

TRACE ORIGIN OF AMERICAN PEOPLE

To Use as Guide in Fixing Immigration Quotas.

Washington.—The task of tracing the family tree of the American people is under way, representatives of the secretaries of state, commerce and labor having begun investigations to determine the broad lines of national origin for use as a permanent guide in fixing immigration quotas.

Ancestors or descendants of particular individuals are not being considered in the study, which was provided for in the immigration act of 1924, their place for the purpose of the nation's genealogy being taken by statistics of immigration and emigration, rates of increase of population as shown by successive decennial censuses and such other data as may be found to be reliable.

Monographs prepared by the census bureau and by the Department of Labor are being used in the work of determining as accurately as possible the origin of the homo-American. The investigation is expected to continue a year and the results must be formulated by April 1, 1927, the date when President Coolidge, under the law, must proclaim the new quotas fixed according to the ratio of the alien origins of the American people. The present quotas are determined on the basis of the census of 1890.

Intricate System Guards Gem Dealers' Offices

New York.—In the wholesale jewelry district of this city, where millions of dollars in diamonds and precious stones are daily handled, extraordinary precautions are taken against possible holdups.

It is, of course, a simple matter to provide burglar-proof vaults. In buying and selling precious stones it is necessary, however, to remove the gems from the safes to display and examine them. The offices where fortunes in gems are handled are ingeniously safeguarded.

The casual visitor to these offices will scarcely notice precautions to guard against attack. The offices usually contain an outer room enclosed by high partitions. The only employee in evidence is behind a small window. When the visitor satisfies the observer at the window, and not before, a door is opened in the partition, and on his entering is quickly closed.

The office is divided into a series of rooms, each closed with high partitions. To enter any one of the rooms is opened by the observer behind the window in the outer office.

It is impossible to gain entrance to one of these inner rooms without the help of a man in the outer office. Once inside, the door is fastened, and it can only be opened from the desk outside.

Should a holdup be attempted in the outer office the thief would find himself confronted by a formidable series of barriers. Should the man in the office be overcome the doors to the inner rooms would remain locked.

Let the thief attempt to hold up anyone after gaining admission to the office and he would be locked in without the assistance of the man in the outer office.

Six Years After War Mines Still a Menace

Copenhagen.—Recent reports disclose the presence of drifting mines in the Baltic as a menace to shipping, and it is evident that official reports as to the clearance of mines in these waters are not to be wholly trusted.

It is believed that any storm might dislodge the units of some mine field laid during the war, and it is argued that dangerous mines, frozen up in the ice of winter, may well float about until next spring and then reappear in totally unexpected locations.

Woman Mail Carrier

Lansing, Mich.—For 21 years Mrs. M. Wood has driven a rural mail route here. Mrs. Wood has the second heaviest route out of Lansing, delivering mail to 450 families.

British Woman, 106, Is Looking for Mate

Tiptree, England.—Mrs. Betsy Pennick, who was a debutante when Victoria became queen of England in 1837, is on the lookout for a husband. She is 106 years old and still going strong. Having just recovered from a period of illness, she says she wants someone to provide for her for the rest of her days.

Mrs. Pennick was married 86 years ago, but has been a widow for 45 years. She is thought to be the oldest of King George's subjects in England.

FOOTPRINTING LAST WORD IN ACCURACY

Proves Infallible Means of Identification.

New York.—"Footprinting is my fad," said Mary E. Hamilton, director of the New York policewomen's bureau. "But it is a fad that will last as long as I do. I hope it will last as long as the world." The head of the policewomen of New York made this remark to Ada Patterson, who tells the story in the Police Magazine. Mrs. Hamilton has furnished an apartment next to her own home for desperate, unmarried mothers who might otherwise become human waste. Frantic, betrayed girls with the dawn of motherhood in them may ring her doorbell at any hour and find sympathy and a room in the little waiting apartment that is a twin of Mrs. Hamilton's home. Twin in shining neatness and care and livableness. We were talking of these distraught, despairing visitors, of the pallid faces and the midnight ring at the door, when Mrs. Hamilton mentioned foot-printing.

"It is the last word in accuracy in the detection of criminals," she said. "Commissioner Richard E. Enright, who is a progressive, forward-looking official, deeply interested in fingerprinting not only for detection, but for personal protection, approves foot-printing."

