficient to say of him, "He is the animal that asks questions."

Edward Kipling in a striking line of "the law of the jungle," the writers of fables have not the long bow in attributing to beasts the sense of justice, even they were making fun of society living so. So the lion stands for maker of rules, and the monkey him who evades them.

Law is not peculiar to the child of Adam.

The animals know political economy. "Go to the ant thou sluggard," King Solomon.

The little creature shows what can be done through the organized efforts of thousands of insects, whose operations could be stopped in a moment by the foot of a passing giant in the case of a mischievous boy.

Business organization is not exclusively human.

It is impossible to look at the combs of a beehive without realizing that the structures who made it know geometry and architecture.

The cells are so constructed as to give the maximum of strength with a minimum of expenditure in the use of material.

The Brooklyn bridge, or the dome of St. Peter's, is not a proof of human ingenuity.

It is a solitary eagle to be seen soaring over a lake in western Idaho. Once he had a mate, but she disappeared one winter. Since the widower has never married, the bird says that it is the habit of these birds to be perpetually true to their first and only love.

Monogamy is not the exclusive habit of our race.

When Christ wanted to express his love for Jerusalem, he could think of nothing better to say than that he would have gathered its people about him as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings. This timid bird will fly to the death if she thinks her chicks are in danger.

In the same way the bear of the woods, which will fly before you under ordinary circumstances, will fight to the death if she thinks her cubs are threatened.

The family affection and devotion do not mark mankind apart from the rest of the animal kingdom.

On the other day a raccoon at the zoo zoological gardens in New York, in danger of starving to death because the gatekeeper who had tamed

THE GIRL ON THE JOB

How to Succeed—How to Get Ahead—How to Make Good

By JESSIE ROBERTS

AN AVERAGE JOB.

ARE you going to be content with an average job, which can be filled by a girl, or do you want a career? If latter, you must recognize the importance of sound training.

Two girls, both determine that stenography is the opening they will see. One takes the usual course and secures an office at the ordinary salary. She can do the average thing, and that is all.

The other girl isn't satisfied with an average job. She takes Spanish and French, and studies English, both commercial and cultivated. She studies the requirements of a big position, and works for it. She puts in an extra hour of work before accepting a position, and once at work she continues to study.

She will be one of the few thoroughly equipped women for the position she has in mind. She will get that position in time. And she will be making two or three times what her friend is making at the end of ten years, and have, moreover, the assurance of a permanent position and real recognition. Because she is the thoroughly trained person who secures the firm who secures her. Let her go if it can help itself.

A girl can specialize in bank work, technical work, secretarial work or big business. And this is only in the line of stenography. There are hundreds of other lines, and in each the trained and ambitious worker can get a premium. Don't be content with the average job.

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and petted him had been sent to the hospital. The animal would not take food from a stranger.

So fidelity and gratitude are not confined to the lords of creation.

But there is no reason to believe that the beasts of the jungle that have their hunting laws, or the ants that lay up their store for winter, or the bees that know practical geometry, or the eagle that mourns his dead wife forever, or the hen that protects her chickens, or the bear that is fearless of rifles, or the raccoon that is faithful to his master, ever asked any questions about the why and wherefore of things.

On the other hand, from the dawn of history, we find man worrying over the riddle of the universe. This too in spite of the fact that, even in the beginning of things he felt that he would never be able to solve it.

So he invented language to convey his questions to his neighbors and alphabets to write them down for his children. He invented mathematics in order to compute the motions of the stars.

By all his questioning he has succeeded in pushing back the curtain that hangs around his universe. Yet he knows perfectly well that in spite of all that his Newtons, Darwins, Einsteins and Curies may do, what Herbert Spencer called "the unknowable" will always elude him.

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SCHOOL DAYS



Mother's Cook Book

The wisest pilgrim is the one who goes along the highway, hour by hour content.

To take the rain or shine the skies have sent.

Who counts his riches in each budding rose;

Each song the thrush through vernal branches throngs;

Each marvel of the sunrise; each dusk blent

Of mystery and fragrant sacrament;

Each star that in the heaven burns and glows.

PALATABLE DISHES.

A HANDFUL of green onions, a cupful of cooked rice, a cupful of thick white sauce, a cold hard-cooked egg and a little cheese may make a very palatable luncheon dish. Cook the tender young onions until well done; drain. Butter a small baking dish and put in the rice, cover with the drained onions, add a sprinkling of grated cheese the white sauce and bake until bubbling hot. Serve from the dish. The rice should be well seasoned with butter, or with a chicken broth while it is cooking.

Banana Cream.

Slice three ripe bananas, press through a sieve, add a small box of crushed strawberries, reserving part of the juice; beat together lightly and set on ice to cool. Serve in glass cups with whipped cream to which has been added the reserved strawberry juice. Serve very cold.

