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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1933

ONE of the theoretical advantages of a college education is that it teaches a person how to usefully use his leisure time. Reading widely and well is an indoor sport that has no equal. The disillusioning fact about college is that the great majority of us rarely read a book that is not assigned by a professor. The greatest exception to this is the flood of printers ink that we read in the pages of magazines. Such readings pass time pleasantly enough, but seldom, if ever, leave in the mind of the reader any constructive ideas that influence his life.

We suffer under the illusion that good books are dry books. In fact, there are but few really worth while books that are not exceedingly fascinating. From time to time the ECHO has published articles by the "Bibler" on interesting and helpful books found in our own college library. The ECHO will be pleased to publish any recommendation by students on books of value that they might recommend for their fellow students. Let's get the habit of at least one good book a week.

A person who cribs in the same class as a person who cheats at solitaire. Both are merely beating themselves. They are so crooked that they can't even be decent to themselves.

The resolutions we made at New Year's are as nothing when compared to the resolutions we make now that Mid-Year exams are over. Never again will we try to learn a half year's work in twenty-four hours.

THERE is the story told of a prominent business man who, when passing by the campus of an American college, it may have been Colby, the narrator does not say, turned to his companion and remarked, "That is one of the most dangerous institutions in our country." The friend was astounded at such seeming heresy and inquired the reason for such an unreasonable statement. The answer he received was, "Because it is continually teaching hosts of young people that sixty per cent is good enough."

The cynical philosopher went on to enlarge his dogmatic statement. "Each year hundreds of young college alumni come into my office with the same idea. They are willing to do what is asked of them—just what is necessary to hold their jobs—and that is all. They are not interested in doing their best—in being one hundred per cent efficient and useful. They remind me of the old German proverb which says, 'The good is often the worst enemy of the best.' The young people do not know what capacities they are endowed with because they have never tested themselves to the limit. Any institution, therefore, becomes a dangerous place for young people when it teaches that sixty per cent efficiency is good enough."

Of course, such an iconoclastic discourse does not appeal to those of us who are students, so we attribute it to a confirmed grouch. But before we completely rationalize it away, may we not look deeper and find at least some few grains of truth in it? Now that examinations are over and the first semester has passed, are we not satisfied to content ourselves with a "C" on the basis that it is "a gentleman's average?" During the past two weeks did we not attend a few more movies than we should have done and then relieve our consciences by rationalizing that we needed the relaxation? We called the students who studied long and well "grinds" and thanked our lucky stars that we were more fortunate.

Just so long as we allow ourselves to entertain this "good enough" philosophy, just so much is Colby a menace to the world. The indictment made by the "cynical" business man comes too close to the truth to be passed off lightly. Now is the time to begin the new semester by doing our best.

NEW EXAM SCHEDULE.

ONE of the most interesting experiments tried at Colby for some time is the new examination schedule. It is modeled after the schedules which are followed in most of the large colleges of this country. Instead of grouping the examinations into the customary period of one week, they were extended over a period of ten days. Following the old schedule there were exactly six days of examinations, while following the new plan instituted this year there were nine days of examining.

The purpose of this change was to allow time for more complete preparation for each exam. For the majority the plan kept the examinations from being so closely grouped as formerly. Statistics are being compiled which will aid the faculty in their estimation of the success of the new project.

From the student view point, many found that they had extra time for preparation of individual subjects. Most of the student body, however, was chiefly impressed by the fact that there was time available for a short vacation. This extended program has made possible short holidays for some, but when one considers the extra time added to the normal school year, he will not be enthusiastic. This next spring commencement will be later than usual because of this new examination schedule. The question is, is it worth the difference in time necessary to put it into effect?

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Back in 1928, when the cornerstone of the Alumnae Building was being laid during the Commencement Exercises, Doctor Averill was interested in taking moving pictures of his own, and in projecting them. He realized what an advantage such a machine would be to Colby, and promised the Alumnae association that when the college obtained material for local "movies," he would be the donor. When Publicity Director Joseph C. Smith started to take the campus shots which have been of such great interest to the students, Dr. Averill realized that it was now time for the use of the projector, and on Friday, February 3, the machine was installed in the Alumnae Building. A successful trial showing was held, with Laura May Tolman, '35, acting as operator. It is expected that she will continue in that capacity.

