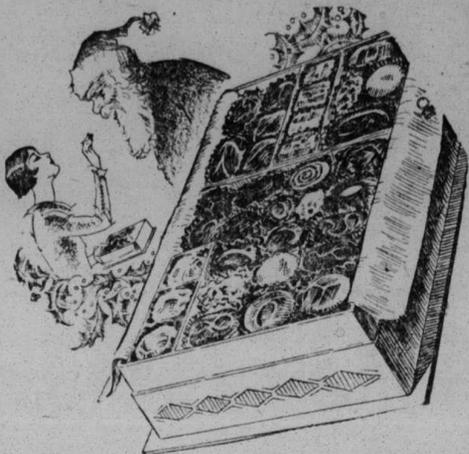


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— PHONE NO. 2 —

This Boy Remembers Auto Tag Numbers

Police Depend On Mental Marvel For Aid In Case Of Thefts.

York.—Ting-a-ling-ling goes the telephone in the middle of the night at the home of Harry Ferguson, 16-year-old York school-boy. Harry jumps out of bed with the celerity of a physician answering an emergency call and picks up the receiver.

"My car's been stolen while parked on the streets," says an excited voice on the wire, "and I don't know what the number of the license tag. What is it?"

Harry rubs his sleepy eyes for just a second. "It's No. 45967," he answers, and goes back to bed.

Conversations similar to this occur repeatedly between Harry Ferguson and other residents of York. Sometimes the call on him for a license number is made in daylight, but more often it is at night—the favorite time for automobiles to disappear.

York has 3,500 inhabitants, and nearly every white family—scores of negro families too—has a car. This runs the number high into the hundreds. Harry knows from memory the number of every one of these cars—of every one in the town of York.

And so it happens that when a car is stolen or a license tag lost, persons here do not query the state highway department for the information. That is the way they do in other places.

Yorkites have a quicker method. They go to the telephone and call up Harry Ferguson, whose wizardry at remembering figures is familiar to every one in York. He gives them the number as readily and casually as he would say, "Good morning." And the information received from him is unfailingly accurate.

Many a time, especially when the car number is wanted at night, a wait of many hours would be necessary to obtain it from the state highway department. Securing it from Harry is a matter of only a few seconds.

When one stops to think that not half the residents in the county can remember the license number of their own car, the marvelous nature of Harry's feat in retaining in his mind the number of every car in a town with a population of 3,500 begins to become apparent.

And figures are notoriously hard to memorize. If any one doubts this, one should try to commit to memory some statistical matter. Experience at this will quickly teach one that memorizing prose, with its words and phrases, arranged in sentences, and poetry, with its rhyme and rhythm, is mere child's play in comparison with fixing in one's memory rows of figures which tell no story and make no statement.

The most amazing part of Harry's feat in memorizing all the car numbers in York is that he is able to repeat the performance every 12 months. At the beginning of each year he has to sponge from the tablets of his memory the old figures and replace them with new ones. How he manages to make the change annually and never get old and new license numbers mixed, is a mystery to everyone but himself.

What memory system does he use to enable him to retain this mass of figures in his mind? None at all. He never even makes out a written list of the cars and their numbers but catches the numbers and remembers them as he sees the cars on the streets. Once his eyes fall on the number, his mind fastens down on it with a grip of steel.

Harry himself thinks nothing of his remarkable feat. He never mentions the matter to any one unless asked about it. He does not understand why other persons' minds do not retain figures as well as his.

Harry, by the way, aside from his wizardry at remembering figures, is strictly a regular fellow. He likes automobiles; he likes athletics; he is fond of everything else that appeals to boys of his age. He is in the 11th grade of the city schools and is a good student. He is the son of W. E. Ferguson, York merchant.

SAUNDERS, HEAD OF STORE CHAIN, MARRIES AGAIN

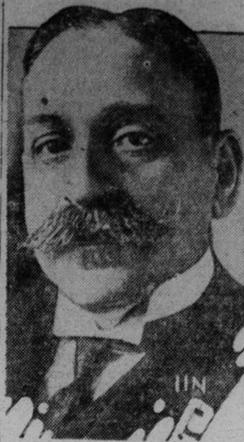
Chicago, Dec. 20. — Clarence Saunders, Aladdin of the chain grocery, and Miss Patricia Houston, member of a prominent Mississippi family, were quietly married at the Chicago Temple late yesterday.

Six weeks ago Saunders, founder of the Piggly Wiggly stores and now head of another grocery chain, was divorced in Memphis, Tenn., by his first wife to whom he had been married 25 years. The grounds alleged by Mrs. Saunders were cruelty, his two sons, Lee, 21, and Clay, 19, testifying for their mother. A daughter, Amy Claire, 17, did not testify.

FARMER MAD AT MULE BEATS HIM TO DEATH

Pittsboro.—Hezekiah Eubanks, a farmer living four miles south of here, became enraged at a mule he was riding a few days ago when the mule became frightened and threw him, and is alleged to have chained the animal to a tree with a tree chain and beat him to death with a club.

In Cabinet Scandal



Lucien L. Klotz (above) ex-finance minister in cabinet of former Premier Clemenceau of France, who is charged with passing worthless checks amounting to millions of francs. He recently resigned from the French Senate. (International Newsreel)

Twins 4 Times In 7 Years.

Washington.—For the fourth time in seven years twins have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Robey here, bring the total number of children in the family to fourteen.

"Doing well," was the report on the mother and the twins, a boy and girl to be named Clarence and Constance.

Both the mother and father are members of large families. Mrs. Robey, formerly Miss Anna Barbara Middlecoff of Baltimore, is one of thirteen children and her husband one of eighteen.

JOHN COOLIDGE MAKES FIND AND PUZZLES POLICE

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 19.—A young man, walking to work found a purse in the street. He picked it up and handed it to Policeman Christopher Fagan. The policeman asked for his name and he replied, "Only a citizen."

Mystified by the reply Fagan told his superiors at Cedar Hill station about it when he turned in the purse which contained a dollar bill and a few trinkets. It proved to be the property of Catherine Simpson, daughter of Judge Ernest C. Simpson of the superior court and well known socially. The finder of the purse, police learned later, was John Coolidge.

MEXICAN GOVERNMENT TO PURCHASE 44 AIRPLANES

Mexico City.—The newspaper El Universal said that the government intends to purchase 44 airplanes in January. Fourteen will be acquired in the United States and the others in Great Britain, France and Spain.

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