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7 - Jokes

~~Stell table etc~~

Seen Halley's comet? Yes, but only from a distance.

Is on N. side of st. - when you're going west

Extreme center

No fee. Get what you pay for. But it is usually not speakers who shd. be paid, but listeners.
∧ Value of your time I am about to consume - ~~see Hon. Pres. for~~
~~Hist of fee~~ more than any fee, honor & pleasure for me. Is also something in it for
Defn. of engineer you -- I will be brief.

Maw, I learned to write!

Persons w. tapeworms. (& pregnant women)

Pearls & genuine swine

I am a soft scientist -- one who ~~not~~ teaches how to make
hard decisions among soft programs in the heard sciences.

Polish joke.

Tomulka died, St. Peter wouldn't admit him. Showed him options of Hell.

Totally devastated, until saw Kruschev cuddling B.B. "This is much more agreeable".

St. P: But ~~this is not the punish~~ it is BB who is being punished.

What has a long tail & eats peas?
The fresh meat queue.

Jokes

Get a PhD – before you become unemployed

Combine w. "Use Philosophy" on men's room door.

Beer Mason: Going Out.

a billion here, a billion there, ---

Friend w. "financial problems," dropped out of school

10,000 acre ranch

Jokes –

No one goes to Smith's Restaurant any more – it's too crowded.

Reverse of We shd. all go out to enjoy the solitude of the wilderness.

Rev. Dr. Thomas Browne saw Divine Providence in arranging course of sun so it brought just the amt of heat needed to support the kind of plants growing in different climates.

"At your age, might as well get the aluminum," or "cheap ones".

Jokes.

1. Half a cabbage

2. Use philosophy

3. Experiment Statistics

4. Dirksen
   a. A billion here, a billion there...
   b. Sweetest sound to human ear...

Jake -

Re Postal Strike, same comment is in order that Dorothy Parker made when C. Coolidge died.

(= OK, Mama, what did D.P. say.. ?!

How could they tell?

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Jokes

1. Microphone. Embrace like ~~Frank~~ old Blue-Eyes.

2. Fallacy of composition - like move to large lots, all neighbors operate power mowers round the clock.
   Open space nearby - place for unmuffled cycles.
   Feed back

3. Echo emit rationalize forests o'night. Even God required 6 days.
   But can in fact chart best path beginning now.

4. I spoke to one neighbor - wife nagging,
   " " another -- invited me to discipline his 19-yr. old son.

5. The "Worthington Defensive Crouch"
   Don't want any uninformed criticism.

6. the ignorant (I refer, of course to ~~my critics~~)
   + those who haven't read my latest books)

7. Seattle Airport great e.g. of waste of K.
   BC Hydro. 55% for int. but i = .03 !

8. Camelot to Victoria. Leaders of nostalgia movement.

I admire Clarence Darrow — go native. I don't know who will play W.J. Bryan. but heard lots of good candidates out there.

This talk of passionate minorities got me roused up. and feeling left out. Anything that makes people passionate has a lot going for it in this cold, hard world. I'd love to get together w. a passionate minority as long as she was over 16. / Anyway, I'm a member of a passionate minority, father of 5.

I've nothing against silent majority, either — the more silent the better they wd. say in Canada where ~~NDP~~ Lib. isn't born yet. for still waters runs deep & gives you time to read the paper, too.

After 3 yrs. in Canada, serious security problems. Us never stands still, changed a lot. Lib. has hit.

I've always had trouble w. women anyway. Everytime we get the popn. stabilized I get that old feeling & bang, there's another. Irishman (~~I'm other~~ Before you bigots make hay out of that, I'm a Congregationalist (— i.e. that's the church I don't go to hem. A.M.)

Anyway, girls can't leave me alone. So I wasn't surprised in Seattle airport ... Flowers. -- Enjoy yourself. ... small contribution. I might go on to say that didn't surprise me either, but that's out

~~Now, sister girl~~
U.S. has changed. They terminated my lust. I've ~~watched~~ learned from minorities so I reached down btw. of bench & screamed anti-Americanism. I milked that line for all it's worth - but you better believe that's not a stale bale of hay in the fresh meadow this year. The scrawl is on the wall & it says Yankee Go Home.

So began seeking jobs. First friend says, Woman will give you trouble. So what else is new, you wouldn't hold that against me? No you don't understand, it's affirmative action. Oh, I've always believed in that. No, I have to go looking

for 3 girls before I can offer you a job.

Fine, I'll help you look. No, go home, I'll call you.
Wife & 5 children to support! Not with it, go back to 19th cent., you
economist. to ? lost one job after another until finally

rounded up 3 old girlfriends to apply for the job ?

wanted & turn it down for Princeton, Yale & Dartmouth.

Jokes

1. Man who wanted half a cantaloupe

"Cand this gentleman here wants the other half"

To Nova Ala. Whores & hockey players.
What team is she on?

2. Prof. w/o bags, commercial hotel.

~~Nothing to~~ What are you selling?
Intelligence.
The other salesmen bring samples.

3. "~~Brilli~~ I comment, "Brilliant"
Seems commonplace - what did you say before?
Bullshit.

4. Ecst -- man you see when you're going broke, and he helps you.

And. Soc.

For the birds.

Get chicken feed when you kill them.
They'll grouse at you, clip yr. wings
Feather in your cap.

Don't ruffle any feathers

Eagle-eye

Eye on the sparrow

Road runner

Enter like Great Bustard, leave like Lesser Scaup or Least Sandpiper & yr.
tail feathers clipped to wren length.
Red-eye vireo

Don't gull them or they'll turn on you

above all flit off fast bes. they like to watch birds
who do, & don't keep them out after curfew.

Tarred & feathered

Tit-willow

Dicky-bird

M. MASON GAFFNEY

3 ways to go broke

Gambling - fastest

Most pleasant - Women

Surest - hire an acct.

Acct, Clergyman & lawyer

Thanks

Prayerful courtesy

Young man, when you
are an old man m. to
woman 25 yrs younger,
you will understand
what full-empl. means.

Half-ass officers

Joke

Matrimony, parsimony
acrimony, alimony

The Bastards aren't
organized.

Joke:

Boids & bees

The pragmatist.

Love is not distant
moan of a gypsy violin;
No! It is the triumphant
twang of a bedspring.

Bulls, bears, & bum steers.

Shakespeare didn't write

Shakespeare

Feeling a new woman

2 Texans buy new Lincoln Continental.

One picks up the tab.

"I'll get this, Slim. You got lunch."

Only claim I can make to being a native of NY is I was born here.

Sputnik Spin - 2 spurters. Symbolic of modern world, wherein rising stars are mostly satellites

~~Dec vs Merrill M. Caffrey~~ SA 93- - -

~~Interregional~~ Persian Cat. 7 for this, I experiment w Margaret Mead, dev. what I call Caffrey's law

Book review of the compleat imbiber--"I advise you to buy it, but I should warn you that its esteem for the products of the vine and vat stops this side of idolatry. In his piece John Betjeman tells of the reverend head of an Oxford College presiding at a dinner at the high table. Someone had brought a teetotaler, and who, offered a glass of port cried indignantly, "I would rather commit adultry than drink a glass of port." And the reverend head inquired, "And who wouldn't?"

Joke

Woman who liked to think before spoke, but interfered w conversation so.

Girl who wd talk about anything; in fact, rarely talked about anything else

Woman who liked to crochet, bcs it gave her something to think about while she talked.

"indivisible" — you know,
what they fought civil war
over.

Take this qn as pt. of departure.

"I shall depend immediately

- - - -

"... & just as he was learn'g to live w/o eat'g. he died."

Bombers in control, hi i.r.
Just as ec. is learn'g to live w.
t.ight credit, ~~it~~ depression comes.

Pun:

Tax liquor, dry up

+ax source

"Faulkes, this biennial budget isn't big enough for both of us."

Some minds are like cement:

all mixed up

and permanently set.

— Anon.

A cowboy from Alamadex
~~A passionate wrangler named Tex~~

Had unusual habits of sex

~~When booked for sodomy~~

~~He said You think it's odd o'me~~

~~And his offspring were physical wrecks.~~

He said ~~I~~ Don't think it's odd o'me

But I prefer sodomy

It sure beats fellatio with Tex

Husband: Must work late at office, not home 'til midnite.

Wife: Can I count on that?

Veblen - Davenport society

Ts. Gilman & Anna Houston

Inst. of Techn.

Brown - V-D or BVD society

Profs. of Home Ec., Music, Lit., & their publishers, see a group of prostitutes.

Jam of tarts

Flourish of trumpets

Passage (or Essay) of Trollopes

Anthology of Prose

Unbearable
Inconceivable
Impregnable
~~Unbearable~~
Insurmountable?
Inscrutable

"Women drive nails"

"At your age, the copper screens 'd be a waste o' money"

'Warn't thru kickin' yet'

'Clumsy, ain't he'

'Same old customers'

'Chaos:

'Who created--

'Hell of a mess we in today

'Heart of -- became scar of Cal.'

Truman has arthritis

Boston-breeding - everything

✓ 'Wife's an angel' 'Mine's still alive'

✓ Women take everything personally

Full of his subject.

Horse show is bunch of horses show'g asses to bunch of horses asses show'g their horses.

Grandad voted Republican,
dad " "
& I " "

If yr grandad was jackass etc. of what wd you be.

In that case might be Democrat.

3 ministers, weaknesses

awful gossip.

"I don't know".

Do you mind my asking?

No, how you gonna learn?

Excavation for hospital. To town mourn:

"Big enough to throw all ~~every~~ sons of bitches in town in."

"Who'd be left to shovel 'em under?"

I wasn't exactly born in a log cabin, but moved into one as soon as my folks cd. afford it.

Shots right in middle of bull's-eye.

Town idiot
Shoot first, then draw bull's-eye.

Their ~~assets~~ stock shd be liquid - they've been watering it for yrs

Bluffs doesn't always work:

"... O, he's still president of U.S."

Wheelbarrow greatest invention has taught Irishmen to walk on hind legs.

There was a young fellow named Rex

Who had a small organ of sex

When ~~tackled~~ tried for exposure

He replied with composure

De minimis non curat lex.

Smog: It's not so bad if you don't inhale.

Little boy after nude swim:

at least I learned the

diff. between a Methodist

& a Presbyterian.

Mrs. Mark Etheridge to
Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings:

"You've certainly made your mark."

Reply:

"I'd like to have made yours."

Phelps & Stojic .. ~~(make it drink it?)~~
We must tell 'em.

160 Law - drawbacks, too

Missed good chances to stop.

"At this moment I feel like a certain rather undistinguished man .

Heywood Broun's roommate

Following Wasserman & Mason ... introduced by ...

Rebuild dinosaur from 3 bones & 10 bbls cement.

Man made coffee for bachelor roommates, drove them all into marriage ~~Now nobody~~ What happened to him?
Now in S. U.

Coach told boys to compliment people.
"You sweat less than any fat girl I ever danced with."

homosexual minister who broke his organ on a limo? Or about the girl who went to the psychiatrist because she was so in-love with a certain man that she had an orgasm every time she saw him, every time he simply walked into the room. She asked the head-shrinker

if he knew what was wrong with her, and he said, "Why, certainly, young lady, you're coming unscrewed." And do you know the definition of a voluptuous woman — one who has curves in places where other girls don't even have places!

Four-letter word,
found on btm of bird cages,
ecsts are full of it. Shit.
Got an eraser?

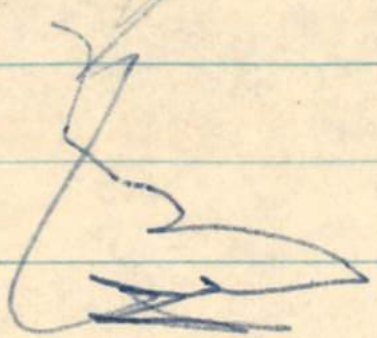
—— is as good as any 2 men from Mo. — has to be shown twice.

Feel like mosquito in nudist camp — don't know where to begin

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Don't worry re manners, we know you ain't got any.

Don't peer like I'll learn any here.



Sheep story.

I'm not going to be cautious like Bonker, but swing wild.

MacArthur story.

I'll try not to have delusions of grandeur.

Prunes -- full of subject.

When teacher leaves
my school for yours, stem and
in both places rise.

