The Phoenix Nest

THE rickshaman of China has become a much-sung patriot, because he recently donated fifty Chinese dollars (the equivalent of \$2.50) to China's war chest at an "offer-gold-to-the-state" rally held in Chungking under the chairmanship of General Feng Yu-hsiang, a member of the National Military Council. To praise his patriotism, a Chinese poet named Ho Sheng wrote a verse which was published in the Ta Kung Pao (L'impartial) on June 18. I print a translation of the poem:

A worn, rimless straw hat, A patched coat of moon white, back hunched with ricksha-pulling, You rise every morning before daybreak.

When your hut I was by-passing, I heard dried hard beans creak As by the handful you crammed them between your teeth.

And under the eave of your dingy house,

Which a slight gale of wind would blow to bits,

On your junk of a ricksha you bent and labored without pause,

Until all the dirt was washed off on

the wheels and body, You were ready to pull it on the streets, dry or muddy.

Your wife, her son in her bosom, was watching, half joyful, half sighing.

New Directions

<u>BOOK FOR THIS MONTH</u>

The Book of Hours

by Rilke

To her son, thin like skeleton, she

was saying,
"When can you help your Pa in ricksha pulling?"

Today you look specially affable, As your legs bony and sinewy Tread on the street and alley-ways. Never do you heed whether your pat-

ron is comfortable. Like a red maned horse you run. "To the offer-gold-to-state rally?" you ask.

"Then you don't have to pay me," you add.

for the love of the nation, you,

too, do your task.
At the rally, attended by many a thousand

You stop to let your customer land, You wipe the sweat off your face with

the back of your hand, Your patron puts a roll of bank-notes

into the palm of your hand.
"No sir," you say, "please give them
to the general,"

"To buy airplanes, big guns to drive out the invader."

You blush, but are proud that you, too, can be loyal.

Your patron mounts the platform by climbing a ladder.

And announces your name and throws into the audience a bomb

Of applause that makes air dumb. Then he shouts that he does not want to put to shame.

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Sometimes, as my friend said, the heart is like lead. A very pretty young woman of the stage, who is a friend of mine, was recently travelling by daycoach from Boston to New York, and sitting in a crowded car beside her colored maid. She got up to go to the vestibule for a smoke; here, attracted by her good looks, three young Service Men struck up a conversation with her. One at least had just returned from the South Pacific, one was a sailor. Something was said to her, jeeringly, about "sitting by a nigger!" As her colored maid is a valued friend of her's, as well as a maid, she retorted promptly, "Your vocabulary is very limited. There is a name Negro for the Negro race. You should learn to use it." "Aw," was the rejoinder, "down in Texas they're all just niggers!" "I wish," said the young actress meditatively, "that there was a name like nigger, wop, kike, and all those, to denominate the white race. They must have some such name for us. Or they should." "Haw!" said one Service Man, "Don't get it?" said another. The third looked sullen. "Jews." he said, "they're kikes, ain't they?" The young woman by this time was thoroughly roused, and her disposition has never been noted for deficiency of adrenalin. "Why don't you," she shouted over the roaring of the wheels, "return those uniforms of yours to the costumer's? Or what do you think you have been fighting for?" She looked even prettier being angry; so that the boys just raised eyebrows, shrugged, indicated her insanity, and haw'd again. One said, "Huh, you're just one of those Yankee gals, hard as nails!" "Yes," said the actress, "Yes! I'm certainly no 'Yes honey-no honey' —or do they ever say 'No, honey?' those southern gals of yours? And just what part of the deep South, by the way, do you men hail from?" That was the pay-off. One announced that his home was in the Middle West; one admitted to a place in New England. The last-he said, "Brooklyn!"

Intolerance and ignorance, to beat a cliché to death, are not matters of geography. I'm sure those boys were brave enough in battle. I'm sure in many ways they were a good sort of American. Nevertheless, the heart is sometimes like lead. The poison of our prejudice goes so deep!

I am glad to print the following letter from Katharine K. Strong of Vernon View, Savannah, Georgia, in the interest of our open forum on vital matters:

The letter published by you July 22, from Evelyn M. Rutherford interests me, for it contains so many misconceptions about the South.

May I state that I hold no brief for the poll tax. I believe, too, in the right of the Negro to equal opportunities with the white citizen to economic educational, and political justice. I deplore a single lynching in Georgia as I do race killings in Detroit, Chicago, or New York. And I regret the race discrimination now being shown in Philadelphia. It seems to me to be caused by the same spirit that doesn't allow a loyal Japanese to work in New Jersey, nor grant in California equal



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right to the Chinese: the spirit that among ignorant people, objects to differences, and tries to debar from equal economic opportunities those

who can live more cheaply.

What I object to in this letter is
the lack of a knowledge of history,
and an apparent wish to make the South the whipping boy for a Na-

tion's faults.

The poll tax in Georgia is one dollar a year. I do not believe it would keep any one from voting who wished to vote. This poll tax was instituted at the end of the War Between the States to raise a fund for education. I hear no complaints from Massachusetts, with a much larger poll tax. I do not know what Mrs. Rutherford means when she says, "Their whole economy and educational systems are as retarding for the whites as for the blacks." I do not know what first hand study she has given to our schools. It has been my business to study the school systems of many states. I find them all backward in some respects. It may well be that both our economic and educational systems are behind —say, Ohio's. But I think she fails to understand that it is not just

to understand that it is not just natural viciousness which makes us poorer than some other states.

