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# THRIFT TALK

It would be interesting to know how much time is wasted in the aggregate by the people of this country. Translated into terms of dollars, it would doubtless run high into the millions annually.

Noted throughout the world for their energy and capacity for hard work, Americans are nevertheless prone often to be guilty of the small vice of tardiness.

In all large business organizations tardiness among employees is one of the constant problems confronting the executives. A few years ago many employers tried to enforce punctuality among employees by a system of fines and penalties. These plans, however, did not seem to work out successfully from every standpoint. They aroused resentment among the workers which was reflected in carelessness, indifference to their work and in some cases to absolute viciousness.

More recently large concerns have adopted the plan of establishing honor rolls and creating bonuses for punctuality. The results have been satisfactory. One company in 1921 installed a bonus amounting to about 4 cents an hours paid weekly to employees who worked full time with no lateness. The plan is said to have resulted in a 33 1-3 per cent. reduction in absenteeism. Another large concern pays a cash bonus of ten per cent of one week's salary, maximum bonus not to exceed $6.00, to clerical employees who establish a perfect record for any thirty consecutive days. As a result 98.86 per cent. of the 8,000 employees reported on time every day last year.

Other concerns give half-day or whole-day holidays as rewards for perfect attendance covering various periods.

Punctuality is an excellent example of thrift. It is not a difficult matter for the average person to be on time. It is a form of self discipline that should be cultivated by all for it will bring its full rewards.

Contemplated closing of ten stations on the Eastern Shore by the Pennsylvania Railroad, which recently acquired the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic, will be urged.

Application in the connection has been made to the Maryland Public Service Commission and a public hearing set for the body's office in Baltimore March 14. Considerable protest is expected to be voted in some of the cases. The stations are Parsonsburg, Whaleyville, Rockawalkin, Rhodesdale, Bethlehem, McDaniel, Claiborne, Wye Mills, Grasonville, and Narrows.

## ORDER NIS!

In the matter of the estate of Carrie L. Wirts, deceased

In the Orphans' Court for Kent County, Maryland

ORDERED this 19th day of February, 1929, by the Orphans' Court for Kent County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings made and reported by George W. Wirts, Executor of the estate of Carrie L. Wirts, late of Kent County, deceased, under and by virtue of authority contained in the last Will and Testament of Carrie L. Wirts, dated the 30th day of January, 1928, duly admitted to probate and recorded in Liber S. G. C. No. 1., folio 279 etc., a Wills Record Book in the office of the Register of Wills of Kent County, and by authority from this Court by Order executed the 10th day of April, 1928, be ratified and confirmed unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 30th day of April next, provided that a copy of this Order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent County, Maryland, once in each of four successive weeks before the 23rd day of March, next.

Report states amount of sale to be $1100.00.

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## The Matrimonial Flute

By AD SCHUSTER

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TANBARK TOM stretched on the grass beside a creek listening to his partner play the flute.

"If I was you, Bill, I wouldn't be so proud of that there accomplishment. Maybe you never heard of what happened to Eli Nump, who was a friend of mine, and all because he up and played a flute?"

"I guess there's worse things than flute-playing. Nobody ever got run in for it." Bill thrust out his jaw.

"No? Well, this here Eli got a life sentence, that's what, and for just playing the flute. Would you like to hear tell?"

Now this here Eli was a young fellow with a love of wandering here and there. Sometimes he was getting in the crops in Dakota and sometimes piling stuff on the wharves. Anyway he lands in a little town in Montana looking for a soft job and he got one.

Feller said he would stake him to grub and a little pay and all Eli would have to do was watch a flock of sheep. Eli thought of sitting around waiting for the sheep to eat their summer's food, calculated he might find some fishing and signed up. He took his flute and went up in the hills entirely surrounded by sheep.

Sometimes a job gets too soft and this one began to wear on Eli. But he was a kind-hearted fellow and couldn't bear to desert the sheep, so he stuck around, playing his flute and thinking. Told me later he never did so much thinking in his life.