Member of KKK?
Wizard between the sheets

bleary-eyed
Al Smith, 6 AM, ^ sleep's
Protestant companions

"Wdn't it be awful if we
were wrong & they were right?"

Fitzhugh story — minister who skipped meal to preach better. "He might as well have et"

Shannon's story:
Rabbi, priest, & minister, on scale, which spoke weight. Priest on pastoral calls ate much, heavy. Rabbi & minister, "154 lbs, thank you". ~~He~~ Priest: "One at a time please".

Interregional ofsom.

Names. (Reminds me of true story -- Hamilton)

Negros: Homogeneity of s-n names not decisive as Race variety, led to famous comment: more Van Fossens in Staunton than white people

Even less shd we take seriously s-n claims to Anglo-Saxon purity.

My book is for young people.

~~Older readers might not~~ can't be sure of ~~Only they would have the time to~~

~~living long enough to finish it.~~

Only they will live long enough to finish it.

H. G. speech:
French
Horsemeat & rabbit
stew: 1 rabbit, 1 horse

Bicycles are replacing burros on Mexican highways. Now, if we could just find some way of replacing some of the many jackasses on American highways . . .

Jokes

~~Debonair~~

~~Fit politician to their admirer.~~

"He who calls the tune makes sure others pay the piper."

Priest: What's a Ferrari?

Unitarian Minister: What's a blessing?

Acrobats in automobiles

Having tried it both ways, I'd like to say a word for bedrooms.

Fork in road as enter Maine. U.S. 1, & Turnpike. Each has sign. "To Portland". Visitor asks "Does it make any difference?" "Not to me, it doesn't."

Lot's of odd characters up here.

Yes, but after Labor Day you'll all be gone.



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Jokes. See Droke, THE SPEAKER'S HANDBOOK OF HUMOR,
Ag 808.8 D835s, Harper.

1. Harvard is a storehous of knowledge bcs freshmen bring so much and seniors take away so little.

2. "Roll on thou deep and dark blue ocean, -- roll!"
"Oh, Fred, you wonderful man, it's doing it!"

3. Do you think travel will improve his behavior?
No, but it will spread it over a wider territory.

4. Why didn't you ask your mother about it?
Oh, I didn't want to know that much about it.

5. A little overweight, eh?
No, but the table says I should be six inches taller.

6. The years a woman subtracts from her age are not lost; they are added to the ages of other women.

re math. formulas

7. Isn't there anything I can do to make you stop crying?
It's hay fever -- but please keep trying!

8. You tell me -- it's your dream!

9. Jeweler: it takes several trays of engagement rings to work off these few wedding rings.

10. If you had money, Bill, what would you do?
I'd travel
She left him a quarter.

11. "Oh, thank you, your compliments are pleasing."
"Enjoy them, because next we will discuss your spelling, punctuation, and typing."

12. Could you lick any five of them? No.
Well seeing that you realize you can't lick them all, I'm going to put you in charge of them.

13. You sure look worried.
Listen, if anything happens today I won't have time to worry about it for three weeks.

14. Banker tried pumping gas for health. First customer orders 10 gals. "Where going" "Ia. City." "Don't you think you can get along on five?"

15. Aren't you the fellow who sold me this car?
Sure am.
Well, tell me about it again, I get so discouraged.

16. Preachers discuss how to get people to come to meetings. Farmers spend time ~~not on how to get cattle to come to feedrack, but~~ how to make the feed good.

17. Don't know where my boy gets his meenness. Now, me, I've never stuck a knife that deep in nobody.

18. Maw, maw, I've learned to write.
Sakes, paw, what'd ye write?
Don't know, ain't learned to read yet.

19. That's simple, said the novice fiddler who collected showers of money from open windows, you also got to be a bookmaker.

20. Puzzled doctor: "Did you ever have this rash before?"
Yes, twice.
Well, you've got it again, diagnosed the doctor.

21. Dying man, in response to Pollyanna encouragements.
"Thank Goodness, it's nice to know I'm going to die cured."

22. Driver of scenic tour bus to grouchy customer.
"Listen, mister, if you ain't got it on the inside, you can't see it on the outside."

23. Popular candy salesgirl. "The other girls scoop up more than a pound and take some away; I scoop up less, and add to it."

24. What's the matter -- isn't the change right?
Grudgingly: "Well, it is --- but just barely."

25.

. . . from Ky., land of fine horses and fast wom--- - - - -ahem---
I mean fine women and fast horses.

. . . a gentleman by birth, a scholar by training, and a judge of good whiskey ~~from~~ by ~~practise.~~ long experience.

. . . . . No, I neversuckered tobacco. I never laid an egg, either, but I know more about marketing eggs than the best hen that ever sat.

from Ky, land of fast horses and fine women

WHAT ARE WE? "Robert Hutchins once described the modern university as a series of separate schools and departments held together by a central heating system. In an area where heating is less important and the automobile more, I have sometimes thought of it as a series of individual faculty entrepreneurs held together by a common grievance over parking."

--Clark Kerr, "The Multiversity," Harpers, Nov., 1963

[illegible] Banquet, Union, 6:30 p.m.

28-12/1 Thanksgiving Recess.

29-30 Ice Hockey, St. Mary's of Minnesota vs. Wisconsin, Madison Ice Rink, 8 p.m.

NEW EXHIBITS:

Main, Theater, and Lounge Galleries, 29th Annual Wisconsin Salon of Art, November 25-January 7.

UW-M Union, Special Art Exhibit, Irving Amen Woodcuts, November 18-December 18.

Two quips from the pen of Mike Barry, The World's Greatest Handicapper, which I liked:

The countdown at Cape Canaveral is said to go this way: "10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 . . . dammit!"

And then Mike

Sign Language

On a church in London is a sign, MAKE YOUR WORST ENEMY YOUR BEST FRIEND. Next door, on a mission window, is emblazoned DRINK IS YOUR WORST ENEMY.

There sometimes the best way to stop going around in a circle is to go off on a tangent.

?'d rather it was one of them...

Hangs, 5 min. speech
-after hngs

Don't blame you for bldg
a town here — ground's too
hard to plow.

Wd you like a little brother
or little sister?

Well, if all seems to mama,
~~mama didn't swell up too much~~, I'd
rather have a pony.

Winston Ch. asked 5 leadg
Eng. ec-sts their opinion
on ec. policy, got 6 diff.
answers — 2 from Keynes

Teaching:

Putting abstract ideas into concrete needs.

Speech shd be like woman's skirt:

long enough to cover subject, short enough to keep yr interest up.

Semantics

Asked Ky preacher if he'd like some corn, & he passed his glass

God made woman last bec

he didn't want any advice

while creating man.

lie ahead. In doing so, we have no selfish interest to protect. Each of us fully realizes that some day there will be others to take our places. There's no teacher's tenure attached to these jobs!

But we do believe that the State Water Rights Board as it was conceived and created by the Legislature, with your advice and recommendation, to be the Guardian of the Public Interest, should not be tampered with. Yours it is, then, gentlemen, to determine the course of action to be taken.

In conclusion, may I tell you a story I recently read in the monthly publication of the National Automobile Club.

In a federal court, an elderly American Indian was charged with bootlegging.

"Your name?" asked the judge.

There was no answer.

"Have you a lawyer?"

Again, silence.

"Do you understand English?"

The Indian kept staring blankly ahead. The judge shrugged and turned to the district attorney.

"This is a trivial case, anyhow," he said. "He doesn't seem to understand a word of English. Probably he doesn't realize he has done wrong. Dismiss the case."

Told he could go, the Indian nevertheless sat motionless while the next case was called. This time it was a white man who was charged with the same offense. The defense lawyer, noted for his oratory, delivered an impassioned plea for mercy. Unmoved, the judge gave the defendant five years in the penitentiary.

As the crestfallen lawyer was leaving the courtroom, the elderly

Indian leaned over and whispered in the lawyer's ear:

"White man talk too much."

Gentlemen, I'm afraid I've talked too much!

I thank you, sincerely, for the privilege of addressing this convention.

Parrott among roosters.

"I am here for educational purposes only".

Heredity -

If parents had no children,
you probly won't either.

"No, but there's a MacPherson

who's willing to try."

Bicycle - Commandments

All ex-sts laid end to end, never reach conclusion.

~~Dark~~

Many a personality has been developed in a dark room.

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2 rabbits, wait here 'til outnumber

Joke: lady & diplomat

Who created chaos?

Parrot: New madam, new girls - - - same old customers

Young bride, after 3 days in bed, sees husband walk out of bathroom.

"Is that all we have left"

Naval engagement...

Get to the point!

Pruneface story

Tumultuous, isn't it?

Just multuous enough.

Student, re Russ. economists on bottom .... wasn't clear. didn't say if thought good or bad.

Magna Carta—Schoolboy Version

History masters have a lot of quiet fun reading essays by their less intelligent pupils, but this essay by an American schoolboy caps anything they are likely to read for some time:

"On a beautiful evening in August 1582 Queen Elizabeth entered the ancient town of Coventry and, divesting herself of her clothing, mounted on a snowwhite stallion and rode through the principal streets of the city.

"On her way she met Sir Walter Raleigh, who, observing her naked condition, threw his cloak about her, crying: 'Honi soit qui mal y pense' which, being translated, means: 'Thy need is greater than mine.'

"The Queen graciously responded, 'Dieu et mon droit,' which translated means, 'My God you are right!' This incident is called the Magna Carta."—*Cape Times, Cape Town, S. Africa.*

Oats - horses

Prunes, fertilizer

Feel'g new woman

Tradition, useful thing --

Chub Peabody

Orwell:

"You're only a rebel from the waist downwards".

Joke

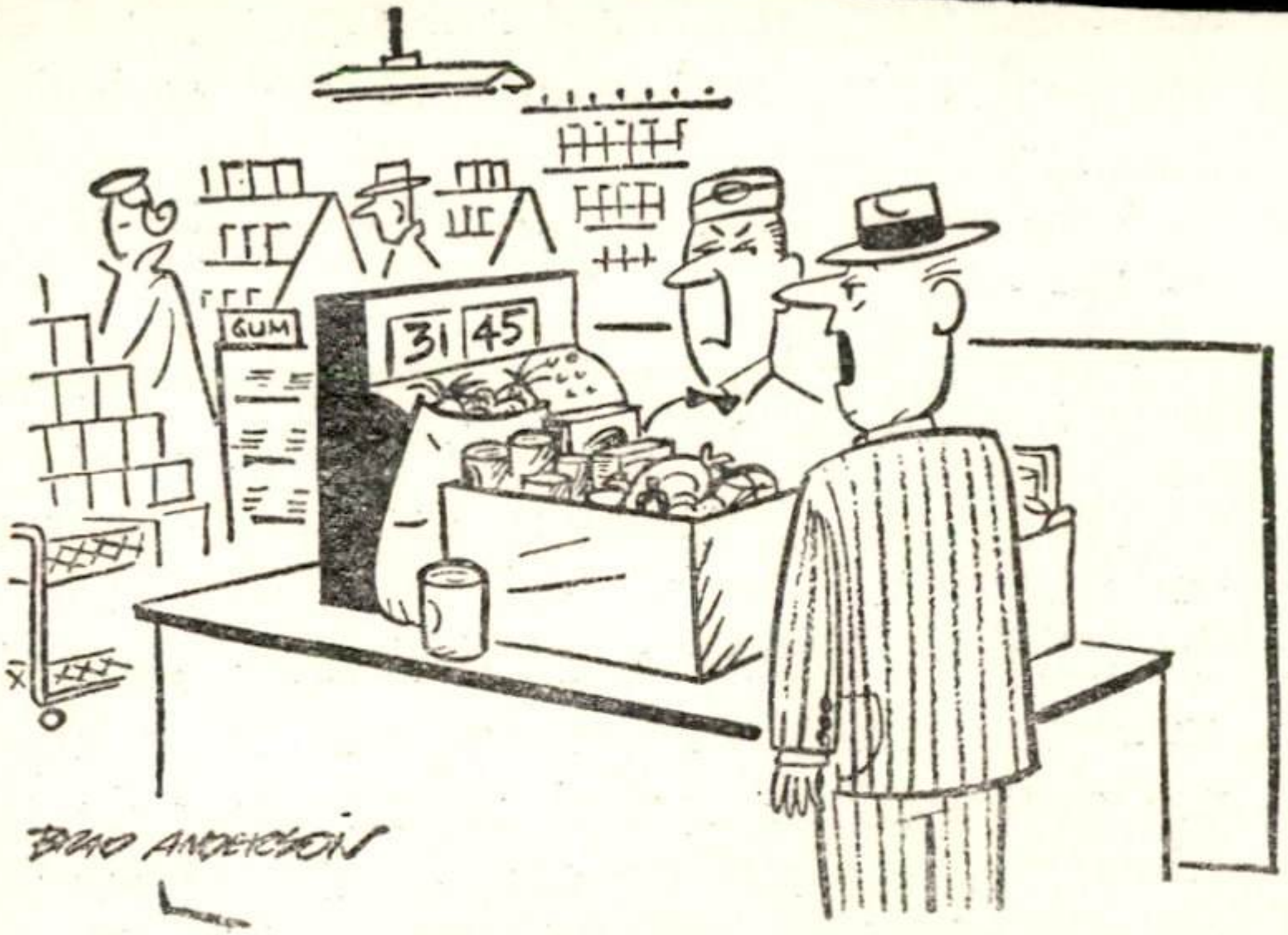
"Only a shoemakers daughter

honored. Commerce and industry depend upo
the well being and liberty of the agricultura
population."

