Zealots Torture Selves In U.S. A.

Penitentes In New Mexico Believe Suffering Atones For

Strange as it may seem there still exists in modern America a group of zealous believers who practice various forms of self-torture. They belong to the Brotherhood of the Penstentes, and their homes are to holidays regardless of the cold found in the villages of San Mateo, weather, Abique, Cordova, Trampas, Panasco Truchas, and Tros, New Mexico.

Trampas is the center of the clan and in the old church there are Odell Sepaugn last week. the death cart, rattles, scourages, crosses, death carrieges, and other objects of the strange ceremonials.

Seek Pardon For Sins. During one week each year all members of the brotherhood seek Mr. and Mrs. George Proctor and pardon for their sins and endeavor family and Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Nichto be among the favored few who ols and family. Their out-of-town attain heavenly favor. They believe guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest that sin can be atoned for, only by Ross of Concord. suffering and that forgiveness com-

es with self-torture and denial. For this reason during this special week the Penitentes whip them selves, walk on cactus and thorns, slash their flesh with glrss, walk for miles carrying wooden crosses on their bare backs-and even resort to actual crucifixion.

in public, although those of higher rank perform the ceremonies in the privacy of their own homes. The climax of the week comes the morning the members of the clan take up the "trril of blood"

from their church to a nearby hill-Many wear wreaths of cactus on their heads; others hug sharp thorns to their bodies until the blood flows. Some carry heavy wood

en crosses, while still others lash themselves with whips, On the hilltop the Penitente who has been selected from the final P. R. Camp. ceremeny is firmly bound to a wood en cross until the circulation of blood in his legs and arms almost ceases. He is allowed to hang on

the cross an hour, Many Died On Crosses. In many cases the Penitente has day. died on the cross or has been so critically injured that he lived for

only a few days afterward. Of late the Penitentes have practised these strange ceremonies in Mrs. Fitzhuch Wilkins of Asheville secret and usually at night, for the visited their father, Mr. R. P. Franle w forbids self-torture.

Strangers seldom see the rites, for they always are held at differ- Wray of Kings Creek, S. C. were ent times of the year, and the date callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. is fixed secretly by the high offic- E. H. Sepaugh Sunday. the following account of it.

Tortured By Swords. thing on each side of the bound guests Sunday of Mrs. J. P. Jones. ed his sides, pierc- torium for treatment. ing his flesh at every movement of

"The men who were handling the cross were walking about on hard, WA rocky, ground in their bare feet, whch were bleeding profusely.

"Other men stood around, every one with his face masked, stripped to the waist, barefooted, and clad in sight to be remembered; no kind of torture that they could devise was missing-swords, a ggers, chains, barbed wire, cactus and even logs were utilized,

One man was staggering along under an enormous weight of cectus bound in his back. Near him another walked with his hands stretched above his head and tied to the ends of a stick. Their sides are covered with wounds and blood.

ly gashing the flesh.

Cuts His Own Back, and who beats himself with cactus. the car only a few days, and had

Zunkosk, 22, was sentenced to be- time, and especially right now is to tentiary after he was convicted of for only a few minutes," Mr. Har- came here from Tennessee. three robberles in three trials and ris says. "For there are entirely too pleaded guilty to one charge. The many 'floateers' about seeking any charges were made in 65 indict- way they can to get something for

koski had been convicted on all of one unlocked. So car owners who the 65 indictments he could have want to be sure to keep their cars That Western "revolt" has been received a sentence of 790 years. had better keep them locked all the Zunkoski first was convicted for a time."

Star Advertising Pays up on care

HOLIDAY ENJOYE

Mention Made Of Visitors In And Out Section During The Holidays.

(Special to The Star.) Everyone seems to be enjoying the

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Smith and little son, Vernon, of Fairmont, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs

Mr. and Mrs. Chum Runyans had as their guests Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Runyans and family.

Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Camp spent Tuesday night with their son Ar. and Mrs. Marion Camp at Shelby. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hamrick and family of Landrum, S. C. were call-

ers in the village Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Odell Sepaugh and mother, Mrs. E. H. Sepaugh were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R S Most of this self-torture is one House at Shelby Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Jones had as their guests Monday night Mr. and Mrs. Solon Davis and Miss Gussie Jones of Ruffin and Mr. Durham Jones of High Point.

