

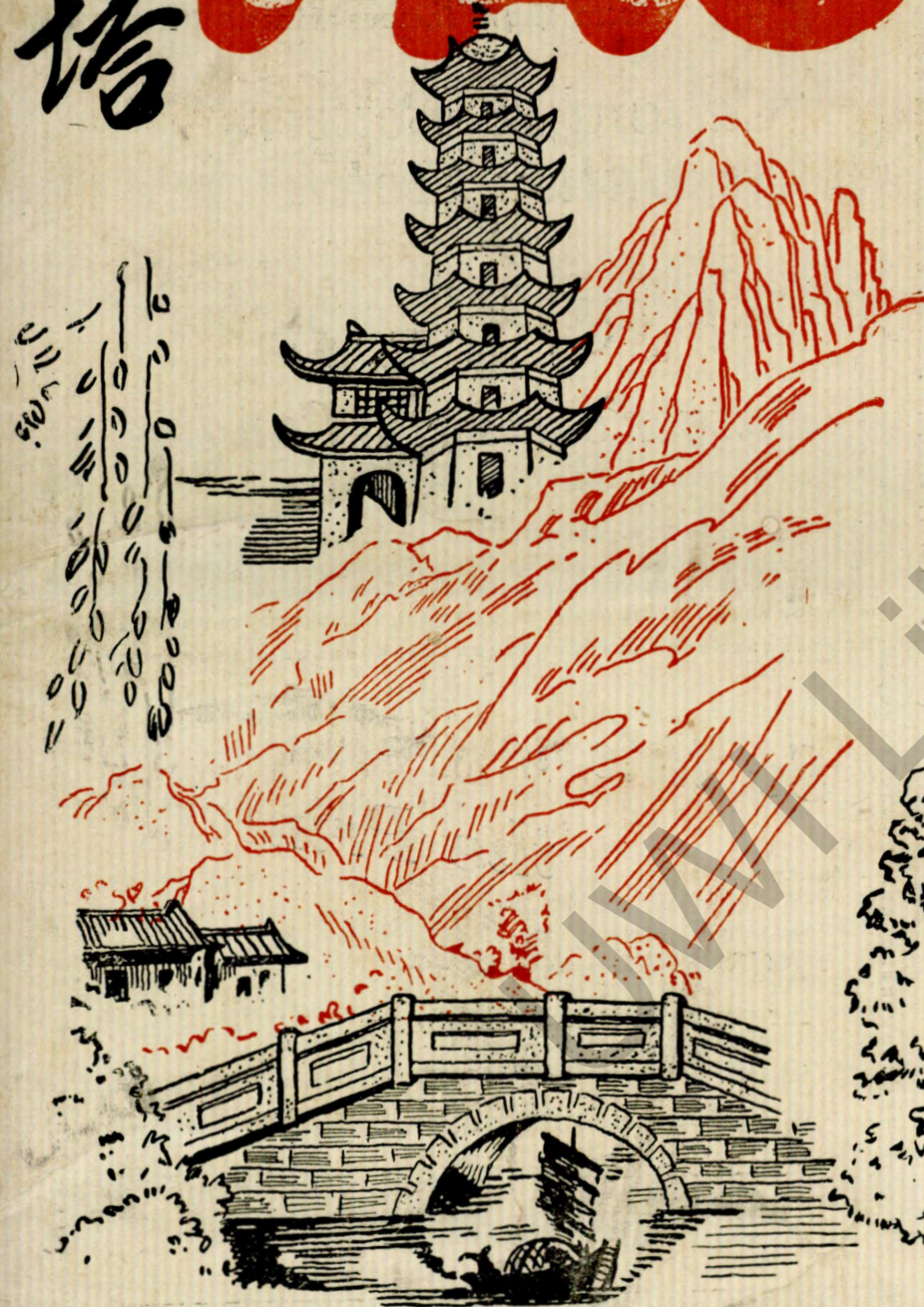
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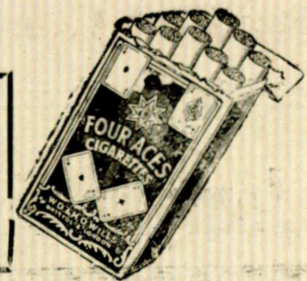
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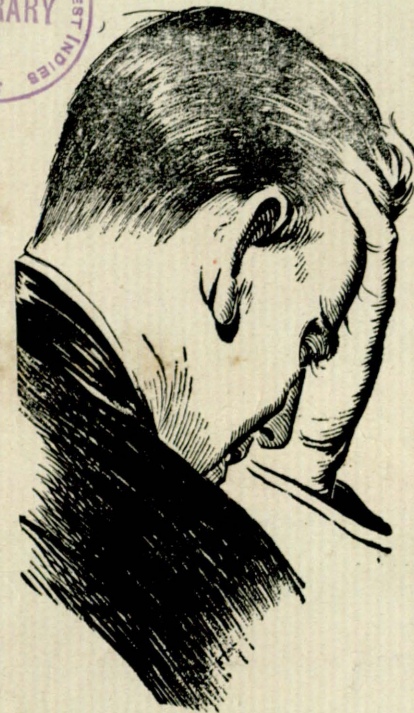
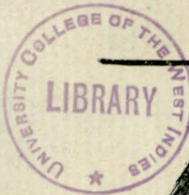


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PHILOSOPHIC SPECULATIONS OF LAO TZU

By PIONEER
From SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST, Hongkong

OF all the religions practised in Hongkong, and a good many are represented, Taoism undoubtedly claims the largest number of adherents, though, as originally conceived, its followers are probably fewer than those of any other sect.

The fact is that the world never had time to follow the teachings of the Master, which entailed a complete abstraction from mundane affairs and, all said and done, was a somewhat unsociable mode of life.

Lao Tzu, was roughly contemporary with Confucius, but of his existence little is known of either his birth, life, or death.

Yet he was one of the deepest thinkers that China has produced, and his one work, the Tao Teh Ching, exercised an incredible influence on the lives of his compatriots. In this book he elaborated his theory of the relations between the Universe, and what he termed the Tao. This may mean anything or nothing, probably the latter as the religion is strong on vacuity, but is variously translated as the "Way," the "right course of conduct," "reason," or the "Word."

In Lao Tzu's text Tao stands for each of these in some context, but none of them sum up his real idea.

He defines it as being exceedingly plain, but the people like the footpaths.

It is more than the way, for it is the road, and the traveller upon it. Along it all beings walk, but no being made it, for it

is the Being itself; everything and nothing, the cause, and effect of all. All originate from Tao, conform to Tao, and to Tao they shall return.

It embraces the Absolute, the totality of Beings and things, the phenomenal world and its order, the ethical nature of the superior man, and the principle of his action.

Lao Tzu's doctrines had none of the rigidity of the Confucian tenets, whose teaching refused to speculate on the here-after, holding that the superior man on earth had no need to concern himself with the future. The philosophic speculations in his work are far beyond the grasp of the ordinary reader but they lead to immortality, and a merging of the individual identity in the Tao.

CONTEMPLATION, and an abstraction from the world were essential to attain this apotheosis, and the peasant struggling to win his daily bread from the soil had little spare time to qualify for immortality on these terms.

To popularise the religion it was necessary to find some short cut, and the universal desire for longevity, infinitely prolonged, led to the search for the Philosopher's Stone, and elixir of Immortality.

The exploiters of the doctrine started off at a tangent from Lao Tzu's ideas, and evolved elaborate systems trailing off into the vacuity they adored. In the general destruction of books under Ch'in Shih

Huang-Ti (B.C. 221-209) the Taoist scriptures were spared as the Emperor was a profound believer in the religion.

He fitted out a Naval Expedition to discover the Isles of the Blest, the home of the Immortals, who compounded the elixir of life from the herbs which grew in profusion in their tropical abode. The whole country followed his example, and everything was neglected in the stampede to escape from poverty and gain everlasting life.

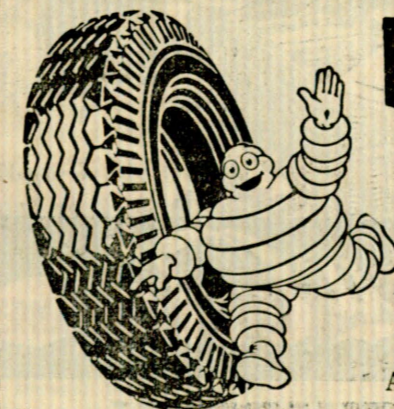
This kind of Welfare State, madly chasing the unattainable, soon collapsed with a consequent disillusion in the get rich quick advocates, and there was a revulsion of feeling in favour of the original teachings of Lao Tzu and Confucius.

UNDER various emperors Taoism and Buddhism, an alien cult, struggled for supremacy, and both adopted the more attractive divinities of its rival sect, whilst including in their Pantheons those primitive objects of worship whom the Chinese refused to discard.

Both had Hells for the punishment of evil-doers, but these were not accepted without considerable modification, and the promise to reveal methods of avoiding them, or at any rate mitigation of their rigours.

At the head of the Taoist Pantheon is a Trinity, corresponding to the Buddhist conception of the Three Pure Ones, below whom as President of the minor divinities, is Shang Ti the Gemmous Supreme Ruler.

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A Cup Of Coffee In The Morning

By S. H. C.