Aime then quotes Jean Jaures in *Histoi*
Socialiste:

"Some new bonds from Paris to the eart
were being knit. Regeneration of rural life an
of agricultural production was passionately dis
cussed. Thus Paris, although its whirl o
thought, of luxury and of finance seemed t
separate it from the country, was becoming, o
the contrary, the capital of the great fields o
wheat; it was sowing afar in the furrows th
eager seed of a new agricultural riches."

To return to Aime: "Already a school o
philosophers has been formed, with which D



"Well, thanks for all your trouble, but I'm afraid that's a little higher than I care to go."

—From The Fact Finder

Hi Sierra vs deep C.V. soil —

Calif.s pile it higher &

deeper than anybody

Scotch are good ex-sts.

E.g. - orders Scotch.

"When MacDougal drinks, everybody drinks".

Seeing crowd, sotto voce, surreptitiously, nervously, aside to bartender:

"When ... pays"

Enunciate a principle — first in French, expostulatory, gesticulatory, long winded. Then in English, short.

or

"as the Frenchman said, "Le theorie, mes chers amis, ce n'est rien (sneer) qu'une grande pièce de saltimbanquerie. Je vous en prie, ne mettez aucun confiance à ce palpable insouciance!" !!

Joke:

"I always wondered what those damn little dots were for"

(Eng. noble lord, re decimal pts.)

Orrin Alfred, a friend in San Francisco, sent me the following recently, commenting: "It's a bit short of being a classic, but there's a germ of an idea in it . . ." I agree with Orrin as to the germ of an idea being in it. Perhaps you've heard the story? Well, anyway, it goes like this:

Over the hill trailed a man behind a mule drawing a Dixie plow. Philosophizing, the man unburdened himself after this fashion:

"Bill, you are a mule, the son of a jackass, and I am a man, made in the image of God. Here we work, hitched up together, year in and year out. I sometimes wonder if you work for me or I work for you. Verily, I think this is a partnership between a mule and a fool, for surely I work as hard as you, we cover the same distance — but you do it on four legs and I on two. Therefore, mathematically speaking, I do twice as much work per leg as you.

"We are now preparing for a new crop. When the crop is harvested I give one-third to the landlord for being so kind as to let me use this small speck of God's universe. One-third goes to you, and the balance is mine. You consume all your portion with the exception of a few cobs, while I divide my third among my seven children, a dozen hens, two ducks, and a banker. If we both need shoes and I can afford but one pair, who gets 'em? You. In fact, you are getting the best of me and I ask: 'Is it fair for a mule, the son of a jackass, to swindle a man, the lord of creation, out of his substance?' Not only that, but you merely help plow and cultivate the ground. I alone must cut, shuck and husk the corn while you look over the pasture fence and 'hee-haw' at me.

"All fall and most of the winter the whole family from Granny to the baby work from morning to night to help raise money to pay taxes and buy you a new set of harness and pay the mortgage on you. And what do you care about the mortgage? Not a damn! I have to do all the worrying about the mortgage on your tough, ungrateful hide.

"About the only time I am your better is on election day — I can vote and you can't. But even then, after the election is over, I realize I am probably as great a jackass as your papa, and wonder if politics were made for men or jackasses — or to make Jackasses out of men.

"And all that's only half of it, Bill. When you're dead, that's supposed to be the end of you. But me? The parson says that when I die I gotta go to hell forever. That is, Bill, if I don't do just as he says. And most of what he says I gotta do, or not do, keeps me from getting any kick out of life. Tell me, Bill, knowing all these things, how can you keep a straight face and look so dumb and solemn?" — (Anon.)

Mackintosh to keep 2 girls warm?

McPherson willing to try

Quip:

One egghead is worth a hundred deadheads, you might say.

2 rabbits .. "Wait here. . . .

P&E tactics on public xmsn

Dulles called for "agonizg reappraisal" of

fn policy. How about prop-ty? If they want a really agonizg reapp., shd do that.

Begin w prop, every local comm. Basically split Dev-mt advisers come around, advise get a nice power distn. sta — no children, jump on 'em for taxes, etc.

Billy J. says approves sack dress, bes not sexy.

Confirms my suspicion he knows very little on that subject.

" A woman whose femininity consists ~~in~~ less in what she has than what she doesn't."

Titles

Nutritive aspects of
Older Women.
U. Mo. Home Econ. Bull.

H. A. Phelps Population in its
Human aspects.

--- like the Mo. mule, having neither pride of ancestry nor hope of posterity.

he was balancing a farm & it fell on his head

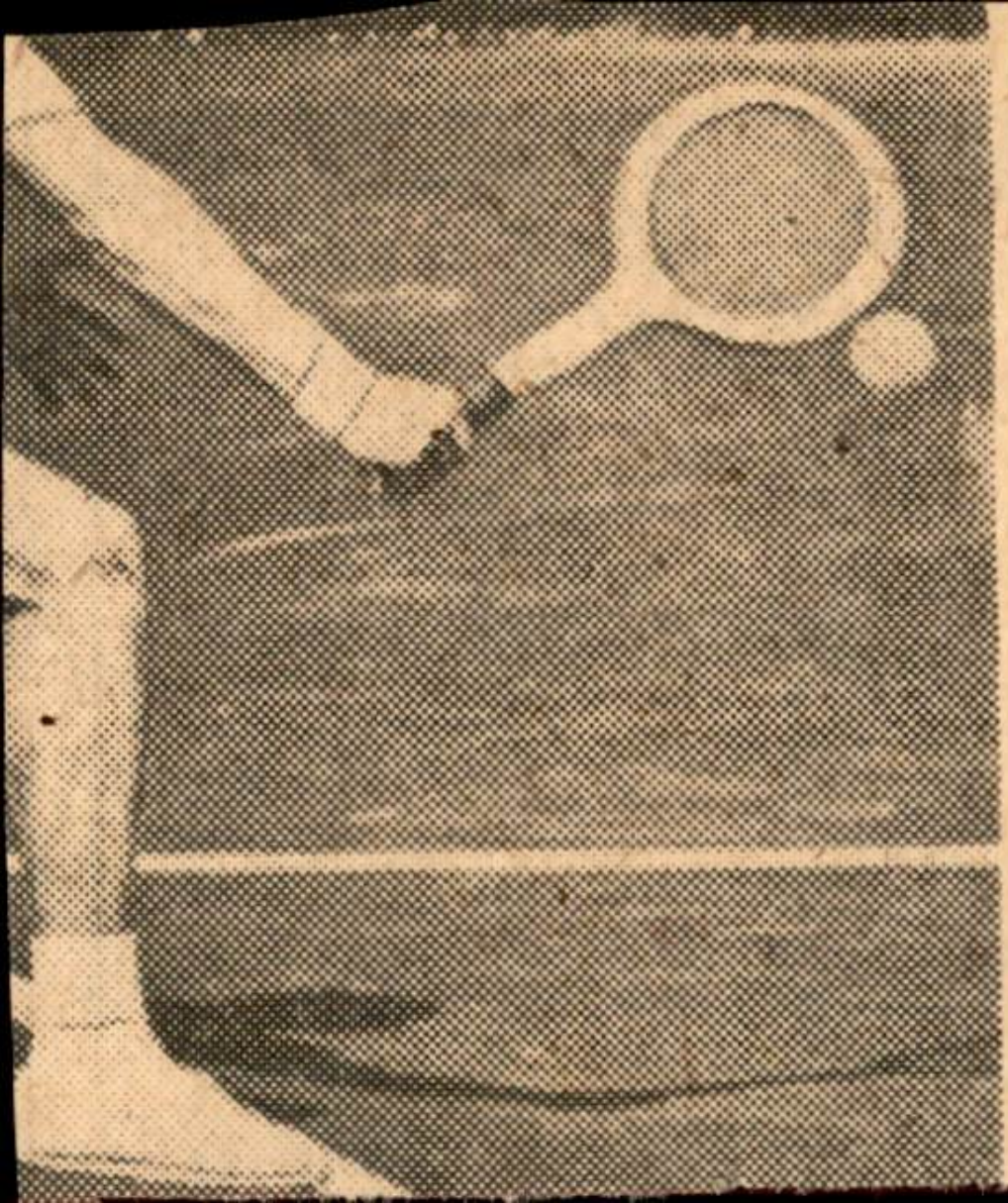
" that still, small voice with a megaphone "



Deliver

Herblock, a terrific cartoonist, is no slouch with words either. Hitting back at censorship efforts by the Postmaster General, Herblock suggests:

"It seems to me that we were all better off when the Postal Department used to deliver the mail and left it to a Higher Authority to deliver us from evil."



Country News 115 Blendon 113
*Phesant Chick

SECOND RACE—$1000 claiming three-year-olds, six furlongs:

Hannimist	110	Some Kate	117
Warshield	113	*Miss Feature	109
Sultan's Child	110	Future Street	117
Peter K.	113	Also eligible:	
Fleet Wind Boy	117	Flyaway Bulnes	113
Connie's Frank	113	Metallic Bar	120
		*Miss Mac B	109

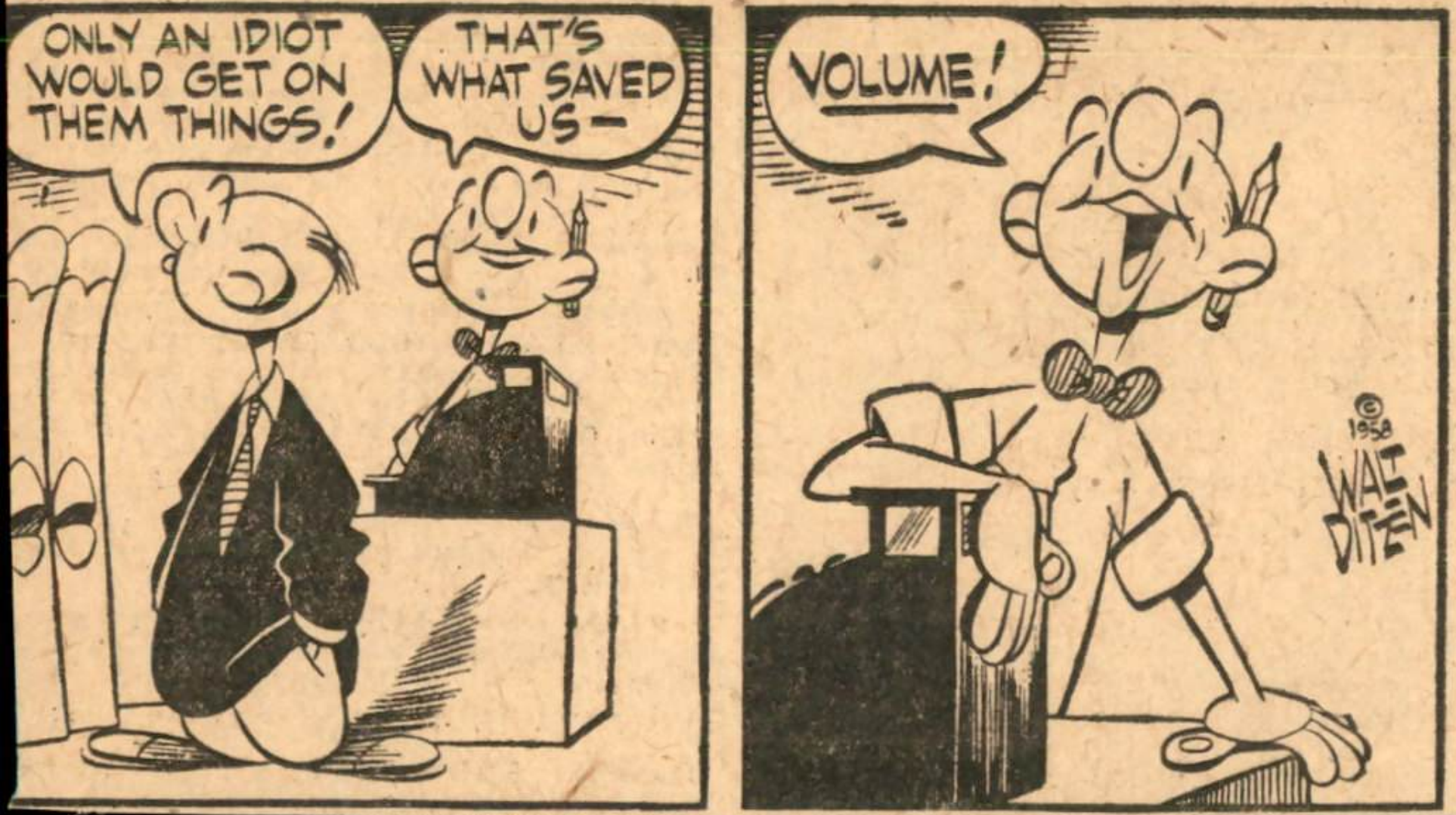
THIRD RACE—$1000 allowances two-year-old maidens, six furlongs:

