

MAUD MULLER



Week



NOT READING.—THINKING. JOY ON MARS. YOUNG AT 102. TWO YOUNG MEN.

The World Federation of Education Associations organizes a world war against illiteracy. For this war the Crown Prince of Japan has appropriated a million yen. China has adopted the slogan "China a Literate Nation in One Generation."

It is preposterous that any human being, outside of actual barbarism, should grow up unable to read. But teaching them to read and write is only the first step. The next is teaching human beings TO THINK, which is considerably more difficult and important.

It isn't what you READ that counts. It's what you THINK AFTER YOU READ that improves government and civilization. It takes a Frenchman, and an old one, Camille Flammarion, to say that the people on Mars are much more JOYFUL than we are. The Martian year is twice as long as ours. A man there sixty years old has lived 100 years, nearly. The climate is better and the planet being smaller, everything is lighter. An ordinary Martian could easily carry his mother-in-law upstairs in his arms, even if she weighed 400 pounds. Millions of years older in their civilization than earth men, the Martians are far ahead of us in knowledge, and that means happiness. In fact it's the only solid happiness.

John A. Stewart, called "Grand Old Man of Wall Street," who knew Abraham Lincoln, and is now head of an important bank, celebrated his 102nd birthday last week. To us, that seems old. A thousand years hence, 125 will seem young as sixty is now. Men will die out gently like fading twilight.

Mr. Stewart continues living, intellectually young, because he has continued WORKING. Men like trees die at the top. They are all right while the top is green.

After a while civilized human beings will decide that rats and mice don't pay, and take the trouble to get rid of them along with mosquitoes, flies and other nuisances that Father Noah might well have left out of the Ark.

An English scientist demonstrated that rats suffer from foot and mouth disease and, frequenting stables, infect the cattle. Moral for farmers, use cement and copper and keep out the rats.

Clarence Darrow, a lawyer, who thinks and feels, and consequently earns little in proportion to his great ability, tells the Court that to hang the two young men whom he defends, Loeb and Leopold, "would be a worse crime than they committed."

And that is the truth, exactly. If a red Indian tortured a white man for twenty-four hours, that would not excuse white men for torturing that red man even for twenty-four minutes. The greater the intelligence and responsibility, the greater the crime.

This column, too lightly, compared Moses' forty-year trip across the desert with the four-hour trip of a small American automobile, and the one and one-half-hour trip of a flying machine, across the same desert. Many writers send learned comment.

Man Bodner, of Passaic, New Jersey, says, "You needn't wait to get information from Moses in heaven. He kept the children of Israel in the desert for forty years because they were not qualified to conquer the Promised Land. They practically all died. The new generation, educated and drilled, led by Hushma, won their Promised Land by fighting."

Max Himoff, of Long Island City, writer, said that Moses had to let his old followers die off while he raised a new generation "who knew nothing about Egypt and prepared them for their task." Can anybody give more exact information about the fighting leader, Hushma?

Divers working ninety feet below the surface have recovered thirty-five million dollars of gold and silver billion from the steamship Laurentic, sunk by a German submarine. Thousands of tons of "liquid gold" are in the water through which steamers plow as they go back and forth. Some day men may retrieve it.

Lads wastin' their energy in idleness may be put to work by growing timber, advises an agricultural worker in another state. Many waste acres in North Carolina could thus be profitably employed.

That day used in selecting good seed for next year's plantings is the most valuable day's work done on the farm, says Dr. R. Y. Winters.

Your Boy and His Clothes



You know as well as we do, what a problem it is to get clothes that will withstand the hard wear of a boy's everyday life. But in our line of clothes we believe we have come close to solving the problem. They are strongly tailored from sturdy, close-woven fabrics, and such a combination should give a good measure of service.

We have a full line of furnishings both for men and women also.

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World Fliers Congratulated in The Name of the American People



Admiral Magruder, of the United States Navy, congratulating Lieut. Lowell Smith, commander of the Army "round the world fliers," on their successful flight, on their arrival back on the American continent at Indian Harbor, Labrador, five months and fourteen days after they set out from Santa Monica, Cal.