THERE is a lot of tom-foolery about getting up on the right or wrong side of the bed in the morning. Any day that runs into trouble is blamed on a bad start. Men who are fortunate enough to have wives consider themselves fortunate only in so far as they have someone else upon which to throw the blame. When I sat for my final school examination, I was warned by a rather humorously inclined master, that the outcome of my strenuous efforts depended equally much on my replies to the innumerable questions as on the success of the culinary efforts of the examiner's wife in the matter of the preparation of the matutinal meal. Many a fine essay or mathematical problem, he said, has been spoilt by a charred bit of toast, an egg done too hard, or coffee drawn too strong. And this brings us to the subject of our meditations this morning.

There is a popular song whose import is self evident, and I quote it in part below:

"Some folks like the choc'lit, and some folks like the tea. Some like the sugar and water, and some the lemonade—

But I don't care for none o' those, the only thing for me Is mi bowl o' bwollin' coffee in the morning."

MANY of us are satisfied with the early morning demi-tasse, some of us are made happy by a normal cupful, and very few of us are willing to go without the early constitutional.

Don't misunderstand me. I am not in the ensuing paragraphs endeavouring to attribute any magical powers to the popular brew. Like Shakespeare's famous character in Julius Caesar, I am here merely to say what I do know. Whether or not coffee is a drug is not the burden of my dissertation. We do not currently discuss the efficacy or otherwise of the extract of the flavoursome berry. Coffee well brewed is a delicious drink. A piping hot cup of coffee in bed is a luxurious thing. You are not truly awake until the tongue has curled itself around the first sip and your taste-buds fight for possession of the nectar. And as the liquid flame goes coursing down through your body, you get that 'on top of the world' feeling which starts you out with the reins of the day

in your hands and you feel equal to any task.

BUT there are the cranks who will cast aspersions on the fair name of a cup of black coffee. There are people today, casting about for a place upon which to set that too easily definable condition called 'nerves.' A flutter of the hands, a slight quiver when a lighted match is held, the tremor which accompanies the lifting of a glass to the lips are all blamed on 'nerves,' and what causes it, my little man? Nerves, sir! just Nerves! But you are the type who will go far in this little world of ours, you are destined to be one of our world's greats. You have a curious, prying mind, you are not satisfied with the large poster on the fence which indicates that in the interest of wisdom and good health you drink Dr. Mumbo Jumbo's Capital Herb Tea. You want to know what went on in the mind of the man who pasted up that poster, in the mind of the man who painted that poster, who gave instructions that that said poster be painted, and finally you wonder what went on in the mind of the man who offers himself as a new benefactor of the human race, and a purveyor of human longevity. You ask the question designed to explode all false theories, so you turn to the sufferer from 'nerves' and seek to find what brought it on.

The answer is a product which has brought balm to many hearts, which has cost millions in advertising over the entire world, and which to many is a top favourite drink, whether piping hot in the morning or Ice-cold in the afternoon with a subtle flavouring of rum. Coffee has even earned for itself a trademark and patents on an ailment which goes under the fashionable name of "Coffee Nerves" — you can buy it in any grocery shop today, at so much per pound, and it is put up in half-pound and quarter pound packets . . . according to some you can buy it as coffee, or you can buy it as coffee-nerves. It's all the same thing.

BUT me, I care too much for my cup of 'bwollin' coffee to give too much thought to the after effects. Perhaps this is because I have never had any after effects. To have its full flavour, coffee must be drawn just

right. Too weak is no good. Too strong is poor. But just right coffee sends an aura of languid pleasure stealing over you. And there is another secret which is the key to satisfaction in a sip of coffee — too weak or too strong or just right, depends entirely on the individual taste.

Coffee contains caffeine — it is a drug—it is habit forming. Coffee should never be given to children—it slows their thinking process . . . it stunts their growth—it makes them chew their nails. Coffee plays havoc with your nerves — look at the picture of Mr. Coffee Nerves in the American magazines—see what he can do to you. Your morning coffee is a cupful of evil—but there is nothing that can quite equal that warm feeling of goodness coursing through your veins — there is nothing that can beat it as an after lunch 'chaser' — and most of you feel the way I do about it:

"It's great stuff, that Coffee!"

French explorers of the Paul-Emile Victor expedition now maintain that Greenland is not

the largest island in the world, but an archipelago of three islands, separated by two deep straits. The presence of these straits, covered by a thick ice-cap, has been disclosed by sound recordings. They are already mentioned in Eskimo folklore, which speaks of the deep canal traversing the arctic continent.

Another expedition to Greenland will set out from the United Kingdom next summer. The group of scientists and technicians will land on the North-East coast and then travel by air 150 miles inland to establish their base on the shores of a newly-discovered lake. They propose to set up a meteorological station on the mountain ice-cap about 200 miles away. The expedition intends to explore traces of ancient Eskimo dwellings on the mountainous edge of the ice-cap and try to discover why the inhabitants have completely died out.

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MOVEMENTS OF NOTE

By I. C. Evre Ting

HEAVY rains could not wash away the C.A.C. Garden Party at the School a fortnight ago. It turned out to be one of the brightest functions ever held there. Feature attraction was the Fashion Show which brought out some very nice modelling by a party of shapely young ladies. Anyone who has ideas for a Fashion Show know now where they can get all the lovely mannequins they want to model what they have. It we were in a temperate climate we could have a Fashion Show every season of the year.

Chiefly responsible for the success of the Garden Party was our little Sarge who organised his team so that he got the maximum cooperation from everyone. Seems like from now on he will have a permanent job in the Garden Party Committee.

IT is very seldom that a Garden Party give out rain checks but last Tuesday at the C. P. S. the Society had to do just that as a driving rain started just as the fun was about to begin and kept up without stopping. Result is that the Garden Party will be held again this Sunday. With the publicity they unexpectedly received at the last one they expect an even bigger crowd this time.

A YOUNG man was driving out in the country last week on a very urgent mission. Seemed he under-estimated a curve and made a complete somersault with the car. Fortunately no one was hurt. Anyway you look at it, however, curves are very dangerous things for drivers.

A YOUNG couple I hear who will be marching up the aisle early next year is planning a honeymoon trip to the States. It is all very secret and how a little birdie let me on to it will remain a secret also. Their preparations include getting all the travel folders from here to New York.

BRIDEGROOMS are never so calm as they usually appear. Last Sunday a very nervous bridegroom who had to make a few last minute preparations visited the place where the reception was to be held. As he drove up to the house the folks heard a hard crash and looking out saw that the cement gate posts were completely knocked down. Good driver that he was the bridegroom was a little non-plussed himself and just didn't seem to know how it happened.

THE new Club which will open its doors in another fortnight is getting everyone talking and wondering. A social centre is nothing new as every year one or two crops up in the community. This one will make a very strong bid for popularity with its location and social amenities. Not the least of it, if you haven't heard, is the orchestra that will play at its opening dance.

The white ant, we are told, lays eighty-four thousand eggs a day. Fortunately, white ants don't cackle.

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CLUB GARDEN PARTY
HUGE SUCCESS

The Chinese Athletic Club Garden Party held at the Chinese Public School on Sunday, November 18 was an outstanding success. A very heavy shower just before it started fortunately did not do much than dampen the grounds, and the crowds came in great number immediately the rain held up.

There were many attractions and for the children, gas filled balloons were in heavy demand, while the Midget Train and the Ferris Wheel were kept busy all the time.

A very interesting variety concert and a Fashion Show climaxed the evening's entertainment. The models who did credit to the show were Mrs. Vilma Turnell, Mrs. Leonie Lee, the Misses Annie Wong, Joan Jackson, Inez Lee, Barbara Chang, Norma Lue Sang, Sheila Chong, Patsy Hall and Alma Hylton.

The dresses were displayed by Bab's Shoppe, 103 Harbour St., Issa's, Miladys, Model Shop, Bari Lee and Miss Audrey Leahong.

The models appeared first in Morning and Beachwear, then in Cocktail Dresses and finally in

Evening Dresses. During changes the audience was kept in a bright mood by Ranny Williams in a monologue, a mambo dance by Evelyn Andrade and Ronny Nasralla, a sailor's hornpipe dance by Sonia Wong, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Wong Pow, a hilarious Beauty Parade sketch by the Chinese Students Association, and songs by George Lee, popular vocalist.

The Fashion Show was organised by Mrs. Pierre Chong, Miss Rose Lyn and Mr. Vincent Lyn.

Stall holders included Mesdames Donald Leahong, Bertie Leahong, Sidney Chang, Horace Chang, Messrs. Donald Chen, Harry Kong, Gerald Lee, Basil Cheong, Clinton Wong, Arthur Kong, Leonard Chang and the Chinese Students' Association.

The function was organised by the Chinese Athletic Club to raise funds for the reconstruction of their Clubhouse on Deanery Road. Mr. Horace Chang headed the committee in charge of the Garden Party. The members of the Chinese Students Association who had planned a similar function in August which was put off on account of the hurricane, assisted the CAC in this effort.

There are a few prizes in the Penny Sale which are still unclaimed. Winners are asked to go to the Community Store and claim their prizes. The numbers are:—

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HOLIDAY DANCE

Derek Chang's orchestra featured at the Alpha Alumnae Dance held at 51 Half Way Tree Road on Saturday, November 17. The dance was a very successful one attended by more than 500 people.

At Christiana the same night the dance sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. George Chen at the Hotel Savoy was the social event of the season in the country town. A large party of visitors from Mandeville attended the party as well as visitors from Kingston.

At May Pen a dance sponsored by the Catholic Church on Tuesday, November 20, also featured Derek Chang's orchestra and provided a gay and happy holiday evening for the people there.

