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French Mind Slow to Wander in New Paths

The critical intelligence of the French at its best is very far from mere fault-finding, and has a limpid clarity which is unmatched in the mind of any other people, Philip Carr writes, in the London Fortnightly Review. Even at its best, however, it has its limits. The Frenchman is always reasoning and not often imagining, or rather his imagination—for he is characteristically an artist—always has a reasoning quality. Perhaps it would be more true to say that he is hardly ever dreaming. He is really interested only in what can be defined, and as he has too highly developed the art of getting the very best out of the material beauties and pleasures and sensations of life, he is often unfairly accused of caring only for the material side of it. A love of system, of generalizations, of abstract principles, makes the logic which is always working in every French mind almost entirely deductive. It gives to the Frenchman the tendency which he always has to take a legal view of any question, unless he takes an even more closely reasoned scientific view. It prevents him from trying in practice any expedient of which he has not first attempted to understand the principle, but it also prevents him from being vague and happy-go-lucky.

"Grail" Legend Traced to Fables of Antiquity

The origin of the Grail legend was discussed by speakers at the international Arthurian congress at Truro, England. Prof. Roger Loomis, of Columbia university, discussed the Celtic connection of the Grail legend. It was popularly supposed, he said, that this "Grail" was the cup used by Christ at the Last Supper, and that the story of the quest was always a Christian story. As a matter of fact, however, the earliest form we possessed of the Grail legend was full of details quite incongruous with a Christian interpretation. It was a reasonable conclusion that this, the most fascinating of legends, gradually evolved in Ireland and Wales and passed through Cornwall and Brittany to the French. Doctor Lewes, of St. Andrews university, suggested that the source of the Grail story was the famous legend of the House of Atreus, especially the story of Orestes, avenger of his father Agamemnon.

Importance of the Mace

The present mace in the British house of commons dates from the Restoration, and was supplied pursuant to an order of the house, dated May 21, 1660. It was made by Thomas Maundy, a London goldsmith, and cost approximately $733. It must always lie upon the table when the house is constituted with the speaker in the chair. When the house goes into committee the mace is placed on two supports below the table to show that the house is not properly constituted. After the election of a new parliament before a speaker has been chosen, the mace is also kept under the table, upon which it is placed as soon as the speaker is properly completed. It is lent to the speaker by the sovereign, who resumes possession of it when parliament is prorogued.

The Limit

An American, visiting this country to have a look at our poultry farms, did not hesitate to say how much farther advanced was the art of poultry-keeping in America, and told some tall yarns of his achievements. Twenty-five chickens from a dozen eggs appeared to be a daily occurrence in the United States.

But a good old English farmer was game for him.

"Perhaps," said the old man, "you have never seen a hundred chickens hatched by one hen at a sitting?"

"Wan!," answered the American, "I can't say I have, but—"

"Well, then, it happens that I have," returned the farmer. "Down Devonshire way we always fill a barrel with eggs and set the hen on the bunghole!" —London Tit-Bits.

Father's Little Weakness

Father and son were out walking when the former stooped and picked up a rather nicely made man's glove.

"There's nothing like honesty," he said to the boy. "I will place it on this railing, and perhaps the owner will return for it."

They continued their walk, but a little while later the man picked up another glove.

"Goodness me," he exclaimed, "this is the neighbor to the other glove!" He tried it on. "And my size, too. Carry back, Sonny, and fetch the other glove."

Habit the Cable-Tow

Habit has been well described as a cable, weaving only a thread at a time, but at last so strong that it cannot easily be broken. Eliminate in yourself every weak and undesirable habit. Take a determinated stand for everything which enlarges and ennobles your life. Resolve to live your highest possible life where you are today. Take stock of your habits. Character comes from repeated choice.

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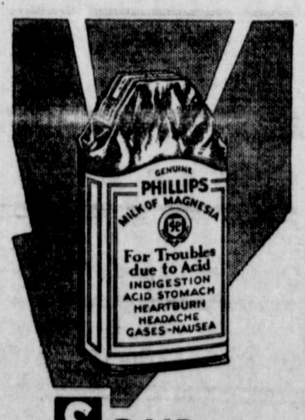
Thrills And Romance In Film Version Of "Within The Law"

Too much cannot be said for Joan Crawford's brilliant portrayal in "Paid," her latest talker which comes to the New Lyceum Theatre on Friday and Saturday, February 27 and 28.

