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Nothing New Under The Sun

New inventions in this country are unending. Some of the 800 patents issued at Washington last week would astound the credulity of a dope. An egg with an artificial shell made of sheet metal or plastic was patented by a Massachusetts genius who hastens to say his invention has nothing to do with the hen. The yoke and albumen from an ordinary egg are transferred to the patented shell which is then electronically heated sealed or sealed with adhesive tape. It can be boiled in the usual manner and eaten out of the shell. The purpose of the artificial shell is to reduce breakage and save space during shipment and storage.

Quite intriguing is the recumbent shower bath, the invention of an Oklahoma man who thought up the gadget because of the number of accidents caused by falling from a standing position in soapy shower tubs. The device should have a ready market in Wheeling right now in view of type taken from faucets. This invention is a combination bed and shower bath. The user reclines on an inflatable mattress under a gentle rain-like spray with his head out of range of the water. The apparatus may be set in a tub or a tiled aperture.

Louis J. Farley of Wapato, Wash., received a patent for a method of pollinating fruit and trees by shotgun. Ordinarily, he says, the process is carried out with the aid of natural media, such as insects and other wild life. He loads his shells, in lieu of shot, with pollen and a carrier such as pulverized dried plants or powdered skim milk and fires into the blossoming part of the tree. Direct hits are made on some blossoms and the pollen settles on others. In practice, the used from one to four shells a tree, depending on the extent of the foliage or blossom-bearing portion.

An ambulating lawn sprinkler, invented by Wendell C. Rice of Coulee Dam, Wash., pulls itself along a fish line by water power. The owner pegs the fishline across his lawn in the desired direction to travel. If he wants one spot doused extra thoroughly, he drapes the line in a loop; when the sprinkler reaches that point, it stops to take up the slack. A deflector can be tilted so as to reduce the reach of the spray along one side or the other. To shut off the water at a given point, it is merely necessary to tie a knot in the cord.

So that a golfer can tell whether he has struck the ball with the center of his clubhead, Eugene F. Grossman of Santa Monica, Calif., has designed an indicating disk. The disk consists of a cellulose bullseye with a tacky under-surface to stick to the clubhead and an outer casing of wax. The impact of the ball knocks off some of the wax, and the player can tell whether he has hit the center or one of the outer rings. Between the rings, the inventor inserts information with regard to hooks and slices, thereby enabling the user to improve his game.

An invention that would make traffic self-regulating and prove advantageous to motorists as well as municipal treasuries would be a parking meter attachment to every car. Unlike the motor, this piece of mechanism would only start to run when the automobile stopped. No application has been made for such a patent, but any inventor is at liberty to try it.

From Wheeling (West Virginia) News

Frederick OTHMAN

WASHINGTON - Daniel Alvez Reed of Dunkirk, N. Y., momentarily is in the tropics, down Panama way, absorbing sunshine vitamins through his normally pink skin. Strength he figures he's going to need if he's to foil that graspingest of men, the tax collector.

Rep. Reed, the football star at Cornell in the long ago and the unbending man in Congress, is chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee. He's not against taxes, you understand, except when he thinks they're too high. He now so thinks.

Anybody who disagrees with him from President Eisenhower's side, down gets into a fight with the gentleman from Dunkirk. You may remember last spring when he came within a hair of forcing a reduction of Federal income taxes. He said he and all his fellow Republicans had promised this and why not the liver?

The opposition prevailed at least temporarily and the government's cut of your wages is scheduled to be reduced 10 percent exactly 10 days from now. This will be helpful to the taxpayers and maybe allow the average wage earner to buy a suit of clothes he didn't expect he could afford, but according to word from some members of the committee, it isn't enough.

They're talking about 15 percent, which would provide in addition a new hat and a silk necktie. Their idea would be to accept the 10 percent cut on January 1 and then produce another five percent drop along around June.

Whether Rep. Reed agrees with them in full is questionable. When he called for the cut he wasn't talking, except to say there was no need for him to remain in President Eisenhower's legislative conference. He said his job program was all set and there wasn't much to be done.

