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#### "Let's Get Married"

THE name of Germaine Acrement's novel, "Gai! Marions-Nous!" might be freely and vulgarly translated, "Whoops! let's get married!" In the United States, such an ejaculation would probably be followed, after a few hours' acquaintance, by a hasty visit to a justice of the peace. But, as the scene is France, marriages are not conducted in such a summary way.

The title of the book is taken from the old French ronde, "Gai! gai! marions-nous!" -the implication of which is that human beings have a natural inclination to marry despite the drawbacks of matrimony. The principal figure in the story is the Baroness Chaillon, a wealthy widow, pretty and still youthful in appearance, who was an inveterate matchmaker. She had been happy in her own marriage, and, being amiable, she desired the happiness of others. A provincial city was her theater of action, and she preferred to live there rather than in Paris where one was lost in the crowd.

The Bidoir-Dumails were asking her aid to "marry off" their daughter, though they had spurned her suggestion of help when Genevieve was just out of boarding school, with rosy cheeks and sparkling eyes.' But years had passed, and Genevieve was now twenty-four, with no husband in sight. Naturally, since the war, marriage in France had become one of the problems. In this story, the girls appear much more anxious to: marry than the men-not because they are of such impassioned temperament, but because they pine to escape from the domination of the mother who scolds and nags and lays down the law perpetually. Unmarried women among the bourgeoisie lead empty and aimless lives, for they have not the resource of work open to girls of a lower class. The only suitor the baroness could unearth for Genevieve was Charles Lavenue, a tall, "gangling" man who vociferated his commonplace remarks at the top of his voice. But before yielding to Genevieve's charms, he demanded to know her dowry to the last franc. Nobly, he said he was not one of those cads who break off a marriage at the last moment-"I am chivalrous!"-so he wished it distinctly understood that twenty thousand francs was the smallest dowry he would consider. Anxious to get his daughter married, M. Bidoir-Dumail consented, and the engagement was announced.

But the baroness had other and more inmarry her charming nephew, Hubert de her terpsichorean talents of course focused Guillet, to Lucienne de Ribeyrac, who belonged to the ancient and authentic noblesse, events as the tragic death of her two chilwhereas much of the nobility of the city was very new and rather pinchbeck. Then, too, the baroness had picked out suitable husbands for two very pretty girls, Huguette Chabrier and Andree Derminbour, who had just returned from a convent school in Scotland, and who scandalized the prim provincials by their "English" manners.

A piteous little person was Leon Miche, who would have liked much to marry; but as he was not well off, good-looking or clever, even the baroness failed to place him. Another "leftover" was Christian Ducarte, a scrawny girl no longer young! The brilliant idea came to the baroness to unite these two forlorn hopes, and they were so delighted to be mated that they began to love each other madly. There is a humorous pathos in the description of the little reception Madame Ducarte gave to announce the engagement, and the transparent subterfuges she practised to mask her straitened circumstances.

Yet the most skillful matchmakers have setbacks at times. Huguette and Andree ungratefully refused the eligible young men produced by the baroness; and her nephew, of a child. instead of choosing the rich and noble Lucienne, fell in love with Andree, who had only a small dowry. Then, Madame Bidoir-Dumail made herself very disagreeable about the son-in-law the baroness had "forced on them." It appeared that he was a household both handsomely. He had elected himself tyrant and rude to his family-in-law, not hesitating to tell them to mind their own business. But Genevieve came privately to the admiral insisted on marrying the pretty the baroness, and told her that though and amiable baroness-and thus ends the tale Lavenue was by no means an ideal husband, she was delighted to be free from maternal lively narrative style.

#### How's New Orleans?

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That's an oft-asked question. It's one of the first queries of the average outsider on his arrival, and homefolks voice the same thought in such phrases as "How do you find things?'

There's a real satisfaction in being able to answer questions like these directly and definitely. And New Orleans can answer them that way.

