what Irvin S. Cobb thinks about:

Twilight of Ex-Debutantes

SANTA MONICA, CALIF. —Should the king marry Mrs. Simpson or should it be vice versa and Mrs. Simpson marry the king, in either event the happy outcome is bound to prove blighting upon a large coterie of slightly weather-beaten ex-debutantes of the crop of 1925.

Anyhow, it was a great vintage year for debutantes, because that was when we had the most memorable of royal visits. And ever since there have been ever so many now somewhat matured buds who, season after season, have maintained front rank in society by being reminded, about once in so often, of the supreme hour when they danced with the then prince of Wales and speaking of him in a fondly sentimental tone as "Dear David."

Irvin S. Cobb

But even such a precious reminiscence suddenly becomes mighty pale, mighty puny alongside a prospective achievement which may change the ancient slogan of majesty to "Honi soit qui Wally pense!"

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Passing of the Train Butcher

THERE'S melancholy in the news that the railroad "train butcher" is vanishing. Soon, like so many fixtures of the passing generation, such as the dried-potato as cure for rheumatism and the drooping sidewhisker, he'll be an extinct species.

In my earliest recollections of travel he has a fond place, along with the lunch put up in a congress shoe box, the cinder in the eye and the smell which made every day coach remind you of a woodpecker's nest.

On almost the first car trip I ever made unaccompanied 'twas he who sold me a sealed volume entitled "The Jolly Old Drummer's Spicy Library," with a whispered warning not to break the wrapper before leaving the train for fear of arrest. I remember my guilty feeling, my youthful thrill of anticipation. I got my money's worth right there. I didn't get it, later, because there was nothing in that book you couldn't read at a meeting of the ladies' aid with impunity.

He was indeed an engaging scoundrel and engaging scoundrels grow increasingly scarce. There's nothing picturesque about an "investment counselor" doing business with the aid of a sucker list and a new issue of Bull Con. preferred.

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Ugly Railroad Stations

NO MATTER which way you're going, it seems you must change trains in Chicago, and nearly always, change stations as well.

Chicago proudly boasts of more railroad stations and uglier ones and situated at more remote and inconvenient intervals from one another than any city anywhere. It's as though once upon a time she set out to collect the largest covey of truly homely stations in the world and then the bunch flushed and scattered on her.

Yet as far as I can find out—correct me if I err—there's no structural reason why through cars on most lines could not be switched directly to the connecting lines without being brought into the heart of the city. Maybe Chicago loves the distinction of being the largest junction point on earth.

IRVIN S. COBB.

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Romans Used Carrier Pigions

Homing pigeons were used by the Roman army to carry messages in wartime at least as far back as 43 B. C.

Lights of New York

By L. L. STEVENSON

Village Timepiece: Residents of Greenwich village, whose abodes are within sight of Jefferson Market court, the old red brick structure at Sixth avenue and Eighth street, have been watching the clock in the tower with more than usual interest lately. The clock, the faithful informant as to arising time, hours for engagements, doings and comings and even when to take the roast from the oven, betrayed its constituents not so long ago by stopping. The interruption in the service was not long, repairs being made promptly. But the clock having failed once, there is a fear that it might fall into bad habits, hence the close inspection. I am pleased to report, however, that since the experts performed the operation necessary to set the hands in motion, the work of the old clock has equalled that of the past in every way.

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Vignette: Things went well with him until 1929. The crash all but wiped him out. Still, he might have come back had he not tried to cure his financial ills with whiskey. Two years ago, he took stock and didn't like what he found. He believed he could lick liquor in the city but thought the country would help. By scraping the very bottom of his financial resources, he got together enough to purchase an upstate farm. After 18 months, he discovered that booze meant nothing. But he was lonely. Merely to receive mail, he inserted a matrimonial advertisement. A letter from a Chicago widow so interested him he went to see her. After they became acquainted, he laid all the facts before her. She weighed them carefully. Then they were married. He is cured of the drink habit, his farm this year not only returned a living but a substantial profit and he and his wife are in love with each other. He is not planning on returning to the city. The country, he holds, has given him too much to make Broadway attractive.

