FOLKS IN OUR TOWN

The Wrong Number

By Edward McCullough

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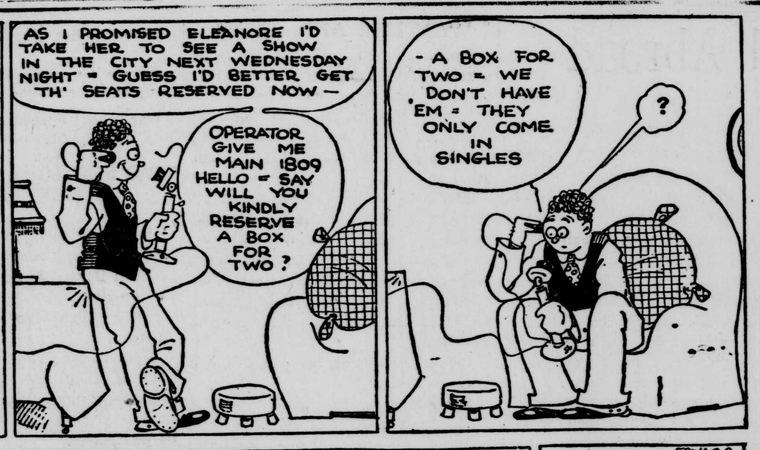

YOU NEED NOT FAIL

—BY— WHIT HADLEY

I have told you so often about boys with "no chance" who conquered difficulties and hardships and thereafter rose to fame and fortune that it is only fair now to tell you about a woman who won success. She is Mrs. Josephine Duble Miller of New Orleans.

In 1908, when Mrs. Miller was twenty-one, her young husband died. Death had followed a long illness and in its wake came extreme poverty, large unpaid debts, the problem of what she, sickly and weak and inexperienced, was to do, and a future almost devoid of prospects. Mr. Miller had been a locksmith.

During the same year of her husband's death Mrs. Miller determined to become one of the most talked locksmiths in the world and to that end she went to work as a locksmith's apprentice.

Marine locks were her specialty. To get business she canvassed the docks and personally interviewed the masters of ships whose vessels docked at the port of New Orleans. Results of a paying nature were slow and poverty was keen, but she stuck to her chosen work and during the spring of the following year she entered a bid against a number of competitors to completely overhaul and rebuild the locks of a steamship which had put in for repairs. She was given the contract. From that day her fame began to mount. It became the custom of ship owners to send for Mrs. Miller and place large orders with her. Before two years had passed she was employing a number of helpers, had moved into a pretentious shop and her net profits were hovering about $7,000 a year. About four years ago two large buildings, housing the Canal-Commercial and the Whitney-Central Banks were erected. Contract bids for locks for all doors were let. Mrs. Miller won both bids. Today Mrs. Miller's business is a large one and she is called a specialist.

This Week

By Arthur Brisbane

NOT READING,—THINKING. JOY ON MARS. YOUNG AT 102. TWO YOUNG MEN.

The World Federation of Education Associations organizes a world war against illiteracy. For this war the Crown Prince of Japan has appropriated a million yen. China has adopted the slogan "China a Literate Nation in One Generation."

It is preposterous that any human beings, outside of actual barbarism, should grow up unable to read.

But teaching them to read and write is only the first step. The next is teaching human beings TO THINK, which is considerably more difficult and important.

It isn't what you READ that counts. It's what you THINK AFTER YOU READ that improves government and civilization.

It takes a Frenchman, and an old one, Camille Flammarion, to say that the people on Mars are much more JOYFUL than we are.

The Martian year is twice as long as ours. A man there fifty years old has lived 100 years, nearly. The climate is better and the planet being smaller, everything is lighter. An ordinary Martian could easily carry his mother-in-law upstairs in his arms, even if she weighed 400 pounds. Millions of years older in their civilization than earth men, the Martians are far ahead of us in knowledge, and that means happiness. In fact it's the only solid happiness.

John A. Stewart, called "Grand Old Man of Wall Street," who knew Abraham Lincoln, and is now head of an important bank, celebrated his 102nd birthday last week. To us, that seems old. A thousand years hence, 125 will seem young as sixty is now. Men will die out gently like fading twilight.

Mr. Stewart continues living, intellectually young, because he has continued WORKING. Men like trees die at the top. They are all right while the top is green.

After a while civilized human beings will decide that rats and mice don't pay, and take the trouble to get rid of them along with mosquitoes, flies and other nuisances that Father Noah might well have left out of the Ark.

An English scientist demonstrated that rats suffer from foot and mouth disease and, frequenting stables, infect the cattle.

Moral for farmers, use cement and copper and keep out the rats.

Clarence Darrow, a lawyer, who thinks and feels, and consequently earns little in proportion to his great ability, tells the Court that to hang the two young men whom he defends, Loeb and Leopold, "would be a worse crime than they committed."

