

New York Novelist Lives 25 Years in Neighborhood

New York.—A New Yorker of thirty years' standing, Elizabeth Jordan, novelist, has lived twenty-five years in one neighborhood.

Aside from her writing, she is president of the co-operative apartment building on Grammercy park where she resides. Dramatic criticism is her avocation. Her only play, "The Lady From Oklahoma," was a failure each of the three times it opened in New York but was successful on the road.

In addition to eight or nine novels, numerous short stories and magazine articles have come from her typewriter. So deep was she in work recently that it was necessary to decline a publisher's request that she go to Spain to write a story.

Claims to Have Solved Tailspin Air Problem

Santa Monica, Calif.—Donald Douglas, airplane manufacturer and designer of the United States army world-flight planes, says that he will announce at the third annual Pan-American commercial conference in Washington, May 2 to 5, that a new method of balance has solved the tailspin problem of flying. A shift in the weight distribution of the airplane, by the removal of fuel tanks to the center of gravity, has conquered the air bugaboo, Douglas asserts.

Find Lost Village

Tokyo, Japan.—A village lost to the world 700 years has been found in the mountains of the north. Its 152 inhabitants had never heard of the rest of the world. Their ancestors fled when defeated in war.

Pygmy Sense of Humor!

A race of pygmies has been discovered in New Guinea in the Dutch East Indies by an American scientific expedition. These people use stone implements and weapons. They are strict vegetarians. When a pygmy wants to get married, he is subjected first to an ordeal, which consists in the following: He is placed at a certain distance to serve as a target for the best bow and arrow sharpshooters. He must try to dodge the flying arrows. When the ordeal has lasted long enough and he has survived, the chief says: "Here is your wife. You are courageous and fleet-footed enough to endure marriage." The pygmies have a sense of humor, apparently.—Pierre Van Paassen, in the Atlantic Constitution.

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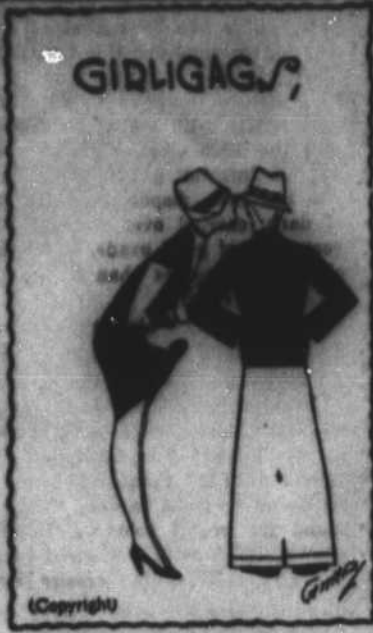
Because Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Keeps Them Well

Fifty years ago there were few occupations for women. Some taught school, some did housework, some found work to do at home and a few took up nursing.

Today there are very few occupations not open to women. Today they work in factories with hundreds of other women and girls. There are also women architects, lawyers, dentists, executives, and legislators. But all too often a woman wins her economic independence at the cost of her health.

Mrs. Elizabeth Chamberlain who works in the Unional factory making overalls writes that she got "wonderful results" from taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Mrs. Chamberlain lives at 500 Monmouth St., Trenton, N. J. She recommends the Vegetable Compound to her friends in the factory and will gladly answer any letters she gets from women asking about it.

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PARADISE SHOWN ON OLD-WORLD MAP

Adam and Eve and Tower of Babel Also Figure.

Basel, Switzerland.—The first map of the world ever turned out by the printing press shows a fanciful, plate-shaped universe, with Adam and Eve and the tower of Babel much in evidence, according to Dr. H. Hassinger, professor of geography at the University of Basel.

In a lecture before the Geographical Society of Basel Doctor Hassinger pointed out the strange fact that the art of printing, which was destined to promote knowledge, only helped to establish medieval ignorance by its first ventures into geography.

Three ancient maps contend for the honor of being the first picture of the world turned out by the Fifteenth-century press. One of these is in the Rockefeller library, in New York. Another, very similar, was discovered by Doctor Hassinger in a volume which had belonged to the library of the reformer Vanadit.

These two maps, said Doctor Hassinger, are almost identical except for a few insignificant details. The maps were cut into wood by two German artists, and the text is in German. They contain some known geographical facts of the time, combined with fanciful ideas about the universe supplied by the best imaginations of the Middle ages.

