

LIBRARIANS ARE CALLED UPON TO ANSWER PECULIAR QUESTIONS

(New York Sun)

What a public library is supposed to do for its readers might well be the subject of a treatise to be placed in the hands of every person who patronizes a library. Library reports give only a partial picture of what goes on at the information desks, where requests of so diverse a nature are made from day to day, as almost to sound fantastic.

In New York with its cosmopolitan population and great diversity of interests that find expression. An attendant recently told of a request for information on the art of plucking chicken feathers, while another student of research inquired for literature having to do with the art of pin making. Even the Weather Bureau is sometimes overlooked by persons about to launch their vacations, who will inquire about the weather prospects off the coast of Maine two weeks hence.

The director of the New York library sets down the range of problems that interest readers about as follows: the ventilation system of the Holland tunnel; the first steamship to use oil-burning equipment; the history of the wooden peg; the water resources of Peru; the cost per cubic foot of building apartment houses and hotels; the inventor of the "swallow tail" gas burner; the acreage that will be irrigated by the Boulder dam water supply; the story of Robert Leith, radio operator of the Lusitania; the his-

tory or doll carriages; the care of rubber equipment in hospitals; an illustration of the bow of the ship Sovereign of the Sea (1837); a list of United States publication on lubricant specifications; an illustration of a locomotive in a snowdrift; the ice conditions in Bering Straits for the year 1908; the amount of curvature of the earth in one mile; the average temperature along the coast of Delaware; the specific gravity of opals; the use of soap bark in the religious ceremonies of the South American Indians; simplified soap making; an original picture of a French copper-smith shop of 1764; whether the swallowing of six moth balls would kill a man and the time required to dissolve a human body immersed in a lead bathtub filled with sulphuric acid.

But even these might be called merely run-of-the-mill requests. There is an increasing demand for information on astronomical subjects. This is reflected not only in reports by the New York library, but from small towns which obviously are not prepared to supply information adequately covering a subject of such tremendous scope. Requests are made on the New York library for information on interplanetary communication by the use of rockets and star maps, the modern telescope and suggestions for making telescopes for amateurs.

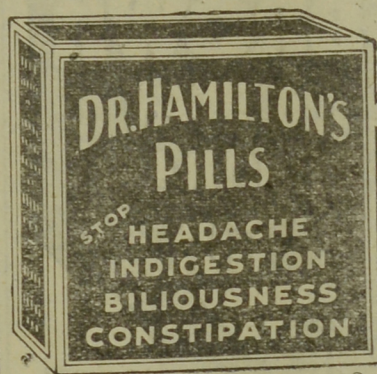
Of the subjects which have been attracting special interest, the mining of gold and its romantic his-

tory, according to the report have again captured the imagination and aroused something of the spirit of '49. Works on art and architecture are in constant demand. Caricature is a popular subject not only with youths eager to become famous as comic strip artists but by adults anxious to perpetrate comics.

"In all this," says the director, "there is plenty of human interest. This element is found in its more obvious aspects in demands for wine and liquor bottle labels; pictures to symbolize the advantages of a home in the country; pictures of private concerts in about 1800; queries whether the pictures on the walls in certain motion picture photographs fit in by date, and whether halftones were used by newspapers before 1890."

A day at a library information desk is a revelation.

Science has discovered that the ape is the only other animal besides man who suffers with a cold in the head. And all medical knowledge can do is to provide the poor thing with a handkerchief. So there we are, the apes and us—brothers of the running nose!



LABOR TROUBLES ON PACIFIC COAST UNSETTLED YET

Pickets at Seattle Driven From Waterfront by a Gas Attack.

San Francisco, July 20—More rioting, threats of another general strike, and the possibility of additional military rule overhung the Pacific Coast today despite the abandonment of labor's mass walkout in the San Francisco area.

In Seattle, a terrific gas attack by 300 policemen personally led by Mayor Charles L. Smith, drove 2,000 pickets from a strike-blockaded section of the waterfront.

Hundreds were affected by the intensified barrage of tear and nausea gas. A score of policemen were hurt. The pickets cared for their own injured and refused to estimate the casualties.

Aroused labor forces and 1,100 mobilized National Guardsmen faced each other from still widely-separated lines in Portland. The workers muttered threats of a mass walkout. Troops were under orders to move in if violence broke out.

On the outcome of attempts to open the strikebound port of Portland with non-union workers behind heavily armed police lines rested the crisis in the Oregon city.

Pickets Pushed Back

Portland shipping interests gathered workers and moved them to a dock to load the first steamship there in 73 days. Ninety policemen pushed back 150 maritime strike pickets a block and a half away from the piers. The only violence at the outset was a mysterious dynamite explosion in these earling morning hours that blew a hole in a fence.

