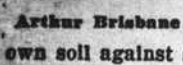


# BRISBANE

## THIS WEEK

Hear Lloyd George News From the Cosmos Statesmen and Politicians Sloan's Fine Figures

Lloyd George, who ran the big war for England and won with the help of old Clemenceau, not sympathetic with France this time, says England is dangerously involved and "we shall send our young men to die, this time on German soil, to punish those arrogant and aggressive Teutons for daring to make preparations for the defense of their own soil against a foreign invader."



Arthur Brisbane

Lloyd George is bitter in his denunciation of the suggestion that England be dragged into another war. "France," says he, "can spend \$500,000,000 on the erection of huge fortifications. We can vote plans which involve expenditure of an extra fifteen hundred million dollars for protection. But if the Germans propose to throw up even a pillbox to guard their famous cities and their greatest industrial area . . . then measures must be concerted between the general army staffs of Britain and France."

The "fastest" double star is found, and that is the big news. "Twin stars" close together, in the constellation of Ophiuchus, revolve completely around each other in twenty months. The shortest period of revolution for any other "binary" star is five years. Some revolve only once in a hundred years.

Nature is both fast and slow; the electron in the atom revolves around the proton thousands of millions of times in a second. The lens-shaped Milky Way above your head, in which our sun is one of thirty thousand million specks of light, revolves once in 225,000,000 years. No limit to greatness, no limit to smallness, apparently.

That naval conference in London ends, quite to the satisfaction of England, with the situation about as it was when Hiram Johnson of California put the situation in these few words:

"Great Britain builds as she prefers; the United States builds as Great Britain permits."

England actually says to the United States, "You must build no more cruisers with eight-inch guns; we do not like them." And the United States humbly says, "All right, then we shall not build any."

It is the old story: England has statesmen, we have politicians—and some of them are Anglomaniac snobs.

Big business, like little business, has had its trouble, but here and there it is still big business. In his annual report for General Motors, Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., reports net sales last year amounting to \$1,155,641,511, against \$82,672,670 the year before; a gain of more than two hundred and ninety-two million dollars. That means many new cars, and families made happier. The company paid out in wages more than three hundred and twenty-three million dollars, not including wages paid indirectly to thousands of workers producing materials of which automobiles are made.

Sixty of Mussolini's planes have wiped out Harar, Ethiopia's second biggest city, one of 40,000 inhabitants. "Civilized" Europe, England leading, bemoans the fact that a Mohammedan mosque, the Coptic cathedral and a Catholic church were blasted.

They forget what happened in the big war, at Rheims, Louvain and elsewhere, and the German cannon "Big Bertha" throwing at Paris shells that might well have wrecked Notre Dame, the Madeleine or the Sainte Chapelle.

War is as ruthless as was nature in the earthquake that destroyed the great cathedral of Lisbon.

When Pittsburgh is through with the disaster that has almost overwhelmed the city, a monument should be erected in a park, or on the mountainside, in honor of the courage and recuperative energy of the great industrial city. With lights turned off, water flooding the streets, many men and women calmly continued their work, wearing coal miners' light-bearing caps, like so many gigantic glow worms. Americans still possess resourcefulness and can do what they must do.

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# SUCH IS LIFE—Birth of Ambition



## Babylonians First to Try "Inflation"

### Ancient Tablets Give Line on Business Methods.

Chicago.—Texts from thousands of ancient Assyrian and Babylonian clay tablets, the longest series of business records available, are being pieced together into a remarkable picture of business and banking in the Tigris-Euphrates valley 2,500 years ago by Dr. Waldo H. Dubberstein of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago.

Forerunners of such modern practices as old-age annuities, long and short-term credit, price-fixing attempts, and government hoarding of precious metals, with resulting "inflation," are clearly evident from Doctor Dubberstein's work. He has compiled price-charts for standard commodities, in terms of shekels, for a period of more than 200 years, 625-425 B. C.

Fall to Fix Prices. "Various kings from the great administrator Hammurabi, about 2000 B. C., to the scholarly Ashurbanipal, 668-626 B. C., attempted to fix prices at low levels," Doctor

### THREE CENT MARRIER



A. C. Hess, a justice of the peace in Reno, Kan., reports a tremendous increase in marriage ceremonies since he established a low rate for his services. For 18 years he had been justice, and during that time had performed but four marriage ceremonies, which is not extraordinary when one considers that the village's population is less than 25. The idea occurred to him that if a low charge were made he would perform more ceremonies, so he announced that beginning January 1, 1936, couples would be married at his residence at the rate of only 3 cents per marriage. Since then he has done twice as much business as he did in the 18 years heretofore. His home has been dubbed "Cupid's parlor," and Mr. Hess revels in the reputation of being "Cupid's right hand man."

