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THE BRAN TUB

Saving Time

A MOTORIST was in the habit of making a certain journey in a certain time. One day he was in a hurry, so he increased his usual speed by one-third and thus saved an hour.

What was his new time for the journey? *Answer next week*

Teatime in the Future

A NEW guide for potential inventors has lately been issued. It is a list of nearly 900 things that are needed by manufacturers. Among them we find:

A simple automatic device for extinguishing the fire under a kettle when it boils.

A really successful jug for milk or cream that does not drip.

A self-pouring teapot which would not require to be lifted.

But here is another item in the list which would make teatime a little less complicated:

A means by which tea, sugar, and milk can be crystallised so that on application of hot water to the crystals a perfect beverage is formed.

Ici On Parle Français



Une ottomane Le musicien Une haitre
L'ottomane est bien rembourrée.
Le musicien soufflait trop fort.
C'est bien la saison des haitres.

A Charade

MY first those who know it would willingly shun,
As destructive of pleasure, of health, and of peace;
But those who despise it are often undone,
And when we reject it its powers we increase.

My second it is by comparison little,
Yet joined to my first has surprising effect:
It subtracts by addition, and forms to a little

My whole, which if true of you means much neglect.

Answer next week

March Weather

THERE is no month more uncertain than March. The weather may be bright and warm or it may be as cold as winter.

According to John Evelyn March in 1699 was a beautiful month, coming in mild and warm and ending with "gentle and exceeding pleasant weather." By way of contrast think of the terrible March of 1771, concerning which Gilbert White, the Sel-

borne naturalist, writes: "At the end of the month the face of the earth was naked... wheat hardly to be seen, and no signs of any grass."

The weather changes rapidly in March, as White noted in the year 1776. In this month there was bitter frost and much snow up to the 25th, and then there were two days of summer-like conditions with the thermometer almost reaching 70 degrees in the shade. On the 28th another extremely wintry spell set in.

A Built-Up Name

ONE thousand and one pray combine,
And five times ten to the same join;
Then twenty hundredweight just take.

These rightly join and they will make

Of an heroic bard the name
Which stands first on the lists of fame.

Answer next week

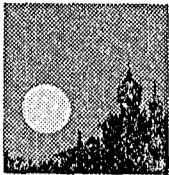
Egg Boilers For Signalmen

THE earliest railway signals consisted of pivoted boards which the signalmen had to work by hand.

When a train had passed the board was turned to danger for five minutes, at the end of which time it was judged that the line was clear and the board was reversed. In order to judge the five-minute danger period the signalmen were provided with sand glasses which the men termed "egg boilers."

Other Worlds Next Week

IN the morning the planet Saturn is in the South-East. In the evening Uranus and Mercury are in the West; Mars, Jupiter, and Neptune are in the South-East. The picture shows the



Moon at 9 p.m. on Sunday, March 12.

The Problem of the Legs

IN comes two legs carrying one leg, which he lays on three legs. Out goes two legs. Up jumps four legs, and runs off with one leg. Back comes two legs, snatches up three legs, and throws it after four legs, to get back one leg.

What does this mean? *Answer next week*

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

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What Bird Is This? Kestrel

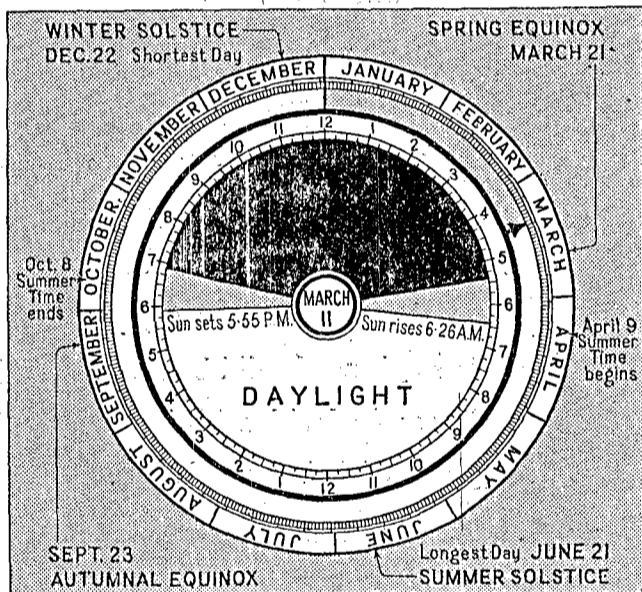
Figure Spelling. DAVID

A Price Puzzle. The 25 coupons equal 5d, or five coupons equal a penny. Therefore five packets contain 50 cigarettes and a penny. These cost 2s 1d, so the 50 cigarettes are worth 2s, or 100 for 4s.

