

TRADE WINDS

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OLD MAN QUERCUS, who is still vacationing in Miscellaneous, sent us a companion piece for the "Coincidental Commentaries" the SRL has been publishing. He found it in the "Stark Munro Letters" (1894, but supposed to be written '81-'84). Stark Munro wrote to his friend, Bertie Swanborough, of Lowell, Mass.:

Will civilisation be swamped by barbarism? It happened once before. . . . But what could break down the great country in which you dwell? No, our civilisation will endure and grow more complex. Man will live in the air and below the water. Preventive medicine will develop until old age shall become the sole cause of death. Education and a more socialistic scheme of society will do away with crime. The English-speaking races will unite, with their centre in the United States. Gradually the European States will follow their example. War will become rare but more terrible. The forms of religion will be abandoned, but the essence will be maintained; so that one universal creed will embrace the whole civilised earth, which will preach trust in that central power, which will be as unknown then as now. That's my horoscope, and after that the solar system may be ripe for picking. But Bertie Swanborough and Stark Munro will be blowing about on the west wind. . . .

Man himself will change, of course. The teeth are going rapidly. . . . And the hair also. And the sight. Instinctively, when we think of the more advanced type of young man, we picture him as bald and with eye-glasses. . . . On the other hand, there is some evidence in favour of the development of a sixth sense, that of perception.

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☞The three winners of the Alfred A. Knopf Literary Fellowships for 1941 are Mrs. Berenice DuRae Thorpe, Seattle housewife and teaching fellow at the University of Washington, in fiction; W. E. Binkley, Professor of Political Science and History at Ohio Northern University, in history; and Mitchell V. Charnley, Professor of Journalism at the University of Minnesota, in biography. ☞Mrs. Thorpe's project is an unfinished novel, "Reunion at Strawberry Hill," in which she follows the fortunes of a large family through the device of a family reunion in which the six grown children, four girls and two boys, come back to the home place for a visit with their parents—only to face the necessity for solving their own problems. ☞Professor Binkley's venture is a history of American political parties from the making of the Constitution to the present time. ☞Mitchell V. Charnley is at work on the first full-length bi-

ography of Thurlow Weed, friend of Lincoln, Seward, and Greeley, who in his own time was called "the President-maker" and "the American Warwick."

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☞W. S. Hall, of Snyder and Hall, the international book travelers, told us a story, which has a ring of antiquity, about the book publisher who always wanted long terms on his accounts payable. He fell mortally ill, and dictated an epitaph to his wife. Later, she had it engraved on his headstone:

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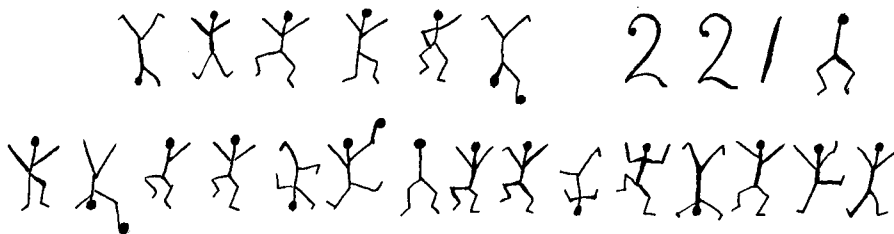
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☞The firm of Wilfred Funk, Inc., is quietly going about the preparation of a time-bomb set for the 21st. Harvey Klemmer, right arm of Ex-Ambassador Kennedy at One, Grosvenor Square, has given his strong manuscript the title: "They'll Never Quit!"

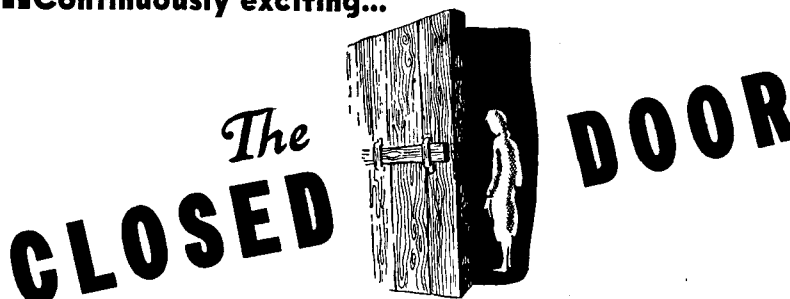
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☞"As no one seems to answer your request of January 4th for book titles for your collection, I take the liberty of submitting 'Small Wars. Their Principles and Practice,' by Colonel C. E. Callwell, published by H. M. Stationery Office in 1906. The book has been through three editions, the latest dated 1914 and is now out-of-print, but is presumably to be re-

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DIRECTIONS

To solve this puzzle you must guess twenty-six words, the definitions of which are given in the column headed DEFINITIONS. The letters in each word to be guessed are numbered. These numbers appear under the dashes in the column headed WORDS. There is a dash for each letter in the required word. The key letters in the squares are for convenience, indicating to which word in the definitions each letter in the diagram belongs. When you have guessed a word, fill it in on the dashes; then write each letter in the correspondingly numbered square on the puzzle diagram. When the squares are all filled in you will find (by reading from left to right) a quotation from a famous author. Reading up and down the letters mean nothing. The black squares indicate ends of words; therefore words do not necessarily end at the right side of the diagram.

When the column headed WORDS is filled in, the initial letters spell the name of the author and the title of the piece from which the quotation has been taken. Authority for spelling and definitions is Webster's New International Dictionary (1938 edition).

The solution of last week's Double Crostic will be found on page 6 of this issue.

DEFINITIONS

- Affording positive proof.
- Victor in race with Atalanta.
- Glorified personification of an ideal.
- Ascended from the grave.
- Regeneration (theol.) (2 wds.)
- Indian of a Cariban tribe in Brazil.
- Designating singing in high pitch (Anc. Gr. Mus.)
- Osprey.
- Mother of Aphrodite.
- Democratic candidate for the Presidency (1876).
- Apollo as the god of manly beauty.
- Primitive or root word.
- External.
- Small, insignificant (slang).
- Surpass in speedy rotation.
- Not checked or restrained.
- Mystic.
- Cold, catarrh; tears (poetic).
- Mishearing or misapprehension of spoken words.
- Counterbalance, compensate.
- Noted falls in Idaho.
- Moral of a story or fable.
- Arabian tale by William Beckford (1786).
- Long two-handed sword used by footsoldiers.
- Strewn with scattered articles.
- English novelist (1815-82).

WORDS

186	167	57	144	6	94	38	82	156	108
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