And that is the truth, exactly. If a red Indian tortured a white man for twenty-four hours, that would not excuse white men for torturing that red man even for twenty-four minutes. The greater the intelligence and responsibility, the greater the crime.

This column, too lightly, compared Moses' forty-year trip across the desert with the four-hour trip of a small American automobile, and the one and one-half-hour trip of a flying machine, across the same desert.

Many writers send learned comment.

Hyman Bedner, of Passaic, New Jersey, says, "You needn't wait to get information from Moses in heaven. He kept the children of Israel in the desert for forty years because they were not qualified to conquer the Promised Land. They practically all died. The new generation, educated and drilled, led by Husima, won their Promised Land by fighting."

Max Himoff, of Long Island City, writer, said that Moses had to let his old followers die off while he raised a new generation "who knew nothing about Egypt and prepared them for their task."

Can anybody give more exact information about the fighting leader, Husima?

Divers working ninety feet below the surface have recovered thirty-five million dollars of gold and silver bullion from the steamship Laurentia, sunk by a German submarine.

Thousands of tons of "liquid gold" are in the water through which steamers plow as they go back and forth. Some day men may retrieve it.

Poem by Uncle John

Seems to me that waitin' is the bosom friend of pain. Find the thing exemplified in waitin' fer a train. Feller waits fer anything, he's flirtin' with despair, but—worst of all is waitin' while the barber's bobbin' hair!

Feller in a hurry, mighty anxious fer a shave. Got a million duties fer the time he hopes to save; Mazie beats him to it, which of course is on the square—but, Mazie is a fairy-bell with half a day to spare!

Waitin' in the barber-shop with bristles on yer face. Hate to see the Beauty-Parler shove us out of place! Might as well be reconciled to things that has to be,—but where we're fetchin' up at—is a mystery to me!

The Jedge's Josh.

FARM BUREAU NEWS

Annual Report Now Available

In attractive book form and carrying 150 pages of interesting and instructive reading matter concerning the deliberations, the report of the eighth annual meeting of the Maryland Agricultural Society—The Farm Bureau Federation is just off the press and is now available to Farm Bureau members in the state, and copies will be shortly sent out to each member.

This report will be especially interestingfi to those members who were unable to attend the annual meeting which was held in the Southern Hotel, Baltimore last January as well as to those who were in attendance. The book has been printed at no little expense and it should be carefully preserved by all Farm Bureau members as a matter of record. The book is adorned by a splendid half-tone cut of E. P. Cohill, president of the organization who is characterized as: "The Father of the Statewide Farm Bureau Movement in Maryland."

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Increased Telephone Rates Not Justified

S. H. DeVault, one of the specialists for the University of Maryland, who has spent considerable time making a survey of the telephone situation in the state, with particular reference to the proposed increased rates, for the Maryland Farm Bureau Federation submitted a report at the meeting of the executive committee of the Federation on August 11, in which he declared the proposed increase "not justifiable."

Mr. DeVault presented a detailed report to the committee much of which he secured from the records of the public service commission. He also presented a comprehensive summary, illustrated with charts, showing the number of telephones in each county in the state both on a county and state basis. The committee gave Mr. DeVault a vote of thanks for his untiring efforts in this connection.

The Farm Bureau Federation is gathering all kinds of statistical evidence to combat the increased rates proposed by the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company when the case is heard by the Public Service Commission. Already practically every county Farm Bureau organization in the state has voted a vigorous protest against any increase in the present telephone rates.

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Farm Bureau Members Take Notice

"Fertilizer and acid manufacturers in the Baltimore District, it is estimated, will receive at least $4,250,000 more for their products this year than they did for the total output in 1923."

"This estimate, it is claimed, is based on the increase in prices asked for these commodities up to the present time. If, however, quotations go higher, as many knowing ones believe will be the case, the value of the output will correspondingly increase."

In view of this fact, is it not highly essential that the Farm Bureau members of the state place their fertilizer orders at the earliest possible moment with the agents of the Agricultural Corporation of Maryland which is the purchasing department of the Maryland Farm Bureau Federation, and in this way get the advantage of lowest possible price through the idea of group buying and the principles of cooperation.

ENGLISH FAR BEHIND IN GETTING TELEPHONE HABIT

"We have a long way to go," says a recent writer in the Yorkshire Evening Post of Leeds, England. "before we develop the private telephone habit to anything like the extent they have it in America, but," he hopefully adds, "we are progressing very steadily."

As a matter of fact, the latest comparative figures on the subject show that, in the course of a year, the English people average only about eighteen telephone calls per capita, as against 174 telephone conversations per person annually in the United States. In other words Americans use the telephone nine times as much as Englishmen.

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