Hytarite	115	*Indian Boots	110
Aunt Liz	115	War Graph	118
*The Tide	113	Davey's Baby	115
Kirk Sweet Pie	115	Rass	115
		Helen's Grace	115
She Gains	115		

aC. P. Poland and E. Laux-G. Harper entry.

FOURTH RACE, $1000 claiming three-years-olds and up, six furlongs

Parwins	116	Major Tee	11
Its A Pleasure	109	*Red Ran	10
		I Insist	11
Equiall	112	Jomay	11
*Pride-O-Bob	111	Prairie Prince	11


ONLY AN IDIOT WOULD GET ON THEM THINGS!
THAT'S WHAT SAVED US—
VOLUME!
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Here's to our wives and sweethearts: may they never meet!

A man in love is no judge of beauty

Alcohol makes one see double and feel single.

To beautiful women: they can always get anything -- but a man's point of view.

2 Roman soldiers & Jesus.

"He was a great teacher —

but he never published."

John

1. Hearing Prof. W — speak makes me feel good about being an economist — — makes me feel I can talk about anything

1. God made us imperfect; but compensated by blinding us to our faults.

~~2. R. Tunney, London Electricity Council, London S.W. 1.~~

3. Help Beautify our junkyards - throw away something lovely today.

4. Men esteem truth remote - - Mt. Rainier vs. Rainier Ave.

5. We judge our cities by what they have been, or what they are going to be — the present is incidental.

6. An engineer is a man who can tell you the very best way to build something that shouldn't be built at all.

~~7. Mutt's joke~~

~~8. Expenses to Brockway, N.Y.~~

~~9. ask Allen for list of audience~~

~~10. Note to Ashley re p. 418 or whatever~~

~~11. Air Pollu. &c. stuff to Frances~~

~~Request comment re Nat. Res. piece~~

~~Wm. Law?~~

~~12. W.v. Law to Roland~~

Itinerary for Mr. Mason Gaffney

Mar 3 - Thu	North Central flight 26	
	Lv Milwaukee	2:00PM
	Ar Chicago (O'Hare)	2:32PM
	Delta flight 969 first class	
	Lv Chicago (O'Hare)	3:15PM
	non-stop jet	
	Ar New Orleans	5:14PM
March 6 - Sun	Delta flight ~~969~~ 974 first class	
	Lv New Orleans	5:25PM
	non-stop jet	
	dinner on board	
	Ar Baltimore	8:24PM
March 10 - Thu	Northwest flight 385 first class	
	Lv Washington (National Airport)	7:25PM
	non-stop	
	dinner served on board	
	Ar Milwaukee	8:43PM

7 - Jokes

SEX AND THE SINGLE TAX

The above headline in the April Foreign Service Journal was followed by this comment: "With the success of such books as 'Sex and the Single Girl' and 'Sex and the Single Man' (and somebody surely must be working on 'Sex and the Single Track Mind'), we can soon expect the appearance of a tome entitled 'Sex and the Single Tax.' In it an economic specialist will promote the cause of his favorite theory. It will probably not be a sexy treatment, and the single tax school of thought will come in for no more than passing reference. The title will, however, assure the book's success and, at the same time, illustrate a basic tenet of the New Political Science: Every government or regime of consequence and every important development, in order to be of consequence or importance, must have a catchy label . . ."

Single taxers are resourceful people — pioneering, too — and long before the fad of sexy titles, Oscar H. Geiger wrote a paper on "The Sex Problem and its Solution." The single tax came in for more than passing reference. (This remarkable paper is printed in "A Seed Was Sown" by Robert Clancy, available from The Henry George News for $1).

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From the will of the late George Robert White of Boston:

"As it is probable that said [trust] Fund will consist in greater part of real estate centrally situated in the City of Boston which is reasonably sure to increase in value, I urgently recommend that such real estate be not sold for a period of at least one hundred (100) years, that leases of the same shall be subject to revaluations as a basis of rentals every ten (10) years and where necessary shall provide for rebuilding by the lessees, that the real estate shall not be mortgaged, and the buildings thereon shall be kept fully insured."

M. S. Lurio, director of the Henry George extension in Boston noticed this paragraph in small print among the legal notices in The Christian Science Monitor.

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Those long-time Georgists in Wilmington, Delaware, the Frank T. Stirliths, noticed this remarkably clear statement in their Evening Journal on March 30th. Seldom has the land value principle been so explicitly described in a news item, but Wilmington has had a slight exposure to the LVT principle in nearby Arden.

The board chairman and president of the Bank of Delaware, Edwin P. Neilan, addressing the Greater Wilmington Board of Realtors, said land should be taxed on the basis of its value and potential, instead of on the buildings. Placing the tax emphasis on ground would be a natural stimulus to property owners to make the improvements we want, he said, since a man owning ground in a high tax area would soon build or improve his properties in a way that would help him recoup his taxes.

Where else than from Henry George could he have gleaned this wisdom? He told realtors that many property owners hold back on making improvements to their land because they are immediately saddled with increased taxes.

What this country needs is more bank presidents like Mr. Neilan!

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Readers were invited by the bi-monthly review *L'Informateur* of Lyon, France, to submit samples of "current economic jargon," and our friend Pavlos Giannelias of the same city sent the following:

"I agree with the English economist Ralph Harris that 'plan' is a combination on paper of discordant objectives.

"In the English term 'planned economy,' as well as in the French term, 'l'économie planifiée,' the Greek root 'Oikonomia' is mixed, through an etymological abuse, with the Latin root 'planum.' But if one stays strictly with Greek roots, 'planë' would give to the economy of our times the quality of error, seduction or imposture."

—R. C.



In his review of Sidney Homer's book *A History of Interest Rates* (March HGN), Charles F. Leonard, after giving some data on interest rates for various types of money loans, concludes that "the question of the 'real' rates of interest . . . on real capital remains unanswered here."

Of course it remains unanswered and for the very good reason that it is unanswerable. Money interest (the only real interest) is determined by supply and demand; but the returns to real capital used in productive enterprises are determined, not by supply and demand, but by the skill and ability of the producers.

Much of the confusion about interest stems from considering capital as a factor of production, which it is not. It is only a factor or instrumentality of labor. The return is to labor and to nothing else; in other words it is wages and not interest. Capital without labor could produce nothing, and labor without capital would produce next to nothing. Interest is only a return to a money loan, therefore it has no place in distribution. There is no such thing as a natural law of interest.

GASTON HAXO
St. Petersburg, Florida

In response to Dr. Harrington's letter (April HGN), the notion that is connected with banknotes issued by government, or by a central bank under charter from a government, namely the "promise to pay," or the attribute "redeemable," is somewhat misconceived. Only the producer of wealth or the supplier of services can "redeem" the note or the credit which the note represents.

Government can only decree by fiat that such notes be accepted in payment of debt or redemption of credit, but not being itself a producer (at least, it ought not to be) cannot promise payment in the form of wealth of any kind, not even gold. If it does so, it acts against the true nature of money.

As for redemption in gold, the monetary facts are these; government issues money as certificates of credit and hands these out to producers (or sellers) of gold. But instead of letting the gold then be sold on the market, and the proceeds from such sales be used to repay the outstanding amount of credit so that the money can be withdrawn and the books cleared, government hoards the gold and lets the money which was created to pay for this gold, circulate in the economy, even though the equivalent wealth represented by this money is withheld from the market. This procedure is itself strictly inflationary, the opinions of O. B. Johannsen, Colonel E. C. Harwood, Henry Hazlitt, et al. notwithstanding.

ERICK S. HANSCH
Portland, Oregon

Dr. William J. Harrington rightly disparages the expression "supply of money." But what is money (he indicates it is not necessarily "currency"). Henry George's concept that money is anything acceptable as a measure of value and medium of exchange seems satisfactory.

RICHARD T. HALL
Boston, Massachusetts

There was an erroneous alteration in my letter in the April HGN. The next to last line should read, "the term, money, should be used only in reference to money itself and not to mere evidence of the existence of money."

WILLIAM J. HARRINGTON, M.D.
Appleton, Wisconsin

Jokes

the common incentive is profit. The prospect of making a profit, then, is the main driving force which causes people to risk their money in investments whether in a big firm or a little one.

Merely making an investment, of course, does not insure a return on the investment. Some useful service or product must result which is wanted by the purchaser and it must be better or cheaper than that supplied by a competitor. Competition, then, is the second driving force which motivates investors. And when allowed free play it is also the force which limits profitability of an investment and prevents an investor from making an inordinate profit.

These two forces, the profit incentive and competition, are responsible for the inventiveness, the ingenuity and the resourcefulness of the businessman, and for the production of more and better services and products at lower prices for the consumer.

While this system of free enterprise operates in many countries of the world, I think it has been most highly developed and has been most beneficial in the United States. It has given this country the highest standard of living of any country in the world, as well as great national economic strength. In the process it has developed new technology as a result of large expenditures for research; new techniques of distribution; new concepts of mass production, and new management skills.

The U.S. private investor is continually seeking opportunities to put his limited capital resources to the most productive use. With his technology and management skills he often finds opportunities to apply these resources in foreign countries. In investing abroad he does several things, if he is successful. First, he makes a profit. Second, he makes a contribution to the country in which he invests by creating employment, by paying taxes, and by bringing to the public new or better or cheaper services and products, thus improving the economy. Finally, he benefits the U.S. economy by the return of profits and by stimulating exports. In addition to the services and goods required for his own investment, he also broadens the general acceptance of U.S. manufactured goods, thus increasing exports of products other than his own.

These facts simply illustrate the principle that good business trade or a good business investment is one in which all the parties directly involved share the benefits—though there may sometimes be less joy in the thoughts of a competitor standing by with a more costly product or less efficient investment.

These thoughts have been brought to mind by reading some of the recent newspaper accounts of comments by Government officials on both sides of the Atlantic and by some company officers in Europe on the "disturbing" effect of the U.S. private investment in Europe. I can't help feeling that these have been rather heavily weighted by the viewpoint of the producer who finds himself facing new competition in service to the consumer.

Some of you may remember the story of Robert Benchley's dilemma when he came to class at Harvard one day totally unprepared for a surprise test question which required him to write about the negotiations for a North Atlantic fisheries convention from the point of view of either the British or the United States Government. Benchley met that crisis by writing about the convention from the point of view of the fish.

