

# Uncle Ray's Corner--Did Ulysses' Sailors Drink Juice of the Lotus Flower To Forget?

Did you ever read about the lotus-eaters? They are described in one of Homer's famous poems.

According to Homer, the lotus-eaters lived in a country near Egypt. The hero of the poem, Ulysses, stopped there, and some of his

sailors began to eat the fruit of the lotus. This made them forget their past, and they did not want to keep up their efforts to find their way back home.

There is some doubt as to what kind of lotus plant was meant by Homer. Modern natives of the re-

gion, however, make a wine from the fruit of a lotus shrub which bears sweet-tasting fruit. Wine often muddles the brain, and makes people forget themselves. Homer may have been thinking of the juice of the lotus fruit, rather than the fruit itself.

The lotus plant is well known in Asia.

Among the Buddhists of China, there is a belief that when a member of their faith dies, a lotus blossom appears in a sacred lake in the Pure Land. If the spirit is perfect, it lives in an open blossom, and has the joy of gazing upon the Buddha. If it has guilt, the spirit fails to see the Holy One, because the lotus closes up.

Another kind of lotus, the Egyptian, is the "national flower" of Egypt. It is as important to the

people of Egypt as the rose is to us.

With its roots at the bottom of the Nile river, the lotus plant sends a stem to the surface. Rising above the leaves, beautiful blossoms are to be seen. Some of these flowers

are 10 or 12 inches wide. The stem may be 7 or 8 feet long.

The Egyptian lotus, like other lotuses, also has the name of water lily.

From pictures and other records left by ancient Egyptians, we know that the lotus held a high place in

their life thousands of years ago.

They used the blossoms to make wreaths and garlands, and enjoyed the pleasant odor. Many an Egyptian woman adorned her forehead by placing a water lily on it.

The Egyptians used the lotus in their religion, and looked on it as holy. The idea of the lotus being a sacred flower exists today in India, as well as in China.

Relatives of the Egyptian lotus, known as "American water lilies," grow on our own continent. They are not very common, but they are found in certain lakes. Their leaves, or "pads," may cover a large section of a lake.

One of the places where American water lilies grow is in a lake of Rocky Mountain National park. Hundreds of these may be seen in this lake, which is fed by water from melting snow.

Seeds of American water lilies can keep their power of growing for a long time. Tests have shown that such seeds will grow after being stored away during a period of from 30 to 40 years.

Uncle Ray

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### DROP A LETTER

1 LETTER = DENSE MIST.

1 LETTER = A STOCKING.

1 LETTER = WHAT FLOWER?

1 LETTER = WHAT BIRD?

1 LETTER = WHAT WEAPON?

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1 -AM  
2 -AM-  
3 -AM-  
4 -AM-

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### KIDIE CORNER

PLEASE DRAW ME, STEP BY STEP.

1

YOU DRAW THE DESIGNS ON MY WINGS.

WHAT COUNTRY IS ALSO A BIRD?

TURKEY IS CORRECT.

## The Listener Talks Back

### WHA Alumni Pile Up New Successes

By WILLIAM L. DOUDNA

(Special Radio Editor)

Ben Park's most recent awards for meritorious work bring up once more the large measure of success which has come to many alumni of WHA, the University of Wisconsin station. Ben, as you read recently in The State Journal, has garnered two nationwide awards for his current series, "It's Your Life," on WMAQ.

Park is now free-lancing in Chicago as a producer, after phenomenal success with documentaries at WBBM.

Dr. Walter Kingdon is an alumnus who has gone far in the field of radio in education. You will remember him as Walter Krulovich, and his wife as Romance Cowell. Walter now is director of radio for the University of California at Los Angeles, and Romance (who shortened her name to "Rome") is a scriptwriter for the U. S. department of state.

Ed Fleming and Vern Hansen went from WHA to WGN. The former was for a time CBS correspondent in Russia and elsewhere; now he's back in New York as a free-lance announcer, doing "Front Page Farrell" and "Our Girl Sunday." Hansen is a television producer at WTOP, Washington, D. C.

Victor Perrin, who gave some fine performances with Wisconsin Players in addition to his radio work, is announcing and acting in Hollywood, and Don Stanley is an announcer at NBC in the film capital, handling some of the net's top shows.

Vivian Fridell, long "Mary Noble," is still active as a radio actress, and Jean Mowry is

## Highlights of Today's Radio Broadcasts, Classified

Special Events	Religion	Documentary	Music
1:30 p. m.—Studio Dedication (WIBA); Don Anderson, William T. Ewje, City Manager Kowal, Ruth Kienholz, Richard C. Church's radio orchestra.	9 a. m.—National Radio Pulpit (WMAQ); "Make your Goodness Count"; Don Anderson, William T. Ewje, City Manager Kowal, Ruth Kienholz, Richard C. Church's radio orchestra.	3:35 p. m.—Living—1949 (WIBA); story of White House mail.	2 p. m.—Fine Arts Quartet (WISC); "Quartet No. 3," Quincy Porter.
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## The Sunday Crossword Puzzle

16x16 crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-168.

ANSWERS:

**HORIZONTAL**

1 Improper  
6 Pertaining to  
11 Area  
16 The people  
21 Exciting  
22 To ascend  
23 King of  
24 To expel  
25 Symbol for  
27 Consonant  
28 Brother of  
29 Odor  
30 Impertinence  
31 Consonant  
32 Saint (abbr.)  
33 Mulberry  
34 Symbol for  
35 Nickel  
36 Low note  
37 Hello!  
38 Coin of  
39 Polynesian  
40 Island group  
41 Fading  
42 substance  
43 Wrath  
44 Excitement  
45 Style of archi-  
46 tecture  
47 Mule  
48 Aquatic  
49 mammal (pl.)  
50 Fencing  
51 Book of maps  
52 Article of  
53 Furniture  
54 Solo  
55 Piece of  
56 Offer  
57 Mule  
58 To bind  
59 Disavowal  
60 Mercenary  
61 Low note  
62 Woodland  
63 To  
64 Attempt  
65 Condition  
66 Paint for  
67 Japanese  
68 measure

**VERTICAL**

1 Pier  
2 Rural  
3 Upon  
4 Strange  
5 Welcomes  
6 Wise sayings  
7 Latin  
8 Nymph  
9 Fifty-one  
10 Misdemeanor  
11 Girl's name  
12 College admin-  
13 istrative  
14 Friend  
15 Weaken  
16 Italian for  
17 To argue  
18 Leaks  
19 To foretell  
20 Note of scale  
21 Impulse  
22 sea robbery  
23 Otherwise  
24 Silkworm  
25 To pass into  
26 Use (verb)  
27 Silken  
28 Pin on which  
29 Bird  
30 Bird  
31 Overhead  
32 To gather  
33 Water barrier  
34 To improve  
35 Repeat twice  
36 (music)  
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### SUNDAY

WIBA 1310 kc.	WISC 1480 kc.	WKOW 1075 kc.	WIBU 1240 kc.	WBBM 750 kc.	WENR-WLS 890 kc.	WGN 720 kc.	WMAQ 670 kc.
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### Television Seen Dooming Night Radio

CINCINNATI, O. (UP)—The man who handles shows for radio's largest spender doesn't think daytime television will hurt daytime radio. But William Ramsey, radio director of Procter and Gamble, believes television has doomed evening radio.

Ramsey says daytime radio will keep on competing on even terms with television because "few women have time to stop their housework and concentrate on a television show during the day."

"It has been suggested," he added, "that the serials could be adap-

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