One night the moon came over the mountains all big and full and Eli sat up and discovered he was in love with the country. Something had come over him; he had been initiated and he didn't think any more. All he did was play his flute and let the time go by. He even sang a song. There were times when he thought of a girl back home.

One night he played a sort of love song on his flute, making it up as he went, and he was so interested in the effect he did not notice what was going on. When he did look up there was a big Indian buck motioning at him with his finger.

Eli took one gaze at the buck and followed. What would a flute-playing sheepherder be doing trying to run away from a bird like this one? The Indian leads Eli into the circle of a campfire and gives him a shove and all the time Eli doesn't know whether he is to be eaten or just tortured. Then he sees a couple of shining lights which is the eyes of the Indian girl standing up straight in front of her wigwam and the girl is looking at Eli.

So does everybody else and they seem to be expecting something. The girl's eyes says, "How do you do?" and a lot of other things, and Eli, playing a hunch, walks up to her. When she held out her hand he took it and the Indians all begin to grunt. When the show was over Eli was let in on the secret that he and the Indian girl were married.

"But what has all that got to do with a life sentence for playing a flute?"

"Marriage is a life sentence, as I see it, and it was playing the flute what was responsible. You see, that is the Indian way of courting, making music outside the camp."

### The Dispute

Joseph F. Nickerson, the refrigeration authority of Chicago, was talking in New York about a scientists' dispute.

"These two great scientists," he said, "have got angry and allowed personalities to creep in. Too bad, too bad, though it certainly makes their dispute more amusing at that.

"It reminds me of the fat conductor and the cranky passenger.

"'Now, then!' the fat conductor yelled, 'you got to do one of three things and do it quick—show your ticket, pay your fare, or get off.'

"Everybody in the car laughed, and the cranky passenger brought out his ticket. Then he tapped the conductor's big stomach with his knuckles and yelled back:

"'And you've got to do one of three things quick, too—walk more, eat less, or bust.'"

### First Afro-American Art

The famous old wrought iron balconies, grilles and doorways of New Orleans, now the delight of antique collectors, were the work of negro slaves. They brought the art with them from Africa. During the early days of that city, when the best of the iron was wrought, there were no white craftsmen there. The slave craftsmen who worked at the anvil took a hybrid collection of French and Spanish motifs and worked them into an art expression of their own. Although it was simpler than anything European, it was and still is a remarkable tribute to the craftsmanship of the slave smiths. Anyone who has visited the Gulf city is familiar with these simple but charmingly designed balconies, grilles, lunettes, etc., wrought by slave labor without white direction.

## First Book on Fishing Credited to a Woman

The first book that was published about fishing in England was written by the prioress of St. Alban's about the time the Cabots were busy making their American discoveries, and the fundamentals of angling have changed but very little since outlined by the authoress, Thomas W. Jull, champion fly-caster of Ontario, said recently. According to "Fishing Julie," as the authoress is commonly known, "the sport is to be followed for its own sake and not for mercenary gain." Of the thirteen flies described in her book, twelve are in common use today, Mr. Jull said.

Walton's Compleat Angler, "the only classic that has ever been written on any sport," was written in 1663. An original copy at the time of publication was worth about 17 pence and now realizes a price around $2,500.

## Varieties of Spiders Have Communal Nests

Some spiders live in large colonies in close intimacy not only with spiders of different species, but with other insects. In Mexico in regions at an altitude of 2,500 yards, spiders are found that live in societies and construct common nests of large dimensions like the nests of ants and bees. The nests are in great demand among the natives of the country, who take fragments of them and hang them about their rooms as traps for flies and mosquitoes.

The nests are surrounded with threads that serve as hiding places in which the spiders lie in wait for their prey. All the insects caught are used as food for the colony. In the nests, which the spiders never leave for any reason or under any circumstances, are piled heaps of flies, yet the nests are kept with the utmost cleanliness. The public hygiene of the colony is looked after by a small creature treated with scrupulous respect by all the spiders. This infinitesimal being does for spider communities what the blind white wood louse does for ants. It is of the family of the Latricides; it lives in the common nest with all the spiders, nourishing itself on everything rejected and cast off by them.—Washington Star.

