

And for you ladies, try this sometimes: tell your husband that, of all the men you know, you are glad that you are your husband's wife. Kiss him several times; surprise him by refusing money.

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METROPOLITAN CLUB FORMED FOR VILLAGE

Contemplate Benefit Projects To Aid Needy at Christmas

COMMITTEE IS NAMED

Activities centered around several benefit projects are being contemplated today by members of the Metropolitan club who plan to furnish aid to needy families during the Christmas holidays.

A general meeting of the Metropolitan club, which includes three public service departments in its membership, is planned for tomorrow at 7:30 p. m. at the Municipal building. The group composed of firemen, policemen and postmen has been in existence in Birmingham for some time but not active.

The present membership of the club is 54 and many new additions are expected to be made at the meeting tomorrow. A preliminary meeting of the club was held last Thursday night at the fire hall. The chief objective set at the time was attendance at a committee for this purpose was appointed. It includes Pat McQuinn, George Winsett, James Anderson and Charles Jones. The presiding officers of the organization are Mr. Jones, president; Mr. Winsett, secretary; and Henry Stoll, treasurer.

Metropolitan clubs are maintained state-wide, following the origin of the association in Detroit, several years ago when the policemen, firemen and mailmen public servants who view the conditions in every neighborhood, gathered to promote welfare work to the poor. The village group will commence its first project in some tentative plans laid.

Among the principal money-making ventures probably will be made in the selling of newspapers in Birmingham similar to the Annual Campaign of the Goodfellows in Detroit. Included in other possible projects is a benefit show.

A facility for benefit work is pointed out in the fact that the three departments which comprise the club all have or are in contact with families who might be in need of assistance and who would not give their children the usual Christmas.

Mrs. Emily Gerrard of Chicago was granted a divorce after testifying that for 20 years she had lived in daily terror of her life.

After testifying during a divorce suit brought by her husband, she spent \$245 for buttermilk since July 16, Theodore Kowper, 54, of Milwaukee is dead.

Glimpses

at and about BIRMINGHAM
By RAYMOND GIRARDIN

Reflections, Contemplations, Quandaries and Observations in a marble table top restaurant: Food which has the appearance on the menu of the most delectable dish in a gourmet's realm serves, when served, as lacking in flavor as boiled water. Thus, Virginia ham with spinach, appears in its actuality far less interesting to the appetite than the slightly less bourgeois kidney stew. In other words food in concept is superior to food in percept.

Three out of every ten night counter-restaurants have Greek attendants who talk with a Bulgarian accent. If you care to listen, you will have stories with your sandwich, stories of the prowess of this particular attendant with women, gambling devices and with his fellow men. One will tell you he spent a "tousand bucks getting drunk and a shootin' crepe" another that he has a "different get ervie day," another that he "threw da nigger out. We don't let no nigger in dis place."

The awfully tired men who appear from the darkness at 3 a. m. and order great steaks with onions, potatoes, three pieces of pie and two cups of coffee. They look no less tired after their coalition.

The unanswerable and inevitable question propounded instantly by the glass of water is placed before one: "What you have?"

Three men seated at a counter: Jack, "What you want, Bill?" Bill, "I don't know. What you want Jack?" Jack, "I don't know. What you want Tom?"

Tom, "I don't know. I just want coffee." Walter, "Coffee." Bill, "Coffee." Jack, "Coffee."

Walter, "Coffee. Tree coffee." Bill, "Coffee. Tree coffee." Jack, "Coffee. Tree coffee." I don't want any cream."

Walter, "One black coffee." Bill, "One black coffee." Jack, "Ya Three coffees. One must be black."

Walter, drawing coffee from a percolator, "One black. Returnin'." Bill, "Tree coffee. One wide black." Places coffee in front of each, remarking, "Coffee, coffee, and one black coffee. Tree coffee, yes sir gentlemen."

He is 40 and looks like the countless others at that age. Speculations of initiation, tortoise face and imitation gold cover his eyes. Meaningless eyes that are used to figures in long columns. His lips are indefinite in their perpetual semi-distortion. Like so many persons, he allows them to form a half-smile, a half-frown.

test, faint and loose. A white shirt, under the edge of his collar, has been sewn. She reminds one of an attic. She is frayed, dusty and discarded. Her own lips turn in tightly from an ill fitting plate, giving her a look of hardness that is contradicted by eyes of tired wonder. They do not speak. She is agreed upon by some strange, unnoted method that seems to assert itself in the common need of persons like this. The waiter who takes the order walks as if his hands were playing for him. She breaks crackers in her soup and takes it as if she were in her kitchen. They have a hot roast beef sandwich, ordered for two quietly by the man with the glasses. Still no other word is spoken. Even when they leave, nothing is said between them. She puts on her own coat and glances back at the chair as if to see whether any crumbs have fallen on it.

