What Irvin S. Cobb Thinks about

A Yes-Man's Paradise.

SANTA MONICA, CALIF.—If, as, and when the President puts over his scheme for reconstructing the Supreme court nearer to his heart's desire, the question arises—in fact, has already arisen—as to where he's going to find members who will keep step with the New Deal's march of triumph.

Might this earnest well-wisher make a suggestion? Let the President look Hollywood over before making his selections, for this is yes-man's land. Some of the studios out here are so crowded with yes-men that big yes-men have to tote little yes-men in their arms.

Irvin S. Cobb

There's only one or two drawbacks to this plan, as I see it. It's going to be hard to wean the local appointees from wearing polo shirts along with those long silken robes. And they'll insist in a preview for each decision.

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Domestic Pets.

A BROOKLYN judge has decided that for a couple to keep eighty-two various animal pets in one apartment is too many—maybe not for the couple, but for the neighbors—yes!

That reminds me that once, in a hotel in the Middle West—not such a large hotel either—I found fully that many pets in my bed. They weren't assorted enough; they all belonged to one standard variety. I shall not name the hotel, but it was the worst hotel in the world, as of that year. If bad hotels go where bad folks do, it's now the worst hotel in Hades.

But the point I'm getting at is that, though eighty-two animals may make a surplus in a city flat, they couldn't possibly upset a home so much as one overstuffed husband who's puny and has had to go on a strict diet such as would be suitable for a canary—if the canary wasn't very hungry.

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Literary Legerdemain.

CULTURAL circles along sun-kissed coast of California are still all excited over the achievement of a local literary figure who, after years of concentrated effort, turned out a 500,000-word novel without once using a word containing the letter "E." If the fashion spreads to the point where the capital "I" also should be stricken out, it's going to leave a lot of actors and statesmen practically mute.

But that's not what I started out to say when I began this squib. What I started out to say was that I know of much longer novels which have been produced without a single idea in them. Sold pretty well, too, some of 'em did.

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Holding World's Fairs.

IT'S customary, before launching a world's fair or an exposition or whatever they may call it, to hang the excuse for same on some great event in history and then promptly forget all about the thing that the show is supposed to commemorate in the excitement of flocking to see Sally Rand unveiled as the real main attraction.

F'rinstance, the big celebration in New York in 1939 ostensibly will mark George Washington's inauguration as President 150 years before, and it may be, just as a matter of form, that Washington will be mentioned in the opening ceremonials. But the real interest will center in whether Billy Rose or Earl Carroll or the Minsky brothers succeed in thinking up some new form of peach-peeling art to entertain the customers, or have to fall back once more on such reliable standbys as fan dancers and strip-teasers.

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Coronation Souvenirs.

SINCE previous engagements prevented me from going over to the coronation, I trust some friend will bring me back a specimen of that new variety of pygmy fish which some patriotic and enterprising Englishman has imported from Africa as an appropriate living souvenir of the occasion. It's a fish having a red tail, a white stomach, and a blue back, thus effectively combining the colors of the Union Jack. And it's selling like hot cakes, the dispatches say.

Now if only this engaging little creature could be trained to stand on its tail when the band plays "God Save the King" what an addition it would make for any household in the British domain! (Note—Households in the south of Ireland excepted.)

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50,000 Cattle Lost in Day

Kansas ranchers lost 50,000 cattle in the famous New Year day blizzard of 1886. Dead cattle were piled so thick along the railroad tracks they had to be cleared off before trains could go through.

Silk Prints Lead the Style Parade

By CHERIE NICHOLAS

JUST one dazzling, color-gloried silk print after another is what's happening in the fabric realm this season. The new prints are more fascinating than ever, and try to resist them and do you? You do not. The urge for another and another in your wardrobe ever keeps on keeping on.

To add to the excitement, couturier and dressmaker are devising ways of making up these silks that are so artful and fraught with such high-pressure novelty the world of fashion is being cast into new throes of enthusiasm every time a style parade of last-minute costumes is staged.

A favorite treatment is pleating and when you pleat printed silk you multiply the beauty and intensity of its coloring to a thrilling degree. The all-around pleated skirt is a favorite topic with designers who are styling the new gowns of silk print. Even if you are making your dress yourself it is a good idea to have the skirt pleated, and it is almost a certainty that you will be pleased with results. The charming dinner dress to the left in the picture is fashioned of a water color print silk crepe with separate jacket and pleated skirt.

Another dressmaker treatment adding untold interest to print ensembles is the self-print lining. To achieve a maximum of practicality and wearability these coats with linings matched to the print of the frock are made reversible. You turn them inside out and vice versa. See the idea nicely worked out in the model centered in the group. The silk print is highly colorful and the monotone cloth of the coat repeats the background tone of the print.