Mrs. Arthur Mintz and son James of Charlotte visited Mrs. Mintz's father, Mr. R. P. Francis Wednes-

Mr. and Mrs. Marien Camp and children of Shelby Mr. and Mrs Paul Camp and little daughter, Louise, of Charlotte, were dinner guests Wednesday of Mr. and Mrs.

Mr. J. P. Jones and son, Hazel ment the holidays with relatives at Forest City. Mr. and Mrs. Forest Ellis of Shel-

by were callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Odell Sepaugh Wednes-Mrs. J. P. Jones and sons, Jesse

Thursday of Mrs. P. R. Nichols. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Francis and

cis Sunday. Mr. T. B. Bo'in and Miss Lounett

icls of the order. A tourist who did Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Hass and see the crucifixion ceremony wrote children, Mary and Jim, spent the holidays with Mr. Hass' parents at Union, S. C.

"While they were lifting up the Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hause and cross we caught sight of some- scn, Robert, of Shelby, were dinner man glistening in the sunlight. Miss Edessa McSwain of Violet These were two long swords fas- Hill, Asheville, who has been spendtened at the hilts to the victims ing some time at her home nere wrists in such a manner that their left last week for the state sami-

light undergarments only. It was a Over 100 Stolen Around Christmas. Owners Urged To Lock Cars.

> Raleich .- More than 109 automobiles were stelen in North Carolina during the ten days immediately preceding and immediately following Christmas, according to L. S. Harris, chief of the Automobile Theft Bureau.

Of this number, 31 cars were "Many discipline themselves with stolen Christmas day and the day whips of rope and wire, and one after while more than 40 cars were used even a heavy chain. There is reported stolen between December one man Wio walks slowly. His 18 to 21. These figures do not inankles are tied with thongs so that clude some twelve or more cars rehe must take very short steps, and ported stolen and recovered within on the thongs are fastened daggers the last few days. The reports as with the points touching his legs in yet are by no means complete and such a way that they are constant- are still coming in for thefts that occurred before Christmas,

One theft of a brand new sedan "Behind him walks a man who was reported in Raleigh by the ownhas cut a long gash in his back er on Christmas day. He had had Another man carries and drags a left it at the curb for only a few heavy log tied to his ankles. and minutes while he went into a store. another, who is scouraging himself. He thought he would be gone only wears a halter around his neck a minute or two and so d'd not that constantly chokes him."-Will- lock the car. When he emerged ard D. Morgan, in Pennsylvania from the store, he saw a man get into the car and start the motor. He ran for the car, but before he Man Sentenced To 70 to 140 Years could get to it, it was gone. No was sentenced to 30 days on the

far. nothing, and who will not hesitate From The Lynchburg Independent It was estimated that if Zup- to drive a car away if they can find

\$1.100 robbery, next for a \$5 000 The new double license plates are payroll boldup. and then for joing to aid mat r'al'y in stop ing mother \$5 000 holden. The three car thefts and in recovering sto en furles did not leave the jury box to cars. Mr. Harris believes, since it is harder to alter or forge two plates than it is one, and the two plates make it easier for officers to check

Capital Nicknames Public Men



FISH "HAM"









GRUNDY OLD JOE JOHNSON "HI"



JAHNCKE COMMODORE CURTIS CHARLIE



HOOVER "THE CHIEF" STIMSON STIME" LA FOLLETTE LITTLE BOB









VOU can judge a man by his the various names that character tas "Stimy" at the State Depart- Lanate, and when given they gen I mickname, not so much by the ze the great and near great. Presi. ment, and the Assistant Secretary, erally stick. Thus Senator Hiram sobriquet itself as by eligibility to dent Hoover is invariably referred Joseph P. Cotton, is affectionately Johnson is known to his colleagues be publicly curted. For all nick to as "The Chief," for because of known as "Uncle Joe," The very as "Hi," and if another Hiram is names are not complimentary and the office ne holds but because it good looking and cordial Assistant elected to the Senate he will have

many a famous man would be surprised were deto liscover the label that his staff or the public have devised for him.