## AMAZE A MINUTE SCIENTIFACTS BY ARNOLD

**THE SAHARA'S SURPRISING POPULATION—ALMOST HALF-A-MILLION PEOPLE LIVE IN THE SAHARA DESERT.**

**SLEEPING SQUIRRELS—YELLOWSTONE PARK GROUND SQUIRRELS SPEND OVER HALF THE YEAR IN A CONTINUOUS WINTER'S SLEEP.**

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## Choosing the Best

By LEONARD A. BARRETT

Henry Churchill King, the late president of Oberlin college, wrote, "The great secret of all living is the persistent staying in the presence of the best—the great facts—the great truths—the great personalities." Life is a struggle to attain a certain ideal. We may be forced to fight our way through many trying situations, but the joy of victory is far greater and more permanent than that contentment which comes from being satisfied with anything less than the highest and the best. Contentment is thus frequently expressed—"To live in a house by the side of the road and be a friend to man." True, but abstract friendship is impossible. Unless some one frequently comes to that house by the side of the road and receives the best water from its cooling spring, or the best help the owner of the house can give, little contentment can abide within its walls. Only as we give to others the best water from its cooling spring, or the best help the owner of the house can give, little contentment can abide within its walls. Only as we give to others the best that is in us do we attain the goal of high and joyous living.

In order to give the "best" we first must attain it for ourselves. Why discount our own efficiency and minimize the possibilities of our own happiness by being content

All these bothers can be eliminated and the humor of the household remain tranquil, if the person making the clippings will mark the paper in a way known to the family, who may want to read the paper without its being mutilated. A pencil mark above the column in which the item appears and a notch cut or torn away from the upper margin of the page, or pages are distinguishing signs used to advantage in some households. Only those pages are kept, if the clipping is not cut out on the day of date.

The simplest way, however, and one which can be followed should the reader find no reason for keeping the paper intact, is to cut out the item immediately, and put it in its correct envelope or folder without delay. A man whose plethora of pockets is the envy of women, usually slips the clippings in one of these pockets until its use is over.

### ONE-PIECE FROCK



The same diagonally ribbed black silk is used for the skirt and blouse in this one-piece frock. The top has an embroidered fleur-de-lis pattern in white silk. The collar and cuffs are white chiffon pique.

with the "second best?" When we seek to satisfy our desire for music, let us endeavor to hear the best. It is far more profitable to hear one great symphony than a number of second rate concerts. It is far more profitable to read one good book, the very best that is possible, than a score of books that contain no great message or commanding purpose.

Environment is an important factor in developing character and determining life's compensations. Why not choose the best possible environment and refuse to sacrifice its value for the gaudy gewgaws of evanescent pleasure.

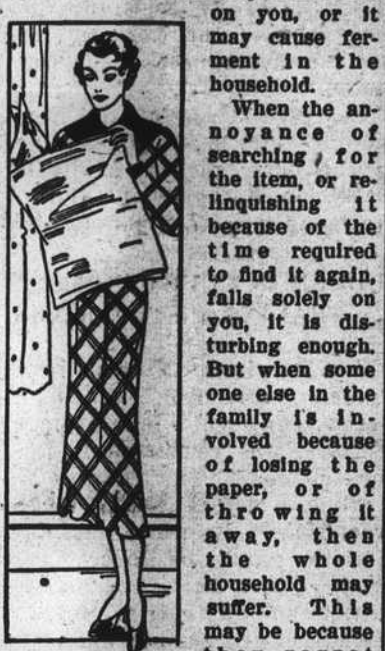
Living in the presence of the "best" is by no means as expensive as living on lower levels. Most of the money spent today is for worthless trivial things which contribute absolutely nothing to the art of plain living and high thinking. Environment depends not as much upon money as upon our choice of the way we spend our money.

"The great secret of all living is the persistent staying in the presence of the best." Read the best books, see the best pictures, hear the best music, choose the best friends. Staying in the presence of the best is the secret of all successful and joyous living.

## The Household

By Lydia Le Baron Walker

THE habit of making clippings from newspapers is an excellent one to cultivate, provided you cut out the wanted article or paragraph as you read the paper, or so mark the page on which it is, that it can be known at a glance. Just to mentally note the wanted items, and then lay the paper down, is to invite trouble. This may come back on you, or it may cause ferment in the household.



When the annoyance of searching for the item, or relinquishing it because of the time required to find it again, falls solely on you, it is disturbing enough. But when some one else in the family is involved because of losing the paper, or of throwing it away, then the whole household may suffer. This may be because they regret your failure to find what you may need, and certainly what you desire, or it may be because you cast the blame of your misfortune on the family or some member of it. There are families who dread such experiences so much that a mass of unwanted newspapers are stacked away, or remain cluttering a room to the disadvantage of the looks of the place, or to take up needed space.

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Rest for Busy Folks. The word rest can be quieting or disquieting. It all depends upon whether you can take advantage of it or not. If you are weary and can relax with a peaceful mind the word has an alluring sound. Just the thought of resting is beneficent.

