

# PRACTICAL PARAGRAPHS

Soliloquies of a Backwoods Philosopher  
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### Inaction Better Than Words

Basel Aloisi did not applaud Sir Samuel's speech at Geneva but this was once when inaction spoke louder than words. An exquisite organ number is often best applauded by large chunks of silence. Appreciation is thus better shown.

But still better than Aloisi's inaction was the inaction or lack of action on the part of Mussolini. The fact that Mussolini left his mind so he could change it shows him to be no madman without consideration for the welfare of human kind as a whole.

Whether Hoare's speech or DeValera's speech or the actions of other nations lining up against his attitude, the presence of the British fleet in the Mediterranean or what else caused Mussolini to pause, the world is glad that the mutilation of human bodies is being postponed. May the postponement be indefinite.

### Let George Do It

A few years ago the above title was a popular saying—especially if there was something disagreeable to be done.

Of late the job of running a government has not been considered a safe and sane lifetime pursuit.

Greece got rid of her onetime King, George the 2nd. Now she wants him back. But George wants to be sure his former subjects know their own minds and so he has stipulated as a condition of his return that a popular vote be taken to find out what the minds of the many are thinking about him.

We don't know just why the Greeks want back a man whom they once offered \$40,000 a year to stay away. But it's a great feeling in this world to feel that you're "wanted". George must be feeling "grand and glorious". But it hasn't gone to his head too much. He's off to a good start, consulting the people.

### Pray The "All-Powerful"

"Women of the world, unite with ours your prayers to the All-Powerful that he should prevent the crime of war. Demand of the All-Powerful that he inspire the words and acts of statesmen so justice and peace may reign to the ends of the world."

The words were part of a radio address by Empress Minen of Ethiopia after a sixteen-day period of fasting and prayer.

Most people believe in prayer, especially in extreme illness or extreme danger. It was said of a rough north-woods lumber jack:

"An' Bossin' Bill was an Atheist still except sometimes in the dark."

Someone long ago said, "Prayer changes things." The great Tennyson affirmed "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." The power in prayer is as hard to define as television, as difficult to put your finger on as a radio wave. It is merely an exalted form of telepathy which gathers strength in transit. Or is it proof to the "All-Powerful" that mortals care, causing Him to bring added impressions to focus on certain people who are then the tools of His desire?

Or by prayer do we help allign ourselves (and those we affect) telepathically with God's plan?

If this is the case most praying should be listening for guidance after the first few "tuning-in" thoughts.

### Will She Stop Spying

Frenchmen, yes romantic Frenchmen, sent Lydia Oswald, German beauty, to prison for nine months on a charge of spying. She admitted she had intended to arouse the personal interest of two French officers in the hopes of gaining military secrets. She claimed that her

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spying ended when she fell in love with one of them. She wasn't believed so she got nine months. If the officer is true to her she will get "life" with him. But will that mean that her spying days are over? Married men say not.

### Interesting Notes in Newland

The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom is out to get 500,000,000 signatures to a statement demanding the end of war. They evidently believe without equivocation that "the meek shall inherit the earth."

The York Republican, Nebraska, tells a story of how one York resident rid his place of tramps. He ordered a load of wood that needed splitting placed in his back yard.

Don't tell the lions, you might scare them to death. But Captain Arnold Miller, of Santa Barbara, of Mexican and Civil Wars, will be 101 years old next Saturday and intends to spend the day on horseback hunting lions.

Some of us would have been running yet but Michael Yemzow of Parker Hill, Pennsylvania, just turned and went on hunting his mushrooms when he met a big black bear on the Shick-shinny side of Huntington Mountain last week.

Yes sir, Mr. Pierce, of Concord, Mass., made boots for Ralph W. Emerson and Nathaniel Hawthorne and at 86 is still making shoes to order.

Page Floyd Gibbons! Here's a thriller. James Niles of Great Bend, New York, drove his car on the Lackawanna tracks where it stalled. He tried to get it going again but he and a companion jumped just in time to avert being bumped by a train bearing down on them.

Did you read about that barber who has been saving newspaper clippings concerning Lindbergh ever since the famous Atlantic hop? He now hopes to get Lindy to autograph the collection. That hobby sounds more interesting than stamp collecting.

### What Would You Have Done?

According to reports Leonard Koenecke who was killed in a fight in mid-air had been drinking heavily. He is said to have caused trouble in a carrier plane enroute from St. Louis to Detroit and had been put off. Irwin Davis and William J. Mulqueeny must have known he had been drinking when they took him aboard. But did they know he had been causing a disturbance on the first part of the trip?

Sober people are frequently embarrassed by people whose reasoning has been blurred by too much alcohol. In a building they put up with a lot from them and try to jolly them along. On the highways they usually have a chance to dodge them.

But up in the air when one gets a typically stubborn drinking man's idea that he's going to be the center of things to run the show when he doesn't know how or isn't in condition what is to be done but to endeavor to restrain him?

Of course it is to be deplored that he was killed. Those trying to restrain him undoubtedly deplore it more than anyone. Fortunate for them that Koenecke's actions prior to boarding their plane are a matter of record.

Too bad that Blackberry Cup, November Chill and Huckleberry Grin as advocated by the W. C. T. U. hadn't been the potions imbibed by this drinker.

### The Genuine Article

We recently heard a speaker tell an interesting story about a little girl and her father and a purchase they made in a variety store.

