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THE MYSTERY STORY

A New York publisher, looking at his gauges, announces that the peak of the popularity of the detective novel has been reached and the ebb set in.

Psychologists offer several reasons for the extraordinary vogue of the mystery story. Some list it with the escapes from the dull routine of industrial living, while some call it merely a refuge from other literature. For its passing various reasons will be offered too, beyond the general fact that a fad dies because the public wearies of it. In the case of mystery novels there have been contributory causes. For one thing, their quality has steadily diminished. Many of them lately have seemed to be yellowed manuscripts exhumed from trunks in answer to the publishers' call for anything with a corpse in the first chapter and a confession in the last.

A second factor has unquestionably been the later novels of a writer, who has fallen into the regrettable habit of introducing not one dead gentleman in a library, but four murders and a suicide in one volume. These have spoiled a public that was formerly content with a single crime and its solution.

The sound detective novel will survive and shortly resume its earlier manner. The old familiars of mystery fan will carry on, with less competition from a swarm of inept writers who are currently producing "shockers" which, far from shocking, now lull the insomniac to slumber.

WHERE IT WILL COME FROM

We needn't worry about the sources of power or the sources of materials that we need in our industrial development. New sources are being tapped all the time. Trust the chemist and the laboratory workers to supply the needs of the workaway world, even after most of our present visible materials have gone. We are just learning about straw. Not many people outside paper makers have taken straw very seriously. Now we learn from George H. Harrison, president of a chemical company in Wisconsin that a ton of straw will yield, when properly treated 1,500 pounds of usable materials. It is said a ton of straw yields 640 pounds of carbon, 15 to 20 gallons of crude straw oil, and 400 pounds of pitch. Also a small amount of tar.

University of Southern California has begun to teach aviation by means of the radio. About 250 have signed up for the course and the instruction will be given five evenings a week. Education actually pursues folks in this modern day. It is going to be harder and harder to remain ignorant. And yet some people seem to have a genius for not learning.

RADIO ORATORY

A few years ago it was predicted that the day of the public speaker was about over. The increase of printed matter, the popularity of modern pictures, music, and other entertainment seemed about to put oratory out of business. But now the radio has made public speaking a greater power than ever before. An audience of 250 is turned into an audience of 25,000 and sometimes 250,000 or more. Even old Demosthenes might have had stage fright if he knew he was about to speak to a quarter of a million Greeks.

That four of the Prime Ministers of Canada since Confederation were without a middle name is indicated by the public records. They were: Hon. Alexander Mackenzie, Sir Mackenzie Bowell, Sir Charles Tupper and Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The late Sir John S. D. Thompson, Sir J. J. C. Abbott and the present Premier, Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King with three christian names each have helped out the average somewhat.

The provincial government will expend at the very least half a million dollars in building construction in Fredericton during the present year. Yet in some quarters fault is being found with the government because it is not paying taxes on the Queen Hotel property, which yields a net revenue of a little better than one per cent. on the investment.

Everybody probably knows of London's "Big Ben", the clock whose chimes are broadcast all over the world by radio. It has just celebrated its seventieth birthday and is practically as good as new. The works are in perfect condition and the only sign of a run down condition is its cracked bell, which developed at the very beginning of the clock's career.

"That ideal husband," quoting from answers to a questionnaire sent out in Chicago "must understand and be a comrade; he must wash dishes with a smile must be kind, give unexpected gifts and not brag about them in addition to being tolerant of millinery bills."

A Scotch paper has been poking fun at Mussolini's order that Italian women's skirts must be at least two fingers lengths below the knees. The Campbells and the MacGregors ken that a wee drappie o' two fingers is naething to worrit aboot, except there be lack of fit.

"Bologna, Italy, had its twenty-third earthquake, the other day." Is it possible the popular sausage was an accidental result of one of these catastrophes?

If the Government is sincere in the hunt for a stronger adhesive for stamps, it could examine whatever it is Willy leaves on the piano keys.

All we know is, if there weren't any humans around prior to Adam and Eve, there were plenty of weeds in the radishes when they arrived.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Tastes change, but not as much as the cantaloupe has in the past twenty years.

Where there is mother love and the world is full of it, there is also mother worry.

Nothing unusual about the Mexican campaign ending the way it has. The minority always loses.

One drawback to early spring baseball is that the game cannot be played satisfactorily in hip boots.

"In the beginning" is a good way to start a long story. Note what success the Bible made with the use of the phrase.

Lima Beane says the best time to say what you think is when you think something that is pleasant for others to hear.

Jimmy Foxx made five hits in one game the other day. That ought to justify him in putting another "x" in his name.

Nine times out of ten the first thing that looks up at the household gardener from the place where he sowed the radish seed is a weed.

A Detroit woman says "there are now a thousand ways to make strawberry shortcake." And she probably didn't have in mind the method of running the material for the foundation through a concrete mixer.

On Deck Again

Uncle Adam Moore of Scotch Lake widely known as a master of woodcraft and fox rancher was a visitor to the city today and was warmly welcomed by many friends. Uncle Adam was set back a few points early in the winter by a sick spell but he is rapidly getting back to his old time form.

