

Today's Smile

By Dick Turner



"If it real? Certainly it's real! If it ain't I'm out fifteen cents!"

Man Has Not Yet Invented Words to Define His Soul

By ROBERT QUILLEN

MAN HAS NOT YET invented words to define his soul. What is the real you? To what substance or essence or quality do you refer when you say "I?" The something that is you is more than a body of flesh and bone, for that physical body is directed by a mind. Yet the mind is not you, for you are its master, and the servant is not greater than his lord. As your mind directs the movement of your hands, so you direct the work of your mind, compelling it to concentrate, to memorize, to move from one interest to another. The real you, then, is a will. That is as close as you will come to defining your soul. Is this will... the absolute master of your destiny? Only while you are building a personality and a character. When that business is finished, you are no longer a free agent. You have created a devil or an angel to be your master. You will, like your mind and your body, become a slave of habit. In the beginning, one part of your mind must send out in-

RADIO PROGRAMS — TODAY AND TOMORROW

Table listing radio programs for tonight and tomorrow across various stations like KLAC, KFI, KMPC, KECA, KHJ, KFVB, KNX, KFOX, KFAC, KGER.

Questions, Answers

Russ Once Held Land in California

By HASKIN
A reader can get the answer to any question of fact by writing The Long Beach Press-Telegram, Information 2, D. C. Please enclose three (3) cents for return postage.
Q. Did the Russians ever have a settlement in California? D. F. M.
A. The Russians landed at Bodega Bay in California in 1812 and established several settlements as well as fortifications on Bodega Bay and at Fort Ross, some miles north. They withdrew in 1841.
Q. If an alien woman marries a United States citizen who is in the armed forces, does she thereby become a citizen? S. R. C.
A. Aliens who marry United States citizens, whether they are in the armed forces or not, do not thereby acquire United States citizenship.
Q. In Duplicate Bridge, what do the terms "Howell game" and "Mitchell game" mean? E. M.
A. In Duplicate Bridge games the terms Howell and Mitchell refer to systems of moving from table to table. In the Mitchell game one way of the room is arbitrarily designated as the north-south direction. When the play of the original set trays at each table has been completed, there is a signal to progress. The north-south pairs remain stationary; the east-west pairs move to the next higher numbered table. The trays are moved to the next lower numbered table. The Howell movement is one in which each pair plays one set of trays against each other pair.
Q. What is the annual interest cost of the federal debt? W. L. D.
A. The present interest cost of the public debt is \$5,030,000 a year.
Q. How many earthquakes have there been in 1948? G. F. A.
A. In 1948 there have been 125 earthquakes of sufficient strength to record themselves on seismograph instruments so that they could be immediately located.
Q. Under the proposed world calendar would holidays always fall on the same day of the week? P. R. L.
A. In the proposed world calendar month-dates always would be fixed and holidays would always fall on the same day of the week. The year would be divided into 52 weeks with the 365th day forming a year-end world holiday. The leap year world holiday would follow June 30 in leap years.

Modest Maidens

By Jay Alan



"So this is the tow-headed boy friend—I'm so glad to meet you—I always thought Mary was saying two-headed!"

Children Write Naturally; They Let Words Collide

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK. (AP) Some notes on the writing trade:
The late Arthur Brisbane was fond of saying that if you put three chimpanzees to work on typewriters they would in time write all the books in the British Museum.
This is probably true. But they would be more likely to turn out a Brisbane editorial first than, say, a book like Tolstoy's "War and Peace."
Unfortunately, there is no way to test this theory. No reward has yet been found that would induce an ape to spend that much time at a typewriter.
It isn't that apes are too self-conscious to put down their thoughts. They just believe more in direct action. They can better express their view of life by spitting through the bars at bystanders than by cramping themselves before a typewriter.
All children are natural writers, because they are natural talkers.
Words are wonderful and new to them. They let the words collide—and strange and splendid images are born. All children do this, even the dullest.
Writers sometimes complain that Chaucer and Shakespeare had an advantage because they wrote at a time when the English language was fresh. They say a writer has it tougher now because he has to labor to avoid literary clichés.
This is our grapes—to use a bromide as old as Aesop. A writer has trouble getting away from worn-out phrases because he has spent too much of his life studying what other people wrote and said. And his mind is cloyed with the commonplace remarks he hears all around him every day.
But no child ever talks in hackneyed terms. Not until he has been put through the wringer of education. To him the English language is as fresh and powerful as it was to Chaucer and Shakespeare, and he uses it as boldly. This spreading of the mortal language of ours, the greatest tongue the world has known—it will always be fresh and new to the writer who dares to bend it to his needs with a child's freedom.
Let me give a borrowed example of the child's matchless gift of imagery. Columnist Frank Farrell published it recently in the New York World-Telegram.
A radio producer's small daughter spent the afternoon at the American Museum of Natural History, a storehouse of stuffed animals and bony extinct monsters.
When the mother asked where she had been, the small girl replied: "To a dead zoo."
Ever since reading that anecdote I have been in a mood of genteel despair. A trained writer could work a month and never achieve the capsule perfection of this child's offhand description of a museum.
Perhaps every writer should hire out as a part-time baby sitter and eavesdrop on some childish prattle. It might loosen him up when he went back to his typewriter.
On the other hand he might come back and start writing something like this: "Da da, da, da, da! Glub, glub!"
Maybe that is what happened to Gertrude Stein, who wrote, "A rose is a rose is a—"
You can't depend on a child with a single track mind.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

