

CURIOS & ANTIQUES

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PIPES—Edmon Low discloses that one of his more or less suppressed desires is to smoke a pipe. "I think there's nothing that adds quite as much polish to a man's deliberations while he is alone as a pipe," the college library official philosophizes. "Then, too, when somebody pops a question to me that demands an immediate decision, a pipe would come in handy. On such occasions my mind just turns blank. Now if I had a pipe in my pocket and could deliberately and slowly take it out, fill it, light it and puff a nonchalant smoke-ring or two while I'm framing a suitable reply, then those quiet moments wouldn't seem nearly so awkward." We suggested that if he takes up pipe smoking that he begin his practice sessions after supper so that he could retire at once, if necessary, without causing undue comment. . . . Incidentally, we wonder who smokes the oldest pipe in Ada?

Setting up exercises no doubt would be more popular if they could be taken sitting down.

PROSPERITY HASN'T turned the corner for everybody yet, but even so, there are some things Ada's Chamber of Commerce can't do to bring about the desired relief. One transient with a wife and an unnamed number of children found this out last week. He applied to Ada's mayor, Bill Crawford, for assistance. His Honor said the city didn't have any funds to provide a bed and board for the family but gave him a quarter from his own pocket and authorized the man to seek funds elsewhere. About the first place the man went he ran into a loyal supporter of the C. of C. and its principles. He told the man he couldn't contribute unless the solicitor were approved by the local secretary. Undaunted, the transient applied to Sec. Milton Keating, who explained that the rule was made to protect merchants from unscrupulous ad solicitors and the like and that he had no authority to give such approval, suggesting that the mayor might send a policeman to accompany the transient to give the solicitation an official appearance. The man disappeared and we can't help wondering if he had been as persevering in efforts to locate a job that he would have found one.

Ambrose Sextette, who admits he isn't very well versed in politics, says that what with

all the newspaper pictures he can't remember off-hand whether it is Peggy Landon, John D. M. Hamilton, Alf Landon or Alf Landon's horse who is the republican nominee for president.

THE SCARCITY OF NEWS-PAPERS which take an undaunted and thoroughly democratic point of political view has Dr. W. D. (Par) Warren worried. He points to the Philadelphia Record as a noteworthy example of dyed-in-the-wool advocate of democratic principles, but is anxious that so many Oklahoma newspapers have taken either a republican or neutral stand in a democratic state. He, incidentally, was brought up a republican but thinks voters should be given an opportunity to read both sides, so that they might observe the change in the "states' rights" party platform plank from the democrats to the republicans in recent years.

The large crowd of "sweaters" at the recent district court criminal term prompted one attache to remark: "I heard there were so many relief workers who laid off to attend court that they had to shut down some government projects until the term was over."

FOR THE MATHEMATICIANS—How many apples did Adam and Eve eat? Some say Eve 8 and Adam 2, a total of 10 only. Others figure differently, that Eve 8 and Adam ate also, total 16. Still others figure that if Eve 8 and Adam 82, certainly the total would be 90. Scientific men, however, reason something like this: Eve 81 and Adam 82, total 163. But what could be clearer than if Eve 81 and Adam 812, the total would be 893? Another calculation shows that if Eve 814 Adam, Adam 81242 oblige Eve, total 82,056. This however, may not be a sufficient quantity, since if Eve 814 Adam, Adam if he 8081242 keep Eve, company, total 8,082,056. But, of course, this is all wrong. Eve, when she 81812 many, and probably felt sorry for it, but her companion, in order to relieve her grief, 812. Therefore when Adam 81814240fy Eve's depressed spirits. Hence, both ate 81,896,864 apples. We don't know who figured all that out, but it certainly was a waste of time.

E. H. Nelson, accused of using bad psychology by catching a cold that practically shut off his vocalizations, explained: "I had the croup a lot when I was a child and I haven't outgrown it yet."

THE FOLLOWING NOTICE is quoted from an oriental paper which had an English section: "The news of English we tell the latest. Writ in perfectly style, and most earliest. Do a murder commit, we hear of it and tell it. Do a mighty chief die, we publish it, and in border somber. Staff has each been colleged and write like the Kipling and the Dickens. We circle every town and extortionate not for advertisements."