

ROMANCE OF WORDS

"Sub Rosa."

MEANING: Literally "under the rose," this synonym for secrecy or confidence dates back to 477 B. C., when Pausanias, commander of the Spartan and Athenian fleet, was engaged in conspiracy with Xerxes to betray Greece to the Persians.

Pausanias, however, was betrayed by one of his men and to escape arrest, he fled to the Temple of Minerva. The crowd, fearing to violate the sanctity of the temple, waited on the entrance and left Pausanias to die of starvation in the very place where he had been guilty of treachery.

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Charles de Roche



Charles d'Aurtier de Rochefort, the screen star who is idolized by many, and better known as Charles de Roche, was born in 1893, at Port Vendree, near the Spanish border of southern France.

CITY MANAGER CUTS TAX RATE

Clarinda (La.) Treasury Balance Increases From \$6,000 to \$44,700 in Four Years.

Clarinda, La.—Clarinda has just completed a four-year experiment in city government. Four years ago Clarinda engaged a manager to run the town. That manager has just resigned to go to Janesville, Wis.

When Clarinda began talking "city management" five or six years ago there was very little information to be had on the subject. The system was new. People "thought" it should work out all right, but didn't "know" what to expect from the plan.

The city manager, Healy Trexler, took office on April 1, 1919. On that day there was a balance in the city treasury of \$6,000. After four years of one-man management, the city's balance is \$44,700.

The tax rate has not been raised. It actually has been lowered. Many thousands of dollars' worth of improvements have been made, and Clarinda has paid cash for everything.

Clarinda got in those four years 100 cents' worth for every dollar it spent for material and labor. It did not bother itself to find out if a Republican could clean more square yards of pavement than a Democrat, or whether a Socialist was a better worker than a Prohibitionist.

Some of the Results. Here are some of the improvements Clarinda has made in the last four years:

Installed a new water purification system; bought an armory and made it serve also for a city business building; purchased a municipal cemetery; laid many miles of new paving (costing \$165,000 in 1921 alone); rebuilt the fire station and added new apparatus; kept up the ordinary repairs to all city property.

While other towns and cities were voting and issuing bonds right and left and fastening a heavy debt on coming generations, Clarinda paid its way as it went and did not issue a single bond.

Furthermore, while taxes were

mounting skywards in other cities and towns, Clarinda actually cut its tax rate. In 1916 the tax levy was 42 1/2 mills. This year it was 42 mills, including a 2-mill levy for the municipal bond.

Saved \$6,000 in Fees. Among the "jobs" of the city manager was that of handling the municipal waterworks. Clarinda is proud of its water system. It is called the best in southwestern Iowa, and its rates are quite a bit lower than in other cities of the same class.

The armory cost the city \$15,000 and \$9,000 additional was spent to modernize the building so that it could be used for offices as well. Part of the building not used by the city is rented for \$4,000 a year, which more than pays all expenses.

The cemetery, bought by the city manager for \$10,000, now has \$9,200 in its maintenance fund.

While the city was spending \$105,000 for paving, the city manager, who also is an engineer, took charge of the paving program and in one year saved the town \$6,000 in engineering fees.

Porto Rican Kills Man Who Refused Him Shave

New York.—Refusal to shave an impatient customer cost James Fornita, an uptown barber, his life, and resulted in the arrest of Julius Rodriguez, who said he was a Porto Rican cowboy, on a charge of homicide.

Rodriguez entered Fornita's shop and put himself in a chair. When recommended to a neighboring shop, he commenced to shout up the place, the police said. One bullet killed Fornita, another grazed the cheek of an assistant. Then Rodriguez fled. When the police seized him after an exciting chase, he still had the pistol in his hand.

Partridge Enters Home. Chardon, Ohio.—N. M. Goodrich was awakened recently by a crash of glass. A partridge flew through a 16 by 40-inch pane in his home. It flew through the shade, pulled a curtain over against a fish globe, struck a mirror and lay dead behind a punch bowl.

CLERK'S REPORT

NORTH CAROLINA WATAUGA COUNTY

To the chairman of the board of County Commissioners, I herewith present my annual report of trust funds and all other funds in my hands on the first Monday in Dec. 1923.

Table with columns for names and amounts, including entries for Dale Vannoy, Florence Vannoy, heirs of Mary Clipse, etc.

This is deposited in savings department of the Peoples Bank & Trust Co. at 4 per cent interest.

For Carrie Miller, note on C. F. Robbins, secured by a mortgage deed, drawing 6 per cent interest from July 1, 1922, 976.75. I have mailed out and have been returned to me.

For Milton Greene, witness fee, state vs. Cox Rogers, 10.00. For H. H. Berry, witness fee, state vs. Dewey Shook, 10.00.

For W. S. Williams, 16.47. For Letha Williams, 16.47. TOTAL, \$3,651.98.

