

the Phoenix Nest

IT IS DECREED

"Mrs. Knipp tells me my 'Beauty, Retire,' is mightily cried up,—which I am not a little proud of and do think I have done 'It is Decreed' better but I have not finished it."
—Pepys' Diary, Aug. 22nd, 1666.

IT IS decreed that I should love
A pretty face, a likely mayde;
In church or office thoughts do rove
To Knipp who is a merry jade.

Our Mercer pleases me with song,
The play is nothing without Nell;
I do not take my wife along
When supping at the King Street Bell.

Today, I strolled in search of sport
And saw the Maydes of Honour come
Riding nobly from the court,
And Stewart with her crimson plume.

My wife, poor wretch, at Brampton
stays,
Though fond I am of her indeed,
Despite resolves my fancy strays.
That I should love, "It is Decreed."
—KATHERINE VAN DER VEER.

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DAYLIGHT SAVING BEGINS

With an early start the day faster
frisks,
The hour I've lost is just *****.
—HAZEL DUNCAN.

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TRAVEL DIARY

I AM still sorting out my impressions of California. I was last in California in the Thirties. This time we came into Wilmington, near Los Angeles, with happy faces and a cheerful list to port, after progressing by freighter from Balboa up the West Coast. On the 3rd of March we had been within sight of Acapulco, from which an ex-J. P. Morgan *Corsair* is now making regular passenger trips to and from Los Angeles. The Sierra Madre del Sur of Mexico were a phantom range to starboard. On the 4th, we put Cabo Corrientes astern, and by noon of the 5th were off Bahia Magdalena in Baja California. The night before, we had set the clock back an hour. That morning, out of the mess-room porthole, I saw dolphins disporting. There was the wreck of a small freighter off the coast near Magdalena Bay. The Gulf of California was separated from us by the long peninsula.

That afternoon the purser, Mr. Brownlee, gave a champagne party in our lounge, and the steward took a lot of trouble with the hors d'oeuvres. It turned colder that night and we had the ports in the lounge closed and only one open in the stateroom. Sunday, the 6th, was cold again. The crew got the booms up, and men dragged heavy hawsers out of stowage onto the fantail. The chief engineer had us all to his cabin for a drink before supper.



Next day we were up at 6:00, and inside the breakwater not so long after, seeing Terminal Island, a perfect forest of oil derricks, and San Pedro, the port of Los Angeles. There were Navy tankers, a Swedish Göteborg, and a Canadian freighter departing. Mr. Muller, traveling passenger agent of the American President Lines, drove us into Los Angeles to the Clark Hotel, where Timothy Turner, of the *Los Angeles Times*, later interviewed me. My "picture in the paper" came out looking very scared, owing to the flash-bulb!

We visited Fowler's bookstore on Sixth Street for copies of my wife's books to give as presents; and sat for a while in the sunlight of Pershing Square watching the doves. We took a sight-seeing Hollywood Bus all the way to Santa Monica Beach, west out on Sunset, east back on Wilshire, twenty minute stop to view the sea and the dance of the gulls! We stopped at Robinson's store, where my wife bought and signed books, her identity again being discovered. Before that, at Dawson's Rare Book Store I had picked up a copy of the "Old Songs" pub-

lished by Harper & Bros. in 1889 with the profuse and beautiful drawings by Edwin A. Abbey. I already had the "Selections from the Poetry of Robert Herrick" (of seven years earlier) embellished by the same master hand.

The songs cost me all of 95¢, the leather binding being scuffed and a bit delicate on the backstrip, but treasure trove for all that! I got also a Faber & Gwyer "Selected Poems of Ezra Pound" with Eliot's introduction, and Gertrude Atherton's "The Splendid Idle Forties," which I had been seeking for some time. It and Thomas A. Janvier's "Stories of Old New Spain" (a first of which I secured at Rose's Bookstore in San Francisco) are two excellent books of California and Mexico respectively, in the glamorous early days.

Next day my niece and her husband, the Robert Reese Parrishes, and my nephew, Joe Thompson, drove us back to the dock, and came aboard for a look at our freighter. Another night aboard and we were up at seven watching the coast. Later we chucked empty bottles overboard, filled with memos to report to THE PHOENIX NEST if ever they were found. They vanished in a rather heavy sea. The chief engineer took moving pictures of us four passengers before the towers of the Golden Gate Bridge came in sight. The messmate and I were up on deck for'ard, outside the captain's office, to watch the approach of the bridge. Windy was the weather, and the ship rolled. The Gloucester schooner that brought out the pilot came snouting into a tossing sea. I could not believe we wouldn't sheer off our superstructure as we came up on Golden Gate Bridge. The optical illusion was perfect!

