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# THE INDEPENDENT

PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY.

COLLEGEVILLE, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA.

E. S. MOSER, Editor and Proprietor.

Thursday, May 3, 1928.

## A GIGANTIC UNDERTAKING INVOLVING SNAKES.

President Coolidge deserves unstinted credit for his attitude toward the gigantic undertaking designed to in large part prevent future destruction of property and life in the Mississippi valley during the flooding periods of the Mississippi river. President Coolidge favors the prudent expenditure of billions of dollars for the construction of flood barriers, but he is not willing to permit the making of hauls from the Federal Treasury to cover land damages arising from land that will be condemned if the great project materializes, in the States bordering on the expansive river. President Coolidge is absolutely right. Getting right down to brass tacks it is a very open question whether or not it is the rightful business of the Federal Government to furnish security for those who purchase land within areas now and then submerged by floods. At any rate, in this important instance, if the States involved fail to be obligated to pay a large proportion of land and property damages, the Federal treasury should be closed against the whole undertaking. It will require nerve in the White House (President Coolidge has it) to forestall unjustifiable (if not grafting) demands upon the U. S. Treasury, in financing a very large undertaking, one that will involve the expenditure of billions of dollars. The members of Congress who passed the flood bill, which provides for the placement of all costs upon the Federal Government, played the role of brazen-faced grafters—every one of them.

In his message to Congress last December President Coolidge wisely observed: "The Government is not an insurer of its citizens against the hazards of its elements. We shall always have flood and drought, heat and cold, earthquake and wind, lightning and tidal wave. The Government does not undertake to reimburse its citizens for loss and damage incurred under such circumstances."

## A SAFE BET.

The Wall street (N. Y. city) money changers representing the politico-gambling contingent are wagering 6 to 5 that Smith and Hoover will be the Democratic and Republican nominees for the Presidency, this Presidential year. Safe bet, that. All attempts to belittle Mr. Hoover's candidacy by underestimating his qualifications, or otherwise, have been and are falling flat. The more his notable career before, after, and since the world war is pried into, the more evidence is revealed to emphasize his distinguished fitness for the highest executive office of the nation. No other Republican candidate in the field comes anywhere near his standard. Therefore, it is a safe prediction, especially in view of primary election results in Ohio and Massachusetts, that he will (probably by acclamation) be the nominee of the Republican National Convention in Kansas City. The delegates from Pennsylvania, backed by unmistakable party sentiment, will be wise enough to fall in line for Mr. Hoover. . . . Governor Smith, of New York, is well under way to land the Democratic Presidential nomination. His qualifications are beyond much dispute. Steadily, he is gaining strength. He is not likely to lose more than the delegates from one of the Democratic Southern States. He is developing strength in nearly all sections of the country. He is the only Democrat in sight capable of giving Mr. Hoover a real pre-election tussle. . . . Smith vs. Hoover will be a national political battle in November, 1928.

## FUNDAMENTALS IN AMERICAN GOVERNMENT.

Some time ago, in an address before the Daughters of the Revolution, President Coolidge, with clarity of expression, renewed his allegiance to the fundamentals of the American form of government when he said: "We are especially prone to call on the National Government to take over our burdens and with them our freedom." . . . There are always those who are willing to surrender self-government and turn over their affairs to some national authority in exchange for the payment of money out of the Federal Treasury." State rights and obligations are being gradually shifted upon the Federal Government. A continuance of this State government wrecking policy will inevitably lead to the final centralization of State governmental power in the Federal Government at Washington. In that event there will be in evidence a great deal of belated noise—perhaps enough to arouse the States to make an attempt to regain their bargained away freedom. It has become a mania among those serving as representatives of the people either in State halls of legislation or in the Houses of Congress at Washington to commercialize Federal power for various corporate, group, and individual interests. This is one of the most damnable weaknesses of Democracy in the United States. Future generations will pay the penalty.

## AND, ANOTHER PRESENTATION OF A FARCE.

Since the Schatz-killing inquiring fiasco in Norristown last September nearly every murder committed within a radius of fifty miles, more or less, of the Temple of Justice, Norristown, has hatched clues (?) suspecting the murderer of Schatz. . . . When the murderer of Schatz reads, from time to time, of the murders he is being suspected of having committed the marvel is that he does not, as a murderer, become conscience smitten and make confession of his crime and indicate just who the "respectable" cowards are who saw him murder Schatz, and who have—with contemptible cowardice—been keeping their lips sealed. How many more times will a serio-comic, moronic farce be repeated?