What I'm trying to suggest is that we need an unconventional reporter these days to stand up for the "fish" and write about U.S. investment abroad from the point of view of the foreign consumer. From the consumer's point of view the "disturbance" caused by new investors is welcome, for if new investors did not offer something better to the consumers there would be no "disturbance." The benefits of the "disturbance" can take many forms. There is for one thing, a good deal of evidence that U.S. competition has had something to do with improvements in the quality and variety of goods for sale in European shops in recent years. For example, British firms are now offering readymade shirts with varying sleeve lengths instead of the old one-length-for-all model. This change may also have disturbed some manufacturers of arm garters but it seems clear that the consumer benefited. I suspect also that the competition of U.S. firms has had a lot to do with the fact that so many European firms are now studying larger economic units

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which will operate beyond narrow national boundaries and thus be able to produce better and lower priced goods for the consumer. In fact, one test of the role of any investment is its contribution to the welfare of the consumer. I am sure that U.S. investors in Europe are passing that test with high marks. But I do not wish to suggest that the movement of knowledge and ideas and investment has been only one way across the Atlantic; the U.S. consumer has long benefited from foreign investments here.

The same test of benefit to the consumer is applicable also to investments in the developing nations. The same necessity exists there to avoid being swayed over much by the outcries of a producer—whether he controls a private or a governmental facility—when competition puts the pressure on him to improve his service to the consumer. Protectionism can lead to retarded living standards whether it is applied against foreign products or foreign productive investments.

Our national policy has, of course, in recent years taken a special interest in speeding up the economic development of the so-called developing nations. It is for this reason as well that we must work our way out of the voluntary balance-of-payments program. Despite an attempt at special provisions for the developing nations both in the voluntary balance-of-payments program and in the interest equalization tax, I have seen evidence that the voluntary restraints are retarding the flow of funds to these areas also. Yet it is in these areas that private investment, when allowed the opportunity, can probably make its most dramatic contributions to economic growth—often in soil which had been nearly barren.

I do not contend that Government enterprises have never made productive economic innovations or carried out efficient commercial operations. But I do contend that such enterprises are the exception.

By contrast, the private companies have invested their own funds, pioneered entirely new fields of production, introduced new standards of efficiency and professional management—and paid their taxes.

My company alone paid $4 billion in taxes and other payments to governments last year, a large part in the developing nations. Such payments by many companies provide the bulk of the funds needed to finance essential Government services such as schools, roads, and hospitals in the developing nations, just as they have done in this country. The funds so provided will be more commensurate with the task if governments in the developing areas see the wisdom of concentrating their talents and resources on their essential functions without trying to preempt those areas which private businessmen are willing and able to pursue more productively.

The greatest obstacle to private investment in the developing nations today is not the threat of expropriation and breach of contract, serious though these threats may be in some areas. The greatest obstacle lies in the actions which governments have taken to carve out large areas of economic endeavor in which private investors are simply not permitted to operate.

This is the policy of the closed door. No other policy is doing more to slow down the development of nations. This fact, of course, poses an acute problem for our AID authorities who do not wish their assistance funds to substitute for more productive private funds. Our AID officials must be especially concerned that their grants and low-interest loans do not encourage governments to bring even larger areas of their economies under State management in order to present additional projects as justification for such apparently attractive finance.

To combat the policy of the closed door, U.S. private investors have acted flexibly to try to gain broader recognition of their potential contribution to the developing areas. In many areas they have joined together to carry out cooperative community action programs. You may also have heard of the work of some of our Jersey affiliates in such countries as Venezuela, Colombia, and Jamaica, where we are attempting to encourage a strong private local economy through participation on a minority equity basis in various small promising business ventures. The lesser part of our contribution is capital; the more important part is technical and managerial knowhow.

Undoubtedly you have also heard of the formation of the Adela Investment Co., in which more than 120 major firms in Japan, Europe and North America have joined to-

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John

1. Subst. labor for K -- dispense w. visual aids

2. Feedback.
   Air condit. plugged into power plant
   Large lot when w. power mowers, (w. dumdy w. rusted mufflers)
   Nbr. who mows so he can't hear wife nag him.

3. Dem Memo: You're out.

4. Worthington defensive crouch.

5. Candide in Victoria. End of line? Leaders of nostalgia boom.

6. Oscar Wilde effect

7. Preaching puritanism in S.F., uphill battle.

8. Bottomless cornucopia. Topless, bottomless.
   of unfruitified (whoops!)

9. The way to succeed in acad. world is to make a deep study of ~~all~~ the principles of clear, ~~exposition~~ forthright unambiguous writing — and violate them all.

10. Dirksen. Billion here, billion there. . . .

Changes in Land Policy: How Fundamental are They?
Myron Saffrey. Western Ag Ecs. Assn. Ft. Collins,
July 20, 1976 Kelso -- emeritus
Learned L. Tofstgaard Pres. N.D.S.U. Way to the top.

Intro. Am here to give you some straight talk.
Altho close to govt, never developed "Worthington defensive crouch". Land Econ. story.
Harbinger of BCI story -- yr. positions Terminated.
That's when I founded "SPCCMTH"
That's what happens to us radicals. However to move toward the center I've bought a water ct. in Calif. I'm an innocent purchaser -- and am orphan, too.
Also, my new wife tells me she spent her childhood feeding 4 steers on family farm in Md - happened to be just across Western Ave from D.C. - to keep that farmland assmt. So I've looked at life from both sides now.

(Thought that was pretty harsh. Then saw across old Ike, while preparing this talk, a review of paper .. "send to another reviewer who's more patient w. this kind of crap".)

Which is better? All I know for sure, like Omar Khayyam, is that certain things are more fun than mathematics.

(Just carried yield)
(Sexy fellow)

Jokes

1. Ma, sexy fellow. Hare Krishna girl in Seattle airport.
"We'd appreciate a small contribtn."

2. Wayne Hays award — I won't win.

3. "Friends don't care what you do, actually, ..."

4. When in doubt, mumble.
In this bus. a little vagueness goes a long way.

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Deliver

Herblock, a terrific cartoonist, is no slouch with words either. Hitting back at censorship efforts by the Postmaster General, Herblock suggests:

"It seems to me that we were all better off when the Postal Department used to deliver the mail and left it to a Higher Authority to deliver us from evil."

"I return your

insulting letter unread."

I'll never forget

old What's-his-name.

"I deplore redundancy and unnecessary repetition."

SCANNED

AS

FOUND

Old salesmen never die—they just go out of commission.

A hermit in an antique car was stopped by a policeman while driving 80 miles an hour. He was charged with recluse driving.

I don't say my wife always gets her own way, but she writes her diary a week ahead of time.

A friend of mine works in a distillery where he gets paid time-and-a-fifth for overtime.

My brother is so insecure that he has a rowing machine with a life preserver.

My brother is a magistrate. He told me of a woman who stood up in a divorce court and said she didn't want any alimony.

"All I want is for my husband to leave me as he found me," she insisted.

"And how was that?" my brother asked.

"I was a widow," she said.

I overheard a middle-aged couple saying to a travel agent, "We'd like a pleasure cruise. Book us on different ships."

My nephew Bobby brought home a report card heavy with poor grades. "What have you to say about this?" asked his mother. "One thing for sure," he replied. "You know I ain't cheating!"

A certain railroad known for slowness decided to speed up its service. It moved the stations closer together.

They say a fool and his money are soon parted. What puzzles me is how they ever got together in the first place.

A U.S. Senator in quest of a secretary was visited by an applicant who was beautiful but not too bright. "How do you spell Mississippi?" asked the Senator. "The river or the state?" she replied.

Television is still in its infancy. That's probably the reason why you have to get up so often to change it.

A beautiful woman moved in next door. My wife is jealous, so I remarked, "Pay no attention to her. She's her own worst enemy." And my wife said, "Not while I'm alive."

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…iends.

…battled men often forfeit happiness," Ty Cobb said in a rare, introspective moment. Then he quickly recovered and laid out what baseball, for him, was all about.

"But even so," he said, "the knowledge they never backed down from any challenge will warm them forever."

And even if Cobb had nothing to comfort him but his consummate skill, more often than not it apparently was enough.

Shortly before his death he was asked what he'd hit against modern pitchers.

"I guess about .300," he said.

Is that all?

"Well," he said, "you must remember I'm 73."

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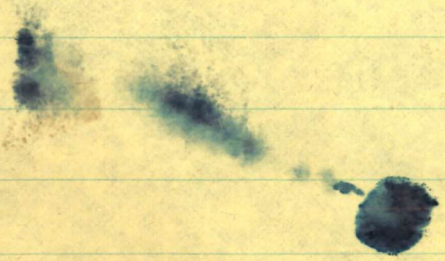
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1. The good news: We are beginning our final approach.

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2. Doesn't take so much effort to create a great Dept. as to suppress it — but the latter usually prevails



trial is loaded ensationalism

— Winging along on a
t Worth to Amarillo, a
avis murder trial told his

usual case. It's probably the
the defendant has more

non, has all the ingredients
money, murder, mystery,

"Racehorse" Haynes, the
apparent to reknowned
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Davis trial if he considered himself the best criminal attorney in Texas.

"It's my belief that I am, " he replied, pausing only momentarily before adding: "I wonder why you restrict it to Texas."

There is no doubt Davis feels he hired the best legal minds available to defend him on capital murder charges of killing his 12-year-old stepdaughter during a shooting spree at his mansion after the stormy divorce proceedings started.

"Racehorse leaves no stones unturned, no questions unasked," says Davis, who is accused also of wounding his estranged wife Priscilla, 36, and killing her live-in lover, Stan Farr, 30.

A fourth person, Gus Gavrel, 22, was gunned down and left partially crippled at Davis' $6 million mansion.

Asked why he accepted the case, Haynes says, "I met the man and I like him. I like the direct look in his eye. I'd like to do what I can to assist him in his difficulties."

Haynes has conducted most of the defense cross-examination, even questioning Priscilla Davis, the state's star witness, for 13 days.

With a lilt and rhythm to his interrogation, Haynes suggested to the jury that the blonde socialite only rarely flirted with the truth, and that dependence on precluded accurate recollection.

inkling behind black horn-rimmed glasses his nose, Haynes relentlessly ques- lovers, and live-in

unknown

But you said "I'll always love you."

"Yes, but that that was last week."

"My name is Mason, as in bricklayer."

"Oh. My name is Brick."

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A sample issue of Orben's Current Comedy containing items selected from past issues.

If you're a born loser, you were born at the right time.

✓ They say the dollar has stabilized. Then why do they have that sign at the U.S. Mint? NO REASONABLE OFFER REFUSED.

We've now reached the Seven Dwarfs stage of taking out a mortgage. When you go into the bank, you're Bashful. When you hear that mortgages are still available, you're Happy. When you're told the rate, you're Grumpy. And if you accept it, you're Dopey.

My wife is always very suspicious when I talk on the phone, so this morning I figured I'd clear the air. I said, "Do you believe in Women's Liberation?" She said, "Yes." I said, "Do you support E.R.A.?" She said, "Yes." I said, "Do you believe women should have the right and the opportunity to work in jobs that have heretofore only been held by men?" She said, "Yes." I said, "Then why can't you believe I have a bookie named Cuddles?"

Whenever we go away on vacation, we always make sure the house looks lived in. We have an automatic timer hooked up to a tape deck. Then we pre-record an argument.

✓ I wasn't always a speaker. Years ago I used to be a stock broker and that's a fascinating business to be in. You'd be surprised how many people used to drive to our office in a Mercedes to get financial advice from people who came to work in a bus.

I've learned one thing as a speaker. When you bring up the subject of a fee and the organization says it's willing to talk turkey --- it means your lunch is free.

I'm always a little suspicious of any group that pays a caterer $15 a setting to fill their stomachs -- and a speaker 5¢ a word to fill their minds.

This morning I had an out-of-body experience. My mind said to my body, "Today we're going to run ten miles, do 200 push-ups and swim 300 laps in the pool." And my body said, "Out!"

Jogging is an incredible experience. I just never figured to see the day when I'd put on a 55 dollar pair of shoes -- and no suit.

✓ Nobody ever got hoarse from talking to Howard Cosell.

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Roller-skating is the sport that allows you to stand absolutely still while hurtling toward disaster. It's a little like Congress.

✓ Doesn't it make you feel a little strange going into a showroom, buying a Chrysler, and they check out your credit?

I have one question to ask about Chrysler: Are they really out a billion dollars -- or is that just the sticker loss?

We're living in troubled times. A citizens group wanted to give President Carter something to commemorate his first three years in office, but how do you bronze inflation?

Ronald Reagan has one problem with being President. He'd like his name above the title.