The condition which exists in restaurants in the early hours of the morning, that is, if anyone is out that late, is so strange to the naked and somewhat weary eye, that it may almost aptly be described as topsy-turvy. At first glance the casual onlooker might be tempted to remark that neither rhyme nor reason motivated the person in charge, the temporary restaurant, to cause such commotion unless it might be that he had been imbibing too freely of the forbidden liquids, causing his frivolity to get the better of his discretion and resulting in his playing pranks which would bring him to have regrets for his rash and somewhat foolish carryings on the sun of the next day went to rest beyond your hills. But no. Such is not the case. Indeed, one, oneself, will have regrets that he wronged so industrious a gentleman as he who will be accountable for placing all the chairs on all the tables in the building. (There is the secret) But here you will find him busy as a beaver and working like a Trojan, mopping the floor, and making it spic and span so the customers will have a nice clean place like home to eat in the morning. And this is what this man does after the sun sets, and the world goes to sleep on its downy pillows. Would it not be better for the waiter to be that other person who remains up all night, Tex Gulnan, we were to give this little man an applause?

Barber: "You say you have been here before? I don't seem to remember your face." Victim: "Probably not. It's all heaped up now."—Wroe's Writing.

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BUILDING HERE MAY EXCEED THAT OF 1927

First Ten Months Of Year Approach Total For Previous Year INCREASE IS RECORDED

Indications are cited today that total building of 1928 will exceed those of 1927 in Birmingham. The fact that the building total of the first 10 months of this year are only \$23,160 under the entire total for last year is the reason offered for this prediction. Following the issuing of the building report for October from the village offices, the total for the year, thus far, of \$1,827,230 is compared with the 1927 record of \$1,911,090. The reports of November and December need not equal those of last year to surpass 1927. A steady increase is displayed in the building records of the past five years.

	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928
Total	\$ 578,325	\$ 1,023,290	\$ 1,706,825	\$ 1,827,230	\$ 1,911,090	\$ 1,827,230
Month						
January	5	8	12	15	18	21
February	12	15	21	24	27	30
March	18	21	27	30	33	36
April	27	30	36	39	42	45
May	36	39	45	48	51	54
June	45	48	54	57	60	63
July	54	57	63	66	69	72
August	63	66	72	75	78	81
September	72	75	81	84	87	90
October	81	84	90	93	96	99
November	90	93	99	102	105	108
December	99	102	108	111	114	117

The number of residences being erected, according to the October building permits issued, are three with a total cost of \$25,400 while in September 10 residences were built at a cost of \$145,000. Twelve new buildings are being constructed at a cost of \$30,550 as compared with the preceding month's figure of 19 new buildings costing, \$185,750. Three additions and alterations

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—
E. J. Shipman, subdivider: "Birmingham's new municipal building is a beauty. The people of our community will be real proud of it. I know. I first came to Birmingham 14 years ago, and when I realize what great changes have come about since then, I can hardly believe my eyes. The future holds much for this area."

1928 2,062,670
1911-1920 1,911,190
Opposing the general advancement in building circles is the comparison of the October reports of 1927 and 1928. The total announced in the report made for last month of \$45,550 is less than one quarter that of October, 1927, which is \$216,670. The figures taken from the past month's building permits also are 75 per cent less than those of September which reached \$138,550. This is contrary to the 1927 trend where October passed the September sum of \$174,890.

To attain the largest amount in six years the 1928 report will have to show more than \$174,140 increase this month and next. The high figure of \$2,062,670 was made in 1926.

A monthly comparison of the total building operations for the two years, 1927 and 1928 is as follows:

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1927			
January	\$ 45,500	15	\$ 40,005
February	104,400	14	50,200
March	304,750	21	199,480
April	181,825	41	628,025
May	169,885	26	345,250
June	72,000	20	140,725
July	80,055	14	103,350
August	66,465	23	134,070
September	174,890	23	188,580
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and three removal of buildings are listed in today's report. The cost is \$10,000. The classification shows that the 18 permits granted were for three residences, eight garages, three additions and alterations, one gasoline station and three removals.

The September total for permits was 23 as compared with 18 for October.

Careful Or The Village Laws Will Snare You

Tight rope walkers beware! Saloon keepers beware! Horse racers beware! Poultry owners beware, and most of all, you reckless velocipedes, beware, or the law will get you!

Although many do not know of their existence, far back in the village ordinances laws exist which regulate the activities of many professions, and activities now as long forgotten as the ordinances themselves.

