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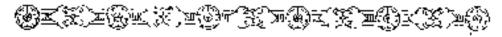
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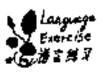
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Thursday

Historical first:

- American-born Lady Astor, first woman to become a member of British Parliament, sworn in. (1919)
- First transcontinental airplane flight by a woman, Ruth Nichols, from Mineola, Long Island, to Burbant, California. (1930)
- First atomic energy nuclear reaction demonstrated. (1942)





填充

讀在下列各句的每一句中 填上 指同的字母組成的词。(括号里的数字表示該詞的字母数。)

1. Deep in the lived Mr. Grant with his child, whose very presence



The Children's Hour

Between the dark and the daylight,
When the night is beginning to lower,
Comes a pause in the day's occupations,
That is known as the Children's Hour.
—Thomas Lodge (1558?-1625)

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Answers: 1. forest, foster, softer 2. Acts, cats, cast, Scot 3. Prenatal, parental, pater-

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2 Friday

Important birthday:

William Randolph Hearst (赫斯特 1863-1951), American journalist and publisher

Rewi Alley (路易·艾黎 1897-), New Zealand writer

Historical first:

Russian Mar 3 made its soft landing on the moon, the first man-made object reaching the moon (1971)



Cross out unnecessary words

Vigorous writing is concise. A sentence should contain no unnecessary words, for the same reason that a drawing should have no unnecessary lines and a machine no unnecessary parts. The following sentences are

too wordy. Cross out those unnecessary words.

- As a result of this fact he didn't accomplish it.
- 2. There is no doubt but that he is the spy.
- Marsh gas can be used for fuel purpose.
- 4. Jack is a man who likes to make jokes.
- 5. Politics is a subject that is taught in every grade.
- 6. That is the reason why he didn't attend the meeting.
- China has a population of over 900 million people.
- 8. He was able to do that when he was at the age of five years old.
- Now it was the time for him to support him by himself.
- I was unaware of the fact that he had succeeded.

Answers: Cross out these words: 1, of this fact 2. There is....but that 3, purpose 4, is a man who 5, a subject that is 6, the teason 7, people 8, at the age of ..., years old 9, for him...him by 10, of the fact

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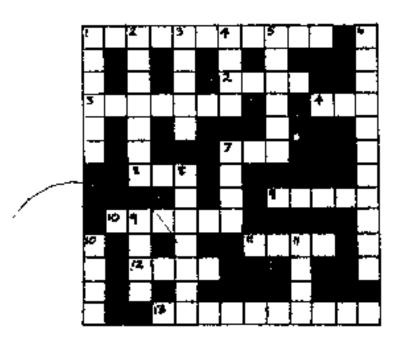
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Saturday

Historical first:

On December 3, 1910, the first neon sign blinked on at the Paris Motor Show. It was designed by French physicist Georges Claude.

Crossword





CLUES ACROSS

1. A 'wonderful' shop where you buy food and other household goods. (11) 2. Not early. (4) 3. A car is one. (7) 4. A sum of money paid for professional services. (3) 7. A winged insect. (3) 8. Cry. (3) 9. A strong metal. (5) 10. Frozen water may form an (6) 11. Saucepans and eyes both have them. (4) 12. The girl who runs the fastest will win the (4) 13. A place where you go to eat. (10)

CLUES DOWN

1. This 'precious' metal is often used to make jewellery. (6) 2. Maybe. (7) 3. Arrive at. (5) 4. I can read, 1 am to read. (4) 5. You boil water in one of these. (6) 6. 5,000,000. (4,7) 7. On a clear day the sky is (4) 8. Because petrol is so expensive, this kind of transport is becoming very popular. (7) 9. Automobiles. (4) 10. A kind of shelter used by campers. (4) 11. A wild animal found in Northern Europe. (4)

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December

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Sunday

Important birthday:

Alexandr Alexandrovich Fadoyev (法捷耶夫1901-1956) Russian writer

Key to Yesterday's Crossword:



Proverbs



Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.

Hew not too high lest the chips fall in thine eye.

In the country of the blind, the one-eyed man is king.

What the eye doesn't see the heart doesn't grieve over.



