

THIMBLE THEATRE Starring POPEYE

A Persuasive Juliet

By E. C. Segar



BIG SISTER

By LES FORGRAV



THE OLD HOME TOWN

By STANLEY



SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK

By R. J. SCOTT

Advertisement for 'Scott's Scrap Book' featuring a portrait of George Washington and a coat of arms. Text includes: 'GEORGE WASHINGTON'S FAMILY NAME WAS DE HERTBURN WHEN THE FIRST AUTHENTIC RECORD OF THE FAMILY BEGINS - LATER IT WAS CHANGED TO DE WESSYNGTON, WHICH NAME WAS CHANGED TO THE MODERN SPELLING OF WASHINGTON'. It also mentions 'MARKING CUBA'S PROGRESS IN AN INDUSTRY - OLD AND NEW SUGAR MILLS PICTURED ON THESE STAMPS HONOR 400 YEARS OF SUGAR GROWING IN THE COUNTRY' and 'JUG BANDS WERE FORMERLY COMMON AMONG BOYS IN FLORIDA - THE BOYS WERE GIVEN MONEY TO STOP THEM FROM PLAYING RATHER THAN FOR THEIR MUSIC'.



Today's uncharted puzzle starts with No. 1, across, a four-letter word. No. 1, down, a five-letter word. Fill in squares at the end of each word and check with tomorrow's solution.

Answers to the crossword puzzle. Across: 1-Mountains, 2-To pierce with horns, 3-City in Alaska, 4-Any assigned service, 5-Building of the ark, 6-Forms to a line, 7-Composite, 8-District attorney (abbr.), 9-Over (poetic), 10-Guided, 11-Cage of an elevator, 12-Frosted, as a cake, 13-Habitual drunkards. Down: 1-Any negative ion, 2-Solitary, 3-Those who love their country, 4-Feminine pronoun, 5-Having ears.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

REVERSING THE HAND. AMONG THE reasons why fine players like a split of four trumps in the declarer's hand opposite four in dummy, in preference to a five-three division of the suit, is that either holding may be treated as that of the declarer and the other used for ruffing out losers. When the declarer's hand is used for ruffing, making the dummy the one to set up, the usual order of events is reversed. Such tactics are seldom possible when the declarer has five trumps opposite three in the dummy.

North won with the J. The diamond 5 was now ruffed and the club 2 led to West's K. West returned another club and after winning with the Q, declarer ruffed another diamond. On the club A, he discarded a spade and then ruffed the club 10 with the heart 6. The diamond J was now trumped with the heart A and the spade A cashed. When the spade 3 was led, East holding only three trumps, was obliged to trump and return a heart to North's two remaining trumps, the K-9. The last two tricks were North's. Due to his fine planning, declarer lost only three tricks, the diamond on the first round, the club K and the spade that East ruffed. Tomorrow's Problem: K 8 4, A 9 2, Q 10 8 5, 7 6 5, 10 7 6 3, 10 8 7 4, 7 5 2, 9 2, A J 5, K 5 3, K J 6 4, K J 8 c. (Dealer: South. East-West vulnerable.)

Doctor's Book Good Reading On Washington's Birthday

By LOGAN CLENDENING, M. D. APPROPRIATE reading for Washington's birthday, especially for its medical reminiscences, is Dr. Cecil Drinker's book "Not So Long Ago". It consists in excerpts from his great-grandmother's diary. She lived in Philadelphia; the diary covers the years from 1756 to 1807. It gives a very good picture of medical practice in those colonial days; Mrs. Drinker took a lively interest in sickness, a trait that she apparently handed down to her descendants, for Dr. Drinker, the editor of the diary, is distinguished as the inventor of the iron lung, so well publicized today in the treatment of infantile paralysis.

They lived in what would be a queer world to us. Everything we instinctively do when faced with sickness was unknown to them. Smallpox vaccination, ether and anesthesia in surgical operations, and in childbirth; the stethoscope, the clinical thermometer, bathtubs, the hypodermic syringe, were all unknown. In 1803, indeed, the Drinkers did become possessed of a bathtub—made of wood lined with tin and painted, with castors under ye bottom and a brass lock to let out the water, costing 17 dollars. They frequently lent it to neighbors who had illness in their homes. Most of the medicine practiced was domestic, the administration of home remedies by the mother of the family. "Sam Lewis, a little boy from Sleepy Creek, came to

live with us; he had the itch; which I basted him on the seventh night with brimstone"—brimstone being sulphur, was good treatment, sulphur ointment being the approved treatment today. Child Swallows Pin "Oct. 29, 1799. Elizabeth has just swallowed a pin. I made her take a raw egg, white and yolk. It is what frequently happens to children, and it is admirable that so few had consequences follow—it slips down the common sewer with other things, and kind nature often avoids calamity." In 1796, the Drinkers encountered the most famous of American quacks. Elisha Perkins was a shrewd son of Connecticut, who felt that he did his patients a great deal of good as he passed this to electro-magnetic influences, and thought they would be more powerful if he used metals. So he constructed a pair of tractors, one brass and the other steel, and applied them at different points on the body with apparent great success in many diseases. March 23, 1796, the diary records Elisha Perkins, or Dr. Perkins, "was here this afternoon and operated on H. D. with his metallic instruments for the rheumatism; if my faith is necessary to the cure, I fear 'tis not complete," says the shrewd old lady. Elisha Perkins has gone his way and one no longer hears of the metal tractors, but the credulity and superstition that made him famous still exists, and people fall for Abram machines and a thousand fancy treatments.

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