Dr. Averill, a trustee of Colby, will be remembered long for his interest in college and high school students, which he has manifested in many unusual gifts. Among these are the Averill Field in Waterville, and the swimming pool which adjoins it, and the new Good Will high school building.

Social Events

JUNIOR WEEK-END.
From plans already in progress, this year's Junior Week-End, the high light on the Colby social calendar, will far surpass in brilliancy those of recent years.

The week-end will start Friday evening, April 28th, with the formal Junior Promenade. The class of 1934 will present at this time a featured orchestra of national repute to grace the occasion. Those bands now under consideration by the committee include Cassa Loma, Lew Conrad, Buddy Rogers, Blanche Calloway, and Mal Hallett.

On Saturday afternoon, there will be a baseball game with Bowdoin. This will be followed by either a tea dance or evening fraternity open house chasers.

The committee is composed of Henry Davidson, president of the class, G. P. E.; Arnold Peabody, vice president, D. K. E.; Sumner Mills, secretary-treasurer, A. T. O.; Richard Johnson, Z. P.; William Logan, P. D. T.; Ewald Hueke, D. U.; Henry Thomas, L. C. A.; Robert MacGregor, K. D. P.; Frederick Lawler, T. K. N.; and Harold Plotkin, Non-Frat.

VOCATIONAL LECTURE.
The third Vocational Conference will be held Thursday evening, February 9, at 7.30 in the English Room, Chemical Hall. The speaker will be Judge James H. Hudson, Colby 1900, of the Maine Superior Court. He will conduct a discussion on "The Law as a Vocational Career."

Judge Hudson is a dynamic speaker and the conference should be of interest not only to those who are preparing for law school, but to many of our students who have reached no decision concerning their life work.

FRESHMAN DANCE.
All arrangements for the event of the season, the "Holiday Hop," are well under way. This dance, given by the freshman class, will take place in the Alumnae Building, in true holiday spirit, the night before Washington's birthday. Committees have been appointed, and plans are being carried out un-

der the leadership of Charles J. Caddeo and Anita L. Thibault, respective heads of the men's and women's divisions of the class of '36, to make this dance the talk of the campus. Anthony C. Stone, too, is lending his zeal in the perfecting of this momentous affair. It's going to be good! Get your bid now!

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SPORT MILLE

By PETE MILLS

Midyears are over and the toll has been heavy. In taking an account of material left there seems to be some reason to be optimistic as far as baseball is concerned in spite of the fact that one of the best prospects for the mound position left college after Christmas and one other very fine moundman was made ineligible.

That is not all of the black side, because you have to remember that several of the first string men of last season did not return at the opening of college in the fall. Ray Farnham who was one of the leading hitters and the diminutive Bob McGee will be conspicuous because of their absence.

The prospective pitching staff has been riddled, but there remains George Foster who carried the heavy assignments of last year and who later on in the summer went up to Rumford and made that club into a first division outfit in the Pine Tree League.

If you remember the Tufts game here last year and the last Maine game played on our field you will recall that Coach Roundy discovered another pitcher in the person of Ralph Peabody. Foster had held the Maine team in hand twice before, but on that afternoon he was having one of those days that they all have once in a while and Ralph Peabody was sent in. It was like throwing water on a fire.

The afternoon that Tufts played here Hank Davidson had pitched an A-1 game for four innings and then he felt his arm go and asked to be relieved. Ralph Peabody was sent in again and he showed plenty of stuff. It looks as though Colby will be well fixed as far as pitching is concerned if these two men are in form.

For a leftie there is Hank Davidson who can easily take his turn on the pile of clay. There they are and we don't know what there may be in the freshman class. The exams took two excellent pitchers who would have been valuable in other positions when not working, but the situation is far from bad with the three just mentioned available.

