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EDITORIALS

Language and Learning

(Christian Science Monitor)

Speaking recently at a meeting in London, Mr. L. G. Stronach, author, put forward reasons for more effective teaching of English. It is a plea that one hopes will not go unheeded by those concerned; for it happens too frequently in the schools that the child's mother tongue is not regarded as the chief foster parent of his learning; and that there is a tendency to see in the child or the foreign language an unnatural science, or "miasma," of his country, a fatal godmother who is able, somehow inexplicably, to do more harm.

It is understandable that there should be controversy over the relative emphasis to be laid on the various aims of education, and consequently, over the relative importance of the subjects on the syllabus; but it ought to be recognized that the study of English transcends any such controversy. For the English-speaking child can only reach the Persian spring, only through the well of English; until then, if he has inadequate command of his native tongue, he cannot express his thoughts clearly, and will find it difficult to progress in nearly every subject; while what knowledge he does not acquire must remain, for the most part, as "leads of learned number" in his head.

The Full Dinner Pail

(St. Louis Post Dispatch)

An echo of a presidential campaign that rocked the continent may be heard in the news item reporting the passing at Los Angeles of Emil Flori, cartoonist. Whatever "The Full Dinner Pail" may have lacked as a work of art, it was an effective bit of political propaganda which helped materially to elect William McKinley and nail William Jennings Bryan to his "cross of gold."

There never was a timelier slogan than the dinner-pail captioned drawings in 1936, with their savor promised in good times. Four years later, with imperialism the paramount issue, McKinley himself inspired the cartoonists with his challenging exclamation, "Who will haul down the flag?" But by that time, the Grand Old Party was riding the crest, and outside of the solid South, and a border state or two, a Democratic candidate for any important office was "merely a misguided gluton for punishment."

Mr. Flori retired from political cartooning in 1929 to paint the portraits of Hollywood stars. He subsequently found a place in the Disney studio. His dinner pail was the masterpiece that made history.

Getting a Whiff of Danger

(Exchange)

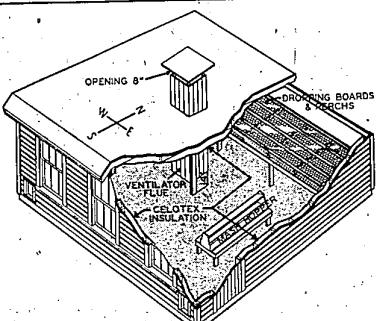
Fifty-eight out of a hundred breathe the stuff. Reports on the trial balloons sent up by Nassau County authorities in New York may surprise those who think that estimates as to the number of people who drink and drive are being over-hatched these days. Perhaps it would be more accurate to conclude that 58 percent of those using the highways in the wee small hours drink and drive. It was during those off hours, so to speak, that the test were carried out in which each of Nassau's 100 itinerant alcoholists had obligingly into balloons proffered them by State Police.

Obviously it is because most of the more responsible citizens are here abed that 58 percent of the stay-outs get away with being the kind of 58 percent the balloon tests showed. Those none of them could be classed as "drunk." It is alarming to learn that in the course of events from saloon to balloon, 35 per cent had consumed enough to make boozing to most their bairn a potential menace on the highway.

The color changes recorded when the air in each balloon was released into a chemical solution is cited to stress the accuracy of the laboratory tests. The most that can be said for the discovery is that it confirms the findings that arrived at through attempts to mix gasoline and alcohol. Those who think free and easy access to liquor doesn't make for more drinking among drivers, probably will not breathe a word about the trial balloons.

William Ruthen of Chicago was fined for kissing a young woman sent to his house to repair a sewing machine.

POULTRY EXPERTS PRAISE INSULATED LAYING HOUSES



Having observed that egg production falls off during Fall and Winter months when prices are at their peak, many progressive poultry raisers are following the advice of state and county farm advisors and are insulating their laying houses for the winter.