GLORIA CHUCK WEDS
JOSEPH CHEN

The marriage of Miss Gloria Chuck to Mr. Joseph Chin took place on Sunday, November 25 at the Holy Trinity Cathedral. The bride was given in marriage by Mr. Chin Fatt with the Rev. Fr. Connolly officiating.

Miss Babs Moosie was chief bridesmaid and she was assisted by two other bridesmaids, the Misses Mary and Cathleen Chia

Fatt. Mr. Raymond Lyn acted the role of bestman.

At the reception Mr. Sidney Chang, J.P., acted as emcee and other speakers for the occasion included Messrs. Sam Levy, Jackie Taylor, Wesley Chang, Oswald Yap, Kong Ming, and Rev. Fr. Raymond Fox.

An orchestral dance followed the reception.

NEW SOCIAL CLUB FOR
CHINESE COMMUNITY

The newest organization in the city to provide social activity for the Chinese community in the island will be the Cathay Club. The Club is situated on the spacious upstairs of Messrs. Wong Chew Onn & Co., Ltd., 80 Princess St. An opening dance is scheduled for Saturday, December 15 for members and their friends.

PICNIC TO LIME CAY

A picnic to Lime Cay on November 20 was the holiday feature for a gay party of 30. They left at eight o'clock in the morning and returned by six o'clock in the evening.

RICHARD KONG BACK
FROM STATES

Mr. Richard Kong arrived back in the island last Monday from

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PANORAMA

CONSTITUTION DAY

November 20th was celebrated throughout the Island as Constitution Day on Tuesday last, with the customary round of gay activities, the only damper being the set in that evening of the spell of rainy weather which carried through the week.

The special feature of the holiday was the Agricultural Livestock Show and Fair held at Frome Sports Ground, under the auspices of the County of Cornwall Branches associated with the J.A.S. and W.I.S.Co. Ltd. which was attended by His Excellency the Governor and Lady Foot. Music was provided by the Jamaica Military Band and there was a special excursion train on the line to facilitate people from distant parts of the Island.

A number of attractive pastimes were put on for the young folk, and besides the main part of the Show which consisted of livestock and agriculture there were those in lighter vein such as flowers and pot plants, home arts and crafts and the like. The Governor gave a very impressive address to the large gathering who attended the Show, one which called forth expressions of appreciation from many of those in charge of the proceedings. Altogether it was a most successful form of celebration for Jamaica's own holiday.

ANTI-T.B. DRIVES IN THE
NEWS

The big Anti-T.B. campaign which is now being conducted in Jamaica has been claiming the attention of one and all who are eager to give their support to the suppression of the dread tuberculosis disease which has become so much more prevalent here in recent years. With the individual centres now being opened up in various areas to serve the needs of the general public, the campaign should proceed along the most promising lines possible.

Besides this campaign drives against T.B. have been called to the mind of the public by the annual sale of work organised by Dr. Joyce Saward for the T.B. After-Care Centre which was held on Friday last. This sale comprised a variety of linen embroidery has been supplemented this year with a new form of work, that of string work in a number of articles, and it was held at a

time when early Christmas shoppers would benefit by the convenience it afforded them.

The customary sale of Christmas Seals has also been launched in an appeal by Lady Foot, and everyone has been asked to donate as generously as possible to the cause for which the seals are circulated. The seals this year are subdued in colouring but very pleasing with the cute drawing of "old Santa" in his sleigh in black against a shaded salmon pink background. It is to be hoped that every one will do his utmost for this great need in our midst.

GOLDEN JUBILEE

An event in the Roman Catholic Church in Jamaica took place on Sunday the 18th last, when the Rev. Fr. Butler, S.J. celebrated his Golden Jubilee as a member of the Society of Jesus, thirty-three years of which he has spent labouring in this Island, in large part for the Chinese community.

Fr. Butler was celebrant at a Solemn High Mass at Holy Trinity Cathedral, at which His Lordship Bishop McEleney, S.J., D.D., presided and preached the sermon. The Mass was attended by numbers of Priests, and representatives of the St. George's College Old Boys Association, the Immaculate Conception High School, Sisters of the various Orders, members of the Consular Corps and others. The Bishop paid high tribute to Fr. Butler's noble passage through the fifty years of his unflinching service to his people in all walks of life both abroad and in Jamaica. Such service must, indeed, bring a sense of joy to the hearts of us all.

FILMS OF WORTH

The Film Society of Jamaica celebrated its first year of existence on November 18th with the showing of the first Swedish film ever to be seen in Jamaica—"Iris," which has followed up many other excellent French and Italian films in previous months. Undoubtedly, the Society is making its presence felt in the showing of films which would never have reached the Island otherwise, and it deserves all the support it can get to enable it to promote its purpose in this respect.

Other films of special interest in the recent past have been "Treasure Island" and "Samson and Delilah". For the opening of the former film at the Tropical Theatre three top-ranking RKO Officials came to

Jamaica. Both these films have drawn large crowds.

VISITORS EN MASSE

Arriving recently in two chartered aircraft on a visit of a few days were a group of Executives of the United States Savings and Loan League, and their wives, in all numbering 81, who were on a tour of some of the chief cities of the Caribbean following a convention which they held in Miami. With them they brought greetings to kindred building societies in the Island.

Shortly after this group was that of the American Automobile Association which came by Pan American Clipper from Haiti. This group was entertained in Jamaica at a luncheon given by the Tourist Trade Development Board, at which was present also many hotel managers and representatives of air companies.

A three-man touring company, executives of the Crown Life Insurance Company in Toronto, also arrived recently for a five-day stay. The purpose of the tour was that the peoples of the Caribbean area might get acquainted with the "Crown Life family", and a study of the economic conditions in the area was also being made by these officials.

Such groups visiting our shores

promote the friendliest of relationships and business angles also, of the countries in the western hemisphere and should be encouraged at all times.

Observer.

Since July 1947, more than 1,500,000 refugees and displaced persons have been actively assisted by the International Refugees Organization, and very nearly 1,000,000 of them have been established in new homes in new countries, most of them overseas. This was described as the largest organized overseas migration in history by Mr. J. Donald Kingsley, Director-General of the I.R.O. when he presented his Organization's Annual Report for 1950 to the United Nations Economic and Social Council in Geneva recently.

Mr. Kingsley stated that even during 1950, when the rate of resettlement had passed its peak, an I.R.O. vessel left a European port about every three days, carrying refugees to new homes in the Americas, Australia and New Zealand. Almost every day on the average, an I.R.O. chartered plane took off with compassionate cases with the aged, the ill, the expectant mothers and with all those who could not safely travel by sea. (UNESCO.)

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Truce Talks

New truce talks have started in Korea in recent weeks. The first truce talks started in June last by General Ridgway, came to nothing. The present one is being held at Panmunjom under a 2-man sub-committee to decide on a plan which will enable the signing of an armistice by Christmas.

In mid-November Allied truce negotiators made a proposition to the Chinese Reds calling for an armistice within 30 days. It was felt that no truce could be signed without agreement on certain vital points. These points deal with the continuance of hostilities until an armistice is signed, the cease-fire line to be that of the present battleline provisionally, until the final full armistice is reached. Then it will become final if this is within the given time; if not, a new one will have to be agreed on. This demarcation line will become the centre of a buffer zone 2 1/2 miles wide, and it is this point which, until Monday evening of this week, was holding up the whole issue. A decision was, however, made later and the way has been clear for the other main issue to be decided on.

One of these issues is in regard to who shall supervise the truce, the others relate to the exchange of prisoners and recommendations to the Governments concerned on the ultimate withdrawal of foreign troops from Korea.

The tendency of the Reds for never bringing talks to any satisfactory climax creates, not unnaturally, a sense of despondency in the most optimistic minds. These new truce talks float before the eyes of the world as on a screen, one moment looming large, the next receding into a blurred picture. The many im-

portant issues at stake governed by the many nations involved in the war, besides the instability of the Reds, tend to create a sense of confusion.

When, if ever, the armistice is signed and the demarcation line is finally drawn, the wider issues will then be resumed. The result of these talks are unpredictable but our hope is that if peace does materialise it will last far beyond this Christmas into the future.

Philosophic Speculations Of Lao Tzu

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His Board comprises a God for everyone, and a patron Saint for every possible contingency. Immortals, Star Gods, heres, good men and virtuous women have all been canonised and biographical records of each have been compiled. There is a Ministry of Medicine and a Board of the Weather.

Mythical creatures such as dragons, phoenixes and unicorns all receive their meed of worship, and even the Celestial Dog and Fox Fairy have their shrines.

TALISMANS against evil spirits and disease were the invention of Chang Tao-Ling the first Taoist Pope who attained fame as a magician in the T'ang Dynasty. He was canonised in A.D. 423 by the title of T'ien Shih, Heavenly Teacher, or Master of Heaven, the succession being hereditary in his family.

The Chinese believe that he has power over all the Gods worshipped throughout the realm, and can exalt, or degrade them.

When in residence in the Dragon Tiger Palace in Kiangsi he grants an audience to the entire Pantheon on the first of every month, and he can keep the unruly spirit in order with the magic sword bequeathed by his ancestor. He rules as representative on earth of the Jasper-God (Shang Ti) and grants licences to Taoist Monasteries.

Popular Taoism is essentially a native religion, and was an attempt on the part of scholars to make out of the heterogeneous materials of Nature Worship, a cult after the model of Buddhism whose attractions would rival those of the imported Church.