Til Thomas and Stanley Jekanoski will be ready to pull on the catcher's protector again. There have been things said about Art Brown who played quarterback on the freshman football team as a candidate for the position behind the plate. There may be others looking for Chatterbox Charlie's old position. Anyway they will all be out there in the field house in a few weeks.

Colby's rejuvenated hockey team pulled a well earned victory out of the bag when it defeated the Bowdoin team at Brunswick, Monday afternoon. Ulic Pomerleau was out there again swinging a stick true to form. Al Paganucci and Louis Rancourt making their first start as varsity men gave the team a new balance. Both of these fellows have had plenty of experience on the ice at prep and high school.



A COLLEGE'S DUTY

Here is a story that Dr. Ernest Jaehke, noted German publicist, used to tell:

Shortly after the Armistice was signed he was travelling through the occupied area with a German general. They were sitting in the dining car with a tall and expensive looking bottle of wine on the table between them when their train made a station stop. Hungry Germans on the station platform, catching sight of the general with his wine, crowded about the car with angry mutterings and gesticulations. As the train was leaving the station, the general hid the wine bottle under the table. "How typically German," Dr. Jaehke told him; "we do the right thing but too late."

Typically, German, yes; also typically French, British and American. In fact it seems typical of all present-day national politicians in their dealings with international affairs. The world has now come to the place where its governments and peoples have the

choice of quick, decisive action to pull themselves out of the morass resulting from the World War and establishing a durable basis for permanent peace or of sinking into the morass, with probably as frightful consequences as can be imagined. The moral conscience of the world, for the most part, is reasonably clear and unified on outstanding international issues. Except among the recalcitrant interests who are working toward grossly selfish ends, there is comparatively little doubt in the world about the "right things" to do. What is lacking is the courage to do them.—From League of Nations Chronicle.

And it may added, the political intelligence to act before it is too late. The governments and their diplomats often know what to do but are restrained by the prejudices and limited understanding on the part of the electorate. Hence the duty imposed on our institutions of higher learning to adequately prepare the new generation for giving support to the right sort of leaders and policies.

Y. W. C. A.

The women's division was entertained in the Foss Hall reception room on Tuesday evening, January 31, with selections on the piano rendered by Frederick B. Champlin of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. His wide repertoire included "Mood Indigo," "Star Dust," "Night and Day," and other popular numbers. The recital was sponsored by the Y. W. C. A.

TRI-DELTS.

A group of tri-Delt girls held an informal dance in the old gym of Foss Hall on Monday evening, February 6. About twelve couples attended and spent an enjoyable evening. Refreshments were served and the dance ended at ten.

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D. K. E.	6	6	.500
P. D. T.	9	11	.450
T. K. N.	1	7	.125
Z. P.	0	4	.000

League Records.	
Individual single, 120, Holden.	
Team single, 489, K. D. R.	
High triple, 307, Holden.	
High team total, 1431, K. D. R.	

Bob Jenkins is a man to keep your eye on this next few years in Colby track athletics. A short time ago he ran his heat of the quarter in 54 and 4-5 seconds. In this heat he showed good judgment over the entire course. He outdistanced George Hunt and Jack Locke, both of whom are very capable performers. Hunt was five yards behind Jenkins while Locke saw Hunt's heels at the same distance.

STUDENT COUNCIL DANCE.

The Student Council mid-semester dance, Flunkers Frolic, was held last Saturday night. Cecil Hutchinson and his Royal Commanders furnished the music for the very pleasant evening of dancing. Most of the students who had not gone home for the week-end attended, so the affair was well patronized. The date for the next Student Council dance has not been set, but it is promised for the not too distant future.

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CALENDAR

Thurs., Feb. 9. Vocational Conference Law. Judge Hudson. English Room 7.30.
Camera Club, Math Room, 4.00.
Fri., Feb. 10. Hockey, Bates at Waterville, 7.30.
Sat., Feb. 11. Senior Women's Dance, Alumnae Building.
B. A. A. and N. E. A. U. Track Meet, Boston.
Hockey, Colby at Bowdoin.
Last day for reporting changes in courses to Registrar.
Fri., Feb. 17. Compinsky Trio, Alumnae Building, 8.15.
Tues., Feb. 21. Freshman Dance, Alumnae Building.
Wed., Feb. 22. Holiday, Washington's Birthday.
April 28-29. Junior Week-End. Keep it in mind.

