

In Passing

A lid bit fell across my path
 The while I walked along the way
by Diana

DIJA EVER pay attention to the displays of the shoe repair shops where they put only one shoe of a kind in the window? Barglary precaution, we guess.

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THOSE FULL page ads in exclusive national magazines cost so very much, we're told. And yet, every now and then we see one used for advertising something like the advantages of buying a certain make of train coaches. And we are confronted invariably with the thought of how few people who read that ad are interested in 'purchasing train coaches.

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WE'VE NEVER BEEN to New Orleans, but a friend of ours declares that there is a convent there which fronts on Renunciation street, and opens in the back'onto Desire street.

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WE USED TO THINK THAT the little shops, garages, etc., that name themselves after the city in which they are located were terribly unimaginative. For example: Burgersville Tire Shop. But you're sort of grateful for them when you're motoring through a little town and happen to have missed seeing the name of the town upon entering.

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CAN IT BE REALLY TRUE that Alain Locke is president of Howard university? If so, we've been napping. But anyway, Time Magazine, in a summer issue that carried an article about William Grant Still's latest work, referred to Mr. Locke as, President Alain Locke of Howard university. What has happened to Mordecai Johnson so quietly as all that?

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WHO WAS IT that was saying... Oh yes, we heard it over the radio on the Bud Barton program that it's such a pity youth should be wasted on young people who are neither old enough nor wise enough to appreciate it.

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IT'S A FUNNY THING . . . whenever we try a new tooth-paste it always bites our tongue like fury the first time we use it, but never anymore.

AND—whenever we start using a new perfume, the first few times we can smell it so well, but after we've used it several times we can hardly tell we're wearing it.

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WHAT'S TO PREVENT their making the milk shake cartons large enough to hold all the milk shake? When you order one to be delivered you actually lose a whole glass full.

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DRAWING ROOM CONVERSATION reveals: The mother of Olive Young (librarian) was a newspaper woman back in 1899. The paper on which she worked printed a souvenir edition that year, and the theme was what the news of 1999 would be. One headline was: WHITE MAN RAPES NEGRO WOMAN. Good piece of prophecy, even if time did crowd back on them a bit.

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SENATOR BANKHEAD'S death would, of course, suggest discussion of his colorful daughter, Tallulah. At Ailene Mark's at breakfast it was that Florence Draper had an interesting item to tell about a little encounter concerned with Tallulah. She was in a beauty parlor, and in the next booth she heard a striking voice. One that she was sure she'd heard before. She remembered it, then,

as Tallulah's voice, but she couldn't quite figure out what Tallulah would be doing there. She asked the operator, and learned that it was Tallulah's maid.

The voice was of exactly the same throaty quality with the same distinct accent. She learned more, too . . . and that was that Tallulah had consciously copied her maid's voice.

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ONE OF OUR most constant struggles in life is keeping on hand enough nickels for the telephone. Our favorite source for them is the street car conductor. We hand him a quarter and two pennies and if he's a good sport he'll give us back four nickels in change. Every now and then we catch a sourpuss who gives us two dimes along with an evil look.