## THE DIFFERENCE?

To Brothers Meredith, Lutz, and Spatz: Expatriate upon the difference between matters of fact, upon reasoning from known causes to known effects, and mere beliefs, conjectures and hallucinations? And, brethren, permit bed-rock reflections to precede your expatiations.

## FINANCING POLITICAL PARTIES.

The statement is current that some "prominent statesmen" are advocating the financing of Presidential campaigns from the Federal treasury. Great scheme! An extension of the method in vogue in 1920 to include the Democratic campaign of 1928! Feed the elephant and the donkey from the same source of supplies and—save Democracy, at least to the extent of playing fair politics with Federal treasury funds!

FROM Louisville Times: It is said that the cigarette is the first thing in the United States to reach the 100,000,000,000 mark. How about the matches that lighted them?

## BIG URSINUS WEEK END

### JUNIOR "PROM" AND PLAY

The Junior Class of Ursinus College achieved great things in spite of the rainy weather over the past week end at Ursinus. A formal dinner in the College dining room, started the busy time on Friday evening. After the dinner the Junior "Prom" was held and on Saturday night the Junior play.

The guests of honor at the dinner were: Dr. and Mrs. G. L. Omwake, Dr. E. B. White, Dr. William A. Kline and Mr. and Mrs. William McAllister, Dr. White, as toastmistress, introduced Dr. Omwake and Dr. Kline, the speakers of the evening.

A beautiful setting, depicting a winter scene, with icicles and evergreen trees and snow, hundreds of youthful dancers swaying to the dance-compelling strains of a melodious orchestra in spite of the worst possible kind of weather—that gives a brief picture of the first Junior Prom ever held at Ursinus. It took place in the Thompson-Gay Memorial Gymnasium on Friday, April 27. The attendance was estimated at one hundred couples.

The receiving line was composed of Pres. and Mrs. Geo. L. Omwake, Dean Whorton A. Kline, Dean Elizabeth Brett White, Dr. and Mrs. J. M. S. Isenberg, Prof. and Mrs. F. I. Sheeder and Mr. and Mrs. W. P. McAllister. On Saturday evening the Junior activities were brought to a close by the annual Junior Play. The drama coached by Prof. and Mrs. F. I. Sheeder was a three-act comedy by Barry Connors called "The Patsy." It was a rollicking American comedy played in present time and had the audience in fits of laughter from start to finish.

The play was distinguished by a very fortunate choice of players and the acting was excellent. Helen Wismer, Collegeville, as Patricia Harrington, was the personification of a lively, lovable girl who has been the abused member of the family. She portrayed with equal skill the sorrowful, unwanted sister who tried to be friendly to her mother and sister, and the mischievous pal breaking forth with those witty sayings guaranteed to make one popular to her father and Tony. Since the entire play centered about this title role it was indeed a difficult one but Miss Wismer played it with great skill and animation.

The rest of the cast included: Thos. Swanger as Mr. Harrington, Patricia's father; Jane Kohler, as Mrs. Harrington; Elizabeth Howell as Grace Harrington; Howard Schink, as Tony Anderson, Patricia's lover and James Poff, as Billy Caldwell.

The minor parts were equally well chosen and portrayed. Harding E. McKee played the part of Mr. O'Flaherty, the good natured lawyer and Sallie McGarvey the part of Sadie Buchanan who proved to be the monkey wrench in the machinery of Grace's and Billy's affair, and John Hartman played "Trip" Busty the obliging taxi driver who was his own company. The success of the production is due in a very large measure to those experienced and ever willing coaches, Prof. and Mrs. F. I. Sheeder and Miss Gladys Linn Burr, '28.

Before the opening of the first act, Meritt Jeffers, in behalf of the Junior Class, presented a beautiful bouquet to Professor and Mrs. Sheeder.

**SHEPHERD WHITMAN CHOSEN COMMENCEMENT ORATOR**  
At a meeting of the Senior Class last week Shepherd Whitman was selected to be Class Orator for Commencement while Albert Lackman and Paul Krasley were chosen, respectively for the Mantle and Tree Orations at Ursinus College. Ray Schell was named chairman of Class Day activities.

**WEEKLY HEALTH TALK**  
"Six months ago a number of men were discussing health. A mutual friend had died suddenly of heart failure. One of the crowd painted a very black picture concerning hearts and their peculiar habit of falling down on the job in middle life. The result was that the next day all of them went to a physician and were examined. Two were found to be slightly under par but the others were all right," says Dr. Theodore B. Appel, Secretary of Health.

"The moral of this story is not so much in the discovery brought forth by the examination, excellent as that is, but in the fact that one of the more impressive of the men whose heart was given the doctor's o. k., now has a fine case of heart disease in his hand. He is suffering from angina pectoris and his perfectly operating heart is laughing at him, but he will not believe it.

