

BAA, YEE AND ZA IN  
DETROIT'S DIRECTORY

While the Cohens outnumber the Smiths in the New York telephone directory, the Smiths are far in the lead in Detroit's new directory, while the Cohens are far in the rear.

In fact, in Detroit, next to the Smiths come the Millers. There are 1,624 Smith families listed in Detroit and 945 Millers. The

Browns take third place with 813 listings, followed by the Johnsons in fourth place. Previously the Johnsons held the second position. Among the three-letter names found in the Detroit directory are Baa, Egg, Ice, Yee, Ziv, Zey and others, but the smallest name to be listed is that of Mr. Za. The printing of the Detroit telephone directory is said to be the largest single printing job in the state of Michigan.

Is THIRTY  
the Love?  
Deadline!

George Jean Nathan is well known as an editor, author and critic. He was born in Fort Wayne, Ind., in 1882, entered Cornell university, and was graduated in 1904. Since then he has been in the editorial staff of the New York Herald, a dramatic critic, and for five years was associated with Smart Set magazine as a dramatic critic and editor. In 1924 he became, with H. L. Mencken, associate editor of the American Mercury. He has long held and published interesting views on women and their place in the home, stage, and in the business world. He is unmarried.

By GEORGE JEAN NATHAN

The result of years in browsing in the philosophical pastures of Plato, Socrates, Hegel, Schopenhauer, Kant and Simon and Schuster is plainly evident in the case of Will Durant. The poor fellow has become infected with the philosophy coccus, or metaphysical lead poisoning. He apparently cannot now view anything save through philosophical whiskeys. He would apply the principles of Nietzschean ethics to hay fever and the transcendental dialectic to a Folies girl. He would endorse a brand of cigarettes with a quotation from the "Norum Organum." As an instance of the pox which has seized him, we have his recent animal versions on 'Amour.

Founding his beard, Professor Will has generated a profound cerebration to the effect that no man, and by inference no woman, is capable of falling in love after the age of thirty. By love, the professor says, he means true devotion. Being a bachelor of long and reputable standing in the community, I am perhaps not the most appropriate party to enter into a debate with the professor, yet it seems even to an outcast like me that he is much more highly equipped to write the story of philosophy than to produce philosophy himself.

As a philosopher, he may be said to have his weak points. In the first place, to argue that a man or a woman is incapable after thirty of succumbing to what is called love is to argue that only a man or a woman under thirty is capable of self-devotion. More, that love and true devotion, as the professor phrases it, are one and the same thing. Love and true devotion, unfortunately, are not always one and the same thing. A man or a woman falls in love much more often than he or she, if I may express it so, falls in true devotion. True devotion may be consequence of love, but it is not love itself nor the propulsive power of love. Love, as Hellogabalus meditated, is the triumph of imagination over intelligence, the delusion that one woman differs from another, the temporary conviction that there is nothing in the cocktail but genuine gin. It is a lovely violin duet played by a boozey, bald-headed man and a slattern hidden from the enraptured hearers' eyes. It is artfully charged cider in a Charles Heidsieck '15 bottle. It is nonsense picking the edelweiss on the peak of Olympus. It is beautiful and it is dumb. True devotion has no more place in it, at least in its first and most glamorous stages, than a harp has in a Strauss waltz or in "Papa Loves Mamma." To say that a man can't fall in love after thirty is to say that he can't enjoy music, liquor or any other such analogous sense-stealing diversion after the same age. As a man gets older, his capacity for making a fool of himself increases, and so his aptitude for love increases.

True devotion, to revert to Professor Durant's phrase, is hardly a gift at which youth exults. Surely the professor would not have us believe that the love of boys and girls is either founded upon or inspired by any such phenomenon. This is no place to wax too concrete about so delicate a matter, but even the professor, plied sufficiently with persuasive schnapps, would admit that what he calls true devotion is somewhat removed from the necking and petting that the younger generation in turn calls love. If that is true devotion, either implicit or potentially permanent, then I am ready to believe that Casanova's name was Dante.

It is a platitude, grounded in statistics, that marriages after thirty are generally more successful than marriages contracted before thirty. While no Polyanna, I have a feeling that devotion, if not love, must have something to do with the prosperity and endurance of the past-thirty hitch. Love may keep lovers together, but love alone, in the accepted sense of the word, can't keep a married couple together. There must be something else and that something else, unless I am in error, is the peculiar hangover that goes by the name of devotion, respect, sympathy, understanding or what not. Love is less purged of the havoc of emotion by the test of time and the trial of faith. A successful marriage is more of a bargain between friends than between lovers. Love is never absolute, entire. In it, though it be as deep as the deepest sea, there is always elbow-room for a bit of a glance at some other man or woman. The patriot may love only one country, but the lover pretty generally has in his uniform a touch of the enemy's color.

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## WEST FARMINGTON

Mrs. Irvin Knapp  
PHONE 40F4

The West Farmington School opened Tuesday with Miss Gertrude Kerrin of Standish, Mich., as teacher.

Several from here attended the Gala Day entertainment at Farmington on Monday.

Lee Giegler, who has been spending a few days with relatives here, returned to his home at Hartland to attend high school there.

Wendel Green is planning on

attending the Michigan State College this year.

While pitching hay Friday afternoon, Fred Kurtz accidentally ran a fork through his hand. The wound is healing satisfactorily.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Knapp and Mrs. Charles Heliker spent Tuesday afternoon in Milford.

Charles Halsted is having a new well driven on his farm.

The Willing Workers of West Farmington met at the home of Mrs. Fernie Robeson Thursday afternoon.

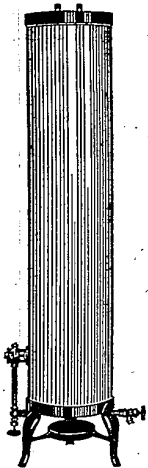
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GIRL AT SWITCHBOARD  
SAVES SHOCK VICTIM

Miss Alice Keith, a telephone operator at Randolph, Mass., is credited with saving the life of Herman Shaw of that place. Stricken by a shock, Shaw laid for hours on the floor of his apartment which he occupied alone. Finally he gained sufficient strength to reach the telephone and ask for the operator for aid. She traced the call and then summoned help. Shaw was found unconscious on the floor, the telephone beside him, and was removed to the hospital in Brooklyn.

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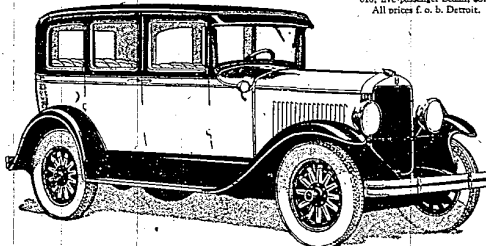
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