These Days



Sokolsky

THE DEFENSE OF THE CONSTITUTION

I received a letter signed by three important names, Lietkus D. Clay, Edward S. Gorwin, and John W. Davis. It is a form letter, probably sent to thousands of citizens, and came from the "Committee for Defense of the Constitution"—a laudable purpose, indeed. The very first sentence hit me with all the vehemence of an advertising agency calling attention to a toy odor. It read:

"The Constitution is again under attack." Naturally I assumed that here might be another committee to fight the Communists, perhaps for their abuse of the Fifth Amendment, but I was in error. This committee was organized to fight Republicans and Democrats who favor the Bricker Amendment.

From the general tenor of the statement signed by these gentlemen, one would imagine that the American Constitution had been prepared by the Persians and the Medes and is unchangeable in every comma and semicolon. Actually, the Constitution makes ample provisions for amendments and has been amended 22 times, including once to eliminate alcoholic beverages from our lives and another time to restore such liquid refreshment, after a campaign in which one of the objectives was freeing beer from the bootleggers and racketeers.

Therefore, it must be reported that when the lawyers and laymen of this committee set out to frighten us by announcing another attack on the Constitution, they were mistaking the case, exaggerating the premise, engaging in fantasy, which may be characteristic of pleading lawyers, but is not likely to influence hard-headed Americans who recognize a fact when they see one. The fact they see is that while the Constitution provides that the legislative function of this nation is designated to Congress, it can be and is being performed by legislators in the United Nations because of treaties signed for what appears to be one particular purpose but becomes expanded to be all-inclusive. Cases have already been in our courts concerning this and in most of them the United States has lost to the foreigners.

The Constitution needs to be amended to protect this country from alien powers whose activities neither Alexander Hamilton, John Jay nor James Madison could have foreseen. In fact, none of the delegates to the Constitutional Convention could have imagined that the United States would ever become involved so deeply in the affairs of Europe, Asia and Africa. They, the delegates, just having freed themselves from Great Britain and European tutelage.

The difference of opinion here is a hidden one—not at all the one that is generally discussed. What is really at stake is this: The internationalists have designed nothing since 1945. They have not truly appraised the events that have happened since our government finally discovered that Soviet Russia is not an ally but an enemy.

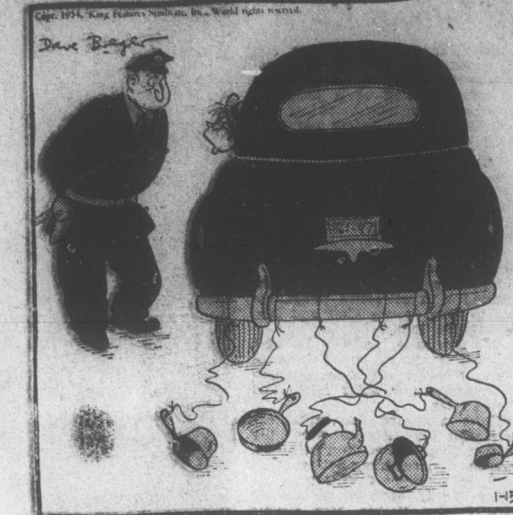
They have learned nothing from the failure of the Marshall Plan and the development of neutralism among nations to which we contributed billions of dollars. They have learned nothing from France's sabotage of European Defense Community. They have learned nothing from the Korean War and the Indo-China War. They have learned nothing from inability of NATO to form a European Army or from the establishment of one overt and two covert Communist governments in Latin America. They do not seem to realize that the Panama Canal is in peril.

And having learned nothing, they proceed as though the United States can afford to pursue a policy devised in the first five years of the 1940's and which brought to our country disaster and humiliation.

These matters these internationalists do not wish to have discussed openly on the floor of the Senate in relation to treaties written between this country and some others. They can avoid such discussions by secret executive agreements which bind the American people to conditions of which they are not cognizant. They generally hold that such legislation as Senator Bricker now proposes, and John Foster Dulles supports before he became Secretary of State but now rejects, is unnecessary because Dwight D. Eisenhower is President. How can anyone consistently support in the Eisenhower Administration what he opposed in the Roosevelt and Truman Administrations?

