

Today's Smile By Dick Turner



"Nonsense, Theodore! It's cozy to entertain by candlelight—besides the portions look larger!"

Correct Inner Valuation Is Key to Contentment

THE BEGINNING of every cure is the diagnosis. The farmer whose soil is poor cannot grow rich, but even the limited success within his reach will be denied him until he recognizes the soil's poverty and no longer attempts to grow crops that it cannot support. When young people first attempt to write a story they almost invariably set the stage in some locality far removed from their own experience. Their characters are highly-colored portraits of unusual people they have met in other stories—never the flesh and blood people they see and hear in their own environment. Asked why they search so far to get such unhappy results, they will answer: "Because nothing ever happens here and these people never do anything." Yet Betty Smith, who lived her youth in the anonymity of Brooklyn's tenements, found in her own side streets abundant material for novels that brought her riches and fame. The success of the story, as you see, does not result from its romantic setting or heroic char-

Questions and Answers

Meteorites Traced to One Source

By HASKIN
A reader can get the answer to any question of fact by writing The Long Beach Press-Telegram, Information Bureau, 316 E. 5th St., N. E., Washington 2, D. C. Please enclose three (3) cents for return postage.
Q. What is the source of meteorites falling on the earth?
—H. W.
A. According to Dr. Harrison S. Brown, Associate Professor of Chemistry at the Institute for Nuclear Studies, University of Chicago, a study of 107 meteorites that have fallen on the earth during the last hundred years shows that they all came from the same source: a planet which bore a close family relationship to the earth, about the size of Mars and which probably occupied an orbit in the gas between Mars and Jupiter.
Q. What is the significance of the monument with a boot on the Battlefield of Saratoga, N. Y.?
—N. M. E.
A. The left boot of Benedict Arnold is carved in stone on a monument on the Battlefield of Saratoga. Above the boot are the epaulettes of his rank, major general, but no name.
Q. Who invented loaf sugar?
D. C. N.
A. Sir Henry Tate (1819-99), an English sugar merchant and philanthropist, had a device patented for cutting sugar into small cubes for convenient use in the home.
Q. What does the "U" stand for when it precedes Burmese names?
—R. W. L.
A. The "U" in Burmese, means "Elder" and is employed in the sense of mister.
Q. Who made the discovery that the height of a tall object could be computed by measuring its shadow and comparing this to the height of a man and his shadow?
—S. B.
A. This discovery is attributed to Thales of Miletus, one of the seven wise men of Greece, who died in 548 B. C.
Q. What is the derivation of the word "crown"?
—P. O. B.
A. It comes from the Latin word for crown, and originally meant "crown officer."
Q. How much of the fur used in this country is obtained from animals bred in captivity?
—M. N.
A. About one-sixth of the total United States fur production is obtained from animals raised in captivity. Almost 425,000 pairs are harvested yearly by fur farmers from minks and their mutations, and almost 250,000 from silver foxes and their mutations.

Modest Maidens



"We not only need a house full of new furniture, we need a new house, we've worn this one out!"

20TH CENTURY'S NEED

Common Man Fills Today's Requirements for Heroes

By HAL BOYLE
NEW YORK. (AP) The biggest need of the 20th Century is a new hero.
And at the end of this article I will tell you I think it has to be—furnish what it is worth.
Every man has to have a hero. Who's yours?
The hero is as old as history. He is as old as the childish game of follow the leader.
Cows, buffaloes and men are alike in the hero instinct. They all have it. And they all want to have a leader. But there is a big difference in the hero instinct of cattle and men. In cattle the leader is picked solely by muscle—his prowess in personal battle.
The young brainless bull with the powerful shoulders and the sharp horns drives away the aging bull and becomes boss. And the rest of the herd docilely accept and follow the new leader. They immediately forget the old leader, who learned wisdom from a hundred storms and a hundred battles.
They patiently tag after the newest muscle—often to a death that the caution of the defeated bull could have forestalled.
Cattle don't have a sense of criticism. They don't check up on what's behind them the new chief bull's following victory cry.
They just know he's the strongest among them—or the one who uses his strength most cruelly.
Men do have some sense of criticism. They question their leaders—and won't follow them blindly to death without at least the expectation of a medal.
And men have outgrown somewhat the cattle idea of trailing after the leader with the biggest muscle. Muscle is on sale every day in the public market. Men have reached the point where they follow the leader who has something else—the loudest mouth, the biggest promises. Or, in more glorious moments of the human epoch, they follow the boss with the finest character or the wisest heart.
But in both—cattle and men there is one basic reason for following the leader—the fading hope of security. They think he can lead them to it. They think the leader can take them to better fodder, guide them out of the wind's way, or beyond the enemy's tearing claw and tooth.
And so, while systems falter and fresh dreams arise, the human race rears up new kinds of heroes—as the old heroes fail. And all heroes fail to the degree they don't fulfill the dream of security.
No leader ever fully satisfies the human herd. It has a series of fashions in heroes, and discards them just as women toss away yesterday's styles.
In America's brief story there has been a parade of many types of heroes—the pioneer, the warrior, the businessman, the banker, the engineer.
The depression took the