SOCIAL.

Monday night eight couples gathered at the Alumnae Building, chaperoned by Miss Muriel J. MacDougall. Ping-pong, jig-saw puzzles and volleyball furnished the entertainment. Those who showed the greatest skill, as well as those who showed the least, in the games of the evening were awarded prizes. Refreshments of punch and cookies were served. The couples ended their pleasant evening by telling stories and singing songs in front of the fireplace in the social room.

SENIOR DANCE.

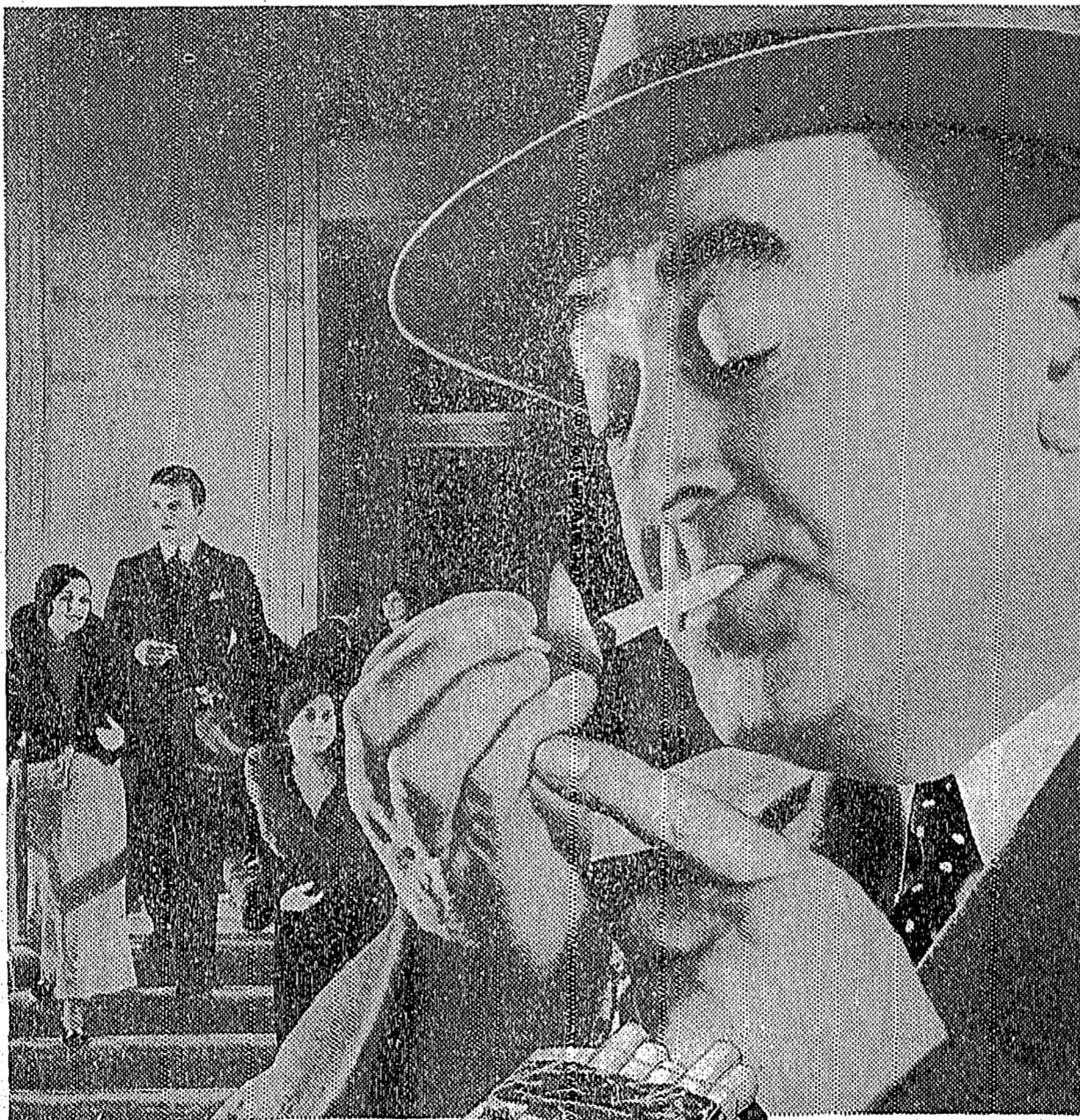
Plans for one of the best Senior dances at Colby are being carefully formulated by Katherine P. Holmes and her committee which is made up of Louise C. Smith, Evelyn R. Stapleton, Norma L. Fuller, Ruth E. Nutting, Dorris Moore, and Lois E. Denn. The dance, scheduled to take place on the evening of February 11th, in the Alumnae Building, is to be a Valentine's Dance. The music for the occasion is to be furnished by Cecil Hutchinson's Commanders.