WITHOUT a basic nationwide plan, medical relief, including the benefits of blood and blood derivatives, cannot be provided satisfactorily.
—Dr. George M. Lyon, civil defense adviser on radiological safety.
THE DRIVER whose vision is inadequate for safe driving is a potential killer—especially if he does not realize his visual condition.
—Dr. John B. O'Shea, president of the American Optometric Association.
THE CONDITIONS of stability, both economic and political, which make for a long peace, are returning to Europe.
—Gen. Lucius D. Clay, U. S. military governor in Germany.
I THINK a change in the rules of the Senate so as to prevent a filibuster is essential if we are going to put into practice in our democratic form of government the principle of majority rule.
—Sen. Wayne L. Morse (R.) of Oregon.
WE STARVE ourselves for oxygen. We must have more deep breathing and fill our blood with oxygen. And lots of exercise, and plenty of food for breakfast. What you eat for dinner, I eat for breakfast. I drink only pure water.
—Hubert Fauntleroy Julian, "Black Eagle of Harlem."

I am convinced that the desire to be entertained will find its greatest satisfaction through television.
—Movie producer Hal Roach.

I am looking forward to studying the face of Stalin, whose features, I think, could tell more about the history of the revolution than any books.
—U. N. O. Wallman, Swedish painter, assigned to do a portrait of Joseph Stalin.

Water being scarce, neighbors fighting a Connecticut farmhouse fire tapped 50 gallons of hard cider. At a late hour the volunteers were being brought under control.
"Racing driver of the year" turns out to be one of the Indianapolis 500-mile crowd, instead of the parking-lot De Palma who backs at 92 m.p.h.

A couple of the new DDT-proof houseflies were talking it over. It's funny about people. Three years after the atomic bomb, they're still around."

One of the Navy's little newspapers defines an optimist as a man who thinks the wife has quit cigars when he finds cigar stubs in the house.

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Let's Explore Your Mind



Answer to Question No. 1
Apparently not. In their five-year married study Sociologists Burgess and Cottrell found about as many happy couples whose in-laws lived with them, as not. They suggest probably as many in-laws helped as hurt. Also possibly their couples were rather good at getting along with people, although there was no clear cut evidence of this.

Answer to Question No. 2
Yes, because it gives him the feeling of success without effort. He pictures himself pitching a telling speech, inventing a perpetual motion machine, telling the boss where to get off or basking in sunny islands with lovely maidens in the South Seas. It's very restful, provided when the time comes for action you shut off the current and buckle down to your job.

Answer to Question No. 3
Yes. It gives mother a better chance to show the children good and bad postures without teaching them vanity. The same with the parents. Verne Steward, personnel expert, says everyone should practice facial expression before the mirror and learn how to smile instead of grin, look pleasant without smirking, etc. Good advice. We should all know how we really look to others.

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GOOD ADVICE

ANDREW JACKSON, who won a commanding lead in the popular vote for President in 1842, subsequently lost the Presidential contest when the decision was thrown into the House of Representatives because he did not secure a majority of the electoral college.
Naturally this result irked him extremely.
So when he was subsequently elected in 1828 and again in 1832, in all of his eight messages to Congress he called for a constitutional amendment to abolish the electoral college.—Sacramento Bee.

in Soviet Russia is Joe Stalin, the old watchdog of the Kremlin. It is too early to tell how he will ultimately rank in the world of letters. But at least one of his observations is profound enough to ring through the ages. Stalin, it was, who once wrote: "Paper we put up with anything that is written on it." Yes, even this!

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