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THE CRIME WAVE

For the past several weeks an alarming crime-wave, reaching from coast to coast, has been sweeping the country, and about all one finds on the front page of a metropolitan paper these days is a recital of bank robberies, hold ups, house-breaking and pocket picking. No one appears to be in position to account for it. It seems to be a sort of contagion that is fast spreading to many who have heretofore been beyond the pale of suspicion.

Quite a few of the smaller towns of the country report robberies and hold-ups, too, so it would not be amiss for people to be on their guard. Not that we have any of that kind of "talent" among our citizens, but in this day of fast trains and thousands of speedy autos, the chance of escape afforded a band of robbers is far greater than ever before. It is an easy matter now for a gang to travel overland by auto, robbing small towns where the populace has become unsuspicious through long years of tranquility and neighborly understanding. They make their escape quickly and before their work is discovered they are either safely hidden in some nearby large city, or have passed into another section of the state.

It doesn't reflect upon those living near you to lock your doors at night, and neither does it show bad judgement to keep the auto and your spare tires under lock and key. For this unusual crime wave is just as apt to strike this community as any other, and the old "stitch in time" proverb still holds good.

WHAT DO YOU DO?

What foolish action do you do? What is your favorite fidget? Do you stroke your chin? wrinkle your forehead of pull absent mindedly at the lobes of your ear. It is a curious thing, but physicians say not one person in a hundred can sit absolutely still for even five minutes in the presence of other people. The truth is that most of these funny little habits are quite unconscious. You don't know what you are doing, you are a chin rubber or an ear pincher by instinct. Watch your friends and you will be surprised to find what an extraordinary variety there is in figeting. Get half a dozen friends together or members of your own family and ask them a question on any subject, providing it has nothing to do with figeting or induce them to listen while you recite a piece of poetry. This is better because the listening attitude is bound to result in a remarkable display of personal eccentricities, your friends will wonder what you are smiling at, that is where the best part of the joke comes in. Chin stroking is quite common, like eye brow raising and forehead wrinkling, many people have contracted the strange habit of smothing down imaginary hairs on their upper lip or pinching out little folds of skin in their cheeks, some people have a trick of pulling their eyebrows or eye lashes.

A flirt am I, exclaimed Mary Ann, under notice to quit. Well, I know tim as flerts more thin I do, and with less excuse sure: She shot a spiteful look at her mistress and added. I'm better lookin thin ye be. More andsome, 'ow do I know, yer usband told me. That will do, said her mistress frigidly. But I haint finished yet, retorted Mary Ann, I can give a better kess thin ye can, want to know 'ow told me that mum. If you mean my husband. No it wasn't your usband this time, said Mary Ann, it were yer chauffer.

You will have to have your tonsils taken out said the doctor. But doctor protested the patient. I can't afford that operation. um ah, well let me see, why, I guess there is nothing the matter with you.

A farmer one his way to market was stopped by a friend of his who said to him. Say Giles why don't you buy a bike then you could ride to market. Nope, said the farmer, I'm coming to buy a cow, Don't be silly replied his friend. See how funny you would look trying to ride a cow. Yes I know was the farmers answer, but I'd look a dern sight funnier tryin' to milk a bicycle.

THE CHRONIC BORROWER

There was a time, and but a little while ago, when jobs were few and money a good deal harder to get than it is now. Then there was an excuse, but a slight one, for borrowing. But an era of prosperity came, and people soon learned that it was far better to buy than borrow, or even to go without.

We have with us yet, however, a few who can see no good reason for subscribing to their home town paper when their neighbor appears willing enough to loan his. They are few now, but even one in an entire community is a nuisance. Of course the subscriber is not going to show displeasure when approached by the borrower. He's too much of a gentleman for that. But if the borrower had some means of reading the mind of the man whose paper he is borrowing we feel sure he would either subscribe in a hurry or learn to do without it altogether.

We don't believe there is a man in this community so poor but he can find a good investment in a subscription to his home paper. If there is, and he feels he must have a paper to be happy, we'll meet him more than half-way. We'll do most anything to discourage borrowing, which, after all, usually winds up in hard feelings among neighbors and brings about a spirit that is not helpful to the community at large.

USUALLY THE CASE

We read in a neighboring exchange recently where the son of a highly-respected family had been arrested for embesslement. He afterwards confessed to taking the money of his employer to buy finer presents for his sweetheart than the other young men bought theirs in detailing the life of the lad the paper said: "He had since childhood pampered by his family and his every wish acceded to."

It is a case in which every parent should be interested, especially those who have growing children. It is hard to refuse them the things they want as they approach manhood or womanhood and yet there is not a parent in this broad land but who knows that such indulgence creates in the boy or girl a selfishness that will cause them sorrow later on in life. Self- sacrificing, learning to do without and be contented, is the best habit that can be instilled into the young. Giving them everything they ask for only means that when they reach the point where something is refused them they will get it by some means, fair or foul.

Nothing safeguards us more than having the ability to do without many things we'd like to have. Nothing spoils one more quickly than to get that which is wanted without any effort or exertion. Honestly earned rewards are the only kind worth having, and when the growing boy or girl is made to realize this the way is paved for them past many heartaches for both themselves and their parents.

NOTICE

The Globe Bakery has opened a salesroom in the Lomita Meat Market where they have on display a varied assortment of pastries fresh from their ovens. Specials will be offered every Saturday, at reduced prices, for tomorrow, a mocha cake being sold at 50 cents. The new concern is enjoying a big patronage.

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LOCAL TIME SCHEDULE
—Of The—
REDONDO - SAN PEDRO STAGE
Between Redondo and San Pedro
-Via-
Lomita and Torrance

Effective 12:00 O'clock Midnight
Sunday, October 31, 1920

	Leave San Pedro	Lomita	Torrance	Arrive Redondo
A. M.	5:50	6:05	6:12	6:32
	6:50	7:12	7:19	7:41
	8:00	8:22	8:29	8:46
	9:00	9:22	9:29	9:46
	10:00	10:22	10:29	10:46
	11:00	11:22	11:29	11:46
	12:00	12:22	12:29	12:46
P. M.	1:00	1:22	1:29	1:46
	2:00	2:22	2:29	2:46
	3:00	3:22	3:29	3:46
	4:15	4:37	4:44	5:01
	5:20	5:42	5:49	6:06
	6:15	6:37	6:44	7:01
	8:10	8:32	8:39	8:56
	10:00	10:22	10:29	10:46

	Leave Redondo	Torrance	Lomita	Arrive San Pedro
A. M.	5:50	6:07	6:14	6:36
	6;35	6:52	6:59	7:21
	8:05	8:22	8:27	8:49
	9:05	9:22	9:27	9:49
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P.M.	12:05	12:22	12:27	12:49
	1:05	1:22	1:27	1:49
	2:05	2:22	2:27	2:49
	3:05	3:22	3:27	3:49
	4:10	4:27	4:34	4:56
	5:10	5:27	5:34	5:56
	6:15	6:32	6:39	7:01
	7:15	7:32	7:39	8:01
	9:15	9:32	9:39	10:01
	11:00	11:17	●11:24	●11:46

●—Sunday only.