"Phobias are all too common. For example there is the reducing-phobia, the tuberculosis-phobia and the cancer phobia—to mention a few of the more prominent ones.

"With a commendable frankness much popular medical literature is finding its way into the daily press and is being consumed by the reading public, also some unethical advertising material which is especially directed to develop one's fears.

"The average person is as a result more personally interested in his own welfare than he was a few years ago.

"One is told to take stock of his physical condition annually, to get plenty of fresh air, to eat good food, to sleep sufficient hours each night and not to forget recreation. But that is far from saying that because the more evident symptoms of diseases are placed in simple language (not to mention the elaborations of the vicious medical advertisements) one should become unduly introspective, brood upon imaginary ills and develop into a hypochondriac.

"Actually there are thousands of people in the United States today who enjoy bad health. They can't eat this, or they can't do that. And how they like to tell their friends all about it!

"Real disease is a misfortune, great or small, according to circumstances, but imaginary ills are pathetic. Nature being what it is, it indulges in a tremendous amount of regulation without any outside interference or thought on the part of the subject himself. Therefore, don't let the fake advertisements or even the actual sick and death rates scare you into a phobia.

"Take natural care, listen to your doctor's advice, eat what agrees with you in reasonable quantities, do the things in moderation which you like to do and, barring an acute illness, forget your doctor until it is time to go to him again for your annual examination. Don't become an introspective fanatic on the subject of health."

**REPRESENTS URSINUS AT FOOTBALL MEETING**  
Prof. W. W. Bancroft, graduate manager of athletics, represented Ursinus at a meeting of the Eastern colleges last Friday night at the Racquet Club, Philadelphia.

Delegates from nearly all the colleges of the East gathered to discuss and hear reports on the plan for the neutral and non-partisan appointment of football officials.

The presiding officer was W. W. (Bill) Roper of Princeton while Coach Alonzo Stagg, director of athletics at the University of Chicago was the main speaker.

## URSINUS RELAY TEAM FINISHES THIRD AT PENN

The Ursinus Relay Team took third in their heat of the one-mile college relays at the annual Penn Relay Carnival on Saturday, April 28. The Bears, although handicapped by a soggy track, ankle-deep in mud, made a better showing than any other Ursinus team has for quite some years. The team, consisting of Ohi, Tomlinson, Roth and Newcomer, ran in fourth position throughout the race, until on the last curve, Dick Newcomer spurred ahead to grab the medals. City College of Detroit, which has been a winner for the last couple of years, again took the race, the time being 3 minutes, 36 seconds. College of the City of New York took second. Delaware University, after being nosed out by the Bears, had to content itself with fourth place, and Temple was decidedly last.

**FARM CALENDAR**  
Health Conditions Improve—Health reports show that the typhoid fever death rate is now down to 2.7 per 100,000 in Pennsylvania and the disease is no longer an important mortality factor. In rural sections the building of septic tanks has aided in curbing disease and promoting health.

**Borers Cause Loss**—Commercial damage to corn depends upon the number of borers per stalk, the variety of corn and the size and vigor of the plants. As a rule, an infestation of five borers per stalk produces little commercial loss while 30 borers per stalk produces total loss of the crop. A commercial loss probably will be felt with 10 borers per stalk in field corn and with a smaller number in sweet corn.

**Wilted Leaves Break Less**—When cabbage plants have attained a fair amount of leaf spread, breaking off leaves can be avoided by cultivating after mid-day on sunny days when the leaves are somewhat wilted. They will then yield more readily.

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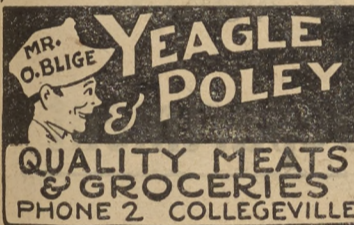
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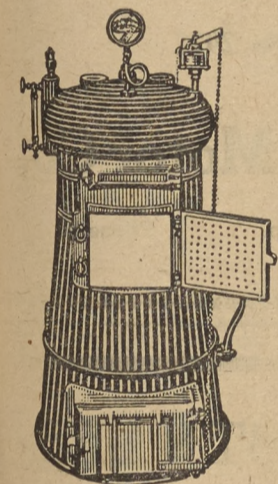
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## JUST LIKE A WOMAN

(By D. J. Walsh.)

GWEN was "up on her ear again," as Doug Gordon would have read his wife's thoughts. But this time she was keeping them to herself—hard as it was to keep anything from Doug.

It all came from a little phrase that was ever on the tip of Doug's tongue. Coming four times in close succession, it had angered Gwen to a stern resolution.