## Cretans Were Liberal in Decorative Ideas

The Cretan decorators did not scruple to depart from a literal interpretation of nature if by so doing they secured desirable decorative effects.

If a monkey with a blue head suited their purpose better than a realistic monkey they showed no hesitance in altering it. This is the decorator's privilege, a sort of artistic license that has been taken by artists from those ancient times to the present.

Do not think that curious drawings and distortions are the product of amateurish hands. The Cretan decorators did not alter the apparent forms because they could not draw them correctly. It was done deliberately, to suit their scheme of decoration. Sometimes a naturalistic treatment of flowers and ferns was used.

When they liked they could give realistic interpretation and at other times conventionalize their subjects. When it suited their purpose they put in colors that nature never used in such places. These Cretan decorators were great craftsmen and artists. Their designs are studied by artists today.

### Not Guilty

A man was charged with kissing a girl against her will, and during the proceedings the girl went into the box.

"You say," said the counsel for the defense, "that my client took you by surprise, and that you gave him no encouragement?"

"I do," replied the girl.

"Doesn't it strike you as strange that he should have managed to kiss you as you were unwilling?" added counsel. "Look at my client, and then consider your own height. Why, you must be nearly a foot taller than he is."

"Well, what of it?" retorted the girl. "I can stoop, can't I?"

### Chasing Woodchucks

The wise farmers, when bothered by woodchucks, resort to one of three methods in thinning them out. They insert either calcium cyanide or carbon disulphide in the chuck's burrow and seal it over. The fumes in a short time will penetrate every part of the burrow and Mr. Woodchuck is gassed to death. Another method is that of attaching a hose to the exhaust of a tractor engine or automobile and inserting down into the burrow, sealing the entrance and racing the engine. Carbon monoxide does the rest. Hunting chucks with firearms is a long drawn out job and has never been satisfactory.

### Narrow Escape

A small child who much disliked milk pudding had been made to finish it before leaving the table. When she had at last eaten it she asked if she might get down.

"Yes, when you have said grace," said her mother.

"But I've nothing to be thankful for," answered the child sulkily.

"Very well then," said the mother, "stay where you are."

This was too much for the child, so, putting her two small hands together, she said, in a loud, clear voice, "Thank God I wasn't sick. Now may I get down?"

### Not in His Line

While doing some historical research recently, an Indianapolis woman stepped into a cigar store seeking information concerning a tablet in the vicinity, supposed to represent the site of the first school building in Indianapolis.

In response to the woman's question, the man behind the counter returned politely, "We don't keep tablets, lady."—Indianapolis News.

### Lost Walk in Spirals

Persons lost or blindfolded naturally walk in circles or spirals, not because one leg is shorter than the other, but because of a special "steering mechanism" that takes control when the eyes are unable to function as directing agents.

### Shark Good Eating

Shark meat has grown in favor among the native population of Bermuda until it is now their favorite delicacy.

More than 200 kinds of fish can be caught in the warm waters around Bermuda and all are edible. Fishermen find, however, that young sharks are most in demand. These average about four feet in length and are caught alive just beyond the six-mile coral reef that surrounds the islands.

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# GALENA

Mr. William Johnson, of Philadelphia, spent the week end home with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Vansant is spending several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Tery Mitchell, of Waynsboro, Pa.

Mrs. James Mulford is spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. John Tucker, of Smyrna.

Mr. William Pennington, of Baltimore spent the week end at his home at Fredricktown.

Mrs. Blancvhe Cockran and friend, Mrs. Scott, of Baltimore, spent several days of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Boyd.

Miss Agnes Jarman, of Philadelphia, spent the week end with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Craddock and son, of Moors, Pa., spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. James D. Davis.