Teaches Ford to Dance



Ford is going to give old-time dances at his Wayside (Mass.) home. He has hired Mrs. Lovett of Hudson, Mass., to teach him and their friends to do the "Doe-see-doe."

Our Next President?



Next returns from this newspaper's nation-wide Presidential poll shows Coolidge, Davis and La Follette so closely grouped that the possibility of the election being thrown into the House and Senate is not entirely without reason. In such event either Dawes or Bryan might be named President. This new picture, from Lincoln, Neb., shows the two Vice-Presidential candidates in friendly visit when Dawes called upon Governor Bryan.

French Champion Loses First Race, But...



Epinard, four-year-old French champion, lost the heat of his three scheduled races to the American horse, Wise Counselor, but only by a half length, as shown in the picture of the finish. Carrying 120 pounds, the great horse outran Zev and the rest of the field, but could not hold a lead over Wise Counselor.

Poem Uncle John

Seems to me that waitin' is the bosom friend of pain. Find the thing exemplified in waitin' fer a train. Feller waits fer anything, he's firtn' with despair, but—worst of all is waitin' while the barber's bobbin' hair!

Feller in a hurry, mighty anxious for a shave. Got a million duties for the time he hopes to save; Mazie beats him to it, which of course is on the square—but, Mazie is a fair-bell with half a day to spare!

Waitin' in the barber-shop with bristles on yer face. Hate to see the Beauty-Parlor shove us out of pizel. Might as well be reconciled to things that has to be, but where we're fectin' up it is a mystery to me!



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Book by Uncle John



"Uncle John," who writes a weekly prose-poem for this newspaper, is the author of a book of poems from The Hugh Stephens Press of Jefferson City, Mo. "The Water Witch" is its title—a book of verse as human and understanding as "Gene Field," says one reviewer. Uncle John in everyday life is Dr. J. J. Gains of Excelsior Springs, Mo.

Are you building your soil? plant some legumes this fall for plowing under next spring and note the result—Increase in crop yields.



HOMICIDE A DAY IN NORTH STATE

Raleigh.—For the year ending July 1, 1924, there were 232 convictions in the North Carolina Superior Courts for second degree murder, 130 for manslaughter and five for first degree murder, an average of one homicide a day, according to the biennial report of Attorney General James S. Manning, now being prepared for publication.

Violations of the liquor laws led all the cases handled by the superior courts. The number was 4,322, as compared with 2,723 for the previous year. Homicidal cases for the year ending July 1, 1923, totaled 272, so that the increase for the year ending July 1, 1924, was 95. The number of convictions for carrying concealed weapons from July 1923, to July, 1924, was 805, as compared with 782 convictions for the year ending July 1, 1923. Cases handled the past year involving assaults with deadly weapons aggregated 1,222.

The total number of cases handled in the superior courts for the year ending July 1, was 14,321, and for the previous year, 11,813. Criminal offenses most frequently committed from July 1, 1923, to July 1, 1924, included the following: Abandonment, 168; abduction, 44; affray, 221; arson, 221; assault and battery, 744; assault with deadly weapon, 1,222; assault with intent to rape, 59; bigamy, 45; forgery, 227; gambling and lottery, 559; larceny, 1,747.

AT YOUR SERVICE

The popularity of our efforts to give the people of Louisburg and vicinity a modern and pleasing cafe is evidenced in the following. After inspecting the "American Cafe," I pronounce it the cleanest and most sanitary eating place I ever saw. HEALTH OFFICER. We invite you to visit us when in town. 9-12-11 STEGALL BROS.

PARRISH—WESTER

Mr. Elmer H. Parrish and Miss Mabel Wester were married Saturday evening to the surprise of their many friends. The bride is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Wester of near Hickory Rock. The groom is a prosperous farmer of Castalia and is the only son of Mr. Sidney Parrish of Castalia. Their many friends wish them much happiness.

The State Beekeepers Association will meet at Winston-Salem Wednesday, September 10. Prominent beekeepers from over the state will tell their experiences with bees and honey.