

**Lights of New York**  
by L. L. STEVENSON

Chuhatee looks much like a pancake. It is broken in the fingers and dunked in warm gravy. One of the members of the party asked our host, M. H. H. Joachim, about it. He explained it was made of layers of flour. In India, it also has a historical significance. At the time of the Indian uprising in 1857, the natives could not communicate with one another because of the perfection of the British espionage system. But under the law, the British can not touch the food of an Indian soldier. So the time set for the rebellion was hidden between layers of chuhatee and the uprising occurred on schedule. Much more about India Mr. Joachim told us, his supply of information being vast. His home is in Calcutta. A Hindu, his family is of one of the highest castes. Educated in Oxford, with a long string of degrees after his name, he has been in this country since 1920 and has lectured on Indian esoteric philosophy before all the leading universities.

Naturally, we asked Mr. Joachim about Gandhi, who lately has discarded the title of Mahatma. The answer was strange indeed coming from a high caste Hindu. In his belief, Gandhi is one of the greatest men India has ever produced. The caste system, he added, is so ingrained in the country that it will never be eradicated. The Gandhi has done much to relieve the lot of millions. Incidentally, Mr. Joachim called attention to the fact that Gandhi originated the sit-down strike. Becoming serious again, he declared that even the most submerged Indian was happier in his lot than many an American. It is the Indian's philosophy that sustains him and gives him an inner happiness no matter what his lot may be. Incidentally, while in Oxford, Mr. Joachim made a study of all known religions.

As for the restaurant in which we were eating real Indian food, badami, dhal, Bombay duck, loochies, pappadam, chicken curry with the hottest chutney I've ever enjoyed, that caused our host to smile. It seems that Calcutta food is different from other Indian fare. In his travels about the United States, his constant search was for his own kind of food. He seldom found it. When he did in New York, he bought the restaurant so as to insure a supply. It costs him thousands of dollars a year to maintain that small restaurant on Forty-eighth street but he doesn't mind. Maybe that's Indian philosophy. In passing, it may be stated that while the name Joachim may not mean much to the general public, it is different with "Your Unseen Friend." Yes, M. H. H. Joachim is that Sunday afternoon radio speaker, whose program starts with soft music and who discusses life problems. In his possession are more than a half million letters, most of them vital human documents.

Not infrequently a paragraph under "Public Notices" intrigues my interest and excites my fancy. For instance, this one, which recently ran several days: "Tumbledown house on hilltop for sale in Litchfield Hills, Connecticut. Two miles from town. No babbling brook. Extensive grounds for pushing lawn mower. Bad golf, fishing, shooting, etc. Twelve acres enclosed by horse fence adjoining hunt club. Dump near house with skunks, rabbits and field mice rattling around. Approximately 30 apple trees. Oil burner. Domestic problems terrible. Price \$29,000." And yet I continue to dream about a little place somewhere far from the madding crowd.

Again, I've learned something about cash customers. It seems that a number of them carry "discount cards." These cards are issued to employees of various concerns or, in some instances, sent out to mailing lists. They entitle the holder to a third off, the holder being cautioned not to show the discount card in the presence of other customers. Then there are places which carry only very small stocks but which obtain any article desired, from a radio to a washing machine, at a discount of from 25 to 30 per cent. And of course there are always those friends who remark, "I can get it for you wholesale."

Subway eavesdropping: "He's the kind of a guy that always tries to kiss you when you've got your make-up just right."

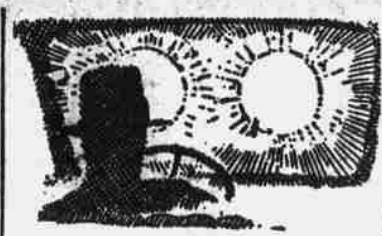
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**No. 13 Appears Often in This Man's Life**  
Acton, Mass.—Arthur E. Tuttle sat down and figured out that: He was a 13th child. He was born on July 13, 1858. He left school when 13. He entered the building contracting business July 13, 1913. He has had automobile registration 96-13 for 13 years. He has had telephone number 13 for 13 years. He started building a home for his daughter last June 13 and completed it October 13. And he has a sister aged 94, which digits total 13.

**FUN with FACTS**



**THE FUN**  
1. In a room darkened so that you can barely distinguish articles, stand over or near an unlit light. Pick out some picture or object across the room. Turn on the light for 8 or 10 seconds, then turn it off. Try to distinguish the object on which your eyes were focused.  
2. Place a match box or other small article on the edge of a mantlepiece or have someone hold a pencil vertically at eye level. Walk



away six or eight feet. Close one eye tightly. Walk forward and try to place the tip of your finger on the object.  
**THE FACTS**  
1. Notice that there is quite an appreciable interval before the object becomes visible again. This nearly duplicates driving conditions at night with headlights of an approaching car. During the several seconds which may elapse before maximum vision returns, your car may travel more than 100 feet. (40 M.P.H. = 60 feet per sec.)  
2. Without the unobstructed vision of both eyes, it is difficult to judge distances accurately.

**IN WASHINGTON**  
**WHAT IS TAKING PLACE BY**  
*Robert R. Reynolds*  
UNITED STATES SENATOR

Some time ago several of my colleagues, including a veteran of many years of service in the Senate, were discussing the new responsibilities imposed upon Senators, in face of the fact that the constitutional duties have remained unchanged. One reason, of course, is the great expansion of Federal activities and the spread of these activities in the states. Another is the direct election of Senators which has served to bring them closer to their constituents than was the case in earlier days when members of the Senate were elected by Legislatures.

Considerable interest was shown in the discussion because of the popular conception of Senatorial duties as being almost entirely confined to the law-making on the floor of the Senate. Nothing is at greater variance with the facts. It would be more nearly accurate to say that the time spent on the floor occupies a comparatively small part of a Senator's time. The more arduous duties are in connection with committee meetings, handling mail, making departmental calls, receiving visitors and seeking employment for constituents. It is all these together that require the greater amount of physical energy and time. In addition, a Senator must adjust his schedule to have time to study departmental reports, legislative proposals and prepare a great variety of statements and speeches. And as people generally take a great interest in government, as has been the case in recent years, Senatorial duties are increased through more correspondence, without any lessening of other duties.

In writing on this subject, it is not my intention to do other than indirectly answer innumerable questions that have come to me from North Carolina with reference to Senate duties.

Unfortunately, few Senators have been able to devote the necessary time to drafting of a detail report on the activities of their offices. If they could do so, it would provide information that would be, to say the least, most surprising to those unfamiliar with Senatorial duties and certainly most contrary to popular con-

ception of those duties. Some years ago, Senator James W. Wadsworth, Jr., of New York, now a member of the House of Representatives, kept a record of a period of one month. Although the period covered was at a time of normal Federal activities, in the hey day of National prosperity, and therefore cannot be compared with present day activities in Washington, the acts disclosed are illuminating. For example, in the monthly period for which the record was kept, the following was shown: Attendance at fifteen committee meetings for a total of twenty-seven and a half hours.

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