Origin of Footprinting. "It came into the department in a strange way. A beggar was brought in. His hands were gone. His arms were mere stubs. How should we secure means of identification in his case? There were no birthmarks. Comparatively few persons have them. The only thing to do is to take his footprints," said one. The beggar's foot was smeared with the ink used in fingerprinting. He was told to step upon a sheet of white paper. There was a complete print. By that simple act the perfection of methods of identification had been reached. A criminal may twist his fingers and prevent a perfect print. But the sole of the foot is uncompromising. The footprint is a masterpiece.

"Footprinting has the widest application to the problems of life and the police; for hands may be maimed and manipulated, but the soles do not change. So long as the feet remain, the footprint is an infallible means of identification."

"It solves the problem of the unfortunate stricken suddenly by amnesia or aphasia. If every person were footprinted at birth and records made of the footprints the footprints would answer the sad old question, 'Who am I?'"

Possibilities. "Footprinting would prevent the hospital blunders of mixed-up and missing babies.

"It would make complete and accurate beyond doubt the identification of the dead.

"Potters' field would dwindle to a mere record of poverty rather than mystery. The appalling record of the trial of 250,000 unknown dead a year in New York city would be ended.

"It would have caused Charlie Ross to be found—and Lillian McKeenzie."

"There would be no more lost children," I asked.

"If lost they would be quickly found," returned Mrs. Hamilton. "And here would be no possibility of mistaken identities. No two footprints are alike and they never change. What mother could say with certainty, 'If my child were lost today I would recognize him in 12 years?' The woman who is not sure whether a child is her own or another's is the saddest sight in a world crowded with sad spectacles. Yet it is a common one. Nothing in nature changes so wholly as does a babe that is growing up. A mother's heart may tell her the truth, but she has no sure means of proving it."

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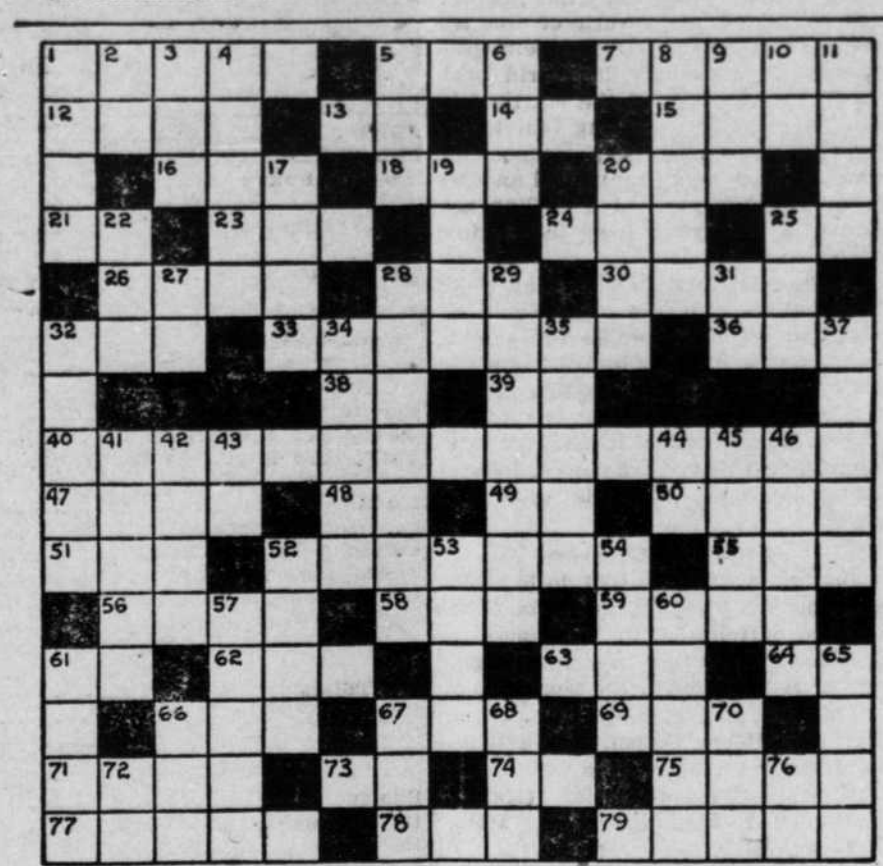
THE EDITOR OF A NEIGHBORING TOWN PAPER IS LAID UP—IT SEEMS THAT A SUBSCRIBER TOLD HIM HE WAS GETTING OUT A BETTER NEWSPAPER THAN THE TOWN DESERVED—THE EDITOR FELL AWAY HIS HEAD AGAIN THE CURSE!