Take the matter of community health, for example. The city health board has just announced that the death rate in New Orleans is showing a marked decline. There were 208 deaths less during the first eight months this year than there were in the same period last year. The white resident death rate for the city in August was 10.69. In July it was 10.84. In August a year ago it was 11.80. Conditions are such, according to the report, that a materially lower death rate is likely this year

than in 1926 or in 1925. That is one important straw that indicates the way the winds of progress blow. Couple it up with some of the other announcements of the past few weeks:

Bank debits are increasing, throwing a searchlight on business conditions from the viewpoint of finances; building permits for August and for the first eight months this year exceeded those of like periods last year; food prices in New Orleans are lower than in other large cities in the country; and so on.

No wonder the prediction is being made that the public improvement bonds, when they are sold, will command a premium. They ought to.

How's New Orleans?

Getting along fine, thank you!

#### Who Merits the Loving Cup?

THE time has rolled 'round when it is a duty, as it is also a pleasure, to turn again to the selection of an Orleanian meriting the annual Times-Picayune Loving Cup. The honor to be awarded is for the most meritorious service done the community during the vear 1926. Ordinarily the decision would have been

made earlier in the season but it seemed scarcely right to deal with a merely honorary affair at a time when all energies and ambitions were centered upon the flood and its mmediate, present problems. Therefore it was found best to postpone the selection, and it was thus ordered by the committee of citizens who are the final arbiters in the award of the cup honor. As usual, however, it is recognized that the opinion of all should be carefully searched, in fear that some signal service, very great though very modest, might be overlooked by the jury of selection, and therefore an appeal is made to all to direct attention to any who in the opinion of the sponsors are thought to be deserving of the nineteen-twenty-six honor. The committee will regard as a kindness all assistance given it, for the members are extremely anxious to make a choice that will meet unanimous approval. As we look back over the record of this annual award we of the newspaper making the donation are indeed delighted at the uniform excellence of the selections made and the approval given them by the entire

#### "With Her Boots On"

OF THE adventurous spirit it is thought fitting, and as he would have wished, that he should die, as the saying is, "with his boots For those who have lived life furiously and dared much it is painful to contemplate a tame old age and loss of touch with the world's swift channels of progress. So many of us regard it as better that the end should come quickly before the downward progress, inevitable to human life, has become too rapid. In a sense, therefore, it was fitting that Isadora Duncan should have ended her career spectacularly, suddenly, and should have thus climaxed a career of sensations by one rivaling the rest by an end unique, and one in which a silk scarf of brilliant red played a leading part. All her life the dancer had loved and employed, on and off the stage the exquisite scarves whose rhythms of motion and flashes of color supplemented those of the star herself.

Though dancing was her art and her life, it was really the accidents of Isadora's career irons in the fire. She planned to that lifted it far out of the ordinary While the world's attention upon her, it was such dren drowned in the Seine at Paris as the result of an automobile accident, her marriage to a strange Russian semigenius whose freaks involved the dancer with the police of several countries, and that husband's later selfdestruction, that kept the news wires hot for several years. Isadora Duncan's marriage to the Soviet poet brought her under certain international bans, so that even her native America at times found her persona non grata, though it was apparent enough to the mere observer that it was largely artistic temperament and emotion that led to these clashes.

> And at last, a silk scarf entangled in wheel of her own automobile strangled the lady, much as if some assassin thug of India had twirled his red cord around her throat tightened it. At forty-seven years Isadora Duncan died as she had lived, sensationally, and history doubtless will class her with such spectacular personalities as Lola Montez and our own Adah Isaacs Menken.

> tyranny, and consoled herself with the hope

The baroness almost felt herself a failure in her chosen vocation; but Admiral Baxwell, a rich and retired English naval officer, played the part of fairy godfather to Andree and Huguette, and dowered them the adoptive uncle of the two girls, and wanted them to be happy. To crown all which has both pathos and humor and a very

### A Mad World, My Masters!

New York Times:

IN THE October Yale Review Dr. Stewart Paton, the eminent Princeton psychiatrist and neuro-biologist, writing on "Prohibitions," begins with a statement that surprises by himself:

Plague, pestilence and war are less effectual means of destruction than mad-ness. Many events happening today re-call Montesquieu's exclamation: "The people is moved only by its passion." Man must learn how to be sober and sane or perish. The recognition and prevention of madness is the chief question of importance now confronting civilization. As there must be at least ninety-nine other

As there must be at least ninety-nine other 'chief questions of importance," there is need of alarm; but why summon up more gooseflesh in a world which, according to Dr. Paton, now lives in fear? "We are ob-sessed," he continues, "with an insane desire to prohibit, to forbid the ownership of private property, the teaching of evolution, the right to be sane and temperate or to be considerate of the habits and actions of other people. \* \* \* The prohibitive complex has become one of the chief menaces of our civilization." If the social or economic theories of everybody who disagrees with us are crazy, it is easy to map a planet of maniacs. To Dr. Paton "prohibitionism has many of the symptoms of an insidious form of anxiety-psychosis."

There are two classes of prohibitionists Those who drink and those who don't. The former are happy in their personal exemption and in the hope of spoiling the sport of the wicked. The others have a single but sufficient means of felicity in imagining that their dream is fulfilled. They have no anxiety-psychosis about the failure of prohibition. It must succeed because they want it to. They don't live in fear; not even of the everlasting warnings of prohibition di rectors against "poison."

As for those who would revive old eco nomic experiments, they have the joy of jawing. Who was freer of fear than the youth who carried the banner with the strange device in Mr. Longfellow's ragged but triumphant Latin? The anti-evolutionists are really jubilee singers. They have got, they think, the ultimate truth and knowledge Why should Dr. Paton worry? Why not be lieve in evolution a little? The desire to regulate "the opinions and actions of otner people" must be as old as society; was most effective in "primitive" societies. The old P., New Orleans. ferocious sanctious are gone. The yearning for interference will probably last as long as human nature-provided that isn't booked for the madhouse.

The prohibitive instinct is mild compared with what it has been. "Puritanism," for instance, is only a mitigated continuation or revival of medieval practices and ideas. But it seems that we are in a bad, sad, mad way, and the doctors, as usual, must tell us how to get out of it. Dr. Paton goes back to "the Greek point of view" and praises the early Greek biologists, of whom the ignorant lay world has thought as rather speculators and guessers than observers. "The Greek point of view," is always pointed at with pride. Yet as political animals, the Greeks were neither sane nor temperate. They were subject, even in their most civilized communities, to panics of superstitious fear. Their democracy was a fraud. Their imperialism—Athenian, Spartan, Theban—was a tyranny, robbery and continual injustice. By their prohibition of inclusive citizenship their little city-states never had a sound economic and financial basis, not to speak of the fatal consequences of slavery. Their lives were spent in war. They were always devastating the territories of their neighbors or their own was being devastated.

Their public life, in the long, was intol-craut and dishonest. If ever men lived in fear and under prohibitions, "the sane and temperate" Greeks so lived.

A Hudson Bay Diversion

MAYBE over-the-ocean flying has caused Canada to become more keenly interested in newer and shorter routes to Europe. For that or another reason Our Lady of the Snows has just sent northward an expedition to investigate more thoroughly than ever has been done before the practicability of using the Hudson bay route, through Hudson straits to the North Atlantic and thence to the other.

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Hudson bay route, through Hudson straits to Agency, and the Santlago Union and the North Atlantic and thence to the other side along a waterway much shorter than the customary sea lanes further south. The moot point is in whether or not the Hudson bay outlet freezes firmly in winter, or so firmly that it cannot be kept open by the reasonable activity of a fleet of ice-breakers. One such craft accompanies the present expedition and if the approaching winter proves sufficiently cold for a fair test it may be possible quickly to learn how far it will pay Canada to complete and improve her railroad to the Hudson bay shore. Should this route be found prac tical there will be a diversion of grain and other far northern commodities that way just as there has been a diversion further south of grains, etc., via New Orleans. Both shifts will help relieve the congestion at New York and other ports on the Atlantic, though whether those ports wish to be relieved or not is another matter.

Political spectacles too often are silvered on the outside so that their wearers see only their own reflections when they attempt to view the situation.