THERE is no hierarchy in the Priesthood comparable with that of Christianity. Except in the monastic orders clergy are not affected to any particular building. In the Colony each place of worship is in the charge

of a lay Manager, representative of the individual who farms the revenue contributed by the congregation.

Maintenance of public building is a weak spot in the Chinese character.

Merit is acquired by erecting a shrine as a memorial, or as an act of gratitude, but there never seems to be an endowment fund for the upkeep of the fabric.

Magnificent temples, erected by the munificence of an Emperor become dangerous, and finally collapse for the want of any interest in their preservation. The village Temple is the inheritance of all the inhabitants and is maintained by public effort and subscription but one or two in the New Territories are completely ruinous, and appear to have been abandoned even by the spirit to whom they were dedicated.

Otherwise, Hongkong might serve as a model to the rest of China, for Government applies the money obtained from farming the revenues to the upkeep of the fabric, and the large majority of the temples are in excellent repair.

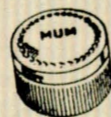
BOYS are trained for the priesthood by taking them in as cleaners. After a few years of

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THE FIJI ISLANDS

By Stanley Lum,

From THE NEW CITIZEN, Vancouver

HAVING bid farewell to beautiful and enchanting Samoa, we resumed our voyage in the direction of the British Crown Colony of Fiji. To get there we had to cross the International Date Line, causing us to lose a day which we later regained on the return voyage.

The first port of call was Suva capital and chief port of Fiji, which is situated on the largest of the 320 islands in the chain. Only 97 of these are inhabited. Suva has a population of 280,000 of which 3,000 are Chinese. The others are European, Fijian and Indians of the Polynesian, Melanesian and Rotuman tribes. The latter are in the majority.

The uninhabited islands are put to good use by the natives for the purposes of agriculture and temporary residence during the turtle fishing season and while gathering either coconuts or produce from the reefs.

The climate of Fiji is similar to that of Hawaii which is touted as the most perfect of all tropical climates. The Fiji islands are about the same latitude south of the equator as the Hawaiians are north of it which accounts for the similarity in vegetation, rainfall and temperatures. There are no endemic and zymotic diseases and no cases of malaria fever have ever been reported. The average rainfall is about 80 inches a year and temperatures range from 62 to 91 degrees. Chief products of the islands are sugar, gold, copra, bananas, trachus shells, timber, pineapples and rubber.

Volcanic mountains dot the heavily wooded islands. The thick vegetation is the result of heavy rainfall.

COMPARED to other South Pacific islands the Fijians are relatively undeveloped. They have few good roads and less modern conveniences. Such necessities as electricity, running water, modern transportation, meat or milk deliveries are totally unheard of.

The natives are distinguishable by their huge mops of 8-inch long curly jet black hair which stands almost straight up on end. Although large and powerfully built, they are childlike in behaviour and easy to handle. They have an unbounded curiosity for all foreigners.

I had the pleasure of watching

a fire walking dance, which is the most interesting kind of ceremonial dance I've yet seen. The ceremonial is performed by beating several layers of stone till they become a white molten mass. After chanting several songs and prayers the natives dance on the hot stones with their bare feet for as long as 15 minutes at a time, without getting burned or showing visible signs of discomfort.

Tourist attractions and entertainment are practically nil, that is unless you consider driving about the islands, visiting neighbouring island villages, swimming and fishing in shark free areas and perhaps a little tennis, as entertainment.

Dances, yacht parties and golf are pastimes that are enjoyed exclusively by Europeans, who hold all the choice jobs on the islands.

ALL menial tasks are reserved for the natives who are employed at exceedingly low rates of pay even when performing a fairly skilled job. Five pounds a week is considered a good wage for the average Chinese worker. Fijians and Indians work for 15 or 20 shillings a week which in terms of our money is about \$1.00 to \$2.70. Hotel accommodation is very reasonable, considering that 30 shillings are all (\$4.00) a guest has to pay for his meals and room service.

A unique experience for me was the sight of mosquito netting strung over the beds. This is self-explanatory as mosquitoes and other biting insects are especially vicious during the hot summer months. I noticed that there were no hot water facilities. Of course that would be hardly necessary when the cold water is about 70 degrees warm.

Meals are served in the European style. The day usually begins fairly early. When I was there I found myself awakened at the ungodly hour of 6.00 a.m. for high tea, breakfast at 7.30 a.m., midmorning tea at 10.00 a.m., lunch at 1.00 p.m., more tea at 3.00 p.m. and dinner with tea at 7.00 p.m. I must say I rather liked this method of eating continuously until my appetite failed.

Because of the very poor educational facilities and the dim prospects of finding good jobs, the average Chinese obtains

only the equivalent of a Grade 8 education. All Chinese here speak Fijian.

Chinese business enterprises include the ownership of small butcher shops, restaurants, laundries and Chinese importers and exporters. Others are employed as mechanics or clerks.

HEALTH FOR ALL MALARIA-BEARING MOSQUITO

The malaria section of the United States used to be described as ranging from the latitude of Richmond, Va., to the longitude of San Antonio, Texas, including 12 states. The return of many of our fighting men from the Pacific may change all that. Many of them have had malaria. Some of them still carry malaria parasites in their bodies. If these men return to areas where the malaria-bearing mosquito — the female Anopheles — is found, new cases of malaria may follow.

Here is how the chain of man-to-mosquito-to-man works: When the female Anopheles mosquito bites a person who has malaria, she sucks the parasites into her own body. If she bites a well person some two weeks later, she puts the parasites into his blood. After about 8 to 14 days, the well person comes down with malaria.

The Anopheles mosquito is different from other mosquitoes that do not carry malaria. She does not sing, she has small spots on her wings, and when she bites she stands on her head. Other mosquitoes bite in a position that keeps them parallel to the skin.

Malaria mosquitoes bite mostly at night. In the daytime they seek a cool dark place. You can find them in barns, in stables with the animals, in hollow stumps, in brush near the water's edge and in stagnant water in

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LONG LUNCH HOUR

By ROSEMARY TIMPERLEY

JOHN Marlow bent his grey head industriously over the neat, typewritten letter before him. Without lifting his eyes, his left hand made a blind, instinctive movement outwards and his broad thumb pressed the buzzer with the unerring accuracy born of years of practice. Almost immediately the door opened and Miss Farraday came in.

"Yes, Mr. Marlow?"

"Oh, Miss Farraday, one of these applications for the West African job is not signed."

"I noticed that," said his secretary, silently crossing the carpeted office and approaching her employer. "There's no means of identification on the envelope either. I went down to the counter especially to look."

"Oh, you did!" grunted John Marlow approvingly. "Well, that's what I was going to ask you to do, so you seem to have forestalled me. Did you read the letter?"

"Yes, Mr. Marlow. I had to, so that I could sort it on the right pile. It doesn't look like an application at a glance — he hasn't used one of the printed forms. Bit of a scatterbrain, I should think — no form and no signature!"

"And the impertinence of saying that he is coming to be interviewed by me at 11 o'clock this morning!" announced John wryly. Then he added, looking at the letter again: "As a matter of fact, he is the only applicant so far who impresses me as being at all suitable for the job—West Africa is a pretty grim country to go to for the first time, and I've a feeling that all these young enthusiasts," and he gestured to the pile of application forms beside him, "who have filled in their forms and signed their names, but have never been to West Africa before, would be back in England on sick leave within six months. Now, the young impertinence who is coming to see me this morning was out there for eight years, and only came back to England two years ago."

"So you'll see him when he comes?" enquired Miss Farraday a little disapprovingly—she felt it was unfair that impudence unsigned should gain an interview just by demanding it. While

all those conscientious forms were tossed aside.

John smiled at her, admiring her trim, black-suited figure, and pile of red-brown curls. He knew what she was thinking; they had worked together for five years and were good friends.

"Please don't look disapproving, Miss Farraday," he pleaded. "It's someone fearless and unconventional we want for an overseas job like this — believe me, I wouldn't touch young impertinence with a barge-pole if it were a post here in the office that had to be filled."

CANDLELIGHT

When twilight steals across the world, and night's dark shadows fall—I love to watch the candle-light make pictures on the wall—The chairs and tables look so strange when breezes fan the flame—the room is full of flitting shapes—and nothing's quite the same... Electric lights are hard and bright—they blind the sleepy eyes—Give me my slim white candle, when the sun slips from the skies—and let me watch the shadows flicker on the blackened beams—and I shall drift away into a No-man's land of dreams... There's magic in the candlelight, for with its golden glow—Come memories wrapped in the rainbow mists of long ago—and happy ghosts come dancing from the long-forgotten years—To whisper little words of love, and kiss away the tears... The Past becomes the Present in the magic of the night—and Yesterday is Now, when dreaming in the candlelight.

—Patience Strong.

"All right," smiled Miss Farraday, "I'll have him sent up when he arrives."

At eleven o'clock, a young man, tall, dark and 26, marched straight through the gloomy entrance hall of Crabtree and Marlow Ltd., passed a gaping uniformed employee at the counter who was too taken aback at this unprecedented insurrection to stop him, sprang up the stairs two at a time, and rapped on the managing director's door.

"Come in," said John Marlow. The young man strode into the

room with an air of freedom and independence. John Marlow instantly liked his tanned, rough-hewn features, honest dark eyes, and firm yet generous, mouth.