The C.N. Cross Word Puzzle

A	R	A	B	S	T	A	G	E	R	A	S	E
S	H	A	R	E	A	H	A	F	E	L	O	N
P	A	E	V	E	N	O	R	A	L	B	D	
S	E	V	A	N	G	E	L	I	C	A	L	S
S	W	E	D	E	E	N	E	X	U	S		
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The C.N. Calendar



THIS calendar shows daylight, twilight, and darkness on March 11. The days are now getting longer. The arrow indicating the date shows at a glance how much of the year has elapsed.

Dr MERRYMAN

The Race

THE twins were inseparable, so that when Tim was seen alone it was a case for questioning. "Where is Tom?" he was asked.

"Oh, he's indoors playing a duet," was the reply. "I finished my part first."

March Wind



THE wind came blowing down the street

And blew Jemima off her feet. "I lost my footing then," she said, "But I don't want to lose my head!"

His Masterpiece

IT was their first meeting for a long time.

"And how are things with you?" asked Wiggs.

"Not too bad," replied Diggs. "I painted something for last year's Academy."

"Was it hung?"

"Certainly; and in a very prominent place."

"Congratulations. What was it?"

"A notice: This Way Out."

No Imagination

SOME chickens had disappeared, and unfortunately old Rastus was accused of stealing them.

"We must try to prove an alibi," said his lawyer. "Now try to remember where you were on that night."

"Ah can't do dat, sah," replied Rastus. "Ah've got a terribly poor imagination."

Growing Both Ways

HE was a regular diner at the Town Restaurant.

"Portions have been getting noticeably smaller of late," he complained to the waiter.

"Pardon, sir, but I think it's just an optical illusion," replied he who waits. "They only look smaller since the restaurant has been enlarged."

FIVE-MINUTE STORY

LITTLE Peggy Timkins stood on the pavement and stared hard at her home on the opposite side of the road.

Her feet shuffled impatiently, and sometimes she would run a little way up the street, and then a little way down, ever craning her neck and straining her eyes in excited expectation.

Along the footpath came old Mr Dodd, and as he approached Peggy he was puzzled by her mysterious antics. He stopped beside her, and was just about to make a kind inquiry about her health when off Peggy fluttered again, only to repeat her performance a little farther on. Mr Dodd followed and, noticing the direction of her intent gaze, he fumbled in his

pocket, found his glasses, perched them on the end of his nose, and stared too.

Mrs Bunlet and Mrs Lockie came down the street with their baskets on their arms, just in time to see Peggy twitch away from her old companion, who followed her hurriedly. The two good ladies paused behind Mr Dodd. "What is it, Mr Dodd?" asked Mrs Bunlet curiously; but at that moment off went Peggy again.

Mr Dodd said, "Pardon me—one moment," and followed after, while Mrs Bunlet and Mrs Lockie exchanged questioning glances and joined the gaping couple.

A policeman approached, stood behind the little group, stared hard at them, and then

hard at where all the others appeared to be staring.

By this time Peggy had her hands clasped in excitement and she swayed alarmingly on the foot which her other foot was treading on.

Mrs Lockie turned to the policeman for information.

"What is it, inspector?" she asked.

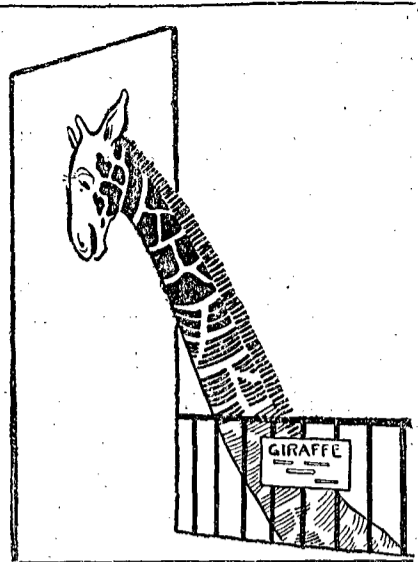
The constable, who was not an inspector but thought he might soon be a sergeant, was about to explain all he knew when Peggy moved yet again. The whole group shuffled after her, Mr Dodd and Mrs Lockie holding a thrilling conversation about deaths and births and ambulances. An errand-boy stopped his bicycle and came to rest all aslant with one leg on the kerb.

SOMETHING IN THE AIR

They stared and stared. They stared at Peggy's house until they realised that there was nothing special to stare at; then they stared at Peggy and tried to follow where her eyes were staring. They seemed to stare skywards, and so everybody then stared beyond the rooftops, straining to see perhaps an aeroplane; but, stare as they might, there was nothing in the grey sky. And yet here was Peggy, bobbing and twittering more than ever. Suddenly she gave a little squeaky yell.

"It's out!" she piped, and darted off across the road.

The others stared at the closing door and then looked upwards—just in time to see a sweep's brush sinking slowly into a chimney-pot again.



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