It is when persons are so actively occupied that all leisure in which to take advantage of resting seems utterly impossible that the very

word is disquieting and actually irritating. The kindly advice to rest is frequently received with resentment, which, by the way, is not really toward the person-making the suggestion, but toward the barriers preventing following the advice.

It is these very persons who must have rest or finally succumb to broken down health. How can they do otherwise than continue in the grinding round of work until nature snaps their strength, and takes her toll from the offenders? How can they get rest in the midst of their activities?

One Way Worth Trying. Without attempting to solve any individual problems, I can suggest some ways of providing means for rest, all of which have been followed advantageously. One woman whose work is arduous finds keeping a correct posture a decided aid. She is on her feet a great deal and standing properly keeps the mechanism of her body functioning as it should. It is a preventive measure—and aid to rest.

Taking advantage of opportunities to rest is one thing ordinarily overlooked. Journeys to and from work frequently provide such chances, although they may add to the weariness if cars are crowded. Commuters, however, can use their train rides as times for rest. Learn to relax mind and body. Many persons get rested in the twenty, thirty or more minutes' ride. One young woman who had a long trolley ride daily to the conservatory of music, discovered it could be a pleasure when she learned to rest in the period. Before that she was exasperated because the time seemed wasted.

A busy homemaker can snatch five minutes out of every sixty in which to sit down on a couch or relax in a chair, especially if she realizes her tasks will get done faster by taking advantage of this rest.

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## My Neighbor

Says:

Stale cake crumbs sprinkled over the top of a custard before putting it into the oven to bake gives the top a delicate brown and the custard a different flavor.

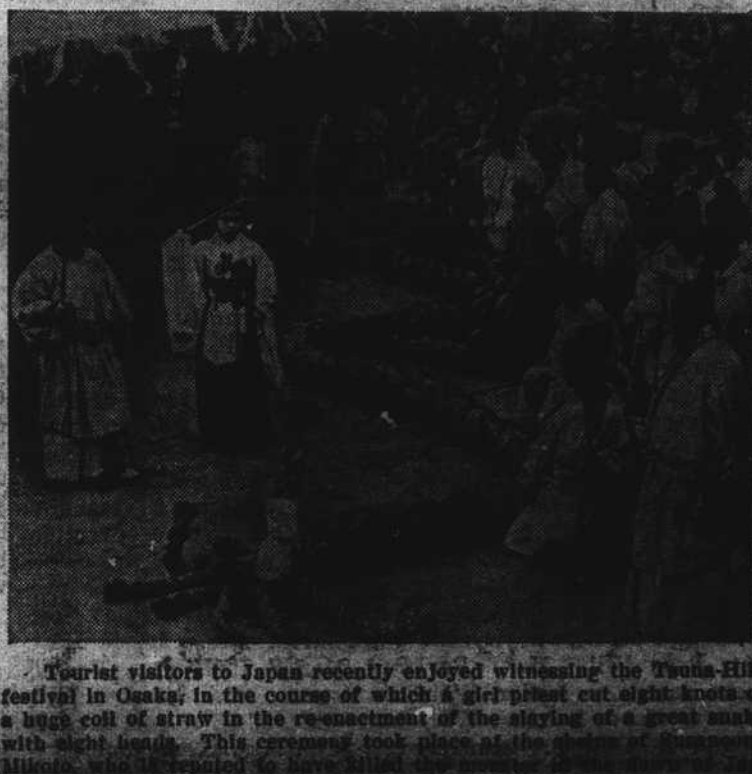
Flour should be kept in a dry place and never near fish or vegetables. It absorbs odors quickly and will be spoiled if allowed to come in contact with strong-smelling foods.

A delicious dessert may be quickly prepared for the unexpected guest by adding any preserved fruit to sponge cake, which has been cut in serving slices and topping it with whipped cream.

When ironing a garment on which there are buttons, place the buttons on a folded turkish towel. The buttons will sink into the towel and the space between will be ironed more smoothly.

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## Japanese Girl Slays Giant "Snake"



Tourist visitors to Japan recently enjoyed witnessing the Tsutsi-Hill festival in Osaka; in the course of which a girl placed cut eight knots of a huge coil of straw in the re-encastment of the slaying of a great snake with eight heads. This ceremony took place at the shrine of the goddess of the harvest, who is believed to have slain the snake.

## OF INTEREST TO THE HOUSEWIFE

House plants will have to be watered more often now than they were during early winter months. A warmer temperature and brighter sunshine will dry the pots out much more rapidly.

Grated orange rind and two level spoonfuls of orange juice added to fudge while cooking gives it a delicious flavor.

Footstools placed under the table will prove a source of great comfort to short people at meal times.

String and butter beans will cook more quickly if salt is not added to the water in which they are boiled until a few minutes before removing from the fire.

When making uncooked frostings with powdered sugar, add a little more sugar than recipe calls for. Sugar is likely to absorb moisture if left uncovered.

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