

The Portable Wall

No mo' patent medicine

By Daniel Struckman

Most allof us have settled down to eking out a living in the big city. We are wholly insane. We love the frenzy of activity. We are making our livings.

And we have wasted no time getting on toward friendly, good pursuits. We write, garden, draw nasty little cartoons, sew, fix our own broken stuff, take sweat-baths & dream. The most fortunate earn a living while doing human work. John Herman drives a giant truck and talks. He eats lunch.

We have babies and more plans. School. Shoes.

Fortunately the "modern age" is passing. It was an evil. And now, thanks to its by-product, specialization, we have neither ox nor plow.

We have no patent medicines with which to fortify up.

Worse, we no longer trust the magic in snake oil.

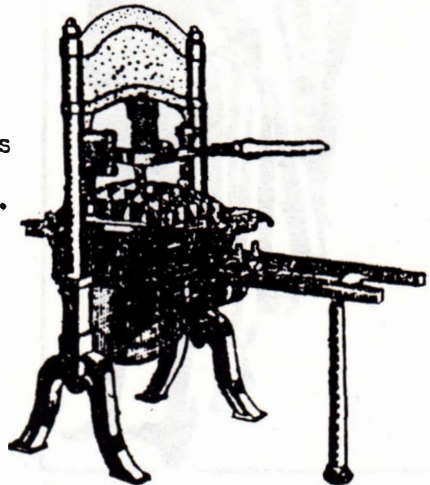
We lost the plug-in to the soil & air. We forgot about John (Little John) Jarvis in prison.

Share with us what you know to be true.

It heals us.

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True Facts About Sex

By Mark Fryberger

Nowadays sex is on most everyone's lips. This fact in itself prompts basic questions of hygiene. But my concern is not with cleanliness, nor with matters of personal taste, although I do admit to a certain bias in favor of the heterosexual approach to human relations.

Countless areas of confusion, ignorance and general murkiness confront us as we attempt to come to terms with the opposite sex. I feel that only after some light has been shed upon these dark and nagging questions can we hope for a sane and safe sexual career.



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I do not intend to drag all aspects of Romance into the spotlight, for some Mystery must remain, lest sexuality become part and parcel with the brushing of one's teeth.

The information I will impart here comes from no single source. It is a distillation of Truths revealed through the perusal of respected documents on the subject, through observation in the field and through assorted (a sor-did) rendezvous.

Some Common Misconceptions About Sex

(1) WOMEN DO NOT CARE, FOR SEX. It has long been held that sexual intimacy for its own sake is not much sought after by the fairer sex. Some think that the woman consents to

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the advances of the man out of a primal urge to reproduce; out of a sense of obligation to the human race. It has been argued that any pleasure experienced by the female from the sexual act is a sense of having done one's job; of having provided the male with an animal release while at the same time having assured the perpetuation of Mankind.

I wish to dispell this notion.

In a recent survey of Missoula women age 16 to 35 the following questions were asked:

"Do you have any interest in sexual contact with men?"

Of the 364 women surveyed, 96 per cent expressed some interest.

These 96 per cent were asked, "Do you expect to have a 'good time' if and when sexual contact is made?"

In their response the women agreed overwhelmingly that while they knew better than to expect a "good time," they did desire it.

When asked to describe what would constitute said "good time" the responses were varied, and in general, unsuited for media publication. They made for some pretty good reading, of a sort.

Let it simply be noted that A Sense of Procreation, while it did not go unmentioned, was NOT a significant source of these

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WHAT THIS IS

Those of us who used to write on walls and spend hours drawing pictures of infinite detail need a portable wall now that we are growing older and live farther apart.

Send us a writing or drawing to publish. We lean forward in anticipation, hoping "modern living" hasn't destroyed doodling and wall-scratching for you.

We welcome contributions, we hope to publish each month and owe thanks to Dana (Graham) Chadwick and the people who contributed the material for publication.

Love,

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A useful strategy

By Daniel Struckman

I felt even more confused and disoriented than usual during an interview with Ron Lytle.

Lytle, publisher of the Hardin Herald, had a job opening on his weekly newspaper for a reporter. He said he would hire me only if I would write him a slanted news article to promote the strip mining of coal.

I was shocked. Disappointed. I said nothing much. I went home. Lytle wrote and told me he had decided to hire no one.

Nevertheless, all seems to be well with Lytle because the last three issues of the Herald have had lovely pro-coal articles on the front page. Perhaps Lytle writes his own news of mining. He is certainly entitled to.

But let's rest the question of whether it's okay to dig up coal.

Let's not ponder the ethics in printing one-sided news articles.

