FOLKS IN OUR TOWN

Poor Old Hiram

By Edward McCullough

AUTOCASTER

This Week

By Arthur Brisbane

OKEECHOBEE AND CATFISH.
WHERE CONONRS GETS RICH.
FALSE ECONOMY.
LUCKY JAPANESE BABY.

OKEECHOBEE CITY is the newest Florida city. Two years ago men were there catching a few catfish. Now it is a boom town, thanks to S. Davies Warfield, president of the Seabord Air Line, who ran his new straight-as-an-arrow railroad across Florida to Palm Beach with a station at this point.

Now Lake Okeechobee yields one million dollars worth of catfish a year, most of it shipped to Kansas City and St. Louis, where catfish are appreciated as they should be. Tourists come honking by the thousands and W. J. Conners, who owns the Buffalo Courier and most of the land around here, is getting richer than ever.

You will be interested in this latest boom land even out of season. Also in the poor young Seminole Indian wife buried beside the railroad track and in O. P. Lamerson the ferryman leaving Florida with his two sons for Columbia, South America, because land here is too dear.

When you come to Florida take the Seaboard Air Line, save time and see the western part of Florida as well as the north and south and the east coast. Travel over the high backbone of the peninsula, which travelers usually miss, with its wonderful lake region. Also you save many miles by the airline road and help to justify the optimistic courage of Mr. Warfield, who has rendered the greatest possible service to this state.

Merchants and others complain that Mr. Coolidge's preaching and practicing of economy have hurt business. They say, "If President Coolidge says he is having his straw hat of 1922 pressed once more, instead of buying a new one, nobody else will buy a new one."

Everybody knows that prosperity for all classes depends on CIRCULATION of money. If nature decided to save up water and keep it all in the ocean, instead of scattering it around in rain, crops wouldn't be good. Money spent is to business what rain is to crops.

One angry merchant suggests: "To set an example in economy the best plan is not to have an old straw hat reblocked and advertise that. It would be better to lay up the Mayflower, the expensive pleasure boat such as neither Washington nor Lincoln ever had, and save enough on coal to buy 100,000 new straw hats."

President Coolidge does not recommend foolish economy, but wise economy. As for the Mayflower, the country is rich enough to let the President enjoy the fresh air, and is glad to give him whatever he can wisely use.

As regards spending, the wise man's plan is to buy what he needs when he needs it, remembering that a good appearance is a wise investment, and that there is nothing more costly than FALSE ECONOMY.

Japan's Prince Regent, Hiro Hito, tells the empire that his wife expects an heir. The Princess cancels all engagements. She will devote her time, before and after, to that new little "son—or daughter—of Heaven," and will think herself well rewarded for all her care when the baby smiles at her. No one will persuade her that "in justice to your own health, and looks, my dear, you must not THINK of nursing the baby." And she won't be smoking cigarettes in bed three days after it is born.

In Japan if you raise your hand to a little child, frowning, and threatening, the child will laugh, knowing that you pretend. No one there ever strikes a child. That's one reason why the Japanese fight so well, when they do fight. The Japanese spirit is not broken in childhood.

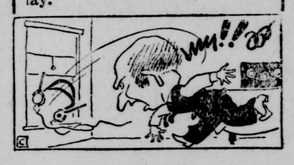
The President hopes, and is determined, to cut $300,000,000 more off the nation's tax bill. That comforts the "better element." At present, our very best element feels toward the tax gatherer as the faithful dominick hen feels toward the farmer, gathering her eggs as fast as she lays them, and giving her a door knob when she wants to set.

Poem by Uncle John

If we'd count the lady soloists of which we're jestly proud, there'd be a lot of people that's astonished at the crowd. Of course we learn statistics that we didn't usto know, when they come in bales and baskets on the family radio.

My neighbor—right here by me—is inclined to make mistakes, for he hates the high sopranner like St. Patrick hated snakes; He says it cracks his eardrums when he listens at 'em squeal—which in regards to song-birds ain't the proper way to feel.

We hear some fiery language at the female opry-scores—why, my neighbor jerked his headset off, an' throwed it out of doors! Sometimes I argy with him, that a thing which can't be cured, like the fierce sopranner solo, somehow has to be endured. If anything can make me grab my sword and want to slay—it's to hear a blubberin' Basso strike "The Road to Mandalay."