Then there is this reigning vogue of the bolero. Dressmakers and designers are turning out the bolero frock of silk print in vast numbers. You'll love a print silk bolero frock. Flattering it will prove to be and practical. See the model to the right in this group. Here is a bolero frock of feather silk print. The dark grounds such as this with wide-spaced motif are especially smart and attractive and wearable. The bodice buttons to a high neckline. The bolero has peaked shoulders and elbow sleeves. Note the red silk chiffon handkerchief in the buttoned pocket of the bolero. The circular skirt of the dress has emphasized creases. The straw bonnet has flowers massed at the front. Which calls to mind another feature designers are emphasizing, that of having flowers somewhere in the picture that are related in color to the print of the silk. This may be a corsage, a gay posy cluster at the new low of a neckline or it may be a bouquet played up in conjunction with a vivid gypsy sash tied at the front.

One of the outstanding innovations in the realm of print silk costumes is the redingote fashioned of matching print, the small figured being smartest for day wear. This redingote, while it tops off the dress of self print to a dramatic climax, will prove one of your happiest possessions to be worn as a separate coat or wrap over the monotone crepe cress on cool spring days and later on serving admirably as a summer wrap worn with dainty lingerie frocks.

It is good style, too, to wear over your navy or crepe afternoon dress either a bolero of eye-impelling silk print or a hip-length jacket if you prefer. The latter should be slightly fitted to be up to the mode and they are especially smart when buttoned down the front.

The silk print idea enters into every phase of fashion this season. You are encouraged to wear gay print from the tiptop of your head down to your feet.

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BLUE TAFFETA

By CHERIE NICHOLAS

Fancy turns to the southern-belle type of dress for evening wear. Here is a charming specimen of the quaint and picturesque type that is proving such a general favorite. It is made of silk taffeta in a delectable soft-toned medium blue. Young girls are showing a preference for sprightly taffeta and they love the way the little puff sleeves stand up in lively taffeta manner. Square necklines are much in evidence this season. This one is accented with rhinestone and enamel flower pins and there is a matching bracelet.

GLOVES TO MATCH YOUR SPRING SUIT

By CHERIE NICHOLAS

Cloth gloves to match spring suits are the latest news from Paris. An extra piece of material, ordered when the suit is bought, can be made up in any size or style, short or with deep gauntlet cuffs. Square fingertips are another innovation. The finger may be stitched at sides and straight across the top, giving a casual, out-of-doors look, especially popular in gloves of doeskin or chamois.

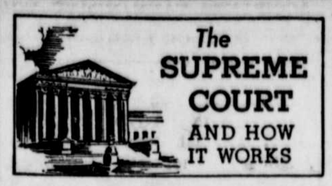
Half - finger gloves, which made their appearance last winter in the guise of lace mitts to go with gowns of the southern belle type, are now an established vogue. They are shown in pigskin and chamois for sports wear, and in suede for dress. The gloves extend as far as the finger-joint, revealing brightly polished nails. Very convenient when it comes to picking up a dropped coin, fitting a key or writing out a check. Polish in cardinal or burgundy may be worn to match or contrast with the gloves.

Further independence in glove fashions is exhibited in the unconventional treatment of seams along the back of the hand. These vary from two or three seams running across instead of up and down, to one crosswise seam with two short ones in the usual direction.

Tiny Watches Are Fitted to the Latest in Gloves

Small jeweled watches are being worn everywhere but on the wrist these days. Some of the new tailored suits with heavy cuffs have a small detachable watch encased over the left wrist.

Many of the new cigarette cases have small watches fitted on the outside, while purses and gloves that are fitted with watches have been shown for several months.



The SUPREME COURT AND HOW IT WORKS

The Will of the People

By ROBERT MERRILL

THE Supreme court exists to interpret the will of the people as expressed in their basic law—the Constitution.

But the task is not always an easy one. Sometimes the members of the court themselves are not in accord. Sometimes critics outside the court disagree with its findings. That is only natural.

Consider, for example, three of our outstanding constitutional rights: Trial by jury, immunity from unreasonable search, and prohibition upon the taking of life, liberty or property without due process of law.

The language of the Constitution as to the first of these is very clear; as to the second it is less clear, and in the case of the third it is still more vague.

Defining Our Rights.

Since the function of the Supreme court is to protect the individual citizen against the invasion of his constitutional rights, the task of the court is easiest when, in the Constitution, the will of the people has been clearly expressed. Thus a federal statute authorizing a judge to dismiss the jury in a criminal case and himself pronounce the defendant guilty would be a fairly clear violation of the provision that the trial of all crimes shall be by jury.