CAMERA CLUB.

There will be a meeting of the Camera Club in the Math Room of Chemical Hall on Thursday afternoon at four o'clock. At this time plans will be made for further work on the Colby movie which is now being produced. In addition to this there will also be shown a valuable collection of photographs which has been secured through the courtesy of the Travelling Exhibition of Pictorial Photographers of America.

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Dear Gladiator:

In every age there appears one who dominates. Napoleon rode on the crest of the French Revolution. Washington was the father of his country and Lincoln freed the slaves. In our own era of crashing markets, and free wheat, and beer bills, what has "Depression" produced?—"That Old Maestro of the Quip and Jest!"

Fortunate indeed in this little jerk-water, provincial college to have gracing its halls, that delicate framed genius of humor, "Ye Old PLOT-TER." In his quiet, unobtrusive way, he has brought to this antiquated institution of higher learning—a touch of Bohemia; telescopic cigarette holders; Greenwich Village (Heywood) Apartments and "nerts to youse mugs."

All of these little items are symbols of the new regime.

Soon we may expect to see Vanity Fair, College Humor, The New Yorker, and Ballyhoo, replacing Harpers, The Reader's Digest, Scribner's and The Scientific American in the library. Gershwin's, "Of Thee I Sing, Baby," would make a superb college hymn when Colby goes completely "nerts!"

Consistent with "Your Favorite Colymnist's" dreams, we might hire some futuristic architects to design the New Colby on Plotpourri lands.

But, this reminds us of a most sad condition which now exists. How unfortunate it is for so complete a cosmopolitan to have to roam about, scarcely daring to indulge in his many whims and fancies because of the narrow conservatism which is about him on all sides.

Perhaps we could do something to remedy this. Instead of the drab buildings which meet the eye at every turn, we might add a dash of color—red, here and there. Powerful voice amplifiers could be installed at strategic points on the campus.

Sino-Japanese Conflict

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houses on penalty of court martial." Opium is an existing evil in China today. The leaders have succeeded in controlling the habit to some extent, but should Japan use this terrible habit as a weapon, the Chinese would be almost defenseless.

China Today

It is hard to realize that for one school teacher there are 108,000 children. The Chinese government is striving for a better education system and it is hoped that 85% of the total population of China will be literate by 1955. It is not difficult to see why China has not produced more leaders. Besides poor education facilities there are few doctors—one doctor for 480,000 people, and one dentist for 28,000,000 people.

The third major influence that Dr. Hsieh mentioned was aspiration. He said that China would conquer Japan by the humanity of the Chinese sense of duty by converting Japanese ideas.

Speaking of the future aim of the Chinese people, he said, "I am thankful to God that the Chinese Republic is patterned after the Republic of the United States. We hope to make China a second America."

He stated that the Chinese were very grateful for the Christian help sent by the United States. Through Christianity, superstition has been abolished and the habit of binding children's feet has also been abandoned.

In answer to a number of questions changing in nature from the relations of China to the Philippines to Russia, Dr. Hsieh held the attention of the audience completely.