Mr. Clifton Mulford, of Centreville spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Mulford.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Woodall, of Wilmington, was home over the week end.

Mrs. Scott and daughter, of Philadelphia, are spending several days with her aunt, Mrs. Wm. Boyd.

Mr. and Mrs. James Quinn spent a few days with relatives in Philadelphia.

Misses Agnes Newnam, Agnes Mullen, Anna Mary Beaston and Edna Beaston, all of the State Normal College, of Salisbury, spent the week home with their parents.

The Busy bees Sunday School Class will hold a bake at Wm. Starr's store on Saturday afternoon, March 2nd.

Mr. Jed Welch, of Drexel College, was home over the week end.

Mrs. Joseph Boyd and daughter, Mrs. Wm. Towler, spent the week end with relatives in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Cockran entertained on Sunday at dinner Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Cockran and family and Miss Mary Emma Robinson and Miss Elmina Woodall.

Miss Cecila Mullen has returned home after spending two weeks at Eriae, Pa.

Mr. Kuth Cockran, Jr., attended the dance on Washington birthday, Friday, February 22, at Washington College.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Otwell, of Middletown, were home over the week end.

Miss Mary Emma Robinson, of Wilmington, spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Genenive Cockran.

Mr. and Mrs. William Starr and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Woodall, of Massey.

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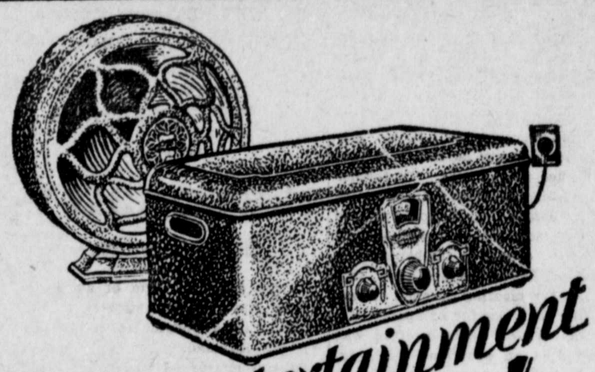

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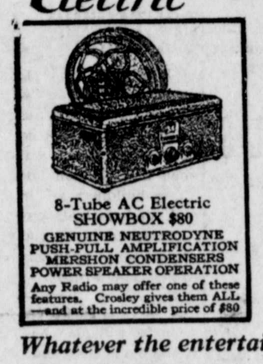

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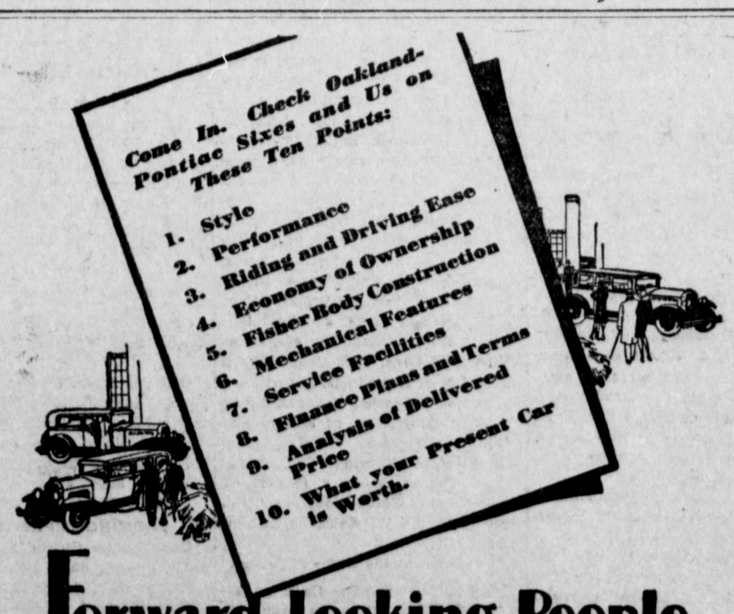


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