During the hot weather the simple and less expensive desserts appeal to the housewife. Frozen dishes, when prepared at home, are always acceptable and cost very little.

Lemon Sherbet.

Take three lemons, two cupfuls of sugar and a quart of rich milk. Mix the sugar and lemon juice, add a grated rind if desired, then stir in the milk. The mixture will curdle but when frozen will be smooth and very palatable. Serve in sherbet glasses.

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LYRICS OF LIFE

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

GEE AND HAW.

A FELLAH had a pair of mules That knew no laws and knew no rules But good for haw and hawed for gee And went contrary generally.

The darndest mules you ever see. If both had good when it was haw. While that ain't just exactly law, It would of worked out purty good, If once the thing was understood And they doze what you thought they would.

But not these two. If old July. When you yelled "gee," to gee would try. Old January, 'tother one. Observin' what July had done, Would start to hawin' on the run.

So gee and haw and haw and gee, But never simultaneously, They went through life, and kicked more dirt And done less work and done more hurt Than two hyenas, I assert.

And I've been folks just like them mules. Who wed, but never read the rules. Who didn't know you had to wear The marriage collar fair and square And pull together everywhere.

One can't have haw and one have gee; To see or haw you must agree And then go forward, gee or haw, Accordingly, without no jaw— And that's good sense, and that's good law.

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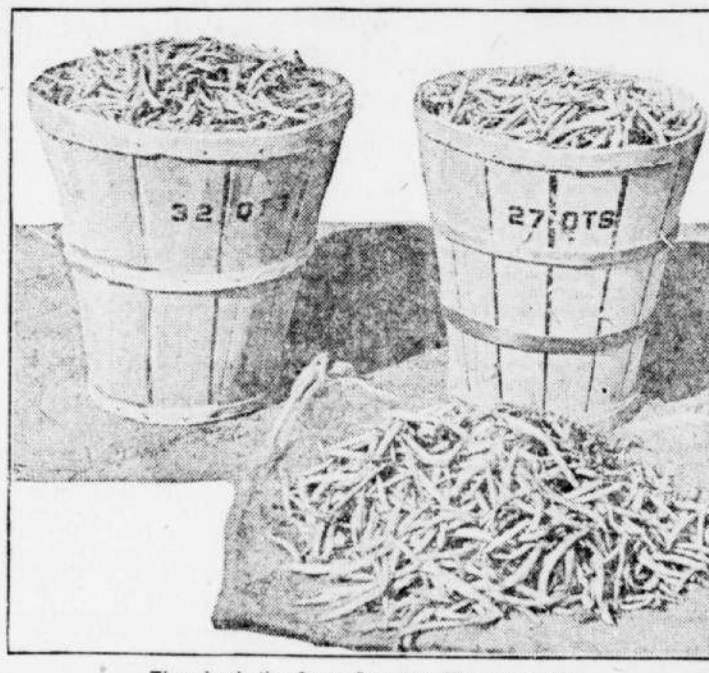
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LACK OF PACKAGE UNIFORMITY MEANS MONEY LOSS FOR BUYER



They Look the Same Size, but They Are Not.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Standard containers for marketing fruits and vegetables are of more interest to the average citizen than he generally realizes. Not only is he defrauded frequently by the substitution of short-measure packages at the full-measure price, which is inevitable if the difference in the size of the packages is not easily detected, but also the cost of marketing is increased by the greater expense of manufacturing a large number of unnecessary styles and sizes and by breakage in transit, sometimes directly attributable to the difficulty of loading odd-sized containers. These losses constitute an unnecessary tax on the fruit and vegetable industry that the bureau of markets, United States Department of Agriculture, is endeavoring to cut down by fostering the use of standard containers.

Old-Time Units Cause Confusion.

Local package units that came into use long ago are most largely responsible for present difficulties. Such packages may have been satisfactory when their use was confined to a limited territory, but of late years rapid transportation and the use of special refrigerator and ventilator cars have brought the products of every section of this country into our great marketing centers, where the diversity of styles and sizes of containers have resulted in unnecessary confusion.

There are in common use today about 40 sizes of cabbage crates, 20 styles of celery crates, 30 lettuce crates or boxes, 50 styles and sizes of hampers, 15 styles and sizes of round stave baskets, and market baskets, varying in size from 1 to 24 quarts, whereas relatively few standard sizes would satisfy all the demands of the trade.

The unfair competition of short-measure containers has been another unsatisfactory factor. Certain shrewd packers have found that by slight modifications in the shape of packages the cubical contents can be reduced substantially without noticeably affecting the appearance.

Short-Measure Package.

Commodities sold in these containers can be offered at a lower price per package than those sold in standard packages, but the price by unit of weight is, of course, higher. Often this has caused the general adoption of the short-measure package, and there is no end to this procedure, for once the short measure is recognized as the standard a still shorter one is put out by an unscrupulous minority.