The Confederate soldier came home to find his property gone. Houses had been burned, stock and cotton taken, fields unplanted. He often lost his land, for there was not only no money to pay labor, but none to pay taxes. He had no schools in which to educate his children. He knew what it was to live in an He knew what it was to live in an occupied land. The carpet baggers bought up that land and exploited the ignorant Negroes, who, occupying seats in the legislatures, looted the state treasuries. In my part of the South we live on kindly terms with those Negroes. We have low-ered their one hundred per cent illiteracy to five per cent, without Federal aid. "The business of reconstruction which has lagged for eighty years" might be hastened if it were recognized that you cannot give equal educational opportunities without equal money.
Our "White, Democratic primary'

permits all white men and women to vote in it. Since Republicans vote in them I think Negroes should too. If enough white Republicans vote in the primaries they may nominate their own candidates. And the Negroes vote in the elections. So it would seem that, as in Chicago, they hold the balance of power.

I agree that "the peace was lost after the war." But it was lost by

the Nation, not won by the South. If Lincoln had lived, if the Congress had not made Johnson's efforts futile, if it had been recognized then, as it is by Constitutional historians as it is by Constitutional historians now, that we were fighting for the same rights which New England twice claimed—the right to go in peace, there might have been generosity and clear vision, instead of the bitterness Mrs. Rutherford seems to feel to feel.

The people of the South love the United States. Our sons are fighting for it now, as they did in 1898. It seems a pity that the other states do not recognize that we need help in trying to solve our problem.

WILLIAM ROSE BENET.

PERSONALS

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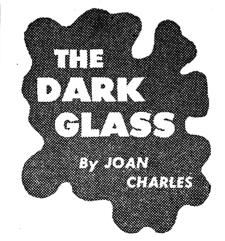
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The Crostics Club

NNA ROTHE, Editor, Current Biography, The H. W. Wilson Co., has come promptly to my rescue with: "Yesterday morning quite a coincidence-my happening upon an authority for 'that' as a relative pronoun, and reading your question in the SRL in the afternoon: In 'Style Book in English,' by Raymond W. Pence ('44): 'That may rightly be used as a relative pronoun to refer to persons despite a persistent notion to the contrary. In view of the fact that thatrelative clauses are almost invariably restrictive (plus the added fact that that is just as good a relative pronoun as who or which referring to people or things), the learner might try the scheme of using that for all his restrictive clauses and then he would be safe in setting off all his who or which-clauses, for they would of course be additive. . . . '" And, Miss Rothe adds, "That's that."

C. G. Gaum, Professor in University Extension, Rutgers University, comes forcibly to the support of B. L. Kime: "So glad some one else is Due to conscious. I recall Prof. Pitkin saying, in a letter, 'the incorrect use of due is a white slug in the garden of English' . . I know of no paper from the greatest to the least which does not permit this solecism every day. . . . Similarly Shall-will. Most of us have quit struggling. But I still maintain that in serious writing the distinction is very necessary. I was glad to see Pres. FDR make it, 'If nominated I shall run, if elected I will serve.'"...

My mention of the Temple Shakespeare has stirred a sympathetic chord in Elizabeth Underhill's experience: "I was given a limp leather set on my twelfth birthday and it or part of it accompanied me not only to all Sothern and Marlowe repertoire, Faversham's and Forbes Robinson's, but crossed the Atlantic to the Shakespeare Summer Festival at Stratford. . . It would doubtless have continued its journeyings had my father not presented me with a set of the Stage Edition, India paper, in six neat volumes, complete with case much better suited for ocean travel, for we attended the Festival five summers after that first time. Once in a while, though an anti-referencer, I do take down a volume of the Temple to look up an obscure servant or what not in 'Love's Labours Lost' or some other play your fertile mind has searched for crostic needs. . . . Let me say, I heartily disagree with Franklin Day. No. 537 and 538 were particularly pleasing to me and all lovers of gardens. After all, we can't all be realists, planners for the future, and adherents of basic English."

My Librarian friend in Toronto recently excused a delay in replying to a letter query of mine on the ground that Series 16 stood in the way. So do one's chickens come home to roost!

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Double-Crostics: No. 544

By ELIZABETH S. KINGSLEY

DIRECTIONS

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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 cruessed 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 interespectures contained.

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 (1940 edition).

The solution of last week's Double Crostic will be found on page 23 of this issue.

DEFINITIONS

- A. Early capital of Russia.
- B. English King who expelled Canute (1014).
- C. Alternate title (with The) of "Vittoria Corombona" (John Webster).
 D. Family name of contemporary actress, father and uncle both in the Congress.
- E. Of doubtful propriety (comp.)
- F. Mother of Apollo and Artemis.
- G. Rabble.
- H. Any ermine or weasel with black tail-tip.
- I. Site of Taj Mahal.
- J. American medical plan, as Cimicifuga racemosa.
- K. Applied to English borough with few voters and full representation in Parliament (Reform Bill, 1832).
- L. A tau cross with loop top, symbol of life (Egypt. Relig.)
- M. Emperor of Japan, grandfather of present Emperor (1867-1912).
- N. A "little" character in American fic-tion, created in 1851-2.
- O. Night (Norse Myth.)
- P. The scribe of the gods (Egypt. Relig.)
- Q. To the full extent; inexpressibly.
- R. Author of the first Gospel.
- S. An Indian of about 3000 left in Agencies in Wyoming, Nevada,
- T. Set free, as dogs, passions, etc.
- U. Forward; bold.
- V. Very small brooks.
- W. To play the role.
- X. Mexican surrealist artist (1885-).
- Y. Not displeased.
- z. The cause or source of trouble (with the).

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