First there was the mouse. Of course it was foolish for a grown person to scream and grasp Doug's arm when the tiny creature scurried from behind the broom.

"If that isn't just like a woman!" Doug had shouted between bursts of laughter.

That could have been forgiven. But when they settled down for the evening, Gwen with a piece of embroidery, Doug with the paper from which he read occasional bits, he mentioned Keats, and Gwen, intent on the red rose she was embroidering, had said abruptly, "What in the world are Keats?"

He had doubled over with laughter and when he could speak he had said, "If that isn't just like a woman!"

She was hurt and angry and wished she need not ask him for the money she must have if she were to go shopping as she had planned the next day. But at last she smothered her resentment and made her request.

Doug was neither poor nor stingy, but he was old-fashioned, and there were certain formalities to be gone through with before he parted with half a hundred.

"Why, I gave you 50 last week," he exclaimed. "You never blew that all in on one dress, did you? If that isn't just like a woman!"

Gwen set her work basket on the table with some ungentleness and flounced out of the room, slamming the door behind her, but she did not get out quite soon enough to escape Doug's comment on this pet of hers: "Well, if that isn't just like a woman! Flying off the handle at nothing at all!"

On one thing Gwen was determined. She would never again be like a woman! She stood before her mirror, studying the slight, girlish figure reflected therein.

"Easy enough to look at," she commented, "in spite of near-by hair, a tip-tilted nose with a smudge of freckles, reddish-brown eyes, et cetera. As a whole you're not so bad for anybody who likes them that way, but you're femininity from the toes up. And you've got to become anything but 'just like a woman' to keep your own self-respect and Doug's. Heavens above, how he hates them! And yet he married one!"

Doug breakfasted and lunched downtown, so Gwen had the day to plan her new role.

She had found \$50 under her dresser tray that morning and had seized it with delight at the prospect of a morning's shopping—but then the thought intruded: "Just as any woman would be." So she tucked the \$50 into an envelope, wrote on the back of it, "Thanks, but I don't need it after all. I don't care to go shopping," and put it on Doug's chiffonier.

She stifled a sigh as she turned away, but she also smiled with satisfaction as she thought: "At any rate that isn't what just any woman would do with \$50."

That evening Doug came out of his room, a blank look on his broad, ruddy face, the envelope in his hand. He was in search of Gwen—she had not met him at the door as usual. (That was what all women did—met their husbands at the door, Gwen had reflected.) He found her in the kitchen. Just as he opened the door—as though at a signal—the mouse ran across the floor. Then he saw an amazing thing. Instead of screaming and running to him for protection, Gwen coolly went after the mouse in a fashion that was unbecomingly to him. He could not know that she was hoping it would go away and wondering whether she would drop dead if she had to pick it up. She had the little creature inescapably cor-

...a week of trying had she actually wanted to catch it. Bludily she seized it by the tail, ran to the outside door and hurled the warm, furry thing from her. She was sick to the very pit of her stomach, but she refused to acknowledge any such womanish reaction. With head high she walked to the sink, washed her hands and began dishing up the supper.

Doug had dropped into a chair speechless and sat staring at her, the envelope with the rejected money clutched forgotten in his great hand.

"You'll have to excuse me from eating dinner with you tonight, Doug," said Gwen, after the last dish had been placed upon the carefully set table. "I'm going to lecture on the English poets. By the way, I've joined an afternoon class at the university."

Doug said nothing. The women he knew always presided at the dinner table when the man of the house returned from his business. And they did not go to evening lectures without asking their husbands to go along. And they, being married, did not start to school again. His world had fallen to pieces.

When Gwen returned late in the evening, rosy-cheeked and starry-eyed, Doug, with a something wistful in his eyes, and a pathetic sag to his jolly mouth, held out the envelope with the fifty dollars to Gwen.

"I want you to take this, Gwen, even if you don't need it just now. It'll come in handy later. I'd like for you to have it."

Gwen stifled a yawn. "I doubt that I'll be needing it. While I was out this evening I stopped in at the Fantasy cafe. I'm going to do a cabaret stunt there every evening. I've not forgotten my singing nor my fancy dancing. And I'll get well paid for it."

"Gwen," there was exasperation as well as anguish in Doug's deep voice. "You're my wife."

"Pity 'tis, 'tis true," said Gwen. She had cherished this quotation from the lecture, knowing well that Doug would recognize it, and she suspected would even go on the Keats break.

"Do you mean that?" blurted out Doug, his ruddy face paling.

Gwen merely shrugged her shoulders and walked out of the room.

Going up the stairs she giggled. One day of her life had passed without hearing her own phrase.