"Well," grinned the newcomer with undeniable charm. "Here I am, all ready to be sent to West Africa! And shall I be glad to go! Do you know what I've been doing with Villiers Bros. for the past two years? Air raid damage repairs! Boring!" He paused to add significance to his exclamation, then, with a neat, strong movement swung a hard chair to the desk, opposite John and, seating himself, said:

Now, Mr. Marlow, any questions? Ask away!"

John Marlow, too amused to be annoyed, questioned the young man on his previous experience and received excellent replies. He spun out the interview because the stranger interested him, brought a little life into the staid office, but in his mind he had already handed the job to this dashing applicant. There was a tantalizing familiarity, too, about the way he smiled—John felt sure he had seen him before, but could not place him.

Then John glanced at his watch—eleven-thirty. His brow formed the peevish lines of a man whose routine is upset.

"My coffee should be in by now," he remarked, and pressed the buzzer. Miss Farraday entered.

"Oh, Miss Farraday, will you hurry young Briggs up with the coffee—and tell him to bring an extra cup."

"Briggs hasn't come in this morning, Mr. Marlow," Miss Farraday informed him. "His mother's just rung up to say he is ill."

"What about my coffee?"

"Well," Miss Farraday hesitated, "you could have some of the general office brew!" Her lips quivered a little, and in a

moment they both burst out laughing:

"I do not intend to die just yet, Miss Farraday," said John Marlow.

"I'll make your coffee, sir," and before they could stop him, the strange young man had strode from the room and could be heard a second later clattering down the basement stairs.

"Well!" exclaimed Miss Farraday, "I didn't even know he'd arrived. He must have walked right past the counter."

"He seems to have found the kitchen by instinct," commented John, "I've never heard anyone but young Briggs go down those dark stairs in a rush like that."

"Nor have I! Just the look of them scares me stiff," admitted Miss Farraday. "I hope he finds what he wants down there — I shouldn't imagine Briggs is exactly tidy with the utensils!"

FIVE minutes later, the young man returned to Marlow's office with two steaming cups of coffee. He passed one across the desk, and began to drink the other himself.

"Er — Miss Farraday usually has a cup," said John.

"That's all right, I've taken one in to her room," replied the young man cheerfully.

John gaped and was silent.

The aroma of coffee was delicious, so was its flavour. John sipped it appreciatively:

"Congratulations!" he said. "You make good coffee, young man! Briggs's Brew sometimes tastes very tired — very tired indeed!" He laughed.

"Thank you, sir," grinned the young man.

"I wonder why it is," continued John Marlow, "that office boys cannot make coffee? At least, I had one who could once— young Martin Allenby—that was twelve years ago, before Mr.

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND



Can you repress your feelings deliberately?

Answer: Definitely, no. You can refuse to let yourself think about things that are wrong or painful but you cannot by an act of will make yourself unaware of their existence. Refusing to dwell on what you would like to do to someone who has wronged you because you realize that it is a waste of time to "get yourself all worked up" is not the same as repressing your aggressive feelings. Such suppression is good common sense and will do you no harm. It is the feelings you do not dare admit having that are "repressed," and cause inner conflict.



Can "looking ahead" be overdone?

Answer: Yes, in two ways. You may "plan" your course of action in advance so rigidly that you will not be able to meet unexpected changes—you will not know what to do if someone you have thought would fall in with your plans proves opposed to them. Again,

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Crabtree retired. Martin was fourteen — funny, black-haired kid, with a big grin and long legs. I never thought we'd keep him in the office long — he was too dynamic—but he did make good coffee!"

"What happened to him?"

"Something quite fantastic! He went out to lunch one day and never came back! His parents wrote, his mother came and wept all over the office and the newspapers were full of it for weeks—the little devil just went out to lunch as usual, and that was the last we saw of him!"

"Did you ever hear what happened to him?"

"Yes. Six months later we got a letter from his mother. He had written to her from West Africa, of all places. He said he'd been walking along the quay, munching his sandwiches, enjoying the sun and the wind, and had suddenly loathed the idea of being cooped up in the office all afternoon. Then he'd seen a boat bound for Freetown, West Africa, and had forthwith 'stowed away' on it—just like that. Mad kid!"

"Anyway, it turned out all right. Once the crew found him, he worked his passage over, got

a job out there—and that's all I know about him.

"His mother only wrote to tell us he was safe and apologise for the awful things she had said about our having kidnapped the wretched child. It doesn't seem twelve years ago that young Martin was making my coffee! He must be a grown-up now — but I'd know him anywhere and at any age!"

"Would you?" quizzed the young man; then, without waiting for an answer, he added:

"What about this job, Mr. Marlow?"

"Bringing the old man back to the subject of the moment, eh? Well, the job's yours, my boy. Send me your testimonials tonight, just routine, you know, and I'll send for you early next week to make definite arrangements. You may consider yourself engaged for the post in West Africa."

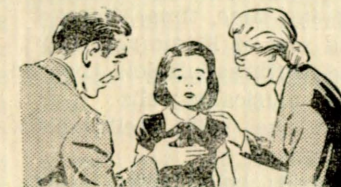
The two men rose and shook hands.

"Thank you very much, sir!" said the young man warmly, and began to walk to the door.

"Just a moment," called John Marlow, "Your name! You forgot to sign your letter!"

By LAWRENCE GOULD
Consulting Psychologist

you may use your mental picture of the future to discourage or even to punish yourself—for instance, by worrying over the fact that you will have to cook 365 dinners in the next year when only one need be cooked today. The best preparation for the future is the knowledge and skill you will acquire in dealing with the present.



Should psychiatrists and teachers work together?

Answer: Yes, says Dr. Leland E. Hinsie. Disagreeing with those who hold that psychiatry is nothing but "a branch of medicine," he maintains that today the psychiatrist is and should be more and more an educator, and the educator a psychiatrist. You cannot divorce the question of how a child should be taught from that of how he learns, and of the motives that inspire him to do so. Modern teaching centers upon making lessons interesting to children, but a child whose attention is concentrated on his own unhappiness and emotional conflicts cannot take an interest in anything else.

Find and kill mosquitoes that get into your house.

Clear up mosquito breeding places near your home.

Keep any malaria patient in your family behind screens so that a mosquito cannot spread the infection to others.

Your community can do its share in malaria control by draining or filling in places where mosquitoes breed. Places that cannot be drained or filled can be sprayed. When we get rid of mosquitoes, we wipe out malaria. Methods for getting rid of them can be discussed with the local health department.

In the next article, the symptoms of malaria and its treatment will be discussed.

Most of the information I have was acquired by looking up something and finding something else.

—Franklin P. Adams.

As we must account for every idle word, so we must for every idle silence.

—Franklin.

I know of no enemy of reform, and of the happiness of the country, so great as that man who would persuade you that we possess nothing good and that all must be torn to pieces.

—William Cobbett.



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AMERICA

"Hear the sledges with the bells—
Silver bells!
What a world of merriment their melody foretells!
How they tinkle, tinkle, tinkle, in the icy air of night!
While the stars that oversprinkle
All the heavens seem to twinkle
With a crystalline delight!
Keeping time, time, time, In a sort of Runic rhyme,
To the tintinnabulation that so musically wells
From the bells, bells, bells, bells,
Bells, bells, bells—
From the jingling and the tinkling of the bells."
Edgar Allen Poe: "The Bells."

JAPAN

"The plum-blossom
Which I thought I would show
To my Brother
Does not seem to be one at all;
It was only that snow had fallen!"
Akahito.

AUSTRALIA

"Banishing dreams I citadel their pride,
Pronouncing exile yield them by domain;
Dynasty that my nagging will denied,
They bow and pass into their own again...
I lift my hand to exorcise these ghosts
That crowd the starlight, sentinel the grass,
And hear the whisper echoing my boasts
And watch my candle flicker in the glass."
Peter Walsh: "The Haunting."

CHINA

"Long since have I marvelled
How of ten thousand creatures there is not one
But has its tune; how, as each season takes its turn,
A hundred new birds sing, each weather wakes
A hundred insects from their sleep.
Now lisp the mango-birds
Like pretty children, prattling at their play..."
Ou-yang Hsiu: "The cicada."

INDIA

"The bloom of tenderer flowers is past
And lilies droop forlorn,
For winter-time is come at last,
Rich with its ripened corn;
Yet for the wealth of blossoms lost
Some hardier flowers appear
That bid defiance to the frost
Of sterner days my dear..."
Kalidasa: "The Seasons: Winter."

JAMAICA

"What weeks, what months, what time of the mild year,
We cheated school to have our fling at tops?
What days our wine-thrilled bodies pulsed with joy
Feasting upon blackberries in the copse?
Oh some I know! I have embalmed the days,
Even the sacred moments when we played,
All the innocent of passion, uncorrupt,
At noon and evening in the flame-heart's shade.
We were so happy, happy, I remember,
Beneath the poinsettia's red in warm December."
Claude McKay: "Flame-heart."

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OF
THOUGHT

ENGLAND

"O Winter! bar thine adamantine doors;
The North is thine; there hast thou built thy dark
Deep-founded habitation — shake not thy roofs
Nor bend thy pillars with thine iron car.
He hears me not, but o'er the yawning deep
Rides heavy; his storms are unchain'd, sheathed
In ribbed steel; I dare not lift mine eyes,
For he hath rear'd his sceptre o'er the world."
William Blake: "To Winter."

RUSSIA

"To sin, unshamed, to lose, unthinking,
The count of careless nights and days,
And then, while the head aches with drinking,
Steal to God's house, with eyes that glazed...
With a brass-farthing's gift dismissing
The offering, the holy Name
To mutter with loose lips, in kissing
The ancient, kiss-worn icon-frame:..."
Alexander Blok: "Russia."