Funny Questions

- Ten men were in a boat. The boat tipped over and nine men got their hair wet. Why didn't
- the tenth man get his hair wet?
- What most resembles one-half of an applepie?
- 3. Why is a crossword puzzle like a quarrel?
- 4. What has two legs but cannot walk?
- 5. How far can an explorer go into a jungle?

*1**no**

Answers: I. He was bald. 2. The other half. 3. One word leads to another. 4. A pair of pants. 5. Half way, then he will be coming

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Monday

Important birthday:

Walt Disney (迪斯尼 1901-1966), American movie producer and pioneer in animated cartoons

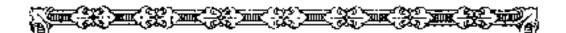




Ten of the World's Greatest Painters 十位世界最伟大的画家

- Da Vinci (芬奇 1452-1519) painted in a lif :-like way. He makes us feel much more than we see in his pictures.
- Tiziano (提香 1490-1576) was the best colour painter who ever lived. His colours are wonderful and full of meaning.
- Raffaello (拉斐尔 1483-1520) copied the best ideas of other painters, and painted pictures

- that seemed almost perfect.
- Van Dyck (數度 1599-1641) had more feeling than his great master, Rubens. His colours blend in beautiful harmony.
- Correggio (柯勒乔 1494-1534) knew how to show the effect of light. His light is softer than that of most other artists.
- Velasquez (委拉斯开兹 1599-1660) was clever in making us see the chief things in his picture, in which he put nothing unnecessary.
- Rembrandt (倫勢朗 1606-1669) painted a man as a man is so that we feel he is natural, and part of everything around him.
- Gainsborough (庚斯博罗 1727-1788) was famous for his fine portraits of handsome people. They really help us to understand the life of his time.
- Reynolds (雷懿兹 1723-1792) used colour better than any other man then living. His portraits are bold and strong.
- Turner (透納 1775-1851) stole the sunshine and put it in his pictures. No other artist ever painted sunlight so well as he.



December 6 Tuesday

Important birthday:

Joseph Conrad (接触像 1857-1924), English novelist





Finland 芬兰

The Finnish Diet proclaimed Finland's independence from Russia on July 20, 1917, but the

process of independence didn't become complete until December 6, 1917.

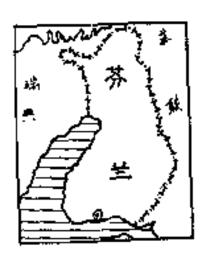
Finland stretches 700 miles from the Gulf of Finland on the south to Soviet Petsamo (保護業), north of the Arctic circle. Off the southwest coast are the Aland Islands (阿兰德基島), controlling the entrance to the Gulf of Bothnia (波的尼亚灣). Finland has more than 60,000 lakes. Of the few rivers, only the Oulu (奧卢河)

is navigable to any important extent.

Finland's chief crops are oats, barley, rye and potatoes. Other food must be imported. Grazing lands are extensive.

Its leading industrial products include wood and paper, cement, cellulose, food, luxury items, machinery and textiles. Helsinki is the principal industrial center.

Finland has no coal or oil. Hydro-electricity supplies 70% or more of the total power supply.



The Rivals

loem.

I heard a bird at dawn Singing Sweetly on a tree, That the dew was on the lawn.

And the wind was on the lea; But I didn't listen to him, For he didn't sing to me.

-- James Stephens (1882-1950)

December

Wednesday



The School that I'd like

—Some British children's
opinion of their Education (英国儿童谈他们
的教育)

Angela, 13

Schools should be made better and made tnto a place all children like to go to and a place where you go because you want to. Subjects should be made more exciting instead of sitting in a desk reading or half listening to a teacher going on and on about a particular thing. I should like to be doing things, finding what I can do and what I can't do, not just talking about, e.g., a dairy farm but talking to the people who work there and trying to milk

a cow by yourself.

Gosette, 17

Give us a more varied syllabus! Give us the chance to visit more frequently factories, to talk with miners, dustbin men, doctors, lawyers, jail-birds and addicts too. Give us the chance to visit remand homes. We want to know more about life and a bit less about books.

Lyne, 15

The fault with a lot of schools today is that teachers are not prepared to listen. There is a teacher at our school who is very keen on discussions until somebody makes a point which she is unable to explain, and she gets angry and tells us to sit down. I think that's the attitude of most teachers today. They don't mind discussing various topics as long as it ends up with them being able to prove a point to you and not the other way.

