

Gems of Thought

IT HAS been well said that the man who is wrapped up in himself is carrying a small package. A shriveled life and a pinched soul are all it holds.

Yes, "Do no evil": that is understood; now learn the harder, braver rule, "Do good."

Love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel as the grave.—*Song of Solomon.*

Life is a schoolroom, not a playground.—*Anon.*

The conscious utterance of thought, by speech or action, to any end, is art.—*Emerson.*

A clear conscience is a coat of mail.—*Old Proverb.*

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No Flag in 1777

The continental congress introduced the flag resolution in 1777, but the nation didn't have an all-American flag over the Capitol until 1866. English-made cloth was used before that.

Lives With Rival

Iowa social welfare officials told of an old-age pension applicant who lives as a by-the-week boarder in the home of his divorced wife and her second husband.

Wordless Poem

A picture is a poem without words.—*Cornificus.*

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Washington, D. C.

DEFENSE JAM-BUSTER

Donald Nelson, for many years executive of the Sears, Roebuck mail-order house, now has become one of the chief log-jam busters of national defense. Officially his job is director of procurement for the United States treasury — in other words, in charge of government purchases.

Recently the navy department sent a very important order to Bethlehem Steel corporation with a preference number to expedite it for the earliest possible delivery. The next day word came back from Bethlehem: "Sorry, but you will have to wait."

For some unexplained reason the navy said nothing to the defense commission about Bethlehem's delay, even though the commission has the power to compel compliance. Instead the navy tried to handle the situation itself. But after two weeks of unsuccessful effort, the navy finally went to Nelson, who in addition to his procurement duties aids the defense commission.

Nelson reached for a telephone, called Walter Tower, secretary of the American Iron and Steel institute, and said, "I hope we don't have to get tough, but when an order goes out marked 'expedite,' it means just that. I want immediate action on that order."

Twenty minutes later, Eugene Grace, potent boss of Bethlehem, personally telephoned Nelson and assured him it was all a mistake.

F. D. R. AND ARGENTINA

There has been a lot of publicity regarding Roosevelt's conference with Argentine diplomat Leopoldo Melo over buying Argentine beef. Actually the conversation covered a lot of things besides meat.

Roosevelt promised that this country would substantially increase its imports of Argentine products; first because Argentina has suffered heavy loss of her European export market and faces an acute depression; second, because Argentina continues to buy from the United States, but this buying must fall off if she cannot sell here to obtain dollar exchange for purchases.

Discussing these problems, the President told Melo that the defense program would require heavy purchases of wool for uniforms, hides for shoes, and canned beef for the commissary. Though the government would not buy direct from Argentina, the buying from domestic sources would create a new demand for imports, substantially benefiting Argentina.

There was also discussion of using a part of the new Export Import bank fund of \$500,000,000, about to be voted by congress, for trade with Argentina.

Note—Latest export figures show that Argentina has now become the leading foreign purchaser of American passenger cars.

BRITAIN'S FOGS

The most important development during the last few days of bombing London is the realization by British and American observers that bad weather is not going to help the defense of London, but instead will hinder it.

Second important development is the realization that Britain's only real defense is retaliatory raids against Berlin. This means, of course, more long-distance bombers — almost all of which are now obtained from the United States.

It has been generally expected that with the arrival of foggy weather, London would be safer because Nazi raids would have to abate. However, there was considerable cloudy weather over England last week, and during it, Nazi bombers had a field day. What they did was to use the clouds as a shield and drop their bombs, without aiming, all over London.

On clear days they had tried to aim at military targets. But at night, and during cloudy weather, the Nazis gave up any pretense of taking aim.

What happened was that when British planes went aloft they could not find the raiders. The Nazis were hidden in cloud banks, dropping their bombs indiscriminately. Under these circumstances, there was only one way for the British to locate the enemy bombers — by means of sound detection and radio directions from the ground.

However, these radio directions must be three dimensional to be effective, and there is such a wide margin for error that looking for a bomber in the clouds is like looking for a needle in a haystack. That is why British planes simply did not go into the air when the weather was too cloudy.



IN THE Yankee clubhouse they were talking about the fastest pitcher. The argument got down to Lefty Grove and Bob Feller. I ran in my nomination—a fellow named Walter Johnson.

"I never batted against Johnson," Bill Dickey said, "but my vote goes for Grove when he was at his best. I can see Feller's fast one, even if I don't hit too well—but I couldn't see Grove's."

"I never saw Johnson work," Joe Gordon said, "and I never saw Grove at his best, at the top. But I'll string with Bob Feller. He is fast enough for me. Sometimes too fast."