PERSONS
PLACES
THINGS

By Old Joe

PERSONS
AN INWARD GLANCE INTO THE HISTORY OF JAMAICA

When Admiral Penn and General Venables sailed for the West Indies in the latter part of 1654 with an expedition fitted out by Oliver Cromwell, Lord Protector of England, they were both deep dyed traitors, each having secretly pledged to Charles II, then an exile on the continent, that if he so desired, once out upon the high seas, they would turn over the means at their disposal to his service and enlist in the cause. None of these men trusted each other sufficiently to confide in each other; and so each watched the other. These so-called leaders sailed from England with sealed orders, not even knowing their destinations, but out on the high seas, they discovered, after breaking open the letter, that their instructions were to attack and take Cuba, Porto Rica and Santo Domingo. In this mission both men failed most ingloriously, chiefly because their hearts were not in their work, and because they distrusted each other. The fact is they were at heart real Royalists. . . . A strange story is related that the fleet captured, on the high seas, a Spanish vessel sailing from Cadiz on which was a boxom girl returning to her home in Santo Domingo from a Convent in Spain where she had just finished her course of education. Venables captivated by her charms, pestered her with his dishonourable attentions, which she spurned. When, however, she learned that the expedition was heading for her native country, she thought how best to save her native land; so, approaching Venables, she got him to promise not to attack the city in front but come up from the rear of Jaira. Her price for this was her honour which she bargained away to save the place thus exhibiting patriotism of a high order. The inhabitants had time to prepare against the attackers. Besides which nature came to their assistance. Finally Penn, his comrade in arms and companion in treachery, had a

supreme contempt for his ability, and never trusted him, while the men under their joint command were more soldiers of fortune than soldiers of war. In addition to all this the arrangements made had lacked intelligent planning. At Barbados they had taken on men cavaliers and colonists more eager for pillage than anything else, dashing, gay, out to make a fortune quickly, and not amenable to discipline. There was also on board ship divided counsels. During this confusion resulting in loss of men and British prestige the vacillating, treacherous Venables sought some means on which to place the cause of failure; so he found a scapegoat in one Adjutant-General Jackson whom he hanged. The men, after the abortive attempt on Santo Domingo, returned to their ships and sailed for Jamaica, which they took on the 3rd May, 1655. The two villains of the piece returned to England and were promptly clapped into the Tower. This failure of the Santo Domingo expedition was a great blow to Cromwell, who had brought both arms of defence to such a state of efficiency as to make the name of England respected and feared among the nations. The blow made a profound impression upon him, and helped to undermine his health. Oliver Cromwell was a deeply religious man; although he had quite a lot of practical about him, as exemplified in the saying: "Pray, but keep your powder dry."
Jamaica was indeed a glorious conquest so far as its importance is concerned; but nothing could wipe out the stigma of failure. When Penn and Venables left the Island in June, 1655, the naval command passed over to Goodson, and Fortescue took charge of the Army.

THINGS

LAND HOLDING IN JAMAICA

I am indebted to records compiled by Sir Sydney Olivier, at one time Governor of Jamaica, for some facts about Land-holding in this Island. The Valuation Roll of all holdings of real property, for the purpose of assessing the property tax, which was first revised in 1930, showed that there were on the roll 210,236 holdings out of 213,395 that were less than fifty acres each; only 3,159 contained more than fifty acres each; 25,792 were house lots only, of which 8,848 were in Kingston, and a high proportion of the remainder in other towns. It would appear, therefore, that, including the

house lots, more than one-fifth of the inhabitants of Jamaica possessed real property; while, exceeding the house lots, one person in every 5.5 possessed at least a provision ground of half an acre. In 1882, the total number of freeholds of land was 52,608, or one freehold for 11.4 persons. In 1896, from a population of about 180,000 there were 92,979 taxed freeholds, and an immense number of rental holdings, besides. In the fourteen years intervening, population had increased by 12 per cent, the number of freeholds by 77 per cent. In 1896, the number of holdings not exceeding ten acres each was 81,924; in 1930, (excluding house lots), it was 169,633. Population had increased, by 50 per cent in the thirty-four years, small holdings by 107 per cent.

gestures and intoning. Explanations of the ritual and scriptures are given by a preceptor, known as the Chang Lao. Other boys are trained as musicians.

A certain degree of financial acumen is necessary to rise in the hierarchy.

There is no regular staff of priests in the Hongkong Temples, but bands, usually of five can be hired for any private occasion such as a funeral, or thanksgiving service for recovery from sickness.

The priests also supplement the income from fees by fortune telling, as do the lay temple managers. Strips of paper are drawn out of a bamboo receptacle, and the interpretation is communicated to the inquirer.

Luck is ever waiting for something to turn up. Labour with keen eyes and strong will will turn up something. Luck lies in bed and wishes the postman would bring him a legacy.
—Cobden.

Life without industry is guilt; industry without art is brutality.
—Ruskin.

Philosophic Speculations
Of Lao Tzu

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service, if they show aptitude, they are taught to read the service, with the appropriate

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TALKING IT OVER

By ELIZABETH MARTIN

Dear Miss Martin:

I am in love with a boy who is three years my senior. We had planned on getting formally engaged next month on my 22nd birthday and our marriage should have been about six months after our engagement but now I don't know when it will be.

A few months ago he had quite a bit saved up for our early marriage. Then in a day it was gone. You see Miss Martin, this boy is a gambler — he has been gambling ever since he started handling his own money. His family says "it's in his blood" and he is not the only one in the family who gambles. Again he started saving, and again it went the same way.

I want to marry him very soon as I think maybe marriage will change him. Don't you think I am right.

"Worried."

Dear Worried,

Do you still contemplate marrying this boy knowing he might bring you heartache in the years to come. Don't try to fool yourself that marriage can change a man's fundamental disposition. A gambler is a weak character who lacks self-control and a sense of responsibility.

Think well before you rush into this marriage. I am not saying that it is impossible to change him but it is highly improbable. As someone said, it is better for a girl to remain single and dream about a man than marry and have nightmares the rest of her life.

E. M.

Dear Miss Martin:

I have always used make-up in front of my escort — that is when we go to a restaurant or at a night-club. Then the other day someone said that she didn't think it was nice to do so. What are your views on this?

L. M. W.

Dear L. M. W.,

I am afraid I am of the old school. More modern folks don't seem to think it anything to put on make-up in public. To my mind nothing looks worse, especially at a table, which isn't considered good manners.

A man likes to see a lady nicely made-up and beautiful but it is a bit disillusioning to have to watch the process. Try to con-

fine your making-up to the dressing room, and remember that good manners is not old fashioned.

E. M.

Dear Miss Martin:

Recently I find that I am getting cross with everyone. I

LESSONS IN CHARM

SPRING FEVER

Spring fever! It seems a paradox that at this season of year when everything is bursting into life and the air is filled with the brightness of daffodils, we should suffer from this peculiar malady, but we do.

Sometimes the day seems long when spent indoors; our eyes travel constantly to the windows, and our thoughts wander off to distant places both known and dreamed of. We walk in fancy in a hundred gardens, yet feet drag a little, and at times we find it hard to keep step with the jaunty April breeze, or the buds and flowers speeding on their way to full bloom. We know we should be loving all the world, and singing all the time, but are we?

Nature is earth's greatest artist. We cannot learn her secrets, for she stirs her colours with an unseen hand: but we can learn many lessons from observing her. In spring everything is reconditioned and refreshed. Dull, drab, shabby things are out of place, and to walk along the sunlit streets in worn winter clothes is enough to dampen any feminine spirit.

A new frock, a smart hat that seems especially designed for you, helps amazingly to chase us merrily out of the doldrums. It fits us into the gay Spring picture, and enables us to get the full thrill out of everything that April means. Stir yourself; do some happy window shopping, find just what you would love to wear. It's there! As if by magic your spring fever will vanish.

—Agnes McCall Parker.
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am conscious of it but just don't seem to be able to help myself. I am afraid I'll soon be losing all my friends and am frantic about it. What shall I do?

Morbid.

Dear Morbid,

What is wrong is probably that you are overworked at the moment. Have you been doing too much recently and having extra worries? These will make you nervous and irritable. Check on yourself and do something before it's too late. If you are working out, take a holiday and go away for a change, even if it costs you your job. Remember that health comes before everything. If you're a housewife, leave your home and spend a holiday where you can relax and have fun.

There is the chance of losing your friends as it is not everyone who takes the trouble of finding out what motivates another's actions.

Maybe it would be wise if you consulted your doctor and let him recommend a good tonic besides taking a change.

E. M.

Two inventors have found a way to use water for fuel. So what? We've known about soda-water for decades.

The absent-minded professor had decided to take himself in hand. In the bathroom in the morning he squeezed tooth paste on to his shaving brush and was

about to clean his teeth with it when he recovered himself.

"Ah! Just caught myself in the nick of time," he remarked, triumphantly, lathering his chin with the tooth paste.

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Happy the man who early learns the wide chasm that lies between his wishes and his powers. —Goethe.

If you bow at all, bow low. —Chinese proverb.

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IN PARENTHESIS

The tongue, operating in a damp place, is apt to slip when going very fast.

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A Hollywood producer, reading a script of a movie laid in early England, became greatly concerned over the frequent appearance in the dialogue of the good old expressions "Yes Sire," and "No, Sire."