Q. Does the women who is empowered to sign the president's name to land grants, imitate his signature or use her own style of handwriting?

N. M.

A. She uses her natural style.

Q. Do strawberries grow in Alaska? their own reflections when they attempt to view the situation.

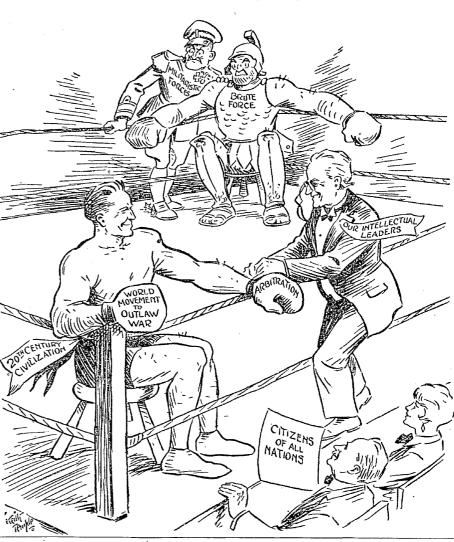
"Illinois canning begins," says a headline And in that state, for perfect service the work should begin at the top.

News does penetrate! Albania has discovered the World war and has renamed ancient Sangiovari de Medua "Port Wilson.

The best batsman is usually the fellow who an't see a highball.

A man who is full of his subject should beware of discussing stimulants.

### THE REAL BIG FIGHT!



#### Bible Verse for Today

II Cor. v:17

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Q. Do, we say we are going abroad when going to South America? S. R. A. From association of ideas the phrase, "We are going abroad," has grown to mean, "We are going to Eu-

Q. It is true that Protestant churches are losing members? C. E. S.
A. At the recent Interchurch Con-ference in Philadelphia a committee made a report estimating that the Protestant churches in the United States are losing approximately 500,-

on members a year.
Q. What relation is Charles G. Norristo Frank Norris? K. N.
A. Frank Norris was the eldest and Charles the youngest of a family of six children. He also is the only one

living. Was the Barnum and Bailey or Ringling Brothers circus abroad be-fore they combined? J. B. H.

A. The Barnum and Bailey circus abroad in 1889-1890 and from

Q. In what languages are high school teachers asked to teach the oftenest? M. T. The greatst number of secondary students are taking Latin. second most popular language i French; third, Spanish; fourth, Ger

man; and fifth, Greek.
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## What Our Neighbors Are Saying

Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold all things are become new.—M. R. P., New Orleans.

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some and concrete plan will be adopted affecting a solid organization.

Minden Tribune:

Because a cow has produced more milk in one year than twelve bales of cotton were worth at twelve cents a pound does not mean that the farmer should quit cotton and go into the dairy cow business. Dairy cows are a help to the cotton farmer to produce more and better cotton per acre. Nothing fits into the role of the cotton farmer to produce more and better cotton per acre. Nothing fits into the role of the cotton farmer better than does dairying for it enriches the farmer's family with rich food and adds a revenue to the pocketbook. The dairy cow also adds her part to the fertilization of the land. Can you beat that? Food, money, fertilizer and on top of it all better and more cotton.

Jackson Clarion-Ledger:

Doubts of the effectiveness of old-fashioned religious revivals have been prevalent among observant churchmen for some years. There has been in some quarters a disposition to feel that whatever good may be accomplished by the leaders in this kind of religious work is overbalanced by the air of professionalism which attends their campaigns. Now leaders of a number of denominations are united to substitute less obstructive and more intimate methods to stimulate religious the religious experience of the sawdust trail

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THE TIP AND THE PORTER

Boston Evening Transcript:
Pullman porters, acting through
the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, have filed with the Interstate commission a petition requesting an investigation of the wage system of the Pullman Company with a view the Pullman Company to so adjusting wages that tipping could be abolished. The porters allege that the public pays annually \$7,000,000 in tips, and that wages are fixed by the Pullman Company with this fact in mind. The petitioning brotherhood has 7000 members. The Pullman Company has 12,000 porters and maids. It does not appear, of course, how many of the 12,000 really course, how many of the 12,000 really want to forego the tips in exchange for larger sums in the pay envelops. The case is of interest as involving an organized attempt of the tipped to abolish the tip. Were these who are tipped to be successful, would others who now receive such gratuities seek to do likewise? Possibly in other occupations where the tip is a recognized source of income there is not the same objection it. There has been talk from time to time made by objectors to the system among those who pay that it ought to be abolished. It would be pleasing irony were it to receive a body blow from were it to receive a body blow from those who are paid.