The six-quart market basket, the 14-quart peach basket, the seven-eighths-bushel bean hamper, and the five-peck lettuce hamper are easily confused with peck, half-bushel, bushel and 1½-bushel baskets.

Another factor which has caused the addition of many unnecessary packages is the lack of a unit, which is accepted as the basis for all package standards. If a manufacturer wishes to introduce a crate into a producing section normally using the barrel instead of using the bushel unit, the tendency is to offer a barrel crate or half-barrel crate. At the present time the crates and boxes are being manufactured in sizes based on the United States standard barrel (105 quarts) with its subdivisions, the United States cranberry barrel (80 45-64 quarts) with its subdivisions, the weight bushel, the heaped bushel, and the volume bushel. These different standards are used because of competing packages.

Series of Crates.

The result may be seen by a glance at the following table:

Three Series of Crates Which Cannot Be Readily Distinguished From Each Other.

Crates based on U. S. apple barrel:	
1-barrel crate.....quarts 105	
1/2-barrel crate.....do 52 1/2	
1/3-barrel crate.....do 35	
Crates based on U. S. cranberry barrel:	
1-barrel crate.....quarts 80 45-64	
1/2-barrel crate.....do 40 22-32	
1/3-barrel crate.....do 26 15-20	
Crates based on standard bushel:	
1-bushel crate.....quarts 96	
1/2-bushel crate.....do 48	
1/3-bushel crate.....do 32	

A standard unit of measure should be permanent, definite, and of fixed and uniform value. The heaped bushel, which is in common use, is far from being fixed, and in many instances the heap has practically disappeared, say specialists of the bureau of markets. A proper heap has never been defined by congress, and in those states where an attempt has been made to describe the manner in which the measure should be heaped the phraseology generally is vague and indefinite. The heap has been referred to as a cone, the base being the top of the measure, and the height depending upon the nature of the article when piled "as high as may be" without special effort or design. Such vegetables as sweet potatoes under this definition might be piled so high that the heap would be as large as the measure itself.

In view of the difficulties which are necessarily encountered in attempting to secure a uniform method of filling or packing standard containers, it is generally recognized that weight is the only really definite basis of sale, and for that reason the pound or hundredweight should be used where this is practicable. An exception may be noted in regard to products which are carefully graded as to size, in which case the sales may be made satisfactorily by numerical count.

PICK AND PREPARE BERRIES

Care Must Be Exercised by Grower in Shipping Blackberries by Parcel Post.

If a grower wishes to ship blackberries by parcel post, he should exercise care in picking and packing the berries. Carelessness in picking and handling blackberries sometimes causes more injury to the fruit than does the treatment given while in transit, say specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture. Success in shipping blackberries is dependent largely on favorable weather conditions and the way in which the fruit is handled in transit.

The shipping weight of a 16-quart crate of blackberries is from 27 to 30 pounds, and the charge for postage to points within the first and second postal zones is from 31 to 34 cents. The cost for crate and postage on a 16-quart crate of blackberries will vary, therefore, from 58 to 64 cents. It may be possible at times to ship more than one kind of berries in a crate, such as a combination shipment.

DON'T SHIP POOR POTATOES

Late Blight Tuber Rot, Followed by Slimy Soft Rot, Is Frequent Cause of Big Loss.

There is no business economy in paying freight for shipping potatoes when rejection is a foregone conclusion, says the United States Department of Agriculture. In its study of shipments of potatoes on the principal markets, the markets inspection service finds that late blight tuber rot, which is frequently followed by slimy soft rot, causes heavy losses. This disease is apparent at the time of loading, and the bad tubers can be sorted out and not shipped.

Virtue of Sandy Soil.

The chief virtue of sandy soil is that the roots of plants can pass through it readily; its chief fault is that it dries out too quickly.

Pick Berries Carefully.

Pick strawberries carefully, grade well and pack neatly and you will get top prices.

GOOD HIGHWAYS

CALIFORNIA'S ROAD SYSTEM

Bureau of Public Roads Has Completed Impartial and Thorough Investigation.

(Prepared by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.)

Eighty-seven and one-half per cent, or 1,262 miles, of California's highways paved with concrete has been found to be in good or better than good condition by the bureau of public roads of the United States Department of Agriculture. Some months ago an adverse report was made by two of the large California automobile clubs regarding the condition of California's highway system. Recently the bureau of public roads has completed, on request, an impartial and thorough investigation of California's highway system.



Construction of Concrete Road.

California's highway system. The federal bureau reports that only 12.5 per cent of California's highway concrete is inferior.