I certify that the foregoing is a true and perfect report of all trust funds in my hands on the first Monday in Dec. 1923.

A. W. SMITH, Clerk Superior Court. E. M. HARMAN, Register of Deeds.

LUELLA SAYS

I'VE BEEN HEARING A GOOD DEAL LATELY ABOUT THIS NEW LEAGUE O' NATIONS BUT IF BASE BALL DON'T PAY ANY BETTER THAN IT DID LAST YEAR, I SHAN'T THINK IT WUZ A GOOD TIME T' START ANY NEW LEAGUES!



Italian Laborer in Luck.

An interesting and valuable find was made by a laborer working near the hamlet of Ogata, Italy. It consisted of two ancient bronze vases containing 500 gold coins dated 200 B. C. The rarity and intrinsic value of the find have caused its worth to be estimated at several million lire.

NOTICE OF EXECUTION SALE

North Carolina, Watauga County, In the Superior Court, F. P. Jennings vs. Chas. Profit, Jim Profit, and Jane Profit and A. C. Brinkley, Debtors.

By virtue of an execution directed to the undersigned from the Superior Court of Watauga County in the above entitled action, I will on Monday the 7th day of January 1924 between the hours of 11 a. m. and 2 p. m. at the court house door of said county, sell to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy said execution the following described real estate to-wit:

BEING THAT certain tract of land which was conveyed to Emma Mathison by James Profit and wife Wilma Profit and Jane Profit, and recorded September 11, 1923, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Watauga County in Book 29 at page 418, and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING on a rock J. M. Mathison's corner and runs South 17 degrees west 29 1-2 poles to a stake in Mathison's line, Brinkley's corner; then with Brinkley's line South 40 1-2 degrees east 16 poles to a chestnut, then with same south 76 degrees east 11 1-4 poles to a stake, then with same south 20 degrees east 19 1-4 poles to a stake, Campbell's corner, then with Campbell's line north 50 1-2 degrees east 13 1-2 poles to a stake on the ridge, then north 1 degree west through the rich flat 25 2-8 poles to a stake, then north 43 degrees east 17 poles to a stake, then north 24 degrees east 10 poles to a stake, then north 29 1-2 west 16 1-2 poles to a chestnut, corner to Hensen and Isaacs; then with Isaacs' line north 81 1-2 degrees west 20 poles to Dairy Spring, then down with said spring branch 14 poles to a buckeye, Isaacs' corner, then south 53 degrees west 10 poles to a chestnut Mathison's and Isaacs' corner, then with Mathison's line south 9 degrees west 21 poles to the beginning, containing 13 acres more or less.

Also another tract, which was conveyed by James Profit and wife Wilma Profit, Chas. Profit and wife Thelma Profit and Jane Profit to J. M. Mathison, and recorded September 10, 1923 in the office of Register of Deeds for Watauga County in Book 29 at page 519, and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING on a chestnut and runs west with Her Isaacs' line 34 poles to a hickory at a spring, Hill's corner, thence south 46 poles to a dogwood, Eller's corner, then south 20 degrees east 19 poles to a hickory, then south 75 degrees east 11 1-2 poles to a big rock then north 27 degrees east 45 poles to a rock on a bridge, then north 9 degrees east 21 poles to the beginning, containing 15 acres more or less.

This the 6th day of December 1923 C. M. CRITCHER, Sheriff.

To H. C. Reese, owner, and Federal Land Bank, Mortgagee, of the H. C. Reese lands in Cove Creek Township, Watauga County, N. C.

You will take notice that the undersigned purchased at the sheriff's sale for taxes on the 3rd day of April 1923, the H. C. Reese lands in Cove Creek township Watauga County North Carolina, listed and taxed in the name of H. C. Reese, for the years 1921 and 1922 in the amount of \$77.18 and that the time for redemption will expire on April 3, 1924, at which time the said undersigned purchaser will apply to the Sheriff for a deed to the said property unless the same shall be redeemed on or before the day said redemption shall expire.

This December 6, 1923. W. B. Reese, Purchaser.

Mother's Cook Book

A peppercorn is very small, but seasons every dinner. More than all other condiments, although the sprinkled thinner. Just so a little woman in, if love will let you win her.

FOODS WE LIKE

PEAS served in any manner are delicious, but the following is especially so:

Green Pea Bisque.

Cook one pint of peas, rub through a sieve and add one-half cupful of canned tomato soup, one pint of hot milk, one teaspoonful of sugar, a few grains of pepper. Thicken with two tablespoonfuls of butter and one of flour cooked together. Serve very hot with croutons.

Gooseberry Pie.

