

First Aid to Tired Memories

By RING LARDNER

To the Editor:

I suppose that they're a great many amongst your readers and in speciality the older ones, that find themselves all the time forgetting things that they should ought to remember and I was the same way myself and one of my friends suggested that I take one of those "memory courses" which is a whole lot better than a whole lot of letters. I set down and figured out a system of how to remember different things, and now I am going to pass the good news on to my admirers and the friends between the other memory courses and I is because I don't charge anything for my lessons but all as you half to do is send in a stamp self addressed envelope so I won't forget where you live at, and I will tell you the complete system, but if the first three I will give you a few examples of how the system worked with me and you can judge for yourself if it's O. K. or the O.P.P.

Well, to begin at the beginning, the first time I felt like my memory was slipping was about 2 weeks ago when I was out on the golf link with a couple of friends and we were playing for a berry a hole and about about the 3rd hole one of my friends said he had a six and the other said he had a six, so they asked me what I had and I said a five.

"Listen," said my friend, "how about them two times in the ploughed ground when you stance and never hit the ball at all?"

So that set me thinking that I had entirely forgot them two whiffs, so I kind of laughed to cover up my embarrassments but I made up my mind right there that I would find out some way to remember them missed whiffs, and specially, when the boys was keeping such close tabs on a person, so that night I remembered to go home and after dinner I worked out a system and the next morning I was in the nursery and I put four of my kids was in there to say nothing about the nurse and without consulting no notes I called them each by their first name.

"Well," I said to myself, "this system looks like it was A-1 and I would be a fine stiff if I didn't pass it on to my friends that's inflicted the same way."

So then I used the new system to try and think of some of my friends that had forgot different things, and the 1st one I thought of was a bird that him and I had been to N. Y. City a couple of mos. before and had dinner and it that time he said let's make it Dutch, so I said all right, but when the check came around he said he was busy trying to get the maple syrup off his hands into the finger bowl, so in this letter I kind of reminded him about the Dutch lines and sure enough in a few days I got a letter enclosing 70 cts. in stamps which was his share of the orgy.

So then I happened to think of another old pal that couldn't never remember he was married and his wife had complained about it several times, so one night we was over to his house but he was not home but his Mrs. thought she knew where she could go to reach him by telephone so I called him on the wire and told him to not forget he was married and the next night he come home and called his wife by her first name, which is more than she could do to him as she didn't even answer him.

Personally I could give you other proofs about how this system works, for instance, I can set down right this minute and without going into no newspaper files or cutting up no sporting editors I can tell you who won between Dempsey and Tunney at Chicago last September or won the world's serious last October and I can tell if Babe Ruth swings right or left batted and I can remember what year I was married, and why, and I can recall the name of the school I went one semester to before they decided that 2 semesters was 1 too much, and etc.

Where the system comes in as handy as any other place is when a man is dressing. For instance, how many of you guys puts on your collar only to find that your shirt is off, or dons your shoes and then realizes that the holster is missing. Since I got up this system I can always manage to get my garments onto me as they should come and at 1st I tried to do it in alphabet order but I soon found out that I hadn't no sooner had my coat and trousers on when I noticed that the underwear was yet to come and the coat had been on a long while before it had come time for the vest. But the way I overcome these difficulties was to make up my mind to discard the vest and then do the rest of it from omega to alpha instead of vice versa. So then when I don the old costume, the underwear comes first and then the trousers and then the socks and shoes and shirt and necktie and finally wind up with the coat which is just as it should be.

This is only an example to show you how good the system works and it don't stop with dressing but goes on through a man's daily life and as I say I will pass it on to my admirers if they will send me a stamp addressed envelope but no money and if they are satisfied with the course they take they come across with a few flowers or a 1/2 dozen doughnuts.

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Sweetness Found in Life's Little Things

It is so great a mistake to expect too little of life as to expect too much. No one is immune from trouble and no one has a monopoly of it, even if selfishly one must insist on some form of mental indulgence—sometimes appears to suggest it.

So many of the sweetest things of life come almost unnoticed. We look around, sigh the London Chronicle, and the year is over on our holiday, but often, despite the hours of leisure which, perhaps, are really more important to our well-being.

Retrospection will sometimes make clear how quiet and secure a single day has brought—a letter by the morning's post, a word of encouragement which has formed in under-tone of harmony to the melody of toll, a child's gratitude for some gift, even the welcome of a dog "with the soul in the shining eyes of him."

There are, of course, days when duties fall, when friends seem to fall us, and we grow weary of ourselves. There are times of discontent and bitter sorrow. Yet, on the whole, it is a glad truth that—

In small measure life may be perfect.

Officer's Dignity Cat No Figure With Pat

A young man who had spent three years at different C. M. V. C's was reminiscing. He told several of his experiences in the corps and wound up by relating the following:

"We were all scared to death of an officer that first day in camp, but not so with 'Pat,' whose name, by the way, was Abraham Lincoln. The general rode up of his horse to observe the procedure of our being mobilized into action. On his appearance, officers snapped to attention and we remained motionless until the general gave the customary 'At Ease!'"

"Pat" stepped out of the line with a camera in his hand and took the general's horse by the bridle and turned it around. The horse shied back and "Pat" turned it around again. Then he stepped off about ten paces and with much deliberation focused the camera on the puzzled officer.

"Now, smile," "Pat" soothingly requested, while the company broke into a roar, joined by the general on the horse."