Washington is the home of the sobriquet and the governation its fertile preeding ground. Men who are well-liked are nearly always referred to by their nick name and the uninitiated often has a hard time keeping track of The Secretary of State is known. Nickname are many in the Secretary of State is known. Nickname are many in the Secretary of the Navy is known as to find another nickname for the Secretary of the Navy is known as to find another nickname for the Secretary of the Navy is known as to find another nickname for the Secretary of the Navy is known as to find another nickname for the Secretary of the Navy is known as to find another nickname for the Secretary of the Navy is known as to find another nickname for the Secretary of the Navy is known as to find another nickname for the Secretary of the Navy is known as to find another nickname for the Secretary of the Navy is known as to find another nickname for the Secretary of the Navy is known as to find another nickname for the Secretary of the Navy is known as to find another nickname for the Secretary of the Navy is known as to find another nickname for the Secretary of the Navy is known as to find another nickname for the Secretary of the Navy is known as to find another nickname for the Secretary of the Navy is known as to find another nickname for the Secretary of the Navy is known as to find another nickname for the Secretary of the Navy is known as to find another nickname for the Secretary of the Navy is known as to find another nickname for the Secretary of the Navy is known as to find another nickname for the Secretary of the Navy is known as to find another nickname for the Secretary of the Navy is known as to find another nickname for the Secretary of the Navy is known as to find another nickname for the Secretary of the Navy is known as to find another nickname for the Secretary of the Navy is known as to find another nickn

has a hard time keeping track of 1 The Secretary of State is known Nicknam's are many in the Kid."

(International Newson)

and Charles, were dinner guests Society Mitron S is Arrest of Rival



Mrs. Florence Quintard Bonnell society matron, of Syosset, L. I., wife of Major Geoffrey Bonnell, has sworn out a superseding war-rant against Mrs. James Fargo. Mrs. Bonnell has long tried to get Mrs. Fargo and her husband be-fore the law, but without avail. Mrs. Bonnell claims that Mrs. Fargo is her riva!. (International Newsreel)

GIVEN 30 DAYS FOR THEFT OF TEN CENT YO-YO

Waynesville.—Charley Strickland trace has been found of the car so public roads in police sourt here for stealing a 10 cent yo-yo from Philadelphia.-William "Blackie" "The only thing to do at any a store here Christmas Eve. Stricktween 70 and 140 years in the pent- lock a car every time it is left, even land is a young married man. He

Will It Ever Grow Up?

Governor Roosevelt finds that "the revolt" in the west is growing. growing since the days of James K. Polk and hasn't gotten anywhere et: they are still voting the Republican ticket and still yelling aftarwards because they never get what everybody else knew was com-

Star Advertising Pays

The Proble 1 o Baby's Food- and Hea'th lashes darker and should also in

By ROYAL S. COPELAND, M. D. United States Senator from New York.
Former Commissioner of Health, New York City.

HAT baby is fortunate indeed, who can be fed by its own mother tor the first nine or ten months. In Japan and elsewhere breastfeeding continues for two or three or even four years. It is well this is so because the tack of high grade cows' milk there would create down state of healt. Try is build up your entire system and rot will probably notice improvement. Watch tice

North America's mothers are glad to make all the sacrifices needed to give their babies the advantage of breast-feeding. There is no doubt it is an advantage-a tremendous advantageparticularly during the Summer months.

There are always dangers of germ or bacterial growth in the milk we buy. Unless it is properly kept it will speedily spoil. Low temperature is essential to its safety.

There is no worry in this matter if the mother is able to nurse her paby. Her milk will be pure and rich and sweet. Unfortunately, mother's health may not per-

mit her to do what she is eager to do. No matter how well she may look, too, there may be an in-

breast-feeding. Dr. Holt, in his book on infant-feeding, says this: "Statistics show that the mortanty of bottle-fed infants during the first year is fully three times as great as those who are breast-fed."

down on sugar starches and cones. Eat simple food For further particulars send self-addressed stamped envelope and repeat your question. Pernaps there are other factors involved in these statistics, but vet

marked disadvantage to the baby not much breast milk is actually con to have mother's milk But if it can sumed. In this way the fact tha be had, painstaking attention to the supply is scanty will be quickly care and preparation of the milk discovered. What makes a full meal Sometimes the baby can be fed from three ounces at four weeks old partly from the breast and the pair to six ounces at five or six months. ance made up for by the use of the Answers to Health Oueries Answers to Health Queries bottle. The point about this discus-sion is that I am anxious to point out the importance of giving all the of 16.5 ft. 3 in. t. weigh?
natural milk poss c. 2.—What do you advise for black