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ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE

"Ideal Girl" Weds

Mischa Elman, world famous violinist searched 20 years for the "ideal girl" and he found her in Helen Katten of San Francisco. Now they are married.

Not So Good

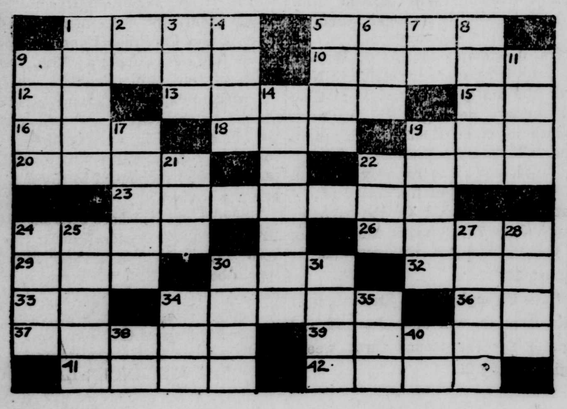
It is a "sun mask" to prevent sunburn which the fair bathers along the Atlantic coast are trying to use. This one worn by Ruth Ayres at Long Beach, N. Y. last Sunday.

Jersey City, N. J.—Mr. George M. Downs writes:—"When I was a trapeze performer traveling with the circus I contracted severe stomach trouble and nervous breakdown. The doctor advised operation immediately, but I was afraid of operations and put it off. A friend suggested I try Tutt's Pills, he having used them for years. After the first dose I began to feel better and would not be without them. I feel as young and full of vigor as I did when I joined the circus." At all druggists.

THIS WEEK'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE

HOW TO SOLVE A CROSS WORD PUZZLE

The first letter of each word is indicated by a number placed in the blank white spaces, and by referring to the list of words given below, you will find the definition. For instance, number one horizontal gives the definition of a word which will fill in all the white spaces to the first black space at the right. Number one vertical gives the definition for a word which will fill in all the white spaces to the first black space below. The black spaces indicate the end of a word, and no letter is placed in them. When completed, the puzzle must read both horizontally and vertically or across and down.



This puzzle is designed by William Sherrill for those who have correctly solved a dozen or more cross word puzzles, and consequently feel that they are pretty good. There is nothing tricky about it. Every definition means exactly what it says and the words themselves are not extremely difficult. However, if you get a fall out of this one you will know you have had a tussle.

HORIZONTAL

1. Seamed
5. To encourage wrong-doing
9. Incurring punishment
10. Stout and rosy with health
-. A city of Chaldea
13. A branch
15. European river
16. Correlative to not
18. A trap
19. A sign of the Zodiac
20. To have and retain in one's possession
22. Change direction
23. Having the form of a tooth
24. A Hebrew month
26. Eagerly expectant
29. Dull brown; swarthy complexion
30. British National Reserve (ab.)
32. A small part of the head
33. I am (contraction)
34. A mass of visible vapor floating through the air at various heights.
36. Pugilistic knockout.
37. Forbid; exclude
39. Organic matter of the soil.
41. Not quick
42. Space for occupancy enclosed on all sides

VERTICAL

1. Island possession of Denmark
2. Legal note (ab.)
3. A fish
4. A man's name
5. To border upon
6. A vehicle
7. Prefix meaning out
8. Pith helmet worn in tropics
9. Species of fungus
11. Tract of land on which game is preserved for shooting
14. Offspring of a Spaniard or Creole and an American Indian
17. A fortification
19. A stratum
21. By
22. By the route of
24. Mine entrance
25. French novelist
27. Untwisted rope, used for caulking the seams of a ships planks
28. Strong, thick kind of silk
30. T blossom
31. German territory occupied by Allies after World War
34. Note of the dove
35. A song in two parts
38. Business League (ab.)
40. A state

Sonny—I say, dad, what keeps people from falling off the earth when we are upside down?

Father—Why, the law of gravity, of course.

Sonny—But how did people stay on before the law was passed?

A two foot rule — Keep off the grass!

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