In case of a warrant to search a citizen's house, there might be plenty of room for difference of opinion whether the attempted search was or was not "unreasonable."

Finally, when the citizen complains merely that the congress is proposing to deprive him of liberty or property without giving him a square deal, the court has the difficult task of determining, upon the facts of his case, whether or not his complaint is well founded.

In all three cases, however, it is important to remember that the language of the Constitution is not the court's language, but the people's.

As is stated in its Preamble, "we, the people" wrote the Constitution. As was also provided in the original draft, we, the people, can change its language or provisions. We have, in fact, done so many times, through the process of amendment. And when we make such changes the Supreme court has no choice but to apply, to any case, the rules which the people have written.

The Case of Mrs. Minor.

The Equal Suffrage Amendment offers an interesting illustration of this.

Let's go back into a bit of generally forgotten history for an illustration:

In 1872 Mrs. Virginia Minor, of Missouri, was denied the privilege of registering as a voter in that state. She insisted that she had the right to vote, and brought suit against the officer who would not let her register.

He held that the constitution and laws of Missouri provided that "Every male citizen of the United States shall be entitled to vote." Mrs. Minor replied that denying her the vote was a violation of her rights of citizenship under the United States Constitution, and therefore the provisions of the constitution and laws of Missouri were in this case void.

The appeal went to the United States Supreme court.

After hearing both sides it decided unanimously that while women had always been considered citizens, nevertheless the right to vote had not been made one of the privileges of a citizen by the United States Constitution, and that the 14th Amendment to the Constitution did not add the right of suffrage to the privileges and immunities of citizenship as they existed at the time of its adoption.

Amendment Clears Situation.

"If the law is wrong," held the court, "it ought to be changed; but the power for that is not with us."

It held further that under the United States Constitution, "the constitutions and laws of the several states which commit that important trust to men alone are not necessarily void."

Today that situation is changed—because the people decided that women should have the right to vote and said so clearly in the 19th Amendment, adopted in 1920.

Emphatically they asserted: "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex."

Since 1920 any law which deprived a woman of the right to vote would clearly be unconstitutional, and the Supreme court would so declare. What had formerly not existed as a right was made a right by the people, by changing the rules.

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AROUND the HOUSE

Items of Interest to the Housewife

Butterscotch—Two cups brown sugar, four tablespoons molasses, four tablespoons water, two tablespoons butter, three tablespoons vinegar. Mix ingredients in sauce pan. Stir until it boils and cook until brittle when tested in cold water. Pour in greased pan. Cut into squares before cool.

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Jelly Sauce—One glass jelly (crab-apple, red currant, grape, etc), quarter cup hot water, one tablespoon butter, one tablespoon flour. Add hot water to jelly and let melt on stove. Heat butter in saucepan, add flour and gradually hot jelly liquid. Cook until smooth and serve hot over almost any pudding.

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Boiling Old Potatoes—Old potatoes sometimes turn black during boiling. To prevent this add a squeeze of lemon juice to the water in which they are boiled.

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Hanging Pictures—Is your picture hanging on a nail which keeps breaking the plaster and so falling out? Before you put the nail in next time, fill the hole with glue, the plaster will not crumble.

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Melting Chocolate—Chocolate is easy to burn, and for that reason should never be melted directly over a fire. Melt it in the oven or over a pan of hot water.

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Left-Over Liver—Liver that is left over can be converted into an excellent sandwich filling if it is rubbed through a sieve, well seasoned, and moistened with a little lemon juice and melted butter.

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Stuffed Orange Salad — Allow one orange for each person to be served. Cut through the skin three-quarters of the way down in inch strips, being careful not to break the strips apart. Remove orange pulp and cut in neat dice. Combine with pineapple and grapefruit dice and fill orange shell with mixture. Drop a spoonful of heavy mayonnaise on top of each salad and garnish with a maraschino cherry. Another good mixture for stuffing the orange shells is a combination of orange sections, dates stuffed with cream cheese and nut meats. Mask with mayonnaise.

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To Remove Threads — When basting sewing material, try placing the knots of the thread on the right side. They will be easier to pull out when the garment is finished.

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Washing Table Silver—Much of the work of polishing table silver can be saved if the silver is placed in hot soapsuds immediately after being used and dried with a soft clean cloth.

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Cleaning Wood-Work—To clean badly soiled wood, use a mixture consisting of one quart of hot water, three tablespoons of boiled linseed oil and one tablespoon of turpentine. Warm this and use while warm.

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