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Too Many Letters: Enric Madriguera's name is longer than that of any of the other well-known band leaders. For that reason, the Paramount management figures that his two-weeks engagement there cost an extra $400. The additional expense came through the extra letters in the marquee signs together with extra electricity, extra time for workmen as well as labor of stage hands and display card makers. Undoubtedly the cost would have been still more had his first name been Enrico which is the way I persist in writing it though I know better.

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A bright young merchant does business on Interborough subway trains between Times Square and Chambers street. He sells a well-known nickel weekly magazine but doesn't cry his wares. Instead, he hurries through the train and wherever he can find a vacant space beside a passenger lays down a magazine. Having covered a car, he makes a quick return trip and gathers those that haven't been picked up. He never speaks a word but nevertheless makes many sales and thus he justifies his nickel investment in transportation.

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Figures usually do not interest me. But those made known recently in connection with the 1939 World's fair do because they indicate, in a way, the size of the undertaking. For instance, the fair will be capable of accommodating 800,000 persons a day or 160,000 an hour, and that's a lot of folks. Before the fair closes, it is estimated that 50,000,000 persons will have passed through the turnstiles. There will be 50,000 benches, and the parking spaces will accommodate 30,000 cars. Ten thousand shade trees are to be set out. The total cost of the fair is estimated at $125,000,000. The first $2,000,000 in profits will go to the city so that the fair site may be maintained as a permanent park.

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LIKES HIS "GOODIES"

Black bears beg like this on Going-to-the-Sun highway in Glacier National park. Many "goodies" are handed bruin through car windows by tourists driving through the park.

FEDERAL MEN MAKE CLEANUP ON CRIME

Coast-to-Coast Campaign Is Tremendous Success.

Washington. — The treasury department's law enforcement agencies struck at crime recently in a coast to coast "cleanup." The sudden offensive resulted in the arrests of 1,068 alleged violators of narcotics, liquor, customs, and counterfeiting laws.

Harold N. Graves, co-ordinator of the treasury department enforcement agencies, said this major offensive, the first since March, 1935, would have a good "psychological effect" and act as a "strong deterrent" to crime.

In the narcotics and liquor divisions, 2,500 agents closed in on violators. Texas and California were the centers of smuggling activities. However, 26 persons were arrested in Richmond, Va., which was described by authorities as a center of a thriving narcotics trade. B. M. Martin, southeastern narcotics supervisor stated.

"The ease with which dope is purchased in Richmond, has caused a great influx of addicts whose petty thievery costs the local merchants at least $50,000 annually."

Alcohol tax agents seized 294 illicit stills and over 5,000 gallons of liquor and property valued at $75,000.

Co-ordinator Graves explained, "It was probable that most of those taken would have been arrested during the regular day-by-day activities of treasury agents, but that it was preferable to conduct big enforcement drives occasionally in order that suspects might be taken by surprise, with no opportunity to flee to 'hide outs'. The drive was planned more than a month ago. We have scouted all suspected localities in the field, and used coast guard amphibian planes to spot stills. We are very well satisfied."

"Millionaire Beggar" Is Given Jail Term

Toronto, Ont.—Joe Bevan, Toronto's "millionaire beggar," is in jail again.

Bevan, who has money in various savings banks in the city, and who always carries a good supply of cash, has been arrested scores of times for begging in the last 20 years.

Until a short time ago Bevan always paid his fine by check, but the courts have stopped giving him an alternative to a jail sentence in the way of a fine. This time he got three months.

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My Favorite Recipe

By Dolores Del Rio

Gnocchi a la Romana

¼ cup butter
¼ cup flour
¼ cup cornstarch
¼ cup grated cheese
½ teaspoon salt
2 cups scalded milk
2 egg yolks

Melt butter and when bubbling add flour, cornstarch, salt and milk gradually. Cook three minutes, stirring constantly. Add egg yolks and one-half cup cheese. Pour into a buttered shallow pan and cool. Turn on a board, cut in squares or diamonds. Place on platter, sprinkle with remaining cheese and brown in oven.

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