Line a pie plate with pastry and put into it ripe gooseberries to cover the bottom, sprinkle with a layer of flour and a cupful of sugar, add more berries to fill the shell, another dosing of flour, cover with a rich crust and bake slowly. Bind the edge of the pastry with a strip of wet cloth to hold in the juices; this may be easily removed as soon as the pie is baked. Bake 40 minutes in a moderate oven.

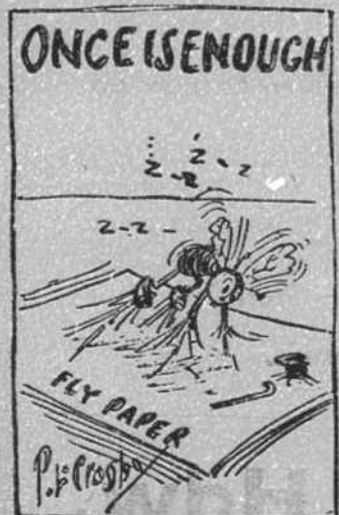
Gooseberry Tapioca.

Soak two-thirds of a cupful of tapioca over night in slightly salted water. Drain, put in a double boiler with one and one-quarter cupfuls of boiling water and one-fourth of a teaspoonful of salt, cook until the tapioca has absorbed all the water, then add two cupfuls of gooseberries, ripe, well stemmed and headed, with one cupful of sugar. Cook until the berries are tender and the tapioca transparent. Chill and serve with cream and sugar.

Date Salad.

Take one cupful of dates, three tablespoonfuls of seeded raisins, three tablespoonfuls of walnut meats, one-half cupful of boiled dressing, one cupful of sliced celery and one-third of a cupful of grated American cheese. Mix the cheese, nut meats and raisins. Stuff the dates with this mixture and allow them to stand several hours. Slice the dates, add the celery and the salad dressing and serve in nests of lettuce. A little sweet or sour cream will improve the dressing.

Nellie Maxwell (C) 1923, Western Newspaper Union.



Oh the Waiting List. For what—Philippa, when I make my for you I'm going to ask you to marry me. Will you mind waiting for me? Philippa—Not at all, Percy; not at all. The longer I have to wait for you the better I'll like it.

What's in a Name? by MILDRED MARSHALL. Facts about your names; its history; meaning; whence it was derived; significance; your lucky day and lucky jewel.

FAITH

FROM a Biblical source comes the charming Faith, which sprang into popular usage during the vogue of Puritanical names. The prevalence of appellatives which denote abstract virtues marked the beginning of Puritanism in England and many such names came under the ban from other classes because of the widespread dislike of the "Round Heads."

But the simple beauty of Faith, as well as the divine virtue for which the name was symbol, kept her popularity undimmed. For was she not one of the trio whom St. Paul commended to the Corinthians, saying: "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."

The Puritans brought Faith to New England when they migrated from their native land and the name has been universally popular there, at the same time spreading to other sections of the country. It is one of the few feminine appellatives which cannot be contradicted.

The pearl is Faith's talismanic gem. It is a fitting symbol of purity, and the wearer who will possess enviable charm and amiability and have many friends. Wednesday is her lucky day and 5 her lucky number.

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Well Answered.

Sara, the new butcher boy, was smart and energetic in every detail and was giving his master great satisfaction. One day he stood by the butcher's block intently watching his master cutting up a bullock's head. After a while the butcher cut out the tongue and turning to the lad, he remarked: "There, my boy. That's a tongue that never told a lie."

"Ay, sir," answered the boy. "Can you beat it?" asked the butcher.

"Ay, sir," said the boy again. "In what way, sonny?" asked the other. "Well, sir," said the boy, pointing to his own mouth, "this tongue has often told the truth. The bullock's never has."

Sure Cure.

"Yuh know, my wife gets my goat. She must think I'm nobody or something. She wants to boss everything, me included, on every little thing. I just naturally can't."

"Stop worrying, old man. She's only a woman—yuh gotta pity 'er. Just let 'er have her own way and ignore the fact that she's got it, and she'll quit soon's she finds out she's not makin' yuh lose sleep. Meantime, what'll yuh have an' how many cards d'ynh want?" —Richmond Times-Dispatch.

SERVICE

SATISFACTION

BETTER THAN RICHES

"There was once a rug-maker of Persia noted for the beauty of his work, and his name was Ali Ben Sahrab. "Many buyers came and waited for him, knowing that his rugs were good; while the merchants in the market place despised the poor weaver who had little to sell, though that little was of the finest quality. "Once late at night as he bent lovingly over his loom, these merchants came secretly to him, saying, 'Why do you waste so much time over each small rug when you might make many and sell to us at a great profit?' "And Ben Sahrab answered with the wisdom of Solomon: 'A good name is better than riches and Service is above silver or gold. I am content.'"



Like the ancient Persian our pride of product is greater than our pride of profit, and the Service we render is likewise more pleasing than silver or gold.

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