The United States will continue after Eisenhower is no longer President as it is continuing after Roosevelt and Truman are no longer President. If John Foster Dulles favored the principles of the Bricker Amendment when Truman was President, why does he oppose them now?

MISTER BREGER



"NOBODY'S married—I'm just advertisin' my pots-and-pans business..."

The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

By GUY PRABSON

WASHINGTON - Right after President Eisenhower finished his State-Of-The-Union speech to the joint session of Congress he was greeted by Mamie, who had watched him from the House gallery. "What have you got there?" queried Mamie, pointing to some papers in Mamie's hand.

"Oh, it's just a copy of your speech. Everyone in the gallery was given a copy," she replied. "Golly," said the President, "if I'd known that they already had my speech up here on the Hill, I wouldn't have bothered to come up here to read it."

"BURTON HOLMES' NIXON Vice President Nixon assured Democratic Senators in an off-the-record meeting the other evening that South Korean President Syngman Rhee will not start war again in Korea. "I am not worried about Rhee using aggressive tactics," the Vice President said, commenting upon Rhee's threat to renew the Korean War on Jan. 27. "He will make a lot of fuss, but he will cooperate with the United States."

Nixon spoke affectionately of the wrinkled, little South Korean leader with the apple-seed eyes, and pook-pooked the notion that Rhee isn't strong in his own country. "Syngman Rhee is South Korea," he declared. "Don't think for a moment that Rhee doesn't have those people behind him."

The Vice President was the only Republican at a private Democratic gathering held at the home of his neighbor, Senator Estes Kefauver. The get-together was arranged, explained the Tennessee crimebuster, as the outgrowth of a neighborhood chat about a Christmas motor bike that the Kefauver kids had let the Nixon youngsters ride.

"Kefauver is the most popular papa in the neighborhood," acknowledged Nixon, "because he bought his kids a bike with a motor on it. Standing in front of the Kefauver fireplace, Nixon pointed out his travels on a map of Asia and gave a detailed, country-by-country report. He warned in advance, however, that he would present no conclusions.

"If I express any conclusions," he explained, "it is always attributed to the President." STRONG FOR CHIANG At one point, when he was giving a flattering report on another Asiatic strong man, Chiang Kai-Shek, the Vice President was challenged by Senator Russ Long of Louisiana. "A miracle has been performed in Formosa," Nixon claimed. "Chiang Kai-Shek has 600,000 well-equipped, ready-to-go troops."

"Are you sure of that 600,000 figure?" interrupted Long. "I am a member of the Armed Service Committee. At the last briefing I attended, the figure was given as less than 300,000 troops, and some of them didn't even have shoes." "That's the figure that is batted around. I didn't count them," Nixon replied impatiently.

He acknowledged that Chiang Kai-Shek could not invade the Chinese mainland without U. S. sea and air support. However, he claimed that Formosa has been transformed into a model government, which he described as "sort of a world capital to the millions of Chinese outside of China." Nixon was slightly less flattering in his opinion of India's leader, Pandit Nehru, though the Vice President acknowledged he was impressed with Nehru's ability and "satisfied" Nehru is anti-communist.

"The trouble," observed Nixon, "is that Nehru isn't realistic in his policy of neutralism. There isn't anything in India that can stop Communism from taking over." Nixon's most optimistic report was on Turkey, which he described as the "strongest link" in our eastern defense chain.

Water Witch In New York

THE BROADWAY LIGHTS
The New Plays: The Year's final theatre week brought two productions by playwrights making their debut in the (Big-Time Arena... Jane Bowles' "In the Summer House" (which she wrote 11 years ago as a short story for a magazine) came to the Playhouse with Judith Anderson autographing that masterpiece. The majority of the admirers found it good drama but feared it wouldn't enjoy wide appeal because of the confusing theme. They all embraced the star's playing and applauded the supporting players. One reviewer called the play "an astonishing theatrical adventure," another called it a "fragile play"...

Jesus even called Peter "Satan" so how do you think he would feel about Thelma's mother? Many of Christ's followers have caused great friction because they are too imbued with their man-made rituals and not conversant with Christ's own words and deeds. Read the Bible and get the straight facts.