California's concrete pavement is practically all four inches thick. The use of this thin slab, which came in for so much condemnation in the first report, made it possible to give a large part of the state good highway service at a reasonable cost. The design was determined nearly ten years before the heavy traffic came, so that, measured by results, the California commission's work appears to have been a success. Seventy per cent of the defective pavement occurs on clay and adobe soils, but a large mileage of the same thin pavement on these adverse soils still remains in good condition.

The bureau found the four-inch slab inadequate (the commission itself has abandoned it in favor of a five-inch reinforced concrete design) and advises that experimental sections be made on the unfavorable soils. It also finds that the three-eighths-inch carpet coat, famous in California, does not give a service commensurate with its cost.

Of interest in all parts of the country is the bureau's finding that there is nothing presented by the entire California study which indicates that concrete is not a successful pavement. Simple, satisfactory methods for classifying the conditions of concrete roads have been developed from this study which will be found invaluable in classifying roads in other states.

CONSTRUCTION OF GOOD ROAD

Careful Design and Best of Workmanship Required, Especially for the Foundation.

Every element of a modern road requires careful design and the best of workmanship. The foundation, especially must be deep and substantial, and for this it would seem that the usual layer of crushed stone is entirely inadequate and unsuited. Underdrainage is also very important, but usually is laid out on theory rather than a consideration of actual conditions that vary every few yards. The surface is vitally important, for it should be absolutely smooth, as any initial irregularity forms a starting point for disintegration under the trip hammer blows of a heavy truck wheel.

"1-2-3-MIX" ROAD SURFACE

Found Extremely Satisfactory on Main Traveled Roads by Pennsylvania Authorities.

As a result of long experiments the Pennsylvania state highway department has found the "1-2-3-mix" highway surface extremely satisfactory on main traveled roads. This mixture consists of one part cement, two parts sand and three parts stone. The highway is eight inches thick at the side, is eighteen feet wide and reinforced with wire mesh.

Good Repair Materials.

Broken stone and tar binder are the only satisfactory repair materials, for macadam roads and many improved country roads are of that type.

Heavy Duty Roads.

Of the 2,500,000 miles of highway in the United States, only 6,250 miles are subject to the demands of heavy duty traffic.

Less Exorbitant Prices.

It begins to appear that roads can be built for less than exorbitant prices.

Decrease in Road Cost.

Last year a typical mile of road in Illinois cost more than \$40,000 to build; this year the average low bid was \$37,500.

Roads Built Last Year.

Approximately 20,000 miles of new improved roads were finished in this country last year.

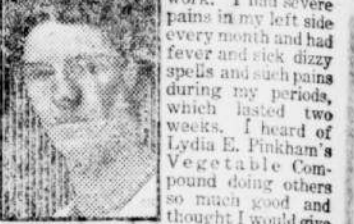
Coop the Hen.

The hen with a brood of chickens should be kept in a good coop till the chickens are weaned.

SYMPTOMS WOMEN DREAD

Mrs. Wilson's Letter Should Be Read by All Women

Clearfield, Pa.—"After my last child was born last September I was unable to do all of my own work. I had severe pains in my left side every month and had fever and sick dizzy spells and such pains during my periods, which lasted two weeks. I heard of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound doing others so much good and thought I would give it a trial. I have been very glad that I did, for now I feel much stronger and do all of my work. I tell my friends when they ask me what helped me, and they think it must be a grand medicine. And it is. You can use this letter for a testimonial if you wish."—Mrs. HARRY A. WILSON, R. F. D. 5, Clearfield, Pa.



The experience and testimony of such women as Mrs. Wilson prove beyond a doubt that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will correct such troubles by removing the cause and restoring the system to a healthy normal condition. When such symptoms develop as backaches, bearing-down pains, displacements, nervousness, and "the blues" a woman cannot act too promptly in trying Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound if she values her future comfort and happiness.

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Cuticura Soap is the favorite for safety razor shaving.

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Removes Itch and Scalp Itching Restores Color and Beauty to Gray and Faded Hair. Cleanses and Softens the Scalp. Prepared at Parkers' Chemical Works, Tallulah, La.

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Removes Corns, Calluses, etc., stops all pain, restores comfort to the feet, makes them soft by mail or at drug-gists. Hixcox Chemical Works, Tallulah, La.

Uncle Josh—Here's a letter from Nephew Harry, that's gone to Africa, and says that within 20 rods of his house there's a family of laughing hyenas.

His Wife—Well, I am glad he's got pleasant neighbors, anyway—that's something.

Important to Mothers

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The Trouble.

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IF YOUR CORNS PAIN YOU

Apply Vacher-Balm, it relieves at once. Keep it handy for any other pain. Buy it locally. E. W. Vacher, Inc., New Orleans.

No, Alfred, a man seldom puts his foot into it when he takes a step in the right direction.

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It's toasted

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