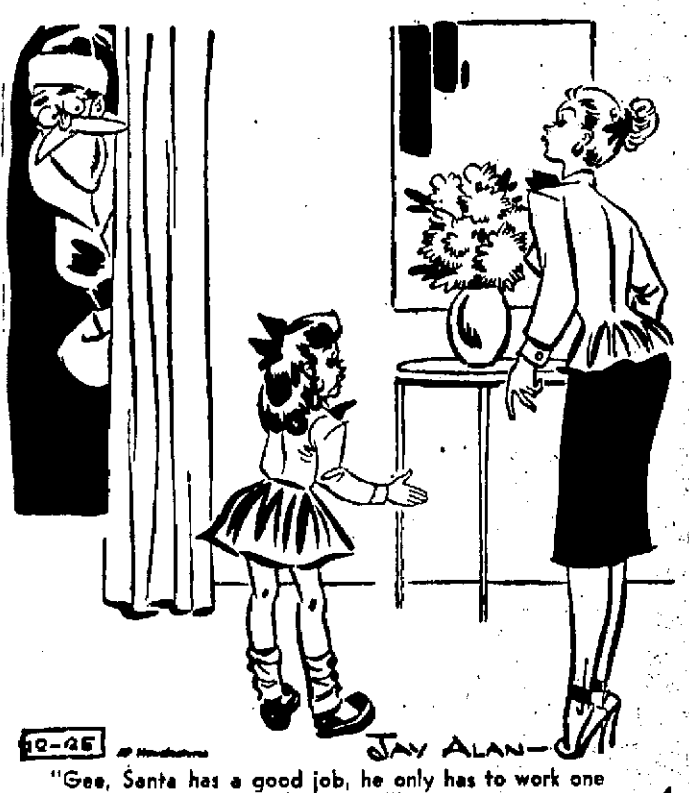


Modest Maidens By Jay Alan



"Gee, Santa has a good job, he only has to work one night a year!"

SENATOR SOAPER SAYS:

INTERIM AID in one of its immediately beneficial forms is a safety pin. French taxis went to war again, in the recent clash with Reds. In the all-out style it is O. K. to employ any weapon you can point. Without steel, it now appears, many plants can't turn out stuff. What ever became of the wonder products to be constructed solely of farm trash and similar foreign matter? An unhouse veteran with an ax and a log-cabin blueprint was out today looking over the larger Christmas trees. (North American Newspaper Alliance.)

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

By HASKIN
A reader can get the answer to any question of fact by writing The Long Beach Press-Telegram, 1000 E. Washington St., Long Beach, Calif. (Include three 5-cent stamps for return postage.)
Q. How much oil was pumped through the Big and Little Inch pipe lines during the war? N. R. O.
A. A total of approximately 250,750,000 barrels of crude oil was pumped through the Big Inch up to V-J Day. The Little Inch, which handled finished petroleum products, delivered a total of 107,125,000 barrels to the eastern seaboard.
Q. Is there a self-governing Jewish state in the Soviet Union? P. R. L.
A. Reference is probably to Birobidjan, a region in Siberia which was opened to Jewish settlement and later became an administrative unit in the Far Eastern province. In 1928 fresh land with an area of 14,208 square miles was set aside for contiguous Jewish settlements.
Q. Did Old Ironsides have a figurehead? T. A.
A. The famous ship carried five different figureheads during her long career, the most notable that of Andrew Jackson. In 1909 the Navy Department ordered figureheads to be removed from its fighting ships.
Q. Where is the Golden Triangle? H. E. B.
A. The Golden Triangle is a section of land in Pittsburgh, Pa., where the Allegheny and Monongahela Rivers meet to form the Ohio. The area is noted for its skyscrapers and large department stores.
Q. What is the total number of prisoners of war that were captured on all fronts by all the fighting nations in World War I? S. T.
A. No exact figure is available because not all the belligerent nations gave full reports. The total number of members of the armed forces of the various nations held as prisoners is placed at 8,000,000.

Carnival By Dick Turner



"And Junior got the latest thing in electric trains—it comes completely equipped with handcuffs for his father!"

Let's Explore Your Mind

By ALBERT EDWARD WIGGAM, D. Sc.
1. ARE MEN NATURALLY MORE DARING THAN WOMEN?
2. TO BE HAPPY SHOULD YOU THINK OF WHAT YOU LIKE AND WANT, OR OF WHAT YOU DISLIKE AND DON'T WANT?
3. DO SOME PEOPLE FAIL TO SUCCEED BECAUSE THEY HAVE TOO MANY ABILITIES?
Answers: 1. YES - NO. 2. YES - NO. 3. YES - NO.

MCKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY
America's Card Authority
Written for NEA Service
A merry Christmas to you, and I hope Santa Claus brought you everything you wanted. Today's hand is scheduled as a lesson hand. I suggest that you clip it. It is a series of safety plays which you should memorize.
On my radio program recently Oswald Jacoby termed a safety play as an insurance play. It is certain that if you will memorize the safety plays and use them you will be classed as an expert among your friends.
Of course I cannot give you all of the safety plays in one article, nor a complete explanation of each play, but you will see the logic of them. Next year we will have an article embodying each.
A K 9 3 2 opposite Q 8 5 4—Lead to the queen to protect losing to the J 10 7 6 on your right.
A Q 10 4 3 2 opposite 6 5 or 7 6 5—You can lose one trick. Lead small toward the queen. If the jack is played, go up with the ace.
A K J 10 3 2 opposite 5 4—Take the first round finesse. Do not play the ace first.
A K J 2 opposite 5 4 3—You want to win three tricks. Lead the ace and king first, then play small from dummy toward the jack.
A 10 3 2 opposite K Q 5 4—Cash the king first, then the queen.
A J 3 2 opposite K 9 5 4—Cash the ace, then lead to the king, finessing the nine if a low card is played by the opponent.
A 10 9 3 2 opposite K 4—To hold to one loser, cash the king, then lead low and go up with the ace.
A 10 9 4 3 2 opposite K 5, or A 10 9 3 2 opposite K 5 4, or A 10 9 2 opposite K 5 4 3—To hold to one loser lead to the king, then a small one to the ten-spot, taking the finesse if the opponent plays less.
Our next lesson hand is scheduled for New Year's Day, and I will give you some additional safety plays then to give you a good start in 1948.

Merry Christmas!

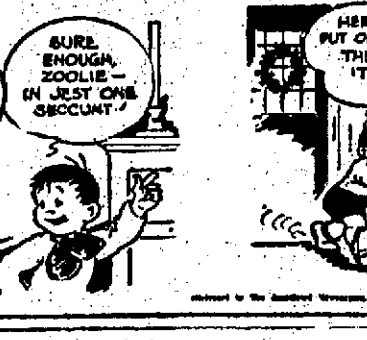
Crossword puzzle grid with clues for HORIZONTAL and VERTICAL words.

REG'LAR FELLERS



LOOK, PINHEAD—I'M STANDING UNDER THE MISTLETOE!

By Gene Ryner



HERE YARE, ZOOBIE! PUT ON MY FEELING BERRY—THEN IF IT FALLS, IT WON'T GET IN 'Y HAIR!

RADIO PROGRAMS

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TODAY AND TONIGHT

Table listing radio programs for today and tonight, including station call letters and program titles.

PROGRAMS TOMORROW

Table listing radio programs for tomorrow, including station call letters and program titles.

Answer to Question No. 1

Yes, when it comes to sheer physical danger—fighting, exploring, climbing mountains, sailing dangerous seas, etc. However, when it comes to facing personal disaster—financial ruin, loss of loved ones, even bombing raids, which are tests of patient, enduring courage—women seem equal to, or even exceed, men. For long-time bravery in facing life, death and disaster is frequently due mostly to education.

Answer to Question No. 2

What you like and want, says Kathleen Norris. The woman who talks always of people she doesn't like, things she doesn't like, or what's wrong with the town or the schools, is unhappy, and usually finds she doesn't even want her husband.

Answer to Question No. 3

Yes, I know a woman who could be known as one of our truly great pianists; also a distinguished painter; also a very good writer. She is a whiz as a bookkeeper, saleswoman, mechanic and dress designer. She has an amazing vocabulary, which is proof of high intelligence. Yet at 50, while she is never done big work in any one field, Reason—she has too many fields.

ROLL-ROYCES BACK

In New York the custom-built Rolls-Royce is back and available for on-the-spot delivery at 19 thousand dollars. It remains to be seen how the used car boys will view this new competition. —Hartford Courant.

TRAFFIC PROBLEM

ONE OF OUR state highway patrolmen took a day off and drove the highways near Los Angeles in a "civillian car" with the title he was "scared to death." The officer saw what we all see when there is no designated police car in sight; drivers taking all kinds of chances with speed and in passing other vehicles. In an hour he saw more violations of the law and the dangers of not patrolling. Then, said Patrolman Donald M. Baldwin of Orange: "I have been trying to analyze the traffic situation and have about come to the conclusion that if drivers and pedestrians will continually keep in mind two things—our traffic record will be improved tremendously. One is always to try to practice the old standby, the Golden Rule—the other is 'Don't take a chance.'—Oakland Tribune.

Advertisement for Silvertone hearing aids, featuring an illustration of the device and text describing its benefits.

Large advertisement for TIC-TOC stores, featuring circular graphics for products like OLEO, SYRUP, APRICOTS, and TOMATO JUICE, along with store locations and contact information.