What Irvin S. Cobb Thinks about

SANTA MONICA, CALIF.—Out here the new Authors' club is functioning nicely and abounds in surprises. For in stance, at one of our luncheons, the following types were observed:

An Armenian, he being the only Armenian I ever met that didn't try to sell me a rug.

A visitor from Aberdeen who not only bought for himself but wanted to buy copiously for others.

Irvin Cobb.

A native writer who declined to talk about his own works.

A British writer in the same admirable fix.

A radio comedian who did not discuss his nationally important feud with some other radio comedian—probably saving that stuff for his regular broadcasts.

A house committee chairman who neither bragged nor apologized.

If we can only maintain this average, the Authors' club will become the most unusual organization on earth.

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"Made in Japan."

A HIGHLY patriotic function there was a tiny American flag at each place, and on mine I found, in very small print, "Made in Japan."

And it is officially stated that at least three out of four of the totem poles sold to tourists in Alaska as authentic relics of the aborigines come also from the orient.

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Collegiate Cosmeticians.

THE students' newspaper of the University of Wisconsin has made a scientific stud, of the subject and announces that the average coed (female type) uses enough lipstick in one year to paint four barns. That sounds like an exaggeration, or may be mouths are running longer and barns are running smaller. But the barns do look better for being painted.

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Movie Family Parties.

MONTHS after a moving picture studio has changed hands or undergone an upheaval—such earthquakes being quite frequent—the new bosses sometimes are still finding, tucked snugly away in the payroll, relatives by blood or marriage of the ousted bosses. To you, reader, a new production may be either an epic or a flop, but out here it's often just a pleasant family party, extending even unto the third generation.

In other words, Hollywood has added a new line to the old spiritual, as follows:

"All Gawd's chillen got kinfolks!"

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An Anti-War Prescription

IF SENATOR HIRAM JOHNSON of California had never done any other statesmanlike thing—and he's done many a one during his long service in Washington—this country would owe him a debt of gratitude for that act which he put through congress providing that America can lend no more moneys to any foreign government still in default for sums previously borrowed from us.

Can any sane man doubt that certain European powers, now heavily in debt to us, would not be at one another's throats if they were assured of financial backing by Uncle Sam for their fighting. In other words, they'd love to enjoy another world war so long as they didn't have to pay for it. But once in awhile, even a born sucker takes the cure, provided there's a Hiram Johnson to write the prescription.

IRVIN S. COBB.

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Keeping Up With Science

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Radio and Foghorn Combine to Give Safety to Liners

New Equipment of the Lighthouse Service

WASHINGTON — Up and down the Atlantic coast, from Fowey Rocks light near the tip of Florida to West Quoddy Head light on the northernmost part of the Maine coast, oceanside inhabitants recently heard the mournful wail of foghorns going day and night, in clear weather and foggy, for about a week.

To the layman the foghorn's roar may have seemed like a useless waste of energy and a considerable annoyance, but from the experiment the United States lighthouse service here was able to report the performance of its new distance test equipment. Ocean liners can tell, with this new dual sound and radio equipment, their distance and direction from a given lighthouse or lightship even in the most pea-soup-like fog.

Fog Is Foiled.

The idea behind this aid to marine navigation is the fact that science has found a way to circumvent the often freak apparent directions of sound signals in fogs. In the old days a foghorn blast might appear to come from straight ahead when, in reality, the sound source was many points to the port or starboard.

With the new equipment a ship's master merely has to time the arrival of the foghorn's roar in his pilot house and he can quickly work out his distance from it within the length of his vessel.

Synchronized with the emission of the sound signal is a characteristic radio signal from the lighthouse or lightship. The latter arrives practically instantaneously, while the sound signal takes 5.5 seconds to travel a nautical mile. The captain, by radio, thus knows when the sound starts, and with his stopwatch can time its arrival. The system has an accuracy of 10 per cent at the worst, which sounds like a lot but is really only a tenth of a mile, or 528 feet. Most of the passenger liners on the ocean and many freighters exceed 600 feet in length.

Moreover, with his radio loop aerial, the navigator can tell his direction from the radio beacon and its synchronized sound source.

Lighthouse Revolution.

Radio, in fact, has produced a revolution in lighthouse keeping from the days when it was rightly called the world's loneliest occupation. More and more radio telephone communication is bringing the lighthouses that dot the nation's coast line into quick and close touch with the happenings in more ordinary walks of life. The communication services of the coast guard and navy are links in this chain.

Under the direction of I. L. Gill, signal engineer in charge, the radio beacon service has been worked out with ingenuity that at once brings increased safety to shipping and almost automatic equipment which makes it possible for nontechnically trained personnel to maintain the stations.

In the same way the radio direction-finding equipment aboard ships at sea has been so designed that it can be operated by officers on the bridge without the services of a trained radio operator.

The Mark "Sterling"—

Fascinating History of the Term and Its Meaning Wherever Applied

THE name sterling silver has a fascinating history. The name originally was Easterling, but in the progress of time became contracted to sterling. The Easterlings were a group of men who, in the Twelfth century, came to England from Camden in Europe, a place to the east of England and from this geographical fact gained their name. The men formed a guild to uphold standards of excellence in their work, and to protect themselves from robbers and pirates.

Sterling Coins.

The high standards pertained also to the coinage with which they paid those with whom they dealt. So unvarying was this money, and of such pure silver, that it became a gauge of excellence for all silver. The proportion of pure silver to the alloy was enormous, being at the ratio of 925 silver to 75 copper in each 1,000 parts. This same ratio pertains even today in all sterling silver.

So adamant is this ratio, that no deviation of it is permissible under the name sterling. Severe penalties are laid down by our federal statutes for infringements of this ruling. So when you see the word sterling on the silver you already have or on pieces you are buying, you know the articles are of the finest grade of silver. The silver may be marked 925 fine, or 925-1000, for all these markings indicate the same thing—sterling silver.

Solid Silver.

The term solid silver is not synonymous with sterling silver since the proportions may not be 925 fine. Solid silver is a more flexible term permitting more alloy.

Plate and Plated Silver.

The word plate, when applied to silver was once a guarantee of pure silver, but now the word is so associated with plated silver, that the name, silver plate, has lost its high standing. It is recognized in its true sense of sterling, by a comparative few persons, those only who know its rightful significance, and are versed in names of silversmiths, recognizing wares as true plate or as plated silver thereby.

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A Continual Course

Life is but one continual course of Instruction—the hand of the parent writes on the heart of the child the first faint characters which time deepens into strength so that nothing can efface them.—R. Hill.

In Nature's Refrigerator

Thousands of years ago, retreating northward with the ice, the mammoths of Europe and Asia made a last stand in Siberia. Countless numbers bogged down in the soft, icy marshes, were frozen in the unthawing soil. They are occasionally discovered now, perfectly preserved for more than 10,000 years in nature's refrigerator; the hide, hair, flesh, even the remains of undigested meals in their stomachs; bunches of moss, grass, sedges and wild thyme unchewed in their mouths. Sierian farmers cut off chunks of the red flesh to feed their dogs. —Literary Digest.

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