

Modest Maidens

By Jay Alan



"She went out and got that new look and her old boy friend."

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

By HASKIN

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Q. Are light rays subject to gravitation? J. P. J.

A. The National Bureau of Standards says that according to Einstein's theory of relativity, light rays are subject to gravitation. Two effects were predicted, (1) that light from distant stars would be bent in passing through the strong gravitational field of the sun, and (2) that the frequencies of atomic radiations would be reduced by intense gravitational forces. Both of these are relatively small, but both have been detected in the sun's gravitational field which is 28 times that of the earth.

Q. How long have we had gasoline taxes? R. I. T.

A. Gasoline taxes was first introduced by the states, beginning with Oregon in 1919. The tax has been operative in all the states for more than 10 years.

Q. What make of violin did Paganini use? R. L. D.

A. His favorite was a Guarnerius. Often in debt, the great violinist once was obliged to pawn his violin, and since an engagement had to be fulfilled he had to borrow an instrument. A French merchant lent him a Guarnerius and refused to take it back after the concert. Guarnierius bequeathed the violin to the people of Genoa who preserved it carefully.

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SENATOR SOAPER SAYS:

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