As any smart politician knows, the best position to take is one that's to the left of the Republicans, to the right of the Democrats, and to the front of the cameras.

I didn't say it was a tough course. I just said it's the first time I ever saw a sand trap with headstones.

Is it true they're going to name a golf tournament for Jane Fonda? It'll be called the Mouth Open.

I love to watch other people out at the golf course. For instance, you can always spot an employee playing golf with his boss. He's the one who gets a hole-in-one and says, "Ooops!"

✓ Progress is wonderful. Now you can send a letter from one city to another and the post office promises you next day delivery. It costs $7.50 and it's called Express Mail. I can remember when it cost 3¢ and it was called U.S. Mail.

My son always wanted to be a surgeon but he had to give it up. He couldn't stand the sight of money.

✓ I go to what's called a family physician. He treats mine and I support his.

I think I'm over-insured. I really do. For instance, in the event of death, my home-owner's policy not only pays off the mortgage, but bails out Cleveland.

God is not dead. He's just getting a second opinion.

✓ Yesterday I sat down with a pencil and paper and I came to a very discouraging conclusion: That the only way I can come up with enough money for a backyard swimming pool is to sell the backyard.

I'm against video tape recorders. I just don't believe God intended us to watch the Super Bowl and the third game of the World Series on the same day.

You know you're getting along when people hold the door open for you -- and have to wait until you get there.

I think we should all be very grateful for lawyers. Lawyers are the people who get us out of all the trouble we never would have gotten into if it hadn't been for lawyers.

I'm sorry I'm late. I followed an oil company executive at Confession. Had to wait four hours and fifteen minutes.

Gas stations are now divided into two separate sections. One section is where everything is done for you. That's called FULL SERVICE. The other section is where nothing is done for you. That's called CIVIL SERVICE.

Our local gas station is sensible. Rather than have you wait on a long line, they give you a number. Mine is 18,763,452.

I think it's time our government really started to get tough with OPEC. Pretend it's a farmer.

There's a reason why kids love to go to monster movies. They like to be with their own kind.

I get very discouraged trying to get our kids to take baths. You don't know what it does to a parent to know that his car meets EPA emissions standards and his sixteen year old doesn't.

Children are a comfort to you in your old-age -- but like Social Security, it's nowhere near as much as you had expected.

Truth in advertising is coming up with a name that really describes the flavor of package soups. Something like -- Cream of Envelope!

MATERIAL FOR ROASTS AND RETIREMENT DINNERS

Tonight we honor a man who, throughout his thirty years with this company, was never too busy to see anyone. Mostly because he was never too busy.

Throughout his thirty years with this company, _____ has earned a well-deserved reputation for his "can do" spirit. Whenever there was something to do, he was in the can.

I want to tell you something about the man we honor tonight. When he first announced his retirement, fifty people stood outside his office with tears in their eyes -- waiting to ask for his parking space.

In a loud and raucous world, he is a quiet man. He speaks softly, never lifts his hand in anger and is always ready to consider the other side in a dispute. If there were just one word to describe him, that word would be "chicken".

I want only three things when I retire: a good pension, a paid-up mortgage and a rocking chair with cruise control.

The happiest part of retiring isn't the farewell dinner, the gold watch or even the pension. It's when you mulch your commuter's ticket.

I have a very honest assistant. Yesterday he didn't come in. He called in lazy.

MATERIAL FOR SPEAKERS AND TOASTMASTERS

You can always tell if a speaker is lying by looking into his eyes. (PUT ON A PAIR OF SUNGLASSES) And so, as I begin this Treasurer's Report ---

The meeting will now come to order. Or, to use the generic term, SHUT UP!

IF YOU'RE GIVING A SLIDE PRESENTATION AND ONE OF THEM IS MISSING, LOOK AT THE BLANK SCREEN AND COMMENT: I love this picture. Looks like the results of Jimmy Carter's aptitude test.

WHEN YOU GARBLE A SENTENCE: I'm sorry. My mind wandered and my tongue followed it.

WHEN YOU SUBSTITUTE FOR ANOTHER SPEAKER: I want to thank you for that warm and generous applause because it's never easy to be a substitute speaker. The audience always looks on you the same way they look on making out their income tax. They hope for the best but they're prepared for the worst.

HECKLER: Sir, have you ever heard of human rights? You are human, right?

Sir, having listened to your humble opinion -- and I must say it has every right to be ---

"In conclusion" -- I love that phrase. It's like a wake-up call for audiences.

MATERIAL FOR BUSINESS SPEAKERS

This morning I had a long talk with the boss. Actually, he had a long talk. I had a long listen.

There's a limit to being careful. I mean, who proofreads Xeroxes against the original?

I've come to this conclusion,
It's one I've long supposed;
The boss's door is open --
It's his mind that's always closed.

I'll tell you what kind of a year we've had. Last week I went to a convention under an assumed name-tag.

The most important part of being a salesman is confidence. Confidence is going after Moby Dick with a rowboat, a harpoon and a jar of tartar sauce.

I asked one job applicant what he could do and he said, "Nothing." I didn't hire him. If there's one thing I hate it's somebody who's after my job.

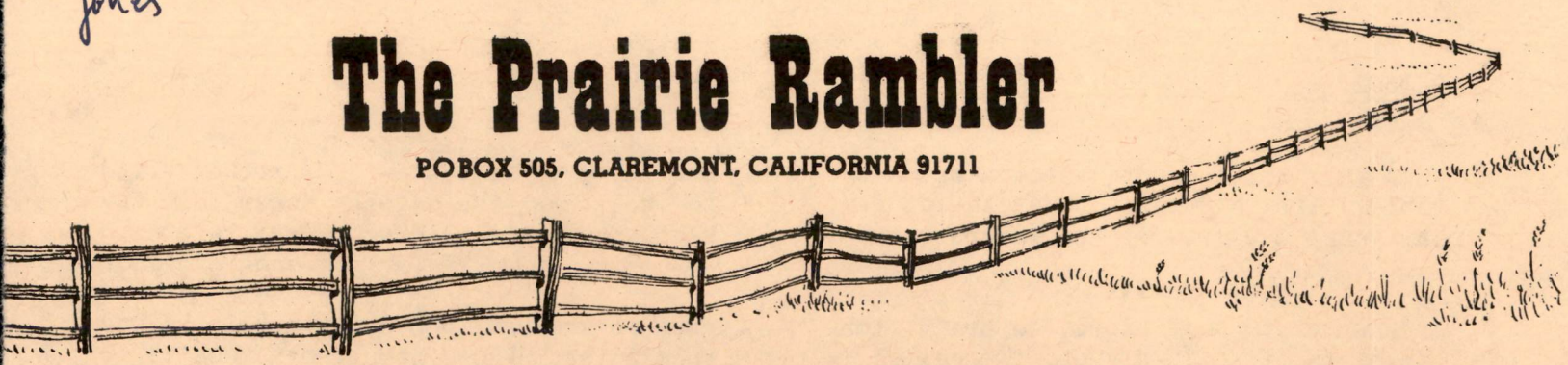
I've always wanted to go to the annual dinner at OSHA. I understand they serve pheasant under safety glass.

We had a rather emotional morning in our office today -- tears, cries of anguish, gnashing of teeth -- and it's all because of our postman, the late John Doe. He didn't die. He's just late.

Jokes

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I speak truth, not so much as I would, but as much as I dare; and I dare a little the more, as I grow older.

Montaigne

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Humility is the most difficult of all virtues to achieve; nothing dies harder than the desire to think well of oneself.

T. S. Eliot

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After receiving a proposal a sweet young thing said, "I love you, very much, but I can't go around marrying every man I'm in love with."

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Nothing changes more constantly than the past; for the past that influences our lives does not consist of what actually happened, but of what men believe happened.

Gerald W. Johnson

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Democracy arises out of the notion that those who are equal in any respect are equal in all respects; because men are equally free, they claim to be absolutely equal.

Aristotle

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Asked his opinion on sex education in school one student stated - "They should teach more sex than math. When I leave school, I won't be using much math, but I'll be using sex for the rest of my life."

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A college degree does not lessen the length of your ears; it only conceals it.

Elbert Hubbard

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One should write not unskillfully in the running hand, be able to sing in a pleasing voice and keep good time to music; and, lastly, a man should not refuse a little wine when it is pressed upon him.

Yoshida Kenko

The life of humanity upon this planet may yet come to an end, and a very terrible end. But I would have you notice that this end is threatened in our time not by anything that the universe may do to us, but only what man may do to himself.

John H. Holmes

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Do not depend upon others; there is no grace, no help to be had from the outside.

Buddha

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Harry Shaw in Dictionary of Literary Terms defines cynicism - Distrust, doubt, or contempt for accepted standards of conduct, especially honesty and morality. A cynical writer (such as Oscar Wilde or George Bernard Shaw) holds a low opinion of mankind in general or at least disbelieves in the sincerity of human motives. Any individualistic writer who scorns ordinarily accepted standards and ideals is considered a cynic.

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A bumper of good liquor
Will end a contest quicker
Than justice, judge, or vicar.

Richard Sheridan

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Beware, as long as you live, of judging people by appearances.

Jean de La Fontaine

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Except in street cars one should never be unnecessarily rude to a lady.

O. Henry (1910)

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Never less alone than when alone!

Samuel Rogers

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To judge a love affair by its length is as absurd as to judge a picture by its size.

Alex Craig

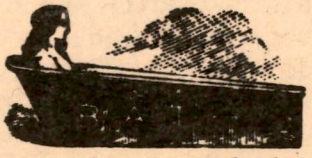
When the waitress puts the dinner on the table, the old men look at the dinner. The young men look at the waitress.

Burgess

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A man that would expect to train lobsters to fly in a year is called a lunatic, but a man that thinks men can be turned into angels by an election is a reformer and remains at large.

Finley Peter Dunne



After fifteen minutes nobody looks at a rainbow. *Goethe*

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The major life-giving principles of the human are kindness and humor. The latter requires activity of the mind, the former activity of the spirit, to the extent that these activities are institutionalized, become spectator sports, an individual, a society, a civilization, is in trouble - that trouble called dying. Enmity, like charity, begins at home. Three of our most grotesque enemies are TV, sentimentality and test-scores. *Kenneth Lash*

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Oscar Levant in Memoirs of a Amnesiac reported an occasion when composer George Gershwin "was speaking about a girl he'd been in love with who'd just married someone else, he said, 'If I wasn't so busy, I'd be upset.'"

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I believe that we are lost here in America, but I believe we shall be found. And this belief, which amounts now to the catharsis of knowledge and conviction, is for me - and I think for all of us - not only our own hope, but America's everlasting, living dream...

Thomas Wolfe

You Can't Go Home Again

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Defoe says that there were a hundred thousand stout country-fellows in his time ready to fight to the death against popery, without knowing whether popery was a man or a horse. *William Hazlitt*

Small boy to friend - "My mother tried to tell me the stork doesn't bring babies. What a wild story *she* gave me."

Glenn Bernhardt

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When we know as much about people as hog specialists know about hogs, we'll be better off. *Maj-Gen. Lewis Hershey*

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The word boondocks comes from the Philippine Tagalog *bundok*, mountain and was first used by U. S. Marines in the fighting against Filipino guerillas (1889-1902) to refer to isolated or outlying mountain country.

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The adoption of the cap and gown is one of the striking atavistic features of modern college life. *Thorstein Veblen*

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It is hard, if not impossible, to snub a beautiful woman - they remain beautiful and the rebuke recoils. *Winston Churchill*

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We do not necessarily want to admit our weaknesses to others, but we must admit these to ourself and always give these a realistic consideration.

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There's one way to find out if a man is honest - ask him. If he says, "Yes," you know he is a crook. *Groucho Marx*

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Instead of developing the child's own faculties of discernment, and teaching it to judge and think for itself, the teacher uses all his energies to stuff its head full of the ready-made thoughts of other people. *Schopenhauer*

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Upon hearing of the death of Matthew Arnold, poet and critic, Robert Louis Stevenson said - "Poor Matt, he's gone to Heaven, no doubt - but he won't like God."