That day followed. Hardening herself, Gwen did everything that she hated and had not been accustomed to doing, while she denied herself every one of the soft, dainty, feminine ways that she delighted in. There were moments when Gwen craved with every fiber of her being to be "just a woman," doing all the delightful, sometimes foolish things that she had done before the reformation. Yet surely this course must change Doug's attitude toward women and must win his respect—and Doug's respect was worth something.

She came from the cabaret one evening sick of soul. Two men had vied for her, and she wanted her good, devoted, honest Doug as she had never wanted him before. Just to be his wife seemed enough pay for this world and the next to come.

She paused on the porch for a moment and looked into the living room, a charming room that was a reflection of her best home-loving self. But her thoughts were instantly diverted from the beauty of the room. There was Doug crouched in the big chair with his head resting on the table. She had never before seen her upstanding husband in a dejected posture. She went to him quietly.

"Are you sick, Doug?" she asked tenderly.

He turned to her a face that confirmed her fears. It had lost its roundness, the eyes were tired and bloodred.

"Yes, I am. Sick to the very heart of me," said Doug. "I can't figure out the trick fate has turned me. I married the most womanly bit of a girl I knew—the only kind I could admire or love, and here all in a flash she turns out to be exactly the other sort—the kind I can't stand—hard, like a man—makes her own living. I want a real woman that depends on her man and lets him do things for her."

Gwen, shaking with laughter, sank into the big chair beside Doug.

"Then why did you always say so scornfully, 'If that isn't just like a woman'—as if a woman were fit only to be spat on. I could have howled every time you said it. And I got so sick of being just like a woman that

...I made up my mind to be anything but—"  
"Then unmake your mind and be my own old girl again!" shouted Doug, drawing Gwen into the shelter of his arms. "I'll never say that again if it bothers you, but from me it's a sort of compliment, for you can't be too much of a woman to suit me. That's what I like about them—their little foolishnesses. What'd life be without them? I like the feeling that you're leaning hard on me. You're not just like a woman—you're just the woman for me."

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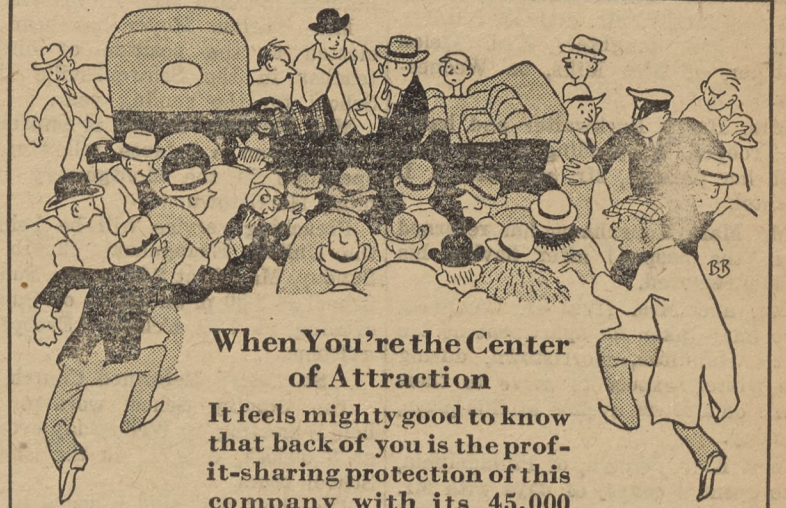
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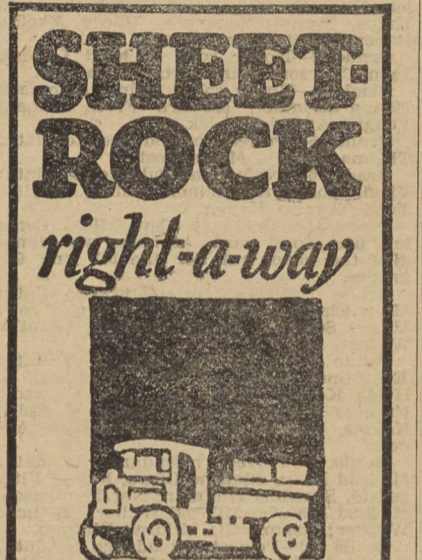
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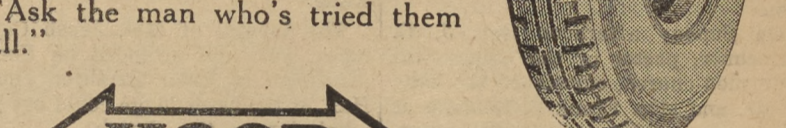
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