A Land of Faery

A most marvellous sunset this evening, outside the Bab D'Or. The vast plain in its arid desolation gave the impression of a desert, flooded with the glim light of the evening sun. The clouds hung over the narrow mountains of Troza and Serdj, impregnated with purple and rimmed with bright gold. It was a land of faery, dissolving under the enchantment of the sun. The colors shone forth such fantasies in blue, red, green and yellow. Behind us lay the walls of the city in the cosy light of evening, which fell upon towers and cupolas. Then in the still air, as the world faded under an overcast sky, came the clear voice of the muezzin calling the faithful to prayer, while through the gates the shepherds slowly led in their flocks.—From the Diary of Russell Bradford.

Inventions by Women

One woman had the idea to make silver forks and spoons with a curving handle, which prevented their slipping into the plate, such a good idea that it is strange no one ever thought of it before. The trader who finds his portable desk a joy has a woman to thank for the invention. A lock fancier for metal containers is an invention in practical demand for hotel storerooms and an important safety device. The same woman invented also a handy needle threader to use on sewing machines.

Love of Open Inherent

The impulse to get into the open is primitive in us. We love the breath of the spaces, we chatter with houses and rank with the stars of civilized life. Under the stars and the moon we can think clear thoughts. From the busy fields we can drink inspirations unknown to the office and the counting house. In the song of the winds we may hear the cradle lullabies of our infancy or the strange melodies which thus come different and alone to the individual soul.—Kansas City Times.

Gentle Hint

A Los Angeles sportsman returning from a fishing trip to another county reports finding the following proclamation tacked to a tree:

"Notices to Trespassers: This here property will be prosecuted to the full extent of two dogs that ain't overkindly disposed to strangers, and adouble barrel shotgun which ain't handed with pills."

"I'm gettin'—tired of ye."

Business Disaster

Robert, seven years old, out riding with his parents, passed the local drug store, which had just changed hands. "What has happened to Mr. Brown?" he was asked.

"Oh," replied Robert casually, "he's out of business; he went hap-robbed."

Guess Again

"Buying movement follows early overmaturity. This sounds like a stock market note, but it merely refers to the fellow who finally has made up his mind to buy the rag—New Orleans Times-Picayune.

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Spring Frolic April 27

The annual "Spring Frolic" of the S. C. A. will be given Saturday evening, April 27 in the Community building. The hall will be attractively decorated to portray a small town park in Spring. It will be a juvenile dancing party and everyone is urged to come dressed as a child under twelve.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Durham entertained over the week end Mr. and Mrs. Fred Newman and family of Brighton. On Sunday, all visited Mr. and Mrs. Manley Newman of Farmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kliment motored to Chicago over the week end to visit Mr. and Mrs. Charles Richards and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Shelton and Mr. Mrs. Harry Rodenhouse spent Saturday at the home of William Belleville in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bondy had as a guest over the week end Maxine Johnson. Sunday guests of the Bondys were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnson of Detroit.

Mrs. Matthew Hermesmeier was hostess to the Happy Eight Pedro club Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Elmer Harlow, Indian avenue. Prize winners were Mrs. Russell Perry and Mrs. Herbert Bondy.

Arriving last week from Johnston, Penn., for an indefinite stay with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Parker were Mrs. Clarence Putt and daughter Margaret June.

In the absence of Mrs. Timmons, Mrs. Guy E. Joy taught the first grade in the John Grace School last week.

Miss Marion Brock returned to her studies at Ann Arbor Monday after a week's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brock

Mrs. Charles Perry, Byron avenue was hostess to her bridge club at the Totem Pole Friday afternoon. Prizes were awarded to Mr. Robert Towner and Mrs. Howard Kennedy.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Harlow, Indian avenue had as guests of last week Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dennany of Terre Haute, Ind. Margaret Cullon entertained Abbie Kent, Lucile Reed and Margaret Arlege Wednesday afternoon in honor of her 13th birthday.

Miss Dorothy Baxter spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baxter at Ford Republic. Miss Baxter is attending Albion College.

C. C. Price is confined to his home on Seminole boulevard. Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Lassing had as Sunday guests Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stolle, Mrs. Wilkerson and on of Detroit, and Mrs. Thomas Mervin and daughter of Windsor.

The Seva-and-So Club was entertained at the home of Mrs. Fred Westbrook, Lincoln avenue Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Pickles, Beech road, had a Sunday guests Mr. and Mrs. Robey of Brighton and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Edwards of Detroit.

Mrs. Grace Paulger and daughter, Indian avenue, spent Sunday in Plymouth with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Paulger.

Wednesday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Tesch were the former's nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Miller of Northville. Sunday guests in the Wm. Thompson of Cleveland and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Humboldt of Oak Park.

"Diamonds and Hearts," the home talent play, which was presented for the second time last Friday by popular request, cleared \$40. The money was donated to the S. C. A. for a folding stove.

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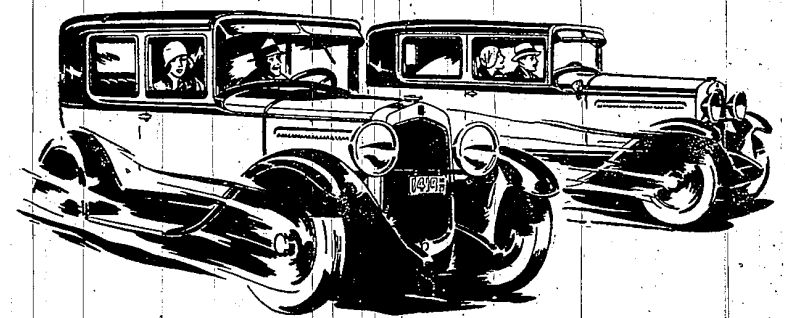
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