Then we were safely under, and past Alcatraz in the Bay, and later beneath the long Bay Bridge, and dock-

LITERARY I.Q. ANSWERS

(1) Cressida in "Troilus and Cressida," IV, 5. (2) Portia in "Julius Caesar," II, 3. (3) Lady Macbeth in "Macbeth," V, 1. (4) Gertrude in "Hamlet," I, 5. (5) Goneril in "King Lear," I, 4. (6) Desdemona in "Othello," I, 1. (7) Cleopatra in "Antony and Cleopatra," II, 2. (8) The Queen in "Richard II," V, 1. (9) Mistress Quickly in 1 "Henry IV," III, 2. (10) Katharine in "Henry V," V, 2. (11) Joan of Arc in 1 "Henry VI," III, 2. (12) Anne Bullen in "Henry VIII," IV, 1. (13) Beatrice in "Much Ado About Nothing," II, 1. (14) Portia in "The Merchant of Venice," I, 1. (15) Katharina in "The Taming of the Shrew," I, 1. (16) Viola in "Twelfth Night," II, 4. (17) Hermione in "The Winter's Tale," II, 1. (18) Rosalind in "As You Like It," V, 4. (19) Helena in "A Midsummer Night's Dream," III, 2. (20) Juliet in "Romeo and Juliet," III, 5.

ing at the furthest pier. Soon we saw who were waving. Through a wide door of a long shed thronged children and grandchildren, the latter adorned with placards telling their names. (Totally unnecessary! I distinguished their identities unerringly!) With my children was my sister-in-law Kathleen Norris, and soon—in my son's house on Twin Peaks—we were having a thoroughly satisfactory reunion of just about all my family. The next day our hotel suite was decorated with roses sent by an old Army friend, a retired colonel, with whom we later stayed in Santa Barbara. Opposite our hotel was Charles Erskine Scott Wood's favorite restaurant, Solari's, where we were to have many a satisfactory meal. (Colonel Wood's "Collected Poems," published soon after by the Vanguard Press, with a foreword by Sara Bard Field and an introduction by me, was shown me later in Berkeley.)

So the watery pilgrims had finally arrived in that most beautiful to me of all American cities, despite my love for New York! We were driven through Golden Gate Park, we dined on Fisherman's Wharf, we climbed Telegraph Hill and saw the lighted city from close by the Coit Tower. We explored Chinatown, shopping at Wavel's and Lun On's and other places, including a glimpse of the remarkable Chinese silver pagoda at the Tai Ping Company. We drove down the coast to Montara and over Mount Tamalpais to Stinson Beach, visited my younger daughter at Palo Alto and saw my older daughter's home at San Mateo. We had cocktails on "Top of the Mark" and dinner in the Papagayo Room of the Fairmont. My wife viewed Marin County redwoods for the first time; and later we stayed with Sara Bard Field on her incredibly beautiful Santa Cruz Mountains above Los Gatos; and, later still, under the impressive Santa Ynez range at Santa Barbara.

In the Point Lobos Reserve State Park, the home of the Monterey cypress, we watched the Pacific in all its foaming glory, and broke bread at

Nöel Sullivan's, where were present Robinson Jeffers and his wife and R. Ellis Roberts and his. Later on, in Santa Barbara, just before we took the *Daylight* for Los Angeles, we lunched with the English poet Alfred Noyes, whose garden has such a fine view of Santa Barbara Mission. (They are now on their way back, or already returned to the Isle of Wight and their loved Orchard's Bay.) We had seen Martha Bacon, author of "A Star Called Wormwood," and her new baby, and were sorry to leave our dear old friend, Colonel Fechet, and his two engaging cocker spaniels, Dinah and Brisby. But soon the *Super Chief* was whisking us across deserts—and through a blizzard—to Kansas City and points east, as we recalled an especially charming evening spent with an old star poetry pupil of mine, Sara Kolb Danner, out at the Hope Ranch.