Summoning the author, the head man demanded: "This story was supposed to happen a long time ago, wasn't it?"

"Yes," the writer quavered. "Then," said the producer, "why do you use all this modern slang, 'Yes, siree: No, siree'?"

"Money does not always lead to happiness."

"No, but I thought it might facilitate the search."

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Is a gold fish food or ornament? Mostly it's just an over-rated source of inferiority complex.

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Definition of a cynic: A man who knows all the answers but believes none of them.

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"Do you know the Frenchman's story of the Englishman who went to buy his meat rations?" he asked.

"It was like this, Monsieur. The butcher had no paper, but he said that if the customer had a used bus ticket it would do to wrap the meat."

"When he arrived home he found that his meat ration had dropped out through the punched hole."—Peterborough in the Daily Telegraph.

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Mr. Meek: Haven't you got one that will alarm the burglar?

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"Why is it, Sam," he said, addressing the waiter, "that poor men usually give larger tips than rich men?"

"Well, Suh," rejoined the knight of the napkins meditatively, "looks to me like de po' man don't want nobody to find out he's po, an' de rich man don't want nobody to find out he's rich."

And the florist who had two children—one a budding genius and the other a blooming nuisance

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"I don't smoke, I don't drink, I don't gamble and I don't like men..."

"Then what is troubling you?" "Well, doctor, I can't stop lying!"

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A High Jump hope has been found in Australia. Here so many of our hopes seem due for the high jump.

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Salesman: What kind of car would you like, Madam— four, six or eight cylinders?

Timid Customer: Couldn't I begin with one?

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Colonel transferred to a new command, found stacks of useless documents cluttering the offices of his predecessor. Wanting to get things straight he telegraphed to headquarters for permission to burn them.

Back came the reply from his immediate superior:

"Request granted. But make copies first."

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I'm looking for new faces. Well don't look at me —I've had this one for years.

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Sydneyite says he learned to defraud insurance companies from a book on compensation claims. Like the man who wanted a divorce and took a co-respondent's course.

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Which is your way of making people happy—wherever you go or whenever you go?

* * *

An angry woman rushed into the Registrar's office. In her hand she bore a licence. To the Registrar she said: "Did you or did you not, issue this licence for marrying me to Albert Briggs?"

"Yes, I believe I did. Why?"

"Well what are you going to do about it?" she demanded. "He's escaped."

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A man, like a fish, can generally avoid getting caught by keeping his mouth shut.

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It was a Mr. Wendell Phillips who said: You can always get the truth from an American statesman after he has turned seventy, or given up all hope of the Presidency.



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Pure Water -- Still Too Scarce

By ARTHUR WELD, Special UNESCO Writer

Pure water is still too much of a rarity, but greater progress in its purification has been made in the past fifty years than in all of the rest of the long history of man on this globe.

Everyone knows that without water no life is possible. Every living cell contains a percentage of water. Yet this gentle helper — or monstrous agent of destruction — depending on whether it is used for making tea or inundates the countryside in a flood — is almost never pure and far too often is not safe to drink.

Water-borne germs probably destroyed other forms of life long before human life existed — and awaited in invisible ambush for the arrival of man. It became the unpleasant experience of explorers to find new diseases as they found new lands. Communications between peoples increased — and the communicability of disease increased also. Water-borne diseases linked communities in ways that are clear today when the role of water in the life of society is at last receiving long-delayed scientific attention.

Man's dwelling sites have always been chosen with reference to a supply of fresh water, but Rome was perhaps the first great city to show how the scarcity of water supplies could be overcome. Fourteen aqueducts were built in Rome between the years of 312 and 305 BC. Some are still in use today. But a knowledge of the menace of polluted water and its threat to human life was unknown during Rome's period of greatness. Not until the middle of the 19th Century after the "germ theory of disease" had gained general acceptance was investigation made into the means of transmission of disease-bearing microbes. As a result, waters used for drinking purposes were found to be carriers of disease germs as well as a medium for their propagation. Bacteria giving rise to anthrax or splenic fever, typhus, diphtheria, influenza, bubonic plague, cholera, diarrhea and dysentery, are only a few of those found in water.

Slow sand filters were the first means used generally for large-scale water purification. They

were established in 1829 by the Chelsea Water Company of London, England, to clarify the water. But it was only in 1852 that the British Parliament, suspecting that water was the source of epidemics such as those which had devastated Europe in 1847 and 1850, passed the first governmental act requiring the filtration of water. Even so it was not enough to prevent the cholera epidemic which swept London in 1854.

Man's knowledge of the cause of diseases increased but attempts to purify water supplies made slow progress. It was not until the last of the 19th Century that Dr. A. C. Houston, of London, showed that chlorine could be used to destroy bacteria in water. Chlorine, discovered by a Swedish chemist in 1774 had been in use as a disinfectant in France and as a means of deodorizing sewage in England. Had its usefulness as a water purifier been widely known even within a half century after its discovery, the London epidemic might have been avoided as well as the cholera epidemic which swept Germany in 1892 and 1893.

In 1948, the United States established a national agency under the U.S. Public Health Service to survey the condition of water supplies and recommend measures for their improvement. This is one of the most far-

reaching actions so far taken to assure safe water for drinking and domestic use.

Since 1937 the three states of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut on the east coast of the United States have worked together to combat the effects of two centuries of sewage discharge into waters washing New York City. Estimates indicate that another nine years of work may permit the safe use of these waters for many purposes.

Plans for major recreational developments await completion of treatment plants now under construction. Beach and recreation areas for fishing, boating and picnicking will become available. Waterfront parks are to be established when conditions have been improved and unpleasant odours have been eliminated along the many miles of river and ocean front. Annual catches of fresh and salt water fish and shell fish, drastically reduced by pollution over the past two and half centuries, will show an upturn. Literally hundreds of miles of shore line will become available for development for recreation and for new housing projects. Property fronting on the newly cleansed waters is expected to show a marked increase in value.

Purification of fresh water sources during the past fifty

Oscar Performance



As an anguished lady who faces the disaster of divorce after twenty years of marriage, Bette Davis gives one of her most notable performances in her latest picture, "Payment On Demand." Barry Sullivan co-stars as the husband in the Jack H. Skirball-Bruce Manning production soon to be released by RKO Radio.

years has contributed to a dramatic reduction in the death rate from typhoid fever in the United States, which once reached 23.3 per 100,000 in 48 U.S. cities. It came down to 0.3 per 100,000 for the country as a whole in 1946.

Filtration plants are now common and growing more numerous throughout India, but her past experience is an outstanding example of the devastation due to contaminated water supplies. Until recent years, the waters of the Indus, the Sacred Ganges, the Brahmaputra and other Indian rivers were laden with putrescent matter and death-dealing bacteria. Even the wells were contaminated and reservoirs and tanks were used as bathing pools.

Long before the development

of wide-scale public water purification projects, home-made methods of clarifying water were widely used. Most of these methods were utterly useless, and in fact positively dangerous, if the water was germ polluted to begin with, for they made it look clear and deceptively "safe" in appearance. One method still to be found in some areas is that of swishing a bag filled with alum through a tub of water. The alum causes sediment to settle — but unfortunately it does not disturb the bacteria in the water. The best thing to do in the home, if the safety of the water supply is at all doubtful, is to boil it for at least three minutes.

At the Chemical Society's national meeting in 1950 in the U.S. a new and promising approach to the question of water purification was reported. "With

this discovery, which may well revolutionize the chemistry of water purification, there is offered a new application for the release of atomic oxygen from silica, which originally was discovered by Professor W. A. Weyl of the Pennsylvania State College", reported Dr. Hauser, Professor of Colloid Chemistry at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Up to the present time, it was reported, the possibility of killing germs and preventing their growth in water by the use of sand or clay, as a source for the release of atomic oxygen has been overlooked. But this result can be obtained by introducing into water and sewage purification plants freshly crushed silica or rock formations mainly composed of silica.

"The atomic oxygen released from their surface will act like a strong poison on germs", reported Dr. Hauser. "Besides this, it has the property of preventing putrefaction of organic matter. It also destabilizes finely dispersed matter, resulting in the formation of large clusters, which settle out. Since the atomic oxygen is either chemically combined with the sediment, or evaporates, absolutely pure water is obtained".

Such applications of man's increasing fund of knowledge about his physical world and how to control it for his own ends appear to be bringing nearer the end of one of man's age-old quests. Prevention of pollution, by public education, and by legislation which controls or prohibits discharges both of organic and industrial waste into rivers and other bodies of water, is still more important than measures used to treat water after it has been corrupted. In private health, prevention is better than cure. Such preventive means are being adopted on an ever-increasing scale. Pure drinking water, free from germs and all unpleasant chemical tastes, begins to look like a reasonable and attainable goal. (UNESCO)

The Pope urged a better distribution of the world's wealth. But the big problem is to make it stay distributed.

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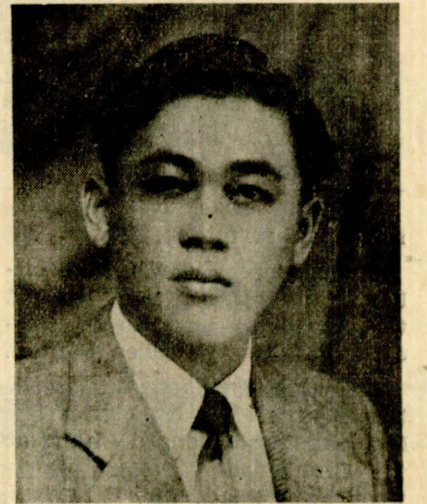
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PERSONALIA

(Continued from page 6) the States. He left here last May to attend the Festival of Britain as well as to tour the Continent. On his return trip he spent some time in the United States before returning to Jamaica.