Militia men, mobilized last night by order of Governor Julius L. Meier to prevent "bloodshed and loss of life" encamped 10 miles from the city.

Labor leaders previously promised Senator Robert F. Wagner of New York they would withhold plans for a general strike of 32,000 organized unionites pending the outcome of negotiations in San Francisco for ending a 73-day-old strike of longshoremen and marine workers.

THREE BILLION IN LIFE INSURANCE

Policyholders and beneficiaries in Canada and the United States received \$3,465,224,187 in payments from life insurance companies in 1933, according to the special "Life Payments" number of The National Underwriter, weekly insurance newspaper.

Toronto ranked first among the Canadian cities with \$15,286,000 in insurance payments. This was an increase from its 1932 total of \$13,310,000 and moved Toronto up from 17th to 13th place among the cities of both countries. Montreal was the second Canadian city in payments with \$5,845,000, followed by Winnipeg with \$2,465,000, Vancouver, \$1,713,000; Quebec, \$1,575,000; Hamilton, Ont., \$1,315,000; Ottawa, \$935,000; London, Ont., \$836,000; Westmount, Que., \$623,000; Calgary, Alberta, \$493,000; Halifax, Nova Scotia, \$440,000; Forest Hill Village, Ontario, \$419,000; Windsor, Ont., \$405,000, and Edmonton, Alberta, \$387,000.

The largest individual payment in Canada in 1933 was on the life of Harry C. Slemm, Toronto, who left \$155,000. Maurice Rousseau of Montmagny, Que., was second with \$115,120, followed by John Galt, Victoria, B.C., with \$50,000; Victor P. Chartrand, Montreal, \$46,564; Kenneth L. Smith, Brantford, Ont., \$45,642; Edward L. Wittlaufer, Toronto, \$44,185; Norman W. Lyster, Westmount, Que., \$40,000; Joseph A. Bolduc, Asbestos, Que., \$38,568; Lea Blais, Lac Megantic, Que., \$32,280; Charles B. Martin, Hamilton, Ont., \$31,700, and James C. McDonald, Campbellton, B.C., \$30,000.

"Huh?" means that the other fellow wasn't listening, not that you weren't audible. Don't reiterate.

After a man has abandoned his own enthusiasms, he thinks very lightly of those of others.

The chief fault of the voice of the people is that it seldom says anything but "Ouch!"

COLLEGE BRED WOMEN SAID TO MAKE THE BEST WIVES

(Philadelphia Bulletin)

At the recent conference of educators, special workers, public health experts and clergymen held at Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York, to discuss marriage and family relations, a professor of sociology from the University of North Carolina said that the mating of college men and women is usually productive of happy results, and that he knew of but one such marriage that was unsuccessful. For good measure he threw in the view that college-trained women make the best wives because an educated woman "is not satisfied to become any man's cook."

Now, upon graduating from college, men and women not subsidized by their parents usually have small incomes. They are about to begin to build. In the meantime they must eat. Comparatively few of them are able to employ domestic servants. If they marry, somebody must prepare their food. Does this socialist mean to imply that the man should do the cooking, or that the menus shall be furnished by the delicatessen store?

We find it difficult to believe that ability to cook, to make tempting dishes, is a liability to any woman about to enter into matrimony. "Feed the brute" is ancient and wise counsel. If the man is improperly fed he is not going to become a good husband. If he is served with his favorite dishes, well prepared, he will become good-natured, tolerant, expansive, generous if generosity is in him, and in general easy to live with until the next time he gets hungry. An intellectual wife who doesn't know how to boil eggs or potatoes, who can't mix a salad, who refuses to learn about biscuits on the ground that they are beneath her dignity, is going to be a matrimonial flop.

It may be that to consider food in connection with marriage is unromantic.

But we take it that the University of North Carolina professor is considering the practical side, not the theoretical and emotional, of the marriage relation. We believe it to be susceptible of demonstration that more men left their wives because they didn't know how to cook than because they were dumb. A man will get along with a very stupid woman if she knows how to mix and cook a good waffle batter, how to make beefsteak and onion, a treat for the gods, and the trick of frying bacon to that perfect delicate brown shade that goes with crispness without burnt edges. No amount of erudition will take the place of these simple requirements of blissful married life. Besides if the wife is intellectually the husband's inferior, or even if she only lets him think she is, his own sense of importance is increased, and the more he swells up the easier will he be to handle.

We doubt that any rule of intelligence or education has much to do with wedded happiness. If it had, millions of men and women who never get beyond the seventh grade in school would be steeped in misery.

Sir Henri Deterding, oil man, says in a new book that if he were a world dictator he "would shoot all idlers at sight". Of course that would end the unemployment problem, but mightn't it leave us a little short-handed? Wedding cards also are known to turn up in the shuffle after a "few deal".

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