Only the blind man will say that everything is "all right" in our Country. There are many things that need fixing; things that need the golden rule and the rule of common sense and the teaching of experience. But it is still the best country.

HOW TO SOLVE A CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

When the correct letters are placed in the white spaces this puzzle will spell words both vertically and horizontally. The first letter in each word is indicated by a number, which refers to the definition listed below the puzzle. Thus No. 1 under the column headed "horizontal" defines a word which will fill the white spaces up to the first black square to the right, and a number under "vertical" defines a word which will fill the white squares to the next black one below. No letters go in the black spaces. All words used are dictionary words, except proper names. Abbreviations, slang, initials, technical terms and obsolete forms are indicated in the definitions.



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- Horizontal. 1—Set at ease 2—Ceremonial vessel 7—Pale 12—Foundation 13—Like 14—An animal 15—Walk through water 16—Part of the foot 18—Auricular organ 20—Allow 21—Comparable to 23—Article used on the doorstep 24—A beverage 25—Accomplish 26—A direction of the compass 28—Ruler (abbr.) 29—Military force 32—Carous 33—Cut apart 36—Young woman just introduced to society 38—Yeast 39—Upon 40—Next to the last but two 47—A limited time 48—A New England state (abbr.) 49—Correlative of either 50—Distressed aviators 51—Before 52—Meaning the same 55—Encountered 56—Conceal 58—To hinder speech 59—End of a prayer 61—Personal pronoun 62—Moved swiftly 63—Blind 64—Thus 66—Soft food for infants 67—Request 69—A term in racing 71—Give forth 73—Disarranged type 74—Within 75—Attraction 77—Short letters 78—Furious 79—A short written composition
- Vertical. 1—Extent 2—Behold 3—Plot of ground 4—Minute particles 5—Employ 6—Consumes 8—To make an oath 9—Headgear 10—Editor (abbr.) 11—A Roman emperor 17—Consumes 19—Height of 20—A malleable metal 22—Look 25—To color 27—Preposition 28—After sunset 29—Extend 31—A physician (abbr.) 32—Article used in serving food 34—A species of corundum 35—Entrance 37—Consecrated 41—Slang for courage 42—A woody plant 43—A measure of type 44—Contraction of mother 45—The highest point 46—Years between 12 and 20 52—A blow 53—A farinaceous grain 54—Carried by post 57—Infuriated 60—Repasts 61—Manner 65—Follow instructions 66—A deep hole 67—Point at 68—A young goat 70—A secretion 72—A southwestern state (abbr.) 76—Sun god (Egyptian)

Navy Men Plan to Refuel Shenandoah While in Air

Washington.—In the near future the bureau of aeronautics of the Navy department will attempt to refuel the airship Shenandoah in the air while under tow of a surface vessel.

This announcement was made recently by Rear Admiral William A. Moffett that a bridge will be rigged to a tow line and attached to the mooring gear in the nose of the big rigid. A hose will be connected with the fuel tanks of the airship and gasoline pumped into them from the supply vessel on the surface.

"This is the next important test we will make with the Shenandoah," said the admiral. "We are confident it can be successfully refueled in this way. If the experiment comes up to expectations it will add materially to the usefulness of rigid with the fleet."

Admiral Moffett said when a mooring mast was installed on the fuel ship Patoka it was not intended to use that vessel as a floating base for the Shenandoah. He doubts that any coupling so far developed would be able to hold a huge rigid to a mast on a ship rolling heavily in the open sea. When plans are perfected for refueling airships from surface vessels it is anticipated it will increase the safety factor in the event of accident as well as increase the cruising radius of rigid. The tow line would be dropped from the airship to the surface vessel, likewise the hose for refilling fuel tanks.

Eat Orange a Day, Keep Baldness Away

Milwaukee.—An orange a day will keep baldness away. Dr. LeRoy Crummer, professor of medicine at the University of Nebraska, is authority for the statement, made at a meeting here of the Tri-State Medical association.

"Science has found that the absence of certain acids in the stomach eventually produces baldness," he declared. "It is also proved that citrus fruits abound in healthful acids that tend to stimulate sluggish stomachs. Eat citrus fruits and you will never be bald."

Since August, 1919, the national debt has been cut more than \$5,000,000,000, lowering the annual interest charge \$225,000,000. The expenditures during 1920-1 exceeded \$5,500,000,000; last year they were \$3,783,000,000, and the public debt was reduced last year by \$1,995,000,000, saving interest of \$45,000,000 a year.

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