Scientific research has shown that a flock of 125 four in five pound layers gives off in an hour only as much heat as would be obtained by burning about four ounces of coal. Unless insulation is provided, this amount of heat is immediately lost to keep laying hens warm in freezing weather, and frost will gather on walls and ceiling and the litter will become wet. Also, feed is wasted in the cold house because more feed is needed to keep the hens warm and less is available to make the passerby.

John Howard knew how especially needful of this wise assistance are those making a new start outside prison gates. The recognition which the John Howard Society in Boston has won over a period of many years shows how far his influence has traveled.

Those whose yearly contributions make possible the good work directed toward the society's head-

quarters at 51 Cornhill are helping maintain a constructive method of giving for those who are getting help under this system are giving something in return which is less tangible than a less real.

Accounting—to the Owners

(Exchange)

If skullduggery in corporate affairs from time to time has to travel even more rock and tortuous paths and eventual exposure, just that fact down partly to repercussions of the Beldar Whitney and the F. Donald Custer-Musica affairs. Then, too, those watchdogs of business bookkeeping, the accountants and auditors, are finding it necessary to orient themselves afresh to the counting fundamentals in the light of new and startling disclosures.

Reform takes a swifter course today when the public is increasingly impatient over delay. That the McKesson case is creating a stir in the accounting and corporate world is evident from several important developments. Among them three stand out: (1) re-examination by both the American Institute of Accountants and the New York Society of Certified Public Accountants of their methods of accounting procedure and the likelihood of modifications in the practice after discussion; (2) the statement that Attorney General John J. Bennett is expected to recommend to Governor Lehman legislation requiring the state licensing of accountants, now in effect in fourteen states; (3) the action of the Radio Corporation of America, in adopting a change in by-laws which gives stockholders the right to select independent accountants to audit the company's annual financial statements.

Obviously to corporations in general, to be regarded as most salutary and one of the desirable changes arising out of the Custer-Musica unpleasantness. It is axiomatic that management appoints an accountant that he who hired can hardly approach offers of the concern he is auditing with a questionable attitude. Doubt of statements made by a member of the firm or managing group may mean the hiring of another accountant. But when the accounting firm represents the stockholders, self-interest and ethics join hands, for the accountant then has only the owner's interests to guard. Such is the practice in Great Britain today.

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WHO, WROTE IT?

"Moon Over Miami"

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KEROSENE SAFE ONLY WHEN COOL STATE WARNS

Although Michigan leads the nation in a march toward rural electrification, many rural fires result from carelessness with fuels. Any spot that's too hot to place your hand is also too hot to place a kerosene lamp over it. Its flash point (40° F.) is much higher than that of gasoline, it is still necessary to store and handle kerosene or "coal oil" carefully to prevent fires. Actually it is safe only when it is cold.

Here are some don'ts' from extension specialists at Michigan State College on using kerosene around the home.

Don't set a kerosene lamp or lantern on or above a stove or in any other place where it may become too hot to handle. Don't locate a kerosene lamp on a table or counter where curtains may blow over it or against it. Don't place a kerosene lamp close to the ceiling or the wall.

Don't place a kerosene stove against a wall. There should be a sheet of metal behind it and an air space behind the sheet of metal. Don't hang towels on a

rack above a kerosene stove. They may catch fire if the kerosene flame should flare up or if they happen to fall down. Don't let wicks get dirty or uneven, and keep burners clean. Don't neglect the drip pan.

Probably the most frequent cause of kerosene explosions or fires is the habit of using it to start a fire in the range quickly.

Equally unsafe is it to fill a lamp or stove while it is hot just after being extinguished, or to fill either after dark with the aid of an open light such as an automobile, candles, or matches. If the lamp or stove lamp must be refilled at night, use an electric flashlight.

Chemical fire extinguishers have saved many homes from being reduced to ashes. Even a bucket of sand or damp sawdust is very effective if used before a fire gets too much start.

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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

New York—Grover Whalen is an honor-bright dollar-a-year man in his office of President of the New York World's Fair of 1939. This fact was revealed dramatically when, upon completion of his first year as chief executive of the exposition, the Board of Directors presented him a check for one dollar in recognition of the way he has shouldered the many and varied responsibilities devolving upon him "without compensation in any form."

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