The progress of the child is the heads? best test of the efficiency of its feed 3.—What will in ings If it increases in length and of the eyelashes? weight has clear skin and bright 3 .- What will increase the growth eyes, it is pretty certain that all is

pounds 2.—Correct the diet and keep the The scales have an important part

to play in the management of the system clear. For further particular send a self-addressed stamped and weight about 11 pounds and the child or that it is not weighing immediately before and tright after feeding will show how before retiring. This should make the child or clear is the child or that it is a not weighing immediately before and oxide of mercury ointment at night before retiring. This should make the child or clear is the child or that it is a not weight should weigh about 11 pounds and the child weigh about 12 pounds and the child weigh about 13 pounds and the child weigh about 14 pounds and the child weigh about 14 pounds and the child weigh about 15 pounds and the child weigh about 16 pounds and the child weigh about 16 pounds and the child weigh about 17 pounds and the child weigh about 18 pounds and the child weigh about 19 poun

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A .- This condition may a cos so

T. L. B. Q .- What causes sight A .- May be due to too many bed

weakness. D. B. D. Q - What causes the legs swell from the nee to the ankle? A .- This may be due to a kidney heart condition. It would be wise

to have an examination. M. C. N. Q.—What do you advise for pimples on the face?

A .- Correct your diet, by cutting

MISS FLO LENCE B M. Q .- How much should a girl of 16, 5 ft. 8 inches tall, weigh?

A .- She should weigh about 136

C. W Q. Q.-What auses too much saliva in the mouth? A .- This is usually due to acid in the system. Correct your diet and avoid poor elimination.

THANK YOU. Q. What should A.—She should ligh about 118 5 ft. 2 ins tall?
2.—How can I reduce?

Outstanding Champions of 1929.

SOBBIE. Q.-What should a girl



As the year 1929 draws to a dreary close we look back over the pages of our sporting annals and find therein the names of those who have by their achievements earned a place thereon. Above picture shows: Jake Schaefer of Chicago, displaying the subtle art and

the master's touch of championship 18 2. Joe Serbner, world's match game bowling champion, successfully defended his title during the year. Franco Georgette, brilliant all-around bicycle rider, won the motor-paced bicycle championship of America at New York, last October. (International Newsrool)

Idea Of Propriety

Governor Gardner had no sooner getting his," intimating that Mr. fine proprieties which should con-Gardner is giving a fat plum to his trol one's actions? business, personal and political ally. If the true conditions were fully Mr. Mull has fully demonstrated explained we have no idea but that his determination to meet all pro- Governor Gardner would tell the prieties and has gone further, in world that Mr. Mull has agreed fact, than most persons and all dy- finally to accept a state job solely ed-in-the-wool office seekers would because he believes he can be of

wanted at the outset of the Gard- Were he the usual office-seeking ner administration, not because of type he would never have turned his association with Mr. Gardner down easier posts for this, generalalone, but because of ability, but ly agreed to be the most difficult, he turned them down. It was sug- in the state. Other men have gested that he be named revenue tried it for a time but usually were commissioner, but testring to retain delighted to get free from its worthe chairmanship of his party in ries and responsibilities. It pays the state, he declined, explaining better then any other job the state that he did not feel that a party can offer but even at that it's salhead who collected and distributed ary is not commensurate with the funds for political purposes should tasks it carries. at the same time have connection Mr. Mull has fully demonstrated with the collection of state reve- in the past a keen appreciation and nues. His conception of the pro- understanding of the proprieties of prieties in that ma ter is decidedly decency, and the state can well acforeign to the usual political con- cept with open arms men of this demonstrating the manner of man ed down or allowed to be made the

a member of the board of directors in the service of the state the ablest of the State hospital at Morgan-

ton when through his position as legislator he became a member of In Mr. Mull's Breath the budget commission. He construed the two positions as two separate offices and the holding of two offices being forbidden under the state law, he decimed to reto be executive counsel to the Gov- main on the lospital board. Where ernor before some skeptic came can one find a finer demonstration along with the hokum about "Mull of determination to abide by the

servive there to a friend and to the Mr. Mull no doubt could have had state. Goodness knows the job he any appointive job in the state he has accepted is no bed of roses.

ception and can be accepted as a type. They are too rare to be turnsubject of scorn without defense Mr. Mull declared to continue as from those who are anxious to see

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