MORE INDIANA INDICTMENTS

these men, or all of them, stood strongly for Republican and klan virtue of the Indiana type. Indiana distinguished itself a few years ago by passing the most severe state dry law in the country. The men now in office have benefited from the intense, if narrow, sentiment of honest folk enlisted in the kind of moral rusade that such a law and the rofessed purposes of the klan typify All friends of purity will hope that the present governor makes a better showing than his predecessor when his case comes to trial.

ONE FOR OBSERVING NATURAL

San Francisco Chronicle:

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From the safety valve the controversy over why a herd of grazing; cows heads the same way has spread into the interior and Eastern papers. It is an interesting question, but it ought not to be hard to answer. Close observation brought to bear should solve the problem. For example, note the set of the wind over a grazing herd. The answer may lie there. Feeding deer always head into the wind. Cattle, which were originally wild animals, may have inherited the same habit for the same reason of self-protection through their noses. But there is a much more interesting question of animal group. Q. Do strawberries grow in Alaska?
A. They can be raised successfully and profitably and are destined to be an important branch of horticulture.
Q. In what part did Louise Homer make her debut? J. P. J.
A. Madame Homer first appeared as Leonora in "Favorita" in 1898.
Q. What is the difference in the food value of white and brown eggs?
S. A. N.
A. Other things being equal, color is of no importance as far as food value is concerned.
Q. Is it possible to travel by rail from Calcutta to Mandalay via Assam? R. E.
A. There are no rail connections from the ends of the tracks which partially operate between Calcutta and Mandalay by way of Assam.

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Brooklyn Eagle:
Indiana has taken steps to add to the political dishonor roll. Until a little while ago it had its most recently for a flock of blackbirds after tife birds have collected for their fall at the perfection that rules the evolutions of a flock of blackbirds after tife birds have collected for their fall at the perfection that rules the evolution to the political dishonor roll. Until a little while ago it had its most recently of a flock of blackbirds after tife birds have collected for their fall at the perfection that rules the evolutions of a flock of blackbirds after tife birds have collected for their fall at the same versus present did control of a flock of blackbirds after tife birds have collected for their fall at the same versus present did control of a flock of blackbirds after tife birds have collected for their fall at the same versus present did control of a flock of blackbirds after tife birds have collected for their fall at the same versus present tife birds have collected for their still have a flood value of white and brown eggs?

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# Not in the \*

BY JAMES P. WELSH

IKE a storm he blew into one of the city's greatest hospitals. His shoulders were those or a prize fighter and a leonino head sat on a great columnar neck. One huge hand was hidden beneath a blue "jumper" while the other mopped, with a bandana, a perspiring forehead. "Young lady, where's the guy in charge?" he demanded of the telephone operator. The "guy in charge" was ongaged at the moment, but it huge one was insistent that I was the only one who could attend to what appeared to be an all-important matter. So the "guy in charge" was summoned and appeared. From beneath the blue "jumper" came the hidden hand and in it, its proportions much like those of a pea in a platter, was a tiny white puppy. The face of the "guy in charge" registered some surprise, and the huge one hastened to make himself clear. "I know tals ain't no dog hospital, fellow, but this little tyke was out on the sidewalk 'most dead—and he's got to have somethin' to eat—an' this was the closest place." And the "guy in charge" smiled. And the huge one smiled. And the diminutive pup gazed from ezure eyes and irled twag a tiny tall.