"As long as the United States is in the Philippines, Japan will not threaten Australia, and Japan will not have the opportunity to make the Filipinos bow to them," was the answer made to the question, "Should the United States grant the Philippines their freedom?"

"The United States cannot afford to take the side of China nor the side of Japan. There must be an equilibrium."

"And unless the United States can keep the stars and stripes in the Philippines, I fear that the equilibrium will be all wrong."

Dr. Hsieh, outstanding scholar and native of China, spoke English with nearly flawless ability, and his realistic poses and gestures in the illustration of points which he brought up amused and enlightened his listeners.

Then, when the unstified urge of "Ye Maestro" asserted itself, no matter what the time day or night, the stentorian voice of our own self-styled "KNOWS NOTHING, prints all" could enliven the bleakness of our uneventful lives. But let us pause, to consider the practicability of these amplifiers. Not only could more "choice" morsels of gossip be broadcast, but thousands of waiting ears (is my face red?) could be instantly reached.

The collector of these ripe tid-bits need then no longer lie sleepless on his cot, wondering if his pointed barbs have found their mark.

However, even here HIS service to our Alma Mater would not cease. For, following Cantor's suggestion of harnessing the Senate's guff for heating purposes, all we would have to do would be to run a huge pipe line from the Field House to the Heywood Apartment of "Ye Maestro!" Ever after would Colby's edifice to the athlete be warmed by a voluminous flow of hot air.

It behooves us, as less favored sons and daughters of Colby, to honor this distinguished "colymnist" who moves about so aimlessly in our midst. Some fitting memorial should be erected. For instance, it has always seemed that the top of Coburn Hall lacked proportion.

Can you not picture a statue, moulded in the finest of brass, glittering in all its brazen glory?—symbolic of the dawn of a new day in Colby; a day when "Ga, Ga," and "Hot-Cha" were catch words and a "MAESTRO" was king.

A faithful "admirer,"

N. Y. C. Alumni Meet

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would be difficult. There would also be cause for great inflation as there is now available means to turn out

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three times more electricity than is being consumed today. He likened this to fiat money.

Mr. Smith looks ahead to a greater use of power in the future. It was not until last November that there was a decrease in the amount of electricity used. All during the period of the depression there has been an increase in the number of consumers. We must look upon the machine as not yet in its "golden age." The promise of the future lies in the power field, the speaker remarked in closing.

After this Mr. Smith related some of the amusing and unique situations that occurred at Colby while he was a student there. He then went on to stress the importance of the alumni

of a college. He said, "The alumni are an essential part of a college. I have always maintained that I am first of all an alumnus. It is the spirit of the alumni which keeps the college going to a very large degree."

After the singing of Alma Mater and other Colby songs the third "stag supper" came to an end.

The attendance at this stag supper of the New York Alumni Association was the largest of the three suppers that have been held this winter. Forty men out of 240 in the metropolitan area were present. The group gave a prolonged cheer when it was announced that both President Johnson and Dr. Wilkinson would speak at the annual New York Alumni Association banquet on March 17th.