As Mary Turner, the shop girl who is sent to prison although innocent, and subsequently becomes the leader of a suave crook gang, Miss Crawford offers a surprise to movie-goers who have seen her only in flapper characterizations. The vehicle, adapted from the stage success, "Within the Law," is an admirable story for Miss Crawford's debut as a straight dramatic actress. In directing it Sam Wood has kept the action moving at a swift tempo throughout and has retained a firm hand on suspense and unexpected situations. Running Miss Crawford a close second in acting honors is a convincing group of supporting players, including Robert Armstrong, Marie Prevost, Kent Douglass, and John Miljan. Altogether a scoring production!

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Jogalong Tales

CHAPTER 4

The centipede was waving his 23 pairs of legs frantically around in the air, not the slightest use to him.

"Let's turn him over," laughed the boy. "He does look funny that way."

The Jogalong picked up a strong twig from the ground and, with the boy following, walked over to the centipede, who was so busy trying to right himself before some larger creature should come along and step upon him that he hardly recognized the voice of his old friend, the Jogalong.

"Calm yourself, Centi, old chap," said the Jogalong, laughing. "If you'll keep some of these feet still a moment, the boy and I will right you."



Upon mention of the boy, the centipede became all the more nervous. He struggled harder.

"Is he afraid of me?" asked the boy of the Jogalong. "I wouldn't hurt him. Can't you tell him so?"

"Here, here," said the Jogalong to the centipede. "Quiet, sir! This boy is harmless. He's taking a trip through the Land of Wonders with me and his eyes are quite opened. He won't step on you."

Whereupon the centipede became calm and the Jogalong and the boy, with the aid of the twig, helped him back onto his feet. The Jogalong whispered something to the boy which made him laugh.

"Ask him which foot he uses first in walking. He never can remember, though I've asked him a hundred times."

The boy smiled at the centipede and bowed to him politely.

"Pray, can you tell me which foot you use first in walking and which one follows that?" he asked.

The centipede, in his own peculiar language, began to boast.

"What is he saying?" asked the boy. "I can't understand a word."

So the Jogalong gave him a small ear trumpet which he picked from a trumpet vine near by. This the boy placed against his ear and immediately he could understand the centipede's rapid chatter.

"Of course," he was saying, "I can tell you which leg I use first. It is this one, no, this one, no, I think it is this one. No, certainly not! It is the one on the right, no, that's not right, it is the one on the left. Oh, how foolish of me, I mean it is the one behind the first one in the rear; but, no, that would trip me up. Oh la, la, where am I, anyway? Did I say it was the middle one? Is it the middle one? Certainly not. Now, that's funny, I can't seem to make it sound right whichever way I say it."

"Try doing it," suggested the boy, "that may help you."

The centipede tried to start walking. His legs became quite jumbled up. Not one would work the way it should.

"Now I've done it again," said he. "Whenever I talk about my feet they don't work well. I declare I don't know which one comes first. Can't anyone help me?"

"I can," said the Jogalong. "Just you go over there by the pond and bring me a blade of grass."

The centipede had great confidence in the Jogalong and immediately forgot about his feet as he set about doing his bidding. He walked away hurriedly.

"You see," said the Jogalong to the boy, "his feet work all right when he thinks about something else and not about them too hard. It's the same way with your fingers. If you get to thinking about which ones to use first and last and in the middle, you'd find you couldn't use any of them very well."

"Sh-h-h-h—" whispered the Jogalong. "Put your trumpet to your ear and follow me."

The boy did as he was told immediately—

But this part of the story you will have to find in the next Jogalong tale.

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Pangs and Bangs

Five little firecrackers
Tied by their cues,
Came Mr. Punk—
"Hel-lo, Mr. Fuse."

Said a little firecracker,
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Second little firecracker,
"My head will burst."
Third little firecracker,
"I'll die of thirst."

Fourth little firecracker,
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