She was very old and her clothing was of a past generation but IKE a storm he blew into one

She was very old and her clothing was of a past generation, but on her wrinkled fingers sparkled several diamonds and a huge and sparkling brooch, an antique if ever there was one, reposed on the bodice of the ancient dress. And on her way along the "food line" of a downtown cafeteria she accumulated a single pat of butter and a cup of coffee. At a fable way over in the corner she added a liberal portion of sugar to the coffee and from a newspaper-wrapped parcel brought forth five slices of bread, over which she distributed the one pat of butter. Calling a waiter she had him bring her a jar of mustard. Mustard was spread over three slices of the bread and sugarr was sprinkled over the other two. Then the luncheon. And she appeared to enjoy it fully as much as those who had ordered lav-

He's a dapper policeman and assigned to an uptown residential section. Things out of the ordinary on his beat naturally calch his eye. So when he spled a burdap bundle reposing on the edge of a lawn surrounding a handsome home he immediately investigated. He touched the bundle with an exploratory ton-and the tigated. He touched the bundle with an exploratory toe—and the sack moved. "Aha!" he exclaimed. Then the bundle was picked up and the sack unrolled. And from the interior of the bag tumbled out five tiny pupples. It's interesting to note that the five pupples now have homes in five of the handsome residences in that section of the city.

The canary was purchased from an itinerant peddler and because of its pugnacious attitude toward the world in general and its new owner in particular it was christened "Jack Dempsey." But two weeks later, when a tiny egg appeared one morning, the bird became "Jacqueline."

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He plainly was a working man. For his clothes were old and somewhat ragged and a nondescript hat rested on unshorn locks. But he had halled a passing taxicab and was thoroughly enjoying his journey through the downtown streets. And as he rolled along he puffed in a self-satisfied manner at a disreputable corncob pipe and great clouds of blue smoke rolled from the windows of the vehicle.

She frequently ducks out of her office in a downtown building for a soft drink at the corner drug store and on such expeditions never dons her hat. But hereafter, she says, the hat will be worn. For on a recent morning while in the drug store she was approached by a determined-looking woman, a box of dusting powder, picked up from the display case woman, a box of dusting powder, picked up from the display case in her hand. "How much?" demanded the woman of the firm Jaw. "I'm sorry," replied our heroine. "but I couldn't tell you." The Iron-visaged one gave her a withering glance and snorted as she turned away. To the proprietor who had appeared meantime she put the same question anent the price of the powder and was told. Then she turned her eyes toward the young woman who was sipping her drink and spoke to the proprietor. "Tou ought to fire that snip," she said, "for she's the dumbest thing I ever seen—he's awful. She couldn't even tell me how much that there powder was." much that there powde

They sat in the tiny front yard of a tiny home out Tulane ave-nue and discussed the problems of nue and discussed the problems of the world. All of them were old and all of them had looked on life when it was not kind. Aged eyes gazed at the passing throngs and thoughts turned to—what? They talked of the far places of the world and of the great feats in spanning the ocean by air. They agreed that the achievement was epochal. The old man with the tutt of white beard on his wrinkled chin squinted reflectively and told the, wide world that he had traveled. "Yessir, I've been places all over the country," he said, "but I believe I had the best time of my life in Hammond."

It was raining and she stood on he St. Charles avenue neutral the St. Charles avenue neutral ground waiting for a street car. The operator of a small and popular motor car swung in along The operator of a small and popular motor car swing in along side and asked if he could take her to her destination. "You're going to get mighty wet." he told her. She gave the tiny car a disainful glance and her reply gave him something to think about. "I know I'll get wet," she sald, "but I'd rather get wet than ride in that piece of junk."

In the back of his autotmobile In the back of his autotmobile reposed a large bottle of anhancolored liquid which the label said was cough medicine, but the attendants in a suburban service station apparently thought otherwise. For while the owner of the car left the machine to be "gassed" wh" e made a business call doors up the street, the fact the liquid fell considerably And," he told friends later. he funny part of

dends later. he funny part of is that the liquid really was ough syrup." OLD RELIABLE

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Editor-Give you fifty cents for
that joke. Author-No; I never get
less than a dollar for that joke. —
Elue Dragon.