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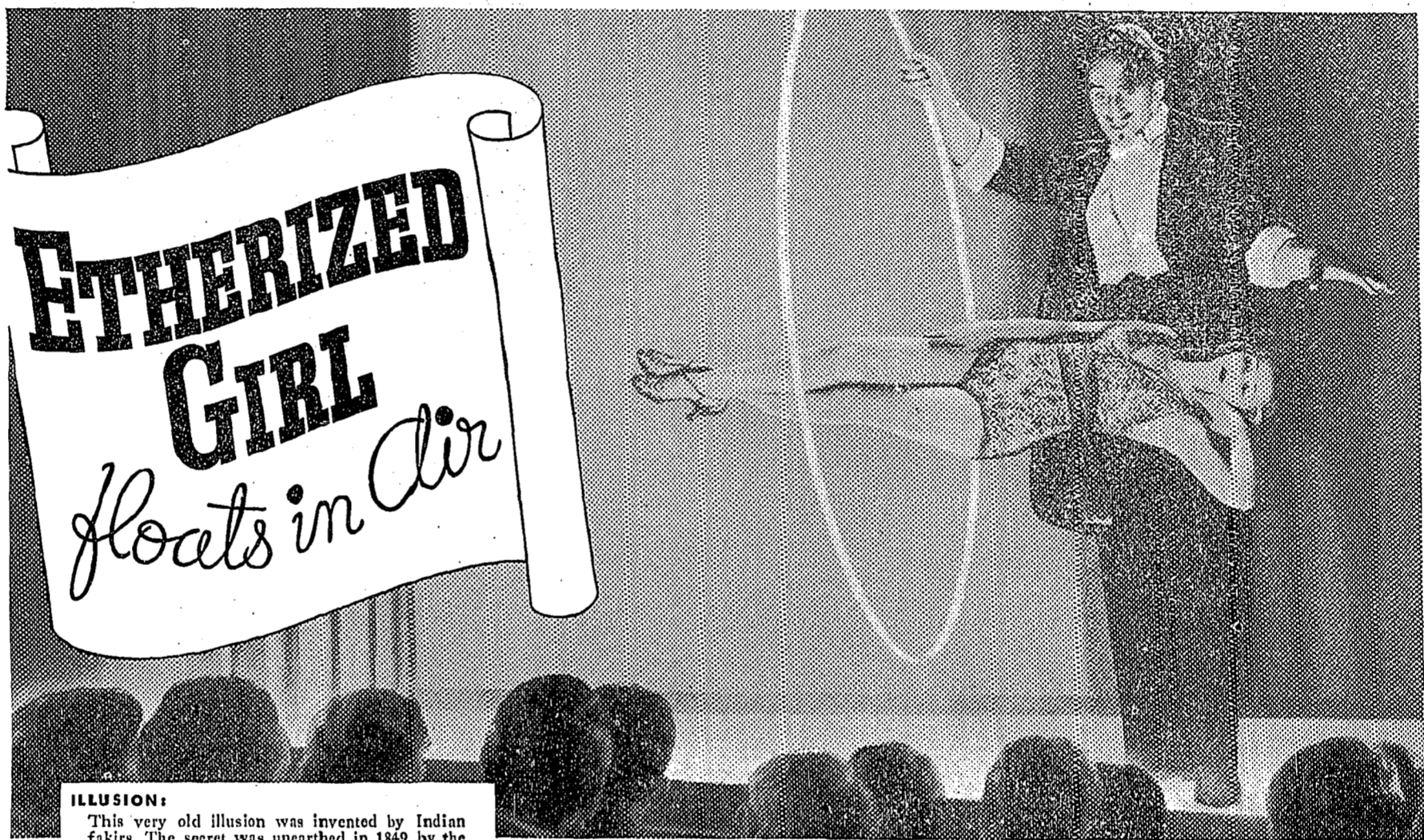
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ILLUSION:

This very old illusion was invented by Indian fakirs. The secret was unearthed in 1849 by the great magician, Robert-Houdin. At that time, ether had just been discovered, and little was known about it. Houdin claimed that he had discovered that this new anesthetic could make people light as air. To prove it, he caused the subject to rise into the air and float apparently suspended. He passed a hoop around the body to show there were no wires or supports.

EXPLANATION:

There are many, many explanations for this old trick. One is that the girl wears a concealed harness, which ends in a socket between her shoulder blades. This is attached to a piston below the stage. The piston is pushed up from below, causing her to rise in the air. The piston is invisible, because it is covered with mirrors which reflect surrounding draperies, similar to the background. The magician can pass the hoop over her body because it is cut in one place. It can be pulled apart for a second when it passes the piston.

Source: "Modern Magic" by Professor Hoffmann, George Routledge & Sons.

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...it's more fun to KNOW**

Another "magic show" is cigarette advertising.

One of its greatest tricks is the illusion that cigarettes can be made miraculously "MILD" through manufacturing methods.

THE EXPLANATION: All popular cigarettes today are made in modern sanitary factories with up-to-date machinery. All are heat treated—some more intensively than others, because raw, inferior tobaccos require

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