Paradise, with four great streams flowing from it, holds a prominent place on this flat-earth map. The known islands of the world are arranged in a circle around the mainland of the world.

The third map, which geographers say was made at about the same time, has Latin text, Doctor Hassinger said.

Uses Glass "Stomach" in Digestion Experiment

New York.—The human body is a great democracy, a laboratory where the same chemical reactions go on in the case of a genius or an imbecille. Not only this, but the physics and chemistry of the digestion are the same in the body of man and the lowest animal, Dr. Carl P. Sherwin, professor of physiological chemistry at Fordham university, told an audience at the Manhattan Trade school.

The process of digestion can be reproduced in the laboratory test tube, Doctor Schwerin declared. By mixing saliva with boiled starch or bread crumbs in a glass container and keeping the mixture at body temperature it is possible with the aid of chemical tests to show exactly what happens in the alimentary canal, the scientist explained. Food should be defined, he said, as substances that living matter can utilize in growth and in the repair of tissues broken down during the wear and tear of everyday life.

MAY HOLD COMMISSIONERS LIABLE FOR UNPAID TAXES

Advisory Commission Reminds Counties of Responsibilities Under New Law—Injunctions Affect Only One of 3 Laws—Commissioners Cannot Wait On Other Things Because Lands Are Not Sold.

Raleigh, May 30.—How the injunctions secured in a few counties prohibiting the advertisement and sale of land for taxes will affect the administration of the fiscal affairs or other functions of the counties has been made the subject of study by the officials of the County Government Advisory Commission.

The only effect these injunctions can have is to postpone for a few months the advertisement and sale of land for taxes for the year 1926, but the administration of fiscal affairs beginning July 1 will not be affected by these injunctions, according to the letter on this subject just sent out by Charles M. Johnson, Executive Secretary.

Mr. Johnson has discussed this matter carefully with Dr. E. C. Brooks, Chairman of the Commission, and with the Attorney General. The opinion, therefore, represents the deliberate judgment of these officials on the effects of the injunctions.

The attention of the county commissioners is also called to their responsibility under the new legislation in the matter of making a settlement for all uncollected taxes, including taxes derived from the sale of land before the tax books are turned over to the sheriff in October.

If the books are turned over to the sheriff on the first of October before settlement for taxes of the previous year is made, the county commissioners are reminded that under the Act they are personally liable for the amount of taxes due by the sheriff. The letter is as follows:

"In a few counties injunctions have been brought by taxpayers to prohibit the advertisement and sale of land for taxes for this year. The question has arisen as to the effect that these injunctions may have on the County Government Act, beginning with July 1, when we go into the next fiscal year.

"After studying the Acts carefully and discussing the matter with the Attorney General and the Chairman of the County Government Advisory Commission, it seems to be very clear that the only effect these injunctions can have is to postpone for a few months the advertisement and sale of land for taxes for the year 1926, but the administration of fiscal affairs beginning July 1 will not be affected by these injunctions.

"Your attention is called especially to Section 3 of 'An Act to Provide for the Collection of Taxes Within the Counties of the State and For Settlement of the Same.' You will observe after a careful reading of this section that the commissioners are prohibited from turning over the tax books for the year 1927-28 to the Sheriff until there has been a "complete settlement for all taxes charged against him for the previous year."

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And it is believed that this is the important feature of these Acts for the Commissioners to keep in mind.

"If the sale of land for taxes for the year 1926-28 is postponed by injunctions, the Sheriff's may make some tentative settlement in accordance with the Act, on the first of July. (See Section 6 of this same Act.) But the tax books cannot be turned over to the Sheriff in October until there has been a settlement for all uncollected taxes, including taxes derived from the sale of land. Therefore, it seems that this will make it necessary for the Sheriff to advertise and sell such land before October 1, in order that he may be able to make the settlement in accordance with Section 3 of this Act.

"Section 6 of the Act should be read carefully, because it states definitely how the Commissioners shall settle with the Sheriff and what he may receive. If the Commissioners overpay him as a result of delayed settlement, they may have to account for the overpaid amount.

"I call your attention also to Section 3 of the same Act, which makes the County Commissioners themselves liable for the amount of taxes due by such Tax Collector if the

books are turned over to the Sheriff on the first of October before the settlement is made.

"This opinion is given in order that you may not be embarrassed on October 1."

CHANCE? — OR A WILL?

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