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New York.—Eugil Gauvreau is editor of the tabloid Graphic. It's brief and snappy. Maybe that's why he hits the nail on the head. Well, anyway, he's a scrapping

He is argued because Maurice E. Connolly, sentenced to a year in the penitentiary for conspiring to defraud the Borough of Queens, of which he was president, of millions of dollars, is released on bail. And "his gang"—as Gauvreau says—is betting 10 to 1 he never will have to pass another day in jail. But a fellow, 55 years old, arrested for stealing \$75.00, is sentenced to life in prison under the Baumes law. (A law making life mandatory for fourth offenders).

A Warning Also were the "sorcerers" held down to a special limit of six miles and no fooling. And one more word of warning: The next time you hitch your horse to one of the hitching posts in Birmingham (to try to find one) be sure he is hitched to a hitching post and not a tree! (Heaven preserve them).

But what would happen, Mrs. Carson, a representative of The Eccentric asked, "if I should ride my velocipede seven miles an hour?" Mrs. Carson went into a hurried conference with Manager James W. Parry. Then she gave a careful reply.

"Ah," she said, "that would indeed be a serious offence against the laws of the incorporated village of Birmingham and you would be liable to severe censure at the hands of the village marshal. Besides you would look foolish, so don't do it."

The representative left, taking her words under advisement.

TWO SPEEDERS, DRUNK, FINED IN COURT HERE

Three persons paid fines to Justice Malcolm Hunt, Monday morning, following arrests by Birmingham police, Sunday.

On charges of being drunk made by Patrolman Leslie Trueblood, Dennis O'Connor, 819 Howard street, Saginaw, paid a fine of \$15 after spending Sunday night in the jail.

Two speeders, both arrested by Patrolman George Townsend, paid fines. For speeding 45 miles per hour on J. P. Lane in the Cottage street, Pontiac, paid \$10 and Lawrence Smith of Drayton claims paid \$15.

Refrigeration Experiments are testing devices for cooling the atmosphere in dwelling houses. Have they tried the arrival of a big crowd than six miles per hour in any time when there is nothing in the house to eat?—Detroit News.

DRUNK DRIVER FINED \$100

Autos! Pleads Guilty To Tippy Charge When Arraigned Before Hunt

Admitting he was driving while drunk, Homer Sullivan, 23 years old, 2044 Virginia Park, Detroit, was fined \$100 Monday by Justice Malcolm Hunt with the alternative of spending 50 days in jail. He paid the fine.

He was arrested by Patrolman Frank Williams Saturday night at Woodward and Maple avenues when Williams saw the man become involved in traffic.

Phone your news items to The Eccentric. Phones 11 and 12.

First Railroad Magnate: Business has been bad lately. Second Dicto: "Well, things should pick up right along now. Notre Dame starts its football season soon.

I counted the names of sixteen tickets darkened on the ticket agency boards. Unusual for this time of year. "What's to become of the spoken play?" Broadway asks gloomily. Write better plays.

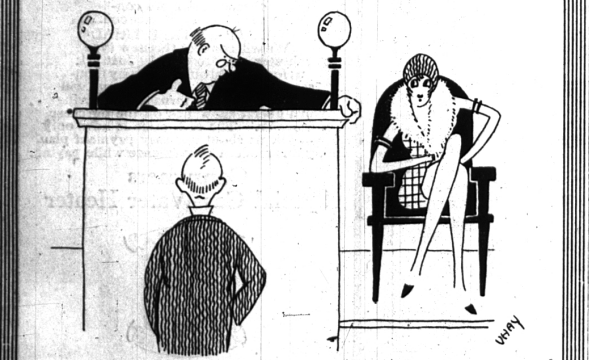
No. 1 Wall street is to have a 44-story building. (That height doesn't mean much in New York.) The American Exchange Irving Trust Co. is to erect the structure on this site, which, being across from Trinity church, is the first view tourists usually have of Wall street.

A 40-story hotel is to go up at Sixth avenue, 58th street and Central Park West. This region around the south end of Central park has become approximately the chief exclusive hotel center.

A friend of mine took a small car to a garage. Going back the following morning, he was informed it was gone. It was found in an hour. But that is as nothing to the messenger boy sent on an important mission by a firm. The messenger boy was swallowed up in the depths of New York for hours. Wonder how many persons disappear here each day?

Movie officials are not entirely happy over talking movies. They present complications in foreign lands. Needless to say the French won't put up with English—and even the British object to Hollywood dialect.

Rumor has it that John J. Raskob, Democratic national chair-



JUDGE—"And you say you positively identify this man's car as the one that caused the accident?"
WITNESS—"Oh! My, yes! I remember the number was 4486."
JUDGE—"You say you are a telephone operator?"
WITNESS—"Yes, your honor."
JUDGE—"Case dismissed."

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