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The Evil Words 'They Say' Slaps at Old Superstitions

THEY SAY It has been truly said that this is the most evil phrase in the language. Listen to what THEY SAY with skepticism, always remembering that THEY can say ANYTHING.

- What do "they say"? Here are a few examples: That it is bad luck to kill a spider. That ten drops of camphor in half a glass of water will kill a cold. That the real president of the United States is J. P. Morgan. That fully one-half the roll-call of physical ailments is due to uric acid. That, since the Indians were never bald, baldness comes from wearing tight hats. That a bloodhound never makes a mistake. That celery is good for the nerves. That the Mohammedans are heathens. That a sudden shock will cause the hair to turn gray over night. That if a dog is fond of a man, it is an infallible sign that the man is one to be trusted. That if one touches a toad one will get warts. That nicotine keeps the teeth in sound condition. That when a dog whines in the middle of the night it is a sure sign that some one is going to die.

- That there is something peculiar about a man who wears spats. That the more modest a young girl is, the more innocent she is. That a piece of camphor or asafoetida worn on a string around the neck will ward off disease. That all marriages with actresses turn out badly. That all men named Clarence, Claude or Percy are sissies. That George Washington never told a lie. That the night air is poisonous. That champagne is the best of all wines. That all Bolsheviks and Anarchists wear whiskers and never use soap. That appendicitis is an ailment invented by surgeons for money-making purposes. That it is inviting death to eat cucumbers and drink milk at the same meal. That lightning never strikes twice in the same place. That fish is a brain food. That it is bad luck to break a mirror, or walk under a ladder. That the average movie star makes \$100,000 a year. That the best way to stop nosebleed is to drop a door key down the patient's back. That a thunderstorm will cause milk to sour. That monkey-glands will restore a man of 85 to the vigor of 21. That all ailments of the body are due to refractions of the central nerve system. That a goat will wax fat on a diet of tin cans.

There are persons who believe these things. Nothing "they say" is too fantastic to become an acceptable fact if it is only repeated often enough.

'America Is Buying England' London Banker Tells of 'Sale'

"YOU Americans are buying and, what is worse, Americanizing England," A. Emil Davies, a London banker and leader of the British Labor party, said recently in an address in Cleveland, O. "You, who before the war rendered tribute to our wealthy men, who owned large shares in your Pennsylvania railroad, Canadian Pacific railroad, Cuban and other stocks, have turned the tables on us. Now we swell your treasury by our tribute of \$150,000,000 or \$200,000,000 yearly income tax. "We have had to return to you 90 per cent of our holdings in your possessions, while you buy in our country. If I go to the second largest chain drug store in England, you get the 27-cent profit from the 29-cent article, not Englishmen. "American millionaires who like the idea of having adults black their boots, bow and tip their hats, are taking over our estates, which have been family heritages.

Art and Literature "You are stripping England. We don't mind that. You are stripping her of her art treasures. We don't mind that. What we do mind is that your superiority makes you dictator of what plays, novels, poems, pictures, statuary shall be created in the future. Since you have become the only market our artists have shown a shocking deterioration. "For, though it is well to say genius will out, yet business is business, and genius must suit American producers now. Great Britain has no money to produce her own art. "America, whose financial stride has outstripped her cultural progress by a generation, is yet unfit to set artistic styles."

HOW'S YOUR HEALTH?

By Dr. W. F. Thompson

Heavy dinners make heavy dinners. Packages left by storks should be promptly registered. The lay medical adviser always has a sure cure for every ill. Oh, the money we rattle, And oh, how we prattle, When it comes to diseases Affecting our cattle.

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Soon we'll fill our stomachs up With turkeys, pies and tarts, Gossip o'er the coffee cup And suffer with our hearts.

A new-born baby is worth five thousand dollars; a new-born calf is worth five dollars; but you can get more government assistance for a sick calf than you can for a sick baby.

NOTICE INVITING SEALED PROPOSALS

Pursuant to statutes and to resolution of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance directing this notice, said Board hereby invites sealed proposals on bids for doing the following work in said city, to-wit:

SECTION 1. Grading portions of the alleys in Blocks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 17, 18, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 85, 86 and 113 of the Torrance Tract as shown on map thereof filed in Book 22, pages 94 and 95 of Los Angeles County official records, to be improved in the manner, and at the places and to the extent shown upon the plans therefor adopted by the said Board of Trustees September 29, 1924, and now on file in the office of the City Engineer of the City of Torrance, and paving portions of the same with asphaltic pavement consisting of 3 inch asphaltic concrete base and 1 inch Willite Topeka Wearing Surface, and constructing four inch vitrified clay pipe sewer laterals for house connections, one for each lot subdivision fronting on said work.

SECTION 2. That all of said work shall be done and improvement made in accordance with lines, grades, profiles, elevations, locations and cross-sections to and within the limits shown upon the plans therefor adopted by the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance, and all dimensions and notations thereon shall apply and be conformed to and observed in doing said work and in making said improvement, and the same are incorporated herein and made a part hereof and reference is hereby made thereto for a more full, complete and detailed description of said work and improvement. The said grading shall be done in accordance with specifications contained in Ordinance No. 19 of the City of Torrance.

Said Asphaltic Willite Pavement shall be constructed in accordance with Specifications No. 20 adopted by Resolution No. 160 of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance. Said sewer laterals shall be constructed in accordance with Specifications No. 21 adopted by Resolution No. 187 of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance.

SECTION 4. Notice is hereby given that Serial Bonds to represent unpaid assessments, and to bear interest at the rate of seven per cent (7%) per annum, will be issued hereunder, in the manner provided by the "Improvement Bond Act of 1915," the last installment of which bonds shall mature on the 13th day of August, 1924, and on file in the office of the City Clerk of said City of Torrance.

Reference is hereby made to Resolution of Intention No. 208 passed by said Board on November 17th, 1924, declaring its intention to order said work to be done, for a description of said work to be done and improvement to be made and the assessment district and for further particulars, which Resolution of Intention is on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city. Reference is hereby made to said specifications for said work as on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city.

All proposals or bids shall be accompanied by a check payable to the City of Torrance certified by a responsible bank for an amount which shall be not less than ten per cent of the aggregate of the proposal, or by a bond for the said amount and so payable, signed by the bidder and two sureties, who shall justify before any officer competent to administer an oath, in double the amount, and over and above all statutory exemptions, as a guarantee that the successful bidder will enter into contract in accordance with his bid and furnish the bonds required, all in accordance with law.

Sealed proposals or bids shall be delivered to the clerk of the Board of Trustees of said city on or before 1 o'clock p. m. of the 5th day of January, 1925, said time being not less than ten days from the time of the first publication and

posting of this notice. Bids will be opened on said day and hour. Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids deemed for the public good. (Seal) A. H. BARTLETT, Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance. Dated December 8th, 1924.

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