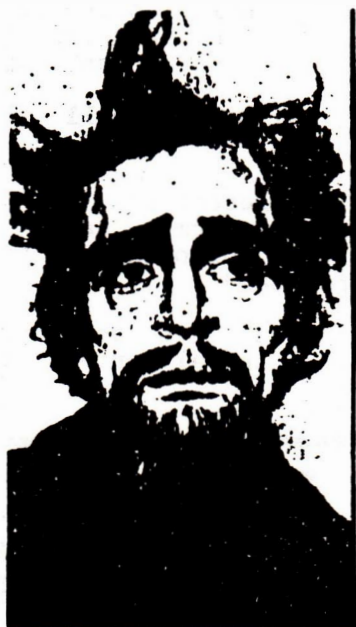
Instead let's face the practical problem in dealing with publishers of Lytle's ilk.

Newspaper publishers are businessmen. How can anyone mix the niceties of journalism ethics and the hard realities of business?

For the solution to the dilemma of how to deal with a publisher, let's turn to some good ancient Chinese wisdom and utilize the t'ai chi t'u.



This symbolizes the center of things--the union of all opposing forces in harmony. It indicates the way a re-



porter should center himself between things, even between "pro" and "anti" coal-mining positions.

A lesson is that a reporter should be centered within himself so he is always ready to communicate the limits of his loyalty to his publisher.

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women's remarkable imaginings.

(2) MASTURBATION CAUSES WARTS is another common fallacy in vogue today as it has been for centuries. There remains a Victorian conviction that Masturbation is perverse, unclean, and therefore wart-producing. While it is impossible to discard in a moment a prejudice that has festered since time immemorial, let it simply be stated here that there is NO justification for this view.

Let us turn again to Science and see what modern research has to say on this subject. We will need to consult the findings of two different but highly related surveys. Both are nation-wide polls.

In the first, people afflicted with warts were asked several questions.

They were asked, "Do you now or have you ever engaged in auto-eroticism (Masturbation)?"

An alarming 92 per cent responded in the affirmative.

Have we then lost the battle? Is not this more than enough proof of the lot of those unhappy souls who turn to themselves in time of need?

Caution. We must remain scientific. A relation has indeed been established, but no cause-effect law has been proven.

Further questions revealed that an even greater number (94 per cent) of these wart-bearers had had or were now having relations with Frogs and/or Toads. So what can we determine?

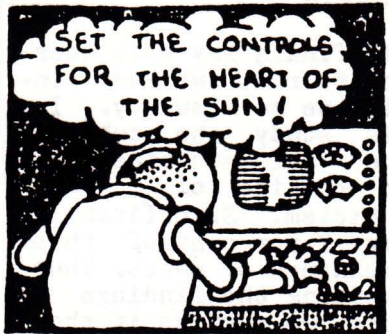
To finally lay this question to rest we must consult one more survey. In this study the subjects were all enthusiasts in the practice of auto-eroticism. Significantly, only 7 per cent of these complained of warts. Thus, combining the findings of these two surveys, it should be clear to the rational mind that it is NOT Masturbation which causes warts, but rather intimacy with Frogs and/or Toads.

I think the case is closed, but for the purposes of general information I will pass on a few more findings from the survey of the dedicated Masturbators.

As I have suggested, this group was found to be solidly Normal and generally healthy, with these minor exceptions: 72 per cent of the group complained of nagging bouts with amnesia; 86 per cent of the group had cancer of the colon; 91 per cent were blind.

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If a budding reporter does not want to place himself at the mercy of a prospective boss during the job interview he should convey his central position at the earliest opportunity. He should not assume the publisher to be endowed with anything but the tiniest, most dehydrated, most atrophied conscience.

Having gained this central place, the reporter will have reduced the publisher's power to the point of being able to say to himself only "yes" or "no."

In short, begin talking and don't shut up until the man has heard what you would and would not do for his money.

Last, remain conscious of the t'ai chi t'u and be prepared to parry any move on the publisher's part to attack your central position.

IN-JOKE FOR LOGGERS

How much hog fuel would a ground hog have ground, if a ground hog could have ground hog fuel?

--Charles Seastone

On eating well

By Katy Galambos

Vitamin B₁, thiamine, is essential for the body to produce energy. A thiamine deficiency causes fatigue and depression. We also need thiamine for healthy nerves. Neuritis, or numbness, can result if we lack B₁.

Although grains are one source of B vitamins, they do not ordinarily contribute enough thiamine. In fact, beriberi, the most serious disease of thiamine deficiency, is also called "rice-eaters' disease."

Vegetarians beware. The average adult daily requirement of thiamine is 1 mg. Good sources are peas, pecans, cashews and pork.

A nutrition chart, such as available in many cookbooks, can help you determine what nutrients you need.

Alcoholics and other people who don't eat a balanced diet are apt to have thiamine deficiencies.

L'OTRO LADO - OR by Michael Fiedler

DAZE AND KNIGHTS OVER THE BORDER