The Water Rising

A strong westerly wind prevailed here yesterday and was responsible for a white cap display on the river. When the wind died down the water began to rise and during the night it came up a distance of four inches.

GOOD PROGRAM ON THE AIR FOR WEDNESDAY

The radio program for Wednesday night as follows, Atlantic Standard time being used:

Wednesday's Best Features.

Palmolive Hour—WEAF Network.

Kolster Hour—WOR Network.

Hank Simmon's Show Boat.

WPG, ATLANTIC CITY.

8.00—Dance music; Song duo.

9.00—Songs; Traymore Orchestra.

10.15—Symphonic Group.

10.30—Dance Music.

WEEL, BOSTON.

6.00—Big Brother, Oh, Boy!

8.30—Programs from WEAF.

10.30—Reports; Organ recital.

WLW, CINCINNATI.

6.15—Markets; Dinner music.

8.30—Programs from WJZ.

9.00—To be announced.

9.30—Artisans, Others.

11.00—Kings Taste Night Club.

12.30—Dance Program.

WOR, NEWARK.

6.00—Dinner music; Solos.

7.30—Reids Features.

8.00—Hank Simmon's Show Boat.

9.00—Van Heusen Orchestra.

10.00—Kolster Hour.

10.30—Kansas Frollickers.

11.00—News; Dance music.

WEAF, NEW YORK.

6.00—Sherry's dinner music.

6.55—United Press, Baseball scores.

7.00—Synagogue Service.

8.00—Mobiloil Concert.

8.30—Happy Wonder Bakers.

9.00—Ipana Troubadours.

9.30—Palmolive Hour.

10.00—Gold Strand Group.

11.00—Orchestra music.

WJZ, NEW YORK.

6.00—Park Central Orchestra.

7.00—Recitals and Talks.

7.30—Talk; Piano recital.

8.00—Yeast Foamers.

8.30—Sylvania Foresters.

9.00—Flit Soldiers.

9.30—Master Musicians.

10.00—A. & B. Voyagers.

11.00—Slumber music.

KDKA, PITTSBURGH.

6.00—Reports; Song recitals.

7.45—Programs from WJZ.

11.00—Wm. Penn Orchestra.

WGY, SCHENECTADY.

6.00—Reports; Dinner music.

7.00—Mr. and Mrs. skit.

7.30—Programs from WEAF.

8.00—General Electric Hour.

9.00—Programs from WEAF.

WABC, NEW YORK

7.00—Park Lane Orchestra.

8.00—Cabbies; Dance; Arabesque.

9.00—Gypsy Camp; Francine.

10.00—Dance music.

Harbor Lights

The dramatic tales of windjammer days, "Harbor Lights" will be continued over the NBC System Tuesday night May 14, with further episodes from the life of Captain Jimmy North, former master of clipper ships, who now peacefully piles New York Harbor as pilot of a ferry boat.

Clicquot Club Eskimos

A half hour program of dance tunes will be broadcast by the Clicquot Club Eskimos over a coast to coast NBC System Tuesday night, May 14, at 10.00 o'clock, Atlantic Standard Time.

Freed Soloist

Frank Crummit, famous popularizer of novelty songs, will be heard through the NBC coast to coast system as guest soloist of the Freed Orchestradians Tuesday night, May 14. The program goes on the air at 10.30 o'clock Atlantic Standard time.

Waltz King's.

Strauss and Waldteufel, "waltz kings" of Austria and France join company with Tavan master of the dance forms of Spain in the hour of Slumber Music which will be heard through the NBC system on Tuesday night, May 14, at 11.00 o'clock Atlantic Standard Time.

A Good Harvest

Mr. Alfonso Kelly, manager of the Fredericton Silver Black Fox Company reports a good yield of silver fox puppies at the company's ranch on the old road above town. The company wintered forty pairs of foxes and Mr. Kelly says there are at least 150 sprightly youngsters to look after.

In time, so to speak, the skirts will be like eternity—without beginning or end.

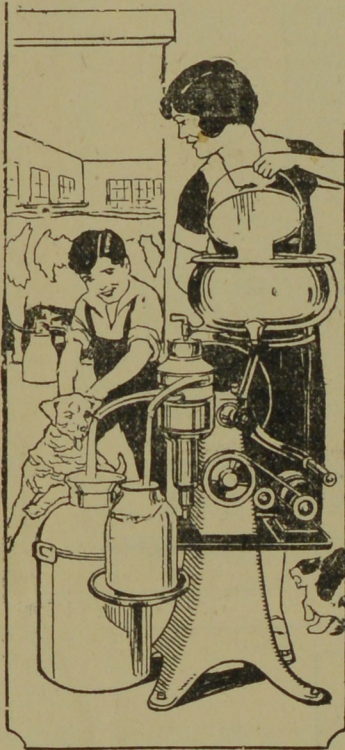
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In Ohio, we read, farmers are milking their cows four times a day. The poor creatures evidently enjoy no privacy at all.

Automobile Insurance

The most dangerous risk that the car owner runs is that of injuries to persons. Public Liability Insurance covers the legal liability of the owner for personal injuries, fatal accidents or alleged injuries. This relieves you of all inconvenience, worry and expense. Under your Liability policy all you have to do is to report each accident to us and refer to us all claims and suits that may result.

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