OLIVE WONG NOW MRS. CLARENCE CHANG

The Holy Cross Church at Half Way Tree was the scene of a very pretty twilight wedding on Sunday, November 25 when Miss Olive Wong became the bride of Mr. Clarence Chang. Olive is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wong and Clarence is the son of Mrs. Irene Chang and the late Chang Tung.



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played a match with the 'Cavaliers' a local team on November 19 and defeated them by the score of 3-1.

In basketball the C. S. C. played the U.S.S. Alsea a friendly match and won by the narrow margin of two points, 24-22. The social committee as usual had a very busy time with the visitors.

TO PROTECT THE WORLD'S CULTURAL HERITAGE

Unesco has invited all countries to agree unilaterally to safeguard artistic and historical monuments and museums in case of war.

Eventually, Unesco hopes that its proposed international convention will unite all countries in the protection of man's cultural heritage. In the meantime, it has urged individual nations to draw up a "declaration of principles" on this matter.

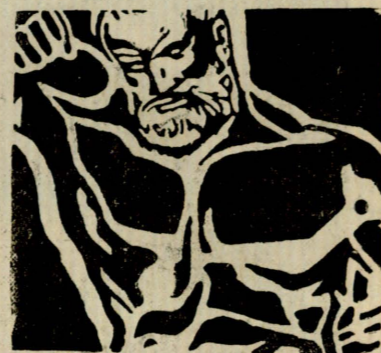
A draft text was proposed by the Italian Government delegation at the recent General Conference of Unesco in Paris. Copies of it have now been sent to every country whether a member of the Organisation or not.

HUMAN RIGHTS PROVIDE THEME FOR AMERICAN SCHOOL COMPETITION

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights has been selected as the theme for this year's Gallup Award competition by American high school students. The award is given each year to fifty school newspapers for stories advancing the cause of world peace and mutual understanding among peoples of all nations. The papers are urged to

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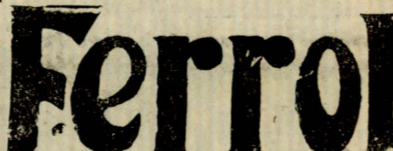
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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Alexander who recently announced the birth of a son and to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Ho Onn who announced the birth of a daughter on Wed. November 21, and to Mr. and Mrs. Ferdie whose son was born on Tuesday Chin Yee whose son was born on Tuesday November 27.

FLORENCE WONG TO WED FLOCK MAR

The marriage of Miss Florence Wong to Mr. Jick Mar will take place on Sunday, December 30 at the Roman Catholic Cathedral. Florence is the daughter of Mrs. Alice Wong of Palm Grove Grocery on the Langston Road and the late Wong Nuke Lyn and Jick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mar Hop Sun of Detroit, Michigan. The reception following the ceremony will be held at the Rainbow Club at Half Way Tree.

CHINESE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Chinese Students Association will hold a Christmas Party on Sunday, December 16 at 20 Haining Road, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wong, whose children Annie and Teddy, are very active members of the association.

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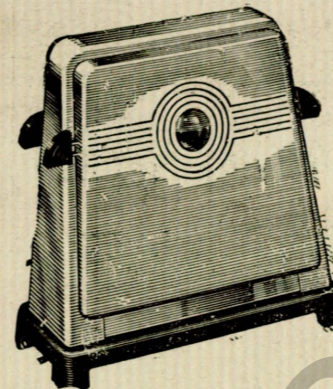
The Chinese Sports Club in Port Antonio had two very interesting athletic engagements the past two weeks. Their football team

MR. PAT CHUNG WELCOMES CROWN LIFE HEAD

Mr. Gabriel Gonsalves, manager of the Caribbean Division of Crown Life was host at a dinner party at the Myrtle Bank Hotel on November 21. Among the group were Mr. and Mrs. Capthor Ho Yen, Mr. Eustace A. Shim, and Mr. Pat W. Chung. Mr. Chung welcomed the visitors on behalf of the Jamaica Branch.

GARDEN PARTY POSTPONED

Rain washed out a Garden Party at the Chinese Public School last Sunday. The function was postponed to Sunday, December 2nd. The feature attraction will be a Chinese picture specially brought to Jamaica for the purpose. The grounds attraction will be the Midget Train, Ferris Wheel, a basketball game between Min Chie and the Community Store.



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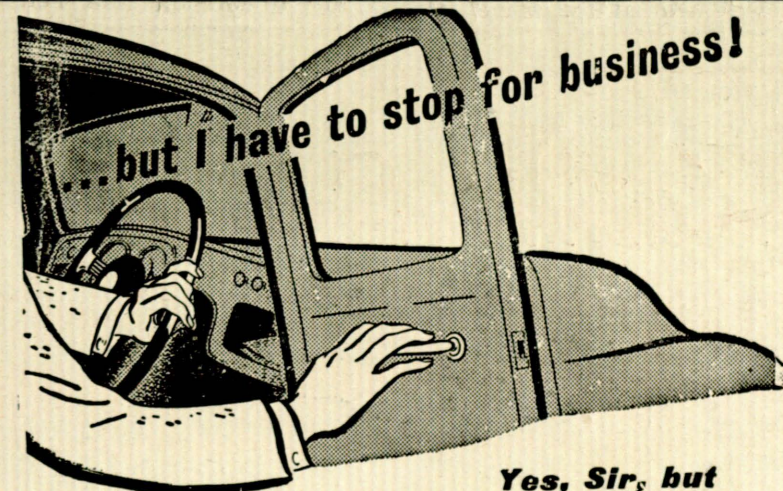


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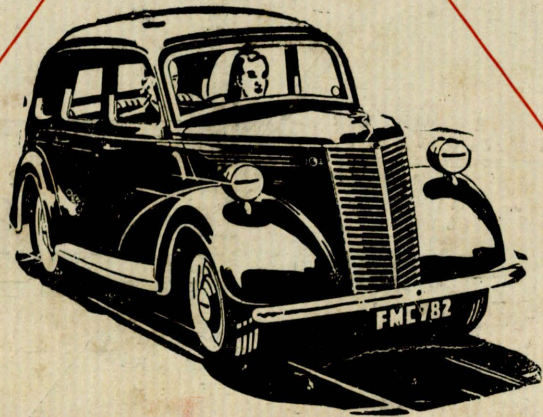


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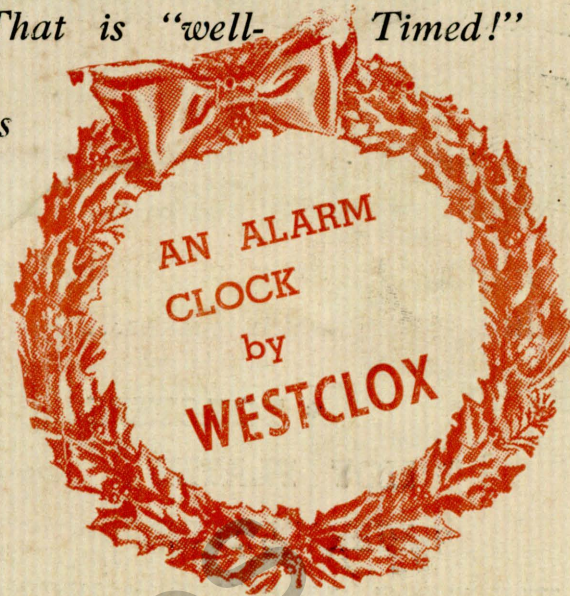
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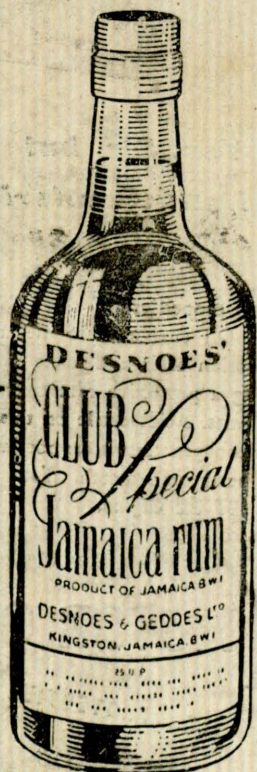
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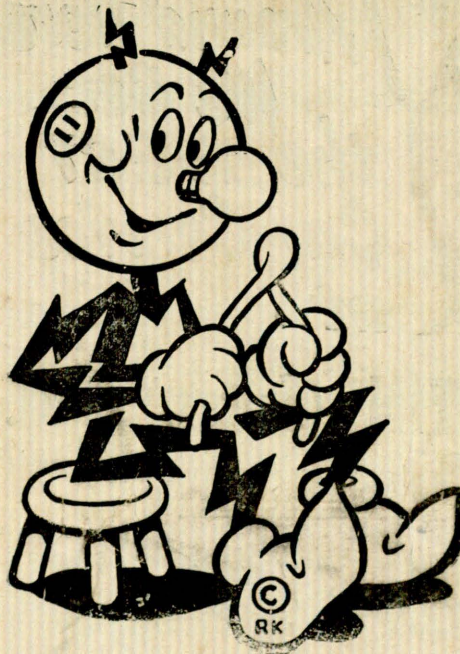
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