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

FOR THE FIRST TIME in history, man's curiosity and ingenuity have led him to sources of physical power by which, unless ethical and social restraints can be discovered, he will blow himself and his institutions into final dust.
—Raymond B. Fosdick, retired president of the Rockefeller Foundation.
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If he (President Truman) ever had any doubts about winning, he kept them to himself. He inspired us all to believe that he would win.
—Charles G. Ross, Presidential press secretary.
...
Present profits will destroy the purchasing power base which is essential to prosperity and full employment. Already we see consumers unable to buy the total output of full employment... and we see the beginning of layoffs. We see the attempt being made to hold prices up while production falls off.
—Donald Montgomery, C. I. O.-United Automobile Workers economist.
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The general opinion in all countries (of Europe) that I visited is that communism is growing weaker as an open political force. Without the support of the Russian army, communism is not likely to become stronger.
—Sen. Robert A. Taft (R.) of Ohio.

Let's Explore Your Mind

By DR. A. E. WIGGAM
2. AS YOU GROW OLDER YOUR MEMORY DECLINES. IS THERE ANY WAY TO OVERCOME THIS? YES NO
3. WILL FEEDING CHILDREN MILK MAKE THEM HARDER TO MANAGE? YES NO
3. WHY IS IT HARD TO CURE CHRONIC WORRIERS AND NEUROTICS? YOUR OPINION
Answer to Question No. 1
1. Because they have lost the power of self-evaluation. They cannot analyze their emotions or attitudes towards themselves or other people. Often they talk sensibly and logically about outward events. But they can't talk that way about themselves. They can't even tell when they are telling the truth about their acts and feelings. Trying to help them is like a doctor trying to cure a patient who lies about his symptoms.
Answer to Question No. 2
2. Yes. Overlearning. This means review, review, REVIEW. Make notes, keep a diary of what you do, read any book you meet. Samuel J. Tilden was first famous for his poor memory, later for his good memory. As related, every evening he told his wife everything he could think of for the day, the people he had met, the letters he had written, even every dish of food he had had. Try this. Our booklet, "How to Improve Your Memory," by Psychologist Henry Link, will help wonderfully. Sent at cost, 15c, plus self-addressed, stamped envelope.
Answer to Question No. 3
3. Yes. If they have been deprived of milk or its equivalent for a long period. E. V. McCollum took 80 children in a Negro orphanage where they were given little or no milk. For several weeks he gave a quart of milk daily to 40 and none to the remaining 40. The milk-fed children gained rapidly in weight, health and vigor and, of course, were more boisterous and harder to manage. A half-nourished child is usually submissive, obedient and "good." So, if you want that kind of kid for goodness sake, don't let them drink milk. It's dangerous!

Merger at the Top

FIRST BRIEFINGS of the Eberstadt "task force" report on national security organization to the Hoover commission led to the inference that former Secretary of War Robert H. Patterson demurred because he favors an all-out merger of the services. The committee majority recommends working ahead from the present basis of "unification."
Later and more complete excerpts from the text reveal that Mr. Patterson "does not mean a scrambling or merger of the three services"—no putting them all in one uniform. What he does mean is a merging of the three departments under more comprehensive authority of the Secretary of Defense, a replacement of the three secretaries of Army, Navy and Air, by under and assistant secretaries working "department-wide." The three services, he says, carrying on "the three branches of the military establishment." Christian Science Monitor.

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