It was a great day when he finally decided to take her. She had looked forward to it for months. She knew Mr. Jones, the proprietor, for he was superintendent of her Sunday School. Her delight knew no bounds as he personally escorted her about the store. It was fairyland to the little miss. She gazed in wonder at the colored flower vases. The perfume counter charmed her. The stationery department with its crayons and paints and fountain pens and pretty shelf coverings held her close attention for a time.

The toy department seemed like all her best dreams "come true." But it was the jewelry counter that spell bound her.

Finally her daddy told her she could have one present. Would she like a doll? No, she wanted a wrist watch.

Daddy tried to tell her that a painting set would be more fun and would last a long time. He

reminded her of all the things she could paint, trees and birds and flowers and animals.

"No daddy" she persisted "I want a watch." So, a watch she got. She put it on her wrist and admired it greatly. That night when daddy came to say good night little sunshine was crying softly. He asked, "What's the matter, dear?"

"It's about my watch, daddy. It doesn't tick."

The little girl's watch was like some folks' community spirit. It doesn't tick. They talk loyalty to local interests. Their patriotism displays well—but it just doesn't tick. Or as is sometimes said of some sheep "All cry and no wool."

However you may be fortunate in your town in having the majority of people with community spirit and patriotism that ticks.

### Sentence Stimulants

"Death is merely an instant of apparent defeat in an eternity of brave advance."—Gilkey.

There is an inward and an outward sweating. The chronic town knocker knows nothing about the former. It has to do with the brain.

John Skelton, who lived from 1460 to 1592, said "That bird is not honest that defileth its own nest." When one hears some folks defiling their home town and sometimes members of their own families one thinks that their good sense has not yet caught up with John Skelton.

There have been slum environments so sordid as to encourage crime through mal-nutrition and bad example but for the most part goodness, like happiness, does not depend overmuch on possessions.

Jack Frost is on the pumpkin. And his fodder's in the shock. But where's his mudder! In the vinegar barrel.

## To Perform In Circ



Miss Newton and her "S" who puts this mountain of flesh the Walter L. Main Circus, to be day, October 2, at Independence

## Wise and Otherwise

### Trying

You can't fool all of the people all the time, but somebody is trying it all the time.—Savannah Morning News.

### Ain't It So?

Lives of great men all remind us that plans are things a candidate stands on before election and sits down on afterwards.—Winona (Minn.) Republican-Herald.

### Reached A Solution

A large number of people have solved the problem of what to do with their leisure. They sit around and cuss the Government.—Mobile Register.

### What Next?

A school house in Minnesota is to be constructed entirely of glass. It will obviate the need of arising en masse to see the fire apparatus go by.—Detroit News.

### Typical

It is stated that a typical American is one who has his home mortgaged for his car, plays golf when he ought to be at work, and has five different loans from the government.—Florida Times-Union.

An apple a day keeps the doctor away. A cross word a day keeps love away.

Doctor—Did you do as I said and drink a stiff whiskey after a hot bath?

Patient—That's bad. I'm a barber.

Usage makes things respectable whether right or wrong.

## Big Circus To Be At Independence Wednesday, Oct. 2

### Military Band, Funny Clowns, Beautiful Girls And Glittering Costumes To Be Among Attractions

#### IS THREE-RING AFFAIR

### Cumberland, Md., Paper Praises Quality Of Acts And Other Features In Showing There

The Walter L. Main Circus, which will exhibit in Independence, Va., for one day only, Wednesday, October 2, is said to be better this year than it has been in many previous seasons.

This is what the Cumberland Daily News, of Cumberland, Md., said in regard to the circus performance the day after the circus had gone: "The big Walter L. Main Circus gave two exhibitions here yesterday and received excellent patronage both afternoon and night, the program being well worth it. There was not a dull moment in the lengthy, well-balanced program, there being features and novelties of the most pleasing variety.

"Within the three rings, act followed act, which, as predicted by the management, formed a show of supremely stupendous surprises and this is true, for the Main Circus gave a program which was surpassingly thrilling as well as pleasing to young and old. Outstanding features were the flying LaMars, whose daring and thrilling work on the flying trapeze got the crowd on their toes; the Cune-Grant trio, com-

edy acrobats; Mitsy and Harry, high wire artists; William Newton's trained solo elephant; Andrew's trained bears; Estelle Gordon, and her wonder horse, "Nezeppa"; a group of smartly trained dogs; "Cupid," the educated pony; also "Mickey McGuire," the Hollywood chimpanzee picture star, featured in the picture, 'Wild Cargo'.

"There also was a contingent of wild west performers, cowboys, cowgirls, and real Indians, showing sports and pastimes of the western frontier which proved a very interesting feature.

"Professor Hinkley's military band no more than finished the overture when a sharp blast of the equestrian director's whistle, a signal for the big show to start, when the grand tournament with a cast of beautiful girls with glittering costumes, funny clowns, lumbering elephants and so forth appeared, and the next moment the peaks of the big circus tent seemed filled with aerialists, performing a routine of seemingly impossible feats of strength and daring, beautiful Equines performing with almost human intelligence, a feature that no circus would be complete without.

"The Walter L. Main Circus is a clean moral show in every respect and the entire personnel conducted themselves perfectly.

"Cumberland is looking forward to a return visit from this circus."

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