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I agree with you that there is a natural aristocracy among men. The grounds of this are virtue and talents...There is also an artificial aristocracy, founded on wealth and birth, without either virtue or talents; for with these it belongs to the first class. *Jefferson*

What is most important about truth is not the definition of truth but the conscious pursuit of it. *Norman Cousins*

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The "consumer control" theory of free enterprise...reasons that consumers keep business honest by refusing to buy products that do not satisfy them. But it doesn't work. It doesn't work because when a big corporation looses the fateful lightning of its huge advertising budget, Eskimos run out to buy a second refrigerator; families begin to worry that the Joneses are laughing at them.

Betty Furness

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Are you tired of it all? Pick up any reference book of classical mythology and try to figure out who fathered who. Some of those old time gods and goddesses spent so much time in seduction it is a wonder they found the time for their deitific duties. Now such reading may not make you any less tired of it all but it should drive you bonkers and in that state absolutely nothing will bother you.

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I love Wagner, but the music I prefer is that of a cat hung up by its tail outside a window and trying to stick to the panes of glass with its claws.

Charles Baudelaire

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Tact consists in knowing how far to go in going too far. *Jean Cocteau*

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Fellow returned to find his parked car had been struck while he had been away. However, there was a note under the windshield wiper blade. The note expressed regrets for the accident and included a phone number to be called. Upon placing a call to the number listed the owner of the damaged car was answered by a recording - "Welcome to Dial-A-Prayer."

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The turning point in the history of Western civilization was reached with the invention of the electric guitar.

Leni Sinclair

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We must dare to think "unthinkable" thoughts. We must learn to explore all the options and possibilities that confront us in a complex and rapidly changing world. We must learn to welcome and not to fear the voices of dissent. We must dare to think about "unthinkable things" because when things become unthinkable, thinking stops and action becomes mindless. *James W. Fulbright*

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You've got to be a man to play baseball for a living, but you've got to have a lot of little boy in you, too.

Roy Campanella

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W. C. Fields once described a young actress who was "so thin that when she swallowed an olive twelve men left town."

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Christian - one who believes that the New Testament is a divinely inspired book admirably suited to the spiritual needs of his neighbors. *Ambrose Bierce*

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The maturity of man - to have reacquired the seriousness he had as a child at play. *Nietzsche*

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Fanatic...one who can't change his opinion and won't change the subject.

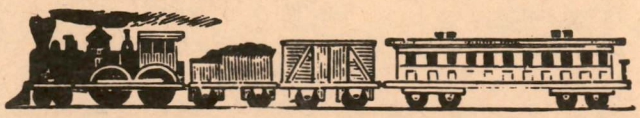
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The happiest life, seen in perspective, can hardly be better than a stringing together of odd little moments.

Norman Douglas

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I have never had a policy. I have simply tried to do what seemed best each day, as each day came. *Abraham Lincoln*



Being entirely honest with oneself is a good exercise. *Sigmund Freud*

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Beauty does not season soup.

Polish proverb

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When Diogenes the Cynic was asked what was the proper time for supper he replied, "If you are a rich man, whenever you please, if you are a poor man, whenever you can."

Is there any stab as deep as wondering where and how much you failed those you loved. *Florida Scott-Maxwell*

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Badness you can get easily, in quantity: the road is smooth, and it lies close by. But in front of excellence the immortal gods have put sweat, and long and steep is the way to it, and rough at first. But when you come to the top, then it is easy, even though it is hard. *Hesiod*

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Asked what he thought about the existence of Heaven or Hell, Mark Twain replied, "I don't want to express an opinion. You see, I have friends in both places."

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Good taste and humour are a contradiction in terms, like a chaste whore. *M. Muggeridge*

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All progress is based upon a universal innate desire on the part of every organism to live beyond its income. *Samuel Butler*



A man in love is incomplete until he has married. Then he's finished. *Zsa Zsa Gabor*

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It seems to me a barren thing this Conservatism - An unhappy cross-breed, the mule of politics that engenders nothing. *Benjamin Disraeli*

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For many years we had pinned our hopes on the dream the young people were the only hope for turning this country around to a realization of the need for a true social revolution. Finally, and regrettably, we have come to our senses and now realize it has only been an idle dream. The young people of whatever day simply turn into the stick-in-the-mud, don't-rock-the-boat, I'm-out-for-all-I-can-get plunderers and looters of the future.

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You can no more keep a martini in the refrigerator than you can keep a kiss there. The proper union of gin and vermouth is a great and sudden glory; it is one of the happiest marriages on earth and one of the shortest-lived. *Bernard De Voto*

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There is no cure for laziness, but a large family helps. *H. V. Prochnow*

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Documentary history of the Indian pueblo of Acoma in Valencia County, New Mexico begins with the 1540 visit of Hernando de Alvarado of the Coronado expedition. There is archaeological evidence this pueblo had already been established in 1100 A.D. Therefore the chances are that Acoma is the oldest continuously occupied village in the United States.

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Being an old maid is like death by drowning, a really delightful sensation after you cease to struggle. *Edna Ferber*

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When you turn proud, remember that a flea preceded you in the order of divine creation. *Jewish proverb*

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A *belcher* is also any blue scarf with white dots usually worn around the neck and named for a British boxer Jim Belcher.

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If men were as unselfish as women, women would very soon become more selfish than men. *John C. Collins*

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A non-Catholic who is thinking seriously of joining the Church asked a convert, "Did becoming a Catholic stop your sinning?"

"No," she replied, "but it complicated it considerably. *Dan Lord*

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Officially the name is - The State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantation.

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She is not fair to outward view
As many maidens be;
Her loveliness I never knew
Until she smiled on me:
Oh! then I saw her eye was bright,
A well of love, a spring of light.
Hartley Coleridge

The world started going to smash about the time it abandoned the hand-cranked ice-cream freezer, the first device ever invented for teaching youth that work has its rewards. *Cleveland News*

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Religious snobs talk about God as though nobody had ever heard of Him before.

Russell Lynes

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Ed Howe made the observation about historian, Henry Brooks Adams that he (Adams) was "the only man in America who could sit on a fence and see himself go by."

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Horatio Alger wrote the same novel 135 times and never lost his audience.

George Juergens

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The perfect man uses his mind like a mirror. It grasps nothing, it refuses nothing. It receives, but does not keep.

Chuang-tse

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A friend once told Robert Benchley, humorist, author, critic that a particular drink he was drinking was slow posion, to which Benchley replied, "So who's in a hurry?"

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A classic is a work which gives pleasure to the minority which is intensely and permanently interested in literature. It lives on because the minority, eager to renew the sensation of pleasure, is eternally curious and is therefore engaged in an eternal process of rediscovery. A classic does not survive for any ethical reason. It does not survive because it conforms to certain canons, or because neglect would kill it. It survives because it is a source of pleasure and because the passionate few can no more neglect it than a bee can neglect a flower. *Arnold Bennett*

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Atoms are so small that if a drop of water were magnified to the size of the earth the atoms in the drop would be smaller than oranges. *William L. Laurence*

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Most people don't think they're middle-aged until they aren't.

Money is like manure. If you spread it around, it does a lot of good. But if you pile it up in one place, it stinks like hell. *Clint Murchison, Jr.*

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The object of the government is the welfare of the people. The material progress and prosperity of a nation are desirable chiefly so far as they lead to the moral and material welfare of all good citizens. *Theodore Roosevelt*



Strange, when you think of it, that of all the countless folk who have lived before our time on this planet not one is known in history or in legend as having died of laughter. *Max Beerbohm*

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Of all the preposterous assumptions of humanity over humanity, nothing exceeds most of the criticisms made on the habits of the poor by the well-housed, well-warmed, and well-fed.

Herman Melville

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Delegate-at-large...a man who goes to a convention without his wife.

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As loose and incontinent livers are seldom fathers of many children, so loose and incontinent talkers seldom originate many sensible words. *Plutarch*

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I have suffered from being misunderstood, but I would have suffered a hell of a lot more if I had been understood.

Clarence Darrow

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The mother of John Rutledge, second Chief Justice of the Supreme Court (he served less than six months after nomination by George Washington because he was refused confirmation by the Senate) became a mother at fifteen years of age and a widow with seven children at the age of twenty six.

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Art in general is that magic instrumentality by which man's mind revealed to man's senses that great mystery, the beautiful. *Ritter*

The truth is we are all caught in a great economic system which is heartless. *Woodrow Wilson*

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An illness that's swift and short will have one of two results; either oneself or it will be snuffed out, and what difference does it make whether I or it disappear? Either way there's an end to the pain. *Seneca*



When any fit of gloominess, or perversion of mind, lays hold upon you, make it a rule not to publish it by complaints, but exert your whole care to hide it. By endeavoring to hide it you will drive it away. *Samuel Johnson*

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Can anything be more ridiculous than that a man should have the right to kill me because he lives on the other side of the water, and because his ruler has a quarrel with mine, although I have none with him? *Pascal*

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The person who says youth is a state of mind invariably has more state of mind than youth. Age is mostly a matter of mind. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter.

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I remember when I was three and unknown. *Shirley Temple*

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Between the dark and the daylight
When the night is beginning to lower,
Comes a pause in the day's occupations,
That is known as the children's hour.
Longfellow

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Some of those alleged male singers who whine their way through songs lamenting a lost love (O Say Have You Seen,etc.) or crying because they think some babe is going to leave them for a better man ought to try castration as a means of developing the whine.

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There never has yet existed a wealthy and civilized society in which one portion of the community did not, in point of fact, live on the labor of the other. *John C. Calhoun*

The kind of a man who wants the government to adopt and enforce his ideas is always the kind of man whose ideas are idiotic. *H. L. Mencken*

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Theory without experience is sterile, practice without theory is blind. *George Jay Anyon*

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Of his undergraduate days at Oxford, Hilaire Belloc is quoted:

We kept the Rabelaisan plan:
We dignified the dainty cloisters
With Natural Law, the Rights of Man,
Song, Stoicism, Wine and Oysters.

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Thus she spoke, and I longed to embrace my dead mother's ghost. Thrice I tried to clasp her image, and thrice it slipped through my hands, like a shadow, like a dream. *The Odyssey, Book XI*

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The Puritans nobly fled from a land of despotism to a land of freedim, where they could not only enjoy their own religion, but could prevent everybody else from enjoyin his. *Artemus Ward*

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French Pernod and Greek Ouzo are much modified forms of the highly intoxicating, and now widely restricted or banned, absinthe.

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Poverty is no disgrace to man, but it is confoundedly inconvenient. *Sydney Smith*

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At a certain age some people's minds close up; they live on their intellectual fat. *William Lyon Phelps*

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Try to live so that no one will ever regret having done you a favor.

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I'm not denyin' the women are foolish;
God Almighty made 'em to match the men.
George Eliot

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Tobacco is a dirty weed. I like it.
It satisfies no normal need. I like it.
It makes you thin, it makes you lean,
It takes the hair right off your bean.
It's the worst darn stuff I've ever
seen. I like it.
Graham Hemminger

The Future is something which everyone reaches at the rate of sixty minutes an hour, whatever he does, whoever he is.

C. S. Lewis
The Screwtape Letters

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An American will tinker with anything he can put his hands on. But how rarely can he be persuaded to tinker with an abstract idea. *Leland Stowe*

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All for ourselves and nothing for other people, seems, in every age of the world, to have been the vile maxim of the masters of mankind. *Adam Smith*

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I'd rather be handsome than homely;
I'd rather be youthful than old;
If I can't have a bushel of silver
I'll do with a barrel of gold.

James Jeffrey Roche

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The dum-dum bullet, a bullet of savage and sinister accomplishment, takes its name from the military station Dum-Dum located near Calcutta, India.

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The impact of television on our culture is just indescribable. There's a certain sense in which it is nearly as important as the invention of printing.

Carl Sandburg

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Many a man in love with a dimple makes the mistake of marrying the whole girl.

Stephen Leacock

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HOW TO BOIL A FROG

Some years ago, an article appeared which described the proper way to boil a frog. Now while we do not know precisely why anyone would want to boil a frog we pass this bit of information along.

The idea was to do it in such a way that the frog would never know what happened. Obviously, if you threw him in a pot of boiling water, he would leap right out. The thing to do is to put him in nice lukewarm water and let him get comfortable. When Sir Frog closes his eyes, you turn up the heat, little by little. As the water gets hotter, the frog may stir a little but, by and large, he likes it pretty warm. Finally though, by slow degrees, the water becomes so hot that the frog is boiled, and he never knew what happened.