We had lunched with Joe Jackson at the Saint Francis and dined with the James Ralston Caldwells in Berkeley. We had been personally conducted about the campuses of both U. of C. (including the Cyclotron) and Stanford. The East was all the better for having renewed acquaintance with the West—in my wife's case an acquaintance entirely new! About a dozen good poets had been incidentally encountered. The beauty of hills and ocean in an early California spring was still a glowing memory, and that of many carefree hearts and kind!

—W. R. B.

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For prints along the Seine,
And sip and sup at Ciro's
Or at Larue's again.

Oh, to see the Folies,
Oh, to paint the town—
Oh, to be a tourist,
Now the franc is down!

—RICHARD ARMOUR.

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—WILLIAM ROSE BENÉT.

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DEFINITIONS

- A. Capital of Trans-Jordan.
- B. Capital of Manchukuo.
- C. Dutch genre painter and etcher, chiefly of village life (1610-85).
- D. American historian (1814-77; in the Hall of Fame).
- E. Town in Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, seized by the French in 1898; now Kodok.
- F. French sculptor and engraver of medals (1810-87).
- G. Slender poplarlike trees of New Zealand valuable for timber (Maorij comp.).
- H. Mother of Achilles (Gr. myth.).
- I. Dutch conductor, composer, contrapuntist, etc. (1430?-1505).
- J. City of Elms.
- K. Prominent woman suffragist, president of Bryn Mawr, 1894-1922.
- L. Former pitcher of the Giants, now in the "Baseball Hall of Fame."
- M. Had a teasing uneasiness.

WORDS

123	32	106	61	150					
17	29	24	10	63	82	122	105	154	
53	48	1	160	151	81				
158	144	79	165	86	7				
97	90	159	83	137	65	102			
39	131	162	30	110	3				
157	120	80	109	33	129	98	149	52	
59	87	166	143	27	69				
57	145	15	55	28	134	38			
13	180	46	60	19	128	23	56		
173	141	115	89	107	148				
50	138	73	130	34	20	43			
113	62	152	67	170	36				

DEFINITIONS

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|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|
| N. A woolen fabric of twill weave used for linings (named from place where first made). | 94 | 77 | 31 | 44 | 176 | 68 | 84 | 161 |
| O. In the direction of the width of type (printing). | 171 | 99 | 133 | 119 | 47 | 72 | 117 | |
| P. In a manner not permitted or allowed. | 18 | 126 | 124 | 96 | 66 | 179 | 76 | 6 118 |
| Q. To get rid of; destroy (3 wds.). | 163 | 4 | 16 | 41 | 35 | 103 | 25 | 175 49 104 |
| R. To instruct and improve, esp. in religious and moral knowledge. | 164 | 112 | 21 | 155 | 37 | | | |
| S. At the present time. | 91 | 64 | 174 | 168 | 22 | 42 | 147 | 136 |
| T. Eager, impatient, or anxious (2 wds.). | 153 | 54 | 9 | 111 | 167 | 146 | | |
| U. First part of name of famous Haitian Negro and liberator (1743-1803). | 75 | 156 | 11 | 121 | 85 | 142 | 51 | 92 58 |
| V. Followers of a Bohemian religious reformer burned for heresy (1369?-1415). | 26 | 74 | 100 | 114 | 172 | 132 | 14 | 95 |
| W. Appointed as heir (civil law). | 12 | 108 | 40 | 169 | 127 | 140 | 88 | 101 70 178 |
| X. Swedish manufacturer, inventor, philanthropist (1833-96). | 5 | 45 | 116 | 93 | 139 | | | |
| Y. Prayer following the Shema in Jewish morning liturgy (Jewish relia.). | 8 | 135 | 71 | 125 | 177 | 78 | 2 | |

WORDS

94	77	31	44	176	68	84	161
171	99	133	119	47	72	117	
18	126	124	96	66	179	76	118
163	4	16	41	35	103	25	175
164	112	21	155	37			
91	64	174	168	22	42	147	136
153	54	9	111	167	146		
75	156	11	121	85	142	51	92
26	74	100	114	172	132	14	95
12	108	40	169	127	140	88	101
5	45	116	93	139			
8	135	71	125	177	78	2	

DIRECTIONS

To solve this puzzle you must guess twenty-odd 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 of 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. Read up and down the letters mean nothing. The black squares indicate ends of words; 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 (second edition).

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Solution of last week's Double-Croctic will be found on page 47 of this issue.