I still stick with Johnson. One answer is that Big Barney pitched more shutouts and had more strikeouts than any pitcher in baseball—113 shutouts, if I recall the exact figures. And Johnson had no chance to ease up with a weak-hitting club. Also every hitter in those days knew a fast one was coming, but they still couldn't hit the Big Train.

"I guess Johnson, with that record, gets the call," Dickey said.

The Detroit Mystery

Here's another angle few fans figure out. I asked one of the Tiger stars how he accounted for Detroit's sudden rise from a sixth-place pick to a pennant contender, and then the mid-season slow-up prior to the final surge.

"Nature," he said. "In the spring we were afraid of Dick Bartell's legs and Charlie Gehringer's legs and back. But we happened to get a damp spring which ran into June. We had soft ground to work on until July. This gave both veterans a chance to save their legs. Then the sun baked out all diamonds—and what a difference this makes to older legs."

"This is true enough," Bartell told me. "I was a kid again as long as I had soft ground under my feet. But these hard, baked out diamonds are rough on your legs. I could begin to feel the difference in a few days—sore ligaments, sore feet."

Bartell was one of the main factors in Detroit's early summer charge. Both his spirit and his play were major factors in the Tiger drive. And the same goes for Gehringer, who stands out as one of the great second basemen of all time. When these two begin to skid the Tiger infield began to look porous.

"Figure this one out," one of the Yankees said. "We all know the value of big, powerful hands in baseball. Hands like Wagner's and Lajoie's—but one of the best infielders I've seen in a long time has the smallest pair of hands in either league."

"Meaning whom?" we asked. "Boudreau, the Cleveland shortstop," he answered. "Boudreau has extremely small hands. They are delicate looking. But I don't know of a better shortstop anywhere today. He has been one of the main reasons for Cleveland's success. When he gets either hand on a ball it sticks with him."

The Eternal Argument

"I'll tell you something," one of the Cleveland veterans said. "Old-timers are always talking about the play of the stars who once made the headlines. They talk about a more scientific game. I'd like to see some of these old-timers handle the ball they hit at you today—infield or outfield."

"The game today is twice as fast. This modern ball comes at you like a rifle shot many times. You can't afford to lose a split second. The same is true in the outfield where line drives come whistling by. It takes much better starting speed to handle the new, faster ball, no matter what position you play. Those old-timers were lucky when it came to handling a much slower ball, one that gave you more time to cover your ground."

"Baseball today is far harder on the nerves. You have to be alert every second a man is at bat. You are tense all the time in any close game. The old-time game may have been more scientific, but the game today is largely a matter of speed and power."

ASK ME ANOTHER? A Quiz With Answers Offering Information on Various Subjects

The Questions

1. What are the four fundamentals of combustion?
2. Is "insignia" a singular or plural noun?
3. Who stole Helen — Ulysses, Paris, or Achilles—and thereby brought about the Trojan war?
4. Who said: "Cauliflower is nothing but cabbage with a college education"?
5. Can anyone who dies on duty in U. S. military or naval service or has been honorably discharged be buried at Arlington?

The Answers

1. The four fundamentals of combustion are mixture, air, time and temperature.
2. Plural. The singular form is insigne.
3. Paris.
4. Mark Twain (Pudd'nhead Wilson's calendar).
5. Yes.
6. The word comes from the Latin "alimonia," which means sustenance or nourishment.



No Chance!

Mother—Now, Joany, why didn't you give your little brother a part of your apple?

Joany—Not me! That's what Eve did to Adam—and she's been criticized ever since!

ROUND ONE



"I've just been having an argument with the dentist."

"Who won?"

"It ended in a draw."

Where It Goes

"I haven't been feeling at all well," said Browne to his doctor. "But you're looking perfectly splendid," said the doctor.

"I know. But it takes all my strength to keep up appearances."

Out for It

Athlete—How high is my temperature, doctor?

Doctor—One hundred and one.

Athlete—What's the world's record?

Who Wouldn't

Dots—What's the matter with you?

Eleanor—I'm terribly worried. I wrote Jack in my last letter to forget that I had told him I didn't mean to reconsider my decision about not changing my mind, and he seems to have misunderstood me.

Their Aim

First Life Guard—Boy, look at that bunch of coeds! Aren't they honeys?

Second Life Guard—No, I don't like coeds; they have only one great ambition.

First Life Guard—And what is that?

Second Life Guard—To go with every Tom, Dick, and marry.

Good Risk

Insurance Inspector (indignantly)—Why in the world did you ever write a policy on a man 98 years old?

News Agent—Well, I looked up the 1940 census figures and found there were only a few people of that age who died each year.

The man who boasts of keeping his head above water should remember that wood floats.

Envious

"What was the sermon about, John?"

"Marriage."

"I hope the preacher gave you some good advice?"

"I wish I knew as little about it as he does."

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