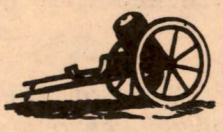
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Nowadays a woman's hardest work is keeping up the fiction that it's never done.

F. Robert Becker

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Love is not blind - it sees more, not less. But because it sees more, it is willing to see less. *Rabbi Julius Gordon*



No one means all he says, and yet very few say all they mean, for words are slippery and thought is viscous.

Henry Brooks Adams

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Vanity, like sexual impulse, gives rise to needless self-reproach. Why be ashamed of anything so human? What, indeed, should we be without it?

Charles H. Cooley

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Block...the distance between some people's ears.

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Only solitary men know the full joys of friendship. Others have their family; but to a solitary and an exile his friends are everything. *Willa Cather*

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Laughter is life's lubricant.

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My atheism, like that of Spinoza, is true piety towards the universe and denies only gods fashioned by men in their own image, to be servants of their human interests. *George Santayana*

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But, R-e-m-o-r-s-e!
The water-wagon is the place for me;
It is no time for mirth and laughter,
The cold, gray dawn of the morning after! *George Ade*

A best seller is the gilded tomb of a mediocre talent. *Logan Pearsall Smith*

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Hating anything in the way of ill-natured gossip ourselves, we are always grateful to those who do it for us and do it well. *Saki*

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A home without trees isn't fit for a dog.

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We sure liberated the hell out of this place. *American soldier amidst the devastation of a French village in WWII*

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I never wonder to see men wicked, but I often wonder to see them not ashamed. *Jonathan Swift*

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The words inscribed on the Liberty Bell- *Proclaim Liberty throughout the Land Unto all the Inhabitants Thereof* - are from Leviticus 25:10.

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There is no calamity greater than lavish desires.
There is no greater guilt than discontentment.
And there is no greater disaster than greed. *Lao Tzu*

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The man who accepts tradition without examining it, with his own intelligence and judgment, is like a blind man led by others. *Jewish proverb*

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The highest point on the United States Atlantic coast is 1,530 foot Cadillac Mountain. It is located in Maine's Mount Desert Island and is a part of Acadia National Park.

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The trite objects of human efforts - possessions, outward success, luxury - have always seemed to me contemptible. *Albert Einstein*

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It smells like gangrene starting in a mildewed silo, it tastes like a wrath to come, and when you absorb a deep swig of it you have all the sensations of having swallowed a lighted kerosene lamp. A sudden violent jolt of it has been known to stop the victim's watch, snap his suspenders and crack his glass eye right across. *Irwin S. Cobb's definition of "corn licker"*

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When I was a child, my mother said to me, "If you become a soldier you'll be a general. If you become a monk you'll end up as the Pope." Instead I became a painter and wound up as Picasso. *Pablo Picasso*

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Mrs: P. F. Allre became the first "Avon Lady" back in 1886 when she was employed by the firm's founder, D. H. McConnell to sell cosmetics in the home.

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Is it the Declaration of Independence or the Constitution of the United States that says something about the pursuit of happiness? Whichever, we wonder just what this means and why it was inserted in the document in which it appears.

Apparently ever since the beginning of time the pursuit of happiness seems to have been one of the primary motivations of humankind. This almost gives rise to the question as to whether an existence can be worthwhile in a state other than that of happiness. We think so.

It is entirely possible there are those born to unhappiness and that this very fact has made them better people once they accept that condition and keep at it, whatever the endeavor. Too many people in the so-called striving for happiness are willing to do most anything to attain that state without consideration as to the effect it has upon others and, perhaps more importantly, the effect it has upon them.

After all happiness is entirely a state of mind and surely worthy goals can be realized without feeling as though whatever is accomplished goes toward the selfish goal of contributing to one's own happiness.

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Take care.

Peace.

jerry b.

A veteran bureaucrat reminisces.

27 WAYS TO AVOID MAKING MANAGEMENT DIRECTION

or Jane Fonda.

1. FIND A SCAPEGOAT AND RIDE HIM. SUPERVISORS CAN BLAME THE MUG PEOPLE, MUG CAN BLAME THE SUPERVISORS, AND BOTH CAN BLAME THE SYSTEM.

2. PROFESS NOT TO HAVE THE ANSWER. THAT LETS YOU OUT OF HAVING ANY ANSWER.

3. SAY THAT WE MUST NOT MOVE TOO RAPIDLY. THAT AVOIDS THE NECESSITY OF GETTING THINGS STARTED.

4. FOR EVERY PROPOSAL, SET UP AN OPPOSITE AND CONCLUDE THAT THE MIDDLE GROUND--NO MOTION WHAT-SO-EVER--REPRESENTS THE WISEST COURSE OF ACTION.

5. POINT OUT THAT ANY ATTEMPT TO REACH A CONCLUSION IS ONLY A FUTILE "QUEST FOR CERTAINTY." DOUBT AND INDECISION PROMOTE GROWTH.

6. WHEN IN A TIGHT PLACE, SAY SOMETHING THAT THE GROUP CANNOT UNDERSTAND.

7. LOOK SLIGHTLY EMBARRASSED WHEN THE PROBLEM IS BROUGHT UP. HINT THAT IT IS IN BAD TASTE, OR TOO ELEMENTARY FOR MATURE CONSIDERATION, OR THAT ANY DISCUSSION OF IT IS LIKELY TO BE MISINTERPRETED BY OUTSIDERS.

8. SAY THAT THE PROBLEM CANNOT BE SEPARATED FROM OTHER PROBLEMS. THEREFORE, NO PROBLEMS CAN BE SOLVED UNTIL ALL OTHER PROBLEMS ARE SOLVED. Theory of Second Best!

9. RATIONALIZE THE STATUS QUO; THERE IS MUCH TO BE SAID FOR IT.

10. POINT OUT THAT THOSE WHO SEE THE PROBLEM DO SO BECAUSE THEY ARE UNHAPPY, RATHER THAN VICE VERSA.

11. ASK WHAT IS MEANT BY THE QUESTION. WHEN IT IS SUFFICIENTLY CLARIFIED, THERE WILL BE NO TIME LEFT FOR THE ANSWER.

12. DISCOVER THAT THERE ARE ALL SORTS OF DANGERS IN ANY SPECIFIC FORMULATION OF CONCLUSIONS: OF EXCEEDING AUTHORITY OR SEEMING TO, OF ASSERTING MORE THAN IS DEFINITELY KNOWN, OF MISINTERPRETATION BY THE PUBLIC, AND OF REVEALING THE FACT THAT NO ONE HAS A CONCLUSION TO OFFER.

13. LOOK FOR SOME PHILOSOPHICAL BASIS FOR APPROACHING THE PROBLEM, THEN A BASIS FOR THAT, THEN A BASIS FOR THAT, AND SO ON BACK TO NOAH'S ARK.

14. MOVE AWAY FROM THE PROBLEM INTO ENDLESS DISCUSSION OF VARIOUS WAYS TO STUDY IT.

15. PUT OFF RECOMMENDATIONS UNTIL EVERY RELATED PROBLEM HAS BEEN DEFINITELY SETTLED BY SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.

16. RETREAT INTO GENERAL OBJECTIVES ON WHICH EVERYONE CAN AGREE. FROM THIS HIGHER GROUND, YOU WILL EITHER SEE THAT THE PROBLEM HAS SOLVED ITSELF, OR YOU WILL FORGET IT.

17. FIND A FACE-SAVING VERBAL FORMULA LIKE "MANAGEMENT DIRECTION."

18. CARRY THE PROBLEM INTO OTHER FIELDS; SHOW THAT IT EXISTS EVERYWHERE; HENCE, EVERYONE WILL JUST HAVE TO LIVE WITH IT.

19. INTRODUCE ANALOGIES AND DISCUSS THEM RATHER THAN THE PROBLEM.

20. EXPLAIN AND CLARIFY OVER AND OVER AGAIN WHAT YOU HAVE ALREADY SAID.

21. AS SOON AS ANY PROPOSAL IS MADE, SAY THAT YOU HAVE BEEN DOING IT FOR 10 YEARS.

22. APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO WEIGH THE PROS AND CONS (THESE MUST ALWAYS BE WEIGHED) AND TO REACH TENTATIVE CONCLUSIONS THAT CAN SUBSEQUENTLY BE USED AS BASIS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS OF AN EXPLORATORY NATURE PRELIMINARY TO ARRIVING AT INITIAL POSTULATES ON WHICH METHODS OF APPROACH TO THE PROS AND CONS MAY BE PREDICATED.

23. WAIT UNTIL SOME EXPERT CAN BE CONSULTED.

24. SAY, "THAT IS NOT ON THE AGENDA; WE'LL TAKE IT UP LATER." THIS MAY BE EXTENDED AD INFINITUM.

25. CONCLUDE THAT WE HAVE ALL CLARIFIED OUR THINKING ON THE PROBLEM, EVEN THOUGH NO ONE HAS THOUGHT OF ANY WAY TO SOLVE IT.

26. POINT OUT THAT SOME OF THE GREATEST MINDS HAVE STRUGGLED WITH THIS PROBLEM, IMPLYING THAT IT DOES US CREDIT TO HAVE EVEN THOUGHT OF IT.

27. BE THANKFUL FOR THE PROBLEM. IT HAS STIMULATED OUR THINKING AND HAS THEREBY CONTRIBUTED TO OUR GROWTH. IT SHOULD GET A MEDAL.

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. . .the only question I am inclined to turn aside as being impossible to respond to happens to be the one most often raised these days, not just by my biologist friends but by everyone: the question about stress, how to avoid stress, prevent stress, allay stress. I refuse to have anything to do with this matter, having made up my mind, from everything I have read or heard about in recent years, that what people mean by stress is simply the condition of being human, and I will not recommend any meddling with that, by medicine or any other profession.

Lewis Thomas

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The only thing that stops God sending a second Flood is that the first one was useless.

Chamfort

HOW TO KNOW YOU'RE GROWING OLDER...

Your little black book contains only names ending in M.D. . . .The only thing you exercise is caution...You decide to procrastinate but then never get around to it. . .You regret all those mistakes resisting temptation. . .After painting the town red, you have to take a long rest before applying a second coat. . . Dialing long distance wears you out. . . The best part of the day is over when your alarm clock goes off. . .You wonder why those high school girls are bringing their little brothers to kindergarten, and discover they are the mothers...You sink your teeth into a steak and they stay there...You don't really think this article is very funny.

From a Parish Bulletin

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Limits to the free market.

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Phil Harris awoke one morning in his hotel room and noticed a Gideon Bible on the desk. Turning the cover, he saw a notice pasted to the page saying: "If you have a drinking problem, call 881-7717." He called and it turned out to be a liquor store.

Business Briefs

There is usually plenty of room at the top because some of those who get there go to sleep and fall off. *Unknown*

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The trouble with life is you're half way through it before you realize it's one of those do-it-yourself deals.

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The following came off a greeting card sent by Jo Lazzari of Northville, MI:

Beauty seen is never lost.

Whittier

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An octogenarian was quoted in a Harvard University Class Bulletin - "My doctors have forbidden me to chase women unless they are going downhill."

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fool enough to believe it.

Claud Cockburn

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The envious person wastes at the thriving condition of another: Sicilian ty-

ness people are starting their work-days earlier by talking business over breakfast - a popular trend that has created a boon for restaurants and hotels. As a part of a national trend, this two-egg breakfast is challenging the two-martini lunch as a setting for

desk a plaque which reads:

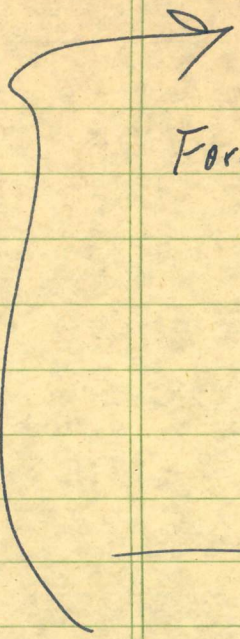
All still is in vain
when the Angel of Fate
tinkles in the barrel of your musket

Not sure that we understand the above but we are working on it.

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The first track for horse racing in the United States was laid out in 1665 near the present town of Hempstead, L.I., New York.



Forecasting:

Art of predicting what will happen

then

explaining why it did not.

Prof. wife. & chamber maid.

I am surprised; you are astonished.

During his 100th birthday, a salty centenarian told a reporter, "If I'd known I was going to live this long, I'd have taken better care of myself."