Case J-378: Thelma R., aged 24, is engaged to a chemical engineer. "Dr. Crane, my parents oppose my marriage very much," Thelma said as tears came into her eyes. "They believe I will never go to heaven if I leave my church. But my husband-to-be is a member of another church. "And his parents feel that he will never go to heaven if he leaves his church. "So we feel under the circumstances that we should join a third denomination. Then each will be making the same sacrifice. "But my mother objects bitterly for she says I will be sacrificing more than he will, since she says his religion doesn't count, anyway. "Dr. Crane, what do you think about such matters?"

It might be better to ask what God would doubtless think of such church egotists, within the realm of Christianity. No church has a monopoly of the keys to heaven. It is true, however, that a distinct difference exists between the products of the various religions of the world. For example, Jesus has stood for the importance of man, whether he be rich or poor, prominent or inconspicuous. So Jesus has produced a very different type of civilization than the Hindu religion, where the caste system and poverty have gone on for centuries holding hapless individuals in eternal misery and hopelessness. The Shinto religion of Japan has likewise not been able to compare with the ethics of Christ, who preached no racial prejudice and indicted church organizations for trying to make the church superior to mankind.

"The Sabbath was made for man; not man for the Sabbath," Jesus caustically exclaimed, in condemning the High Priests for their emphasis on "form" versus "substance." Even the wise pronouncements of Confucius and his own exemplar life have never been able to engender the humanitarian work of the Y. M. C. A. or Red Cross, the Salvation Army and the other uplifting societies of Christendom. For Jesus put a "heart" into ethics. But he never intended his followers to forget his fundamentals. So when various sects within Christianity try to lay a monopoly claim to Jesus or his Sermon on the Mount, you can immediately tell them to go back and read their New Testament.

When Peter tried to alter Christ's teachings, Jesus rebuked Peter and actually called Peter "Satan." See Mark 8:33. When Dr. Banning discovered insulin, he didn't try to limit its use to a privileged few doctors of his own fraternity or college. He said: "Any doctor can employ this lifesaving drug to help mankind." Jesus said: "Whatever ye shall ask in my name, believing, ye shall receive," so he doesn't limit his benefits to any one church. Read the Bible and get back to the "grass roots" of Christianity. Jesus said nothing at all about joining the Baptist or Lutheran or Catholic or Mormon or Methodist or any other sect to get into heaven. (Always write to Dr. Crane in care of this newspaper, enclosing a 10¢ cent stamped, addressed envelope and a dime to cover typing and printing costs when you send for one of his psychological cards.)

Mary Haworth's Mail

By America's Foremost Personal Affairs Counselor

DEAR MARY HAWORTH: What must I do to keep from being just another edition of the women in my family? My mother, my grand-mother, my daughter and myself all look alike. We sound alike—our voices, our cough, even our walk. We all live in the same pattern; we even think alike! And I despise myself for being like them.

We are "good people" honest and respected. Our family has been in business in this community almost as long as the county has been here. And we all seem to put our foot above all else—as if it were our lord and master. We are hypocritical of everyone and everything; and terribly hurt and cross with our family if they don't act to suit us. Please! I don't want to go on.

I want to break loose from my mother and grandmother and live as I please—not their way, which I despise. Perhaps I should count my blessings though—an understanding husband who never complains (he doesn't need to; I do enough for both); lovely children; a few close friends who will always be my friends; and many acquaintances. Still, I don't want to be what I am; even more I don't want to be like mother and grandma. (Mother gets the same many times; she thinks she is her mother's image.)

INNER CHANGE IS FEASIBLE I want to enjoy life instead of hurrying to get chores done by midnight. I want to enjoy my children instead of pushing them aside so I can clean up something. I don't want to know my husband again and go places with him and not feel like a criminal if I am not enjoying myself. I want to be kind to everyone, not thinking nasty thoughts of dissimilar persons. How can I become what I want to be, instead of what I am headed for? Whatever I do must be done in my mind, as we are unable to break away spiritually. We don't live together; we work together, which means close contact with hours daily. E. D. in control a firm controlled dynamic.

DEAR E. D.: Desire is creative.

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