

# WORRY ROOM

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Good Evening, Everybody!

1 A new and modern improvement  
2 has <sup>just</sup> been added to the White House. This  
3 innovation is called a Worry Room.

4 They are doing a bit of  
5 remodeling at the White House - that is,  
6 they are fixing up the ~~XX~~ quarters  
7 occupied by the President's secretaries.  
8 For example, George A. Hastings, the  
9 new White House secretary, has been  
10 assigned to a <sup>brand</sup> new office. It used to  
11 be a laundry, but it's been done over.

12 However ~~but~~ the principal novelty  
13 is a room where ~~any of~~ the secretaries  
14 can go if they want to be alone to think  
15 things over, and already, the United  
16 Press tells us, that <sup>quiet, meditative cell</sup> ~~room~~ has been  
17 christened the Worry Room. The President's  
18 secretaries have plenty of worrying to  
19 do - and they have been given a special  
20 room to do it in.

21 Well, the White House has one  
22 Worry Room, but I guess most of us can  
23 beat that. I know I can. I can do my  
24 worrying in any room in <sup>any</sup> ~~every~~ part of the  
25 house, but just the same it may be a <sup>grand</sup> ~~good~~

1 idea to have a special chamber, a worry  
2 room where you take your troubles and  
3 your frowns and your growls and keep  
4 them there, so that in the other rooms  
5 of the house all you do is smile and be  
6 cheery. *Yes, I'm for it.*

1           There seems to be some dispute  
2 about ~~some kind of~~ <sup>the</sup> shock which caused  
3 a good deal of excitement over a large  
4 section of Northwestern Ohio today.

5           Within a radius of many miles, *around*  
6 ~~of~~ the town of Malinta, houses were  
7 shaken and windows were broken. An

8           Associated Press account states that  
9 nobody was injured. The general belief  
10 seems to be that a huge meteor hit the  
11 earth. <sup>ff</sup> Near a road just outside of  
12 Malinta a ~~huge~~ <sup>large</sup> hole has been torn in the  
13 ground. Telephone poles were knocked ~~a~~  
14 over and a field of oats was crushed.  
15 The United Press describes the crater  
16 as being about ten feet wide and five  
17 feet deep.

18           Well, they've been investigating  
19 that strange hole in the ground. The  
20 International News Service reports that  
21 no sign of a meteor has been found, no  
22 fragments of rock which you might expect  
23 to find if the great stone out of the  
24 sky had been shattered. A smell of  
25 sulphur hangs over the ground. Some



1 think it must have been an ~~explosion~~  
2 explosion of nitro-glycerine and dynamite  
3 and not a meteor at all. But on the  
4 other hand, it is pointed out that the  
5 shock was too great for any simple  
6 explosion, and furthermore that  
7 a meteor upon hitting the ground with  
8 terrific force might have been  
9 disintegrated, practically dissolved.

10 *Anyhow everybody agrees that there*  
11 *was a lot of hullabaloo.*  
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By the way -

1 If any of you folks happen to  
2 see beautiful Marie, why, please notify  
3 Lieutenant Arthur Smith of the Rockville  
4 Center, Long Island, police force.

5 Beautiful Marie is a goldfish  
6 with a limpid, waving fantail. ~~At any~~  
7 ~~rate, she had a tail like that when last~~  
8 ~~seen by her owner.~~

9 Somebody has stolen ~~the~~<sup>a</sup> whole  
10 collection of goldfish from Lieutenant  
11 Smith. The United Press describes the  
12 lieutenant as a nature lover and he  
13 recently spent many laborious hours  
14 digging a marvelous pool in his backyard.  
15 He stocked it with fifteen glittering,  
16 gorgeous goldfish, of which the fairest  
17 and most radiant was beautiful Marie.  
18 ~~He had those goldfish trained so well~~  
19 ~~that they would eat out of his hand,~~  
20 ~~especially beautiful Marie.~~

21 But now they are ~~gone~~ gone.  
22 Somebody swiped them right out of the  
23 fish pond in Lieutenant's Smith's back-  
24 yard, swiped every one of them, <sup>even</sup> swiped  
25 beautiful Marie.

1 Well, the police of Rockville  
2 Center are hunting for the goldfish  
3 thief and Lieutenant Smith hopes that  
4 some fisherman has not used beautiful  
5 Marie for bait.

1 A couple of business men that  
2 I know were talking to me today about  
3 that Literary Digest chart which shows  
4 the fluctuations of American business  
5 for more than ~~the past~~ seventy-five years,  
6 the depressions, prosperity booms and  
7 everything. These gentlemen have placed  
8 that <sup>Literary</sup> Digest chart in their show windows.

9 As we talked on they told me  
10 about some bright and appropriate sayings  
11 which are being circulated by a big  
12 business house. These sayings are taken  
13 from Hi Phillips' <sup>famous</sup> <sup>of fun and philosophy</sup> column in the New York  
14 Sun. They are a kind of credo, statements  
15 of belief.

16 "I believe", declares Hi  
17 Phillips, "that Uncle Sam is still at the  
18 old stand with a brave heart and a clear  
19 head and I do not believe he is in any  
20 danger of losing his pants, coat, vest  
21 or shirt."

22 And then Hi goes on: "I  
23 believe American railroads are worth  
24 considerably more than a dime a dozen.

25 ~~"I believe the United States~~



"I do not believe there is any danger of seeing J. P. Morgan, Owen D. Young, General Atterbury, Charlie Schwab or James A. Farrell throwing their jobs overboard and deciding to make a living as ferryboat musicians.

"I believe the American people will continue to own and operate automobiles and that there is not a Chinaman's chance that conditions will arise which will make them decide it is a good idea to go back to the bicycle and the buggy."

"I believe the worst is over and that it never was as bad as it was advertised."

Well, that's what Hi Phillips says in his column, the Sun Dial, and the boys around the Literary Digest office all agree with him.



1 I've a bit of financial news here  
2 that seems odd. It's financial news  
3 from Soviet Russia. Communism is  
4 supposed to do away with money, and ~~we~~  
5 ~~suppose we had all~~ <sup>many of us sort of</sup> thought the Bolsheviks  
6 had given up such old-fashioned ideas  
7 as floating loans and getting out  
8 bond issues.

9 But, just the same, the Soviet  
10 government announced today that it has  
11 completed plans for an eight hundred  
12 million dollar loan. The bonds will  
13 be sold inside of Russia.

14 The Associated Press, in giving  
15 the details, states that the loan will  
16 be divided into two parts. ~~with~~ <sup>on</sup> one  
17 part the bonds will draw an interest  
18 of 10 per cent. ~~with~~ <sup>on</sup> the other part,  
19 the bond buyers will get no interest.  
20 Instead, they will get privileges in  
21 the lottery. There's a scheme to  
22 reimburse them by giving them a cut  
23 of the lottery profits.

24 It all sounds a trifle un-Communistic  
25 or what the Bolsheviks would call  
"bourgeois".

1 Several significant facts were  
2 reported from Rome this evening.

3 Monsignor Pizzardo, the head of  
4 the chief Catholic society of Italy, has  
5 resigned. The Fascist attacks against  
6 the Catholic society had been centered  
7 on Monsignor Pizzardo. Mussolini's  
8 followers point out that he is not an  
9 Italian subject, but a citizen of the  
10 independent state of the vatican  
11 ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ governed by the Pope.

12 ~~The International News Service~~  
13 ~~advances the explanation that~~ The  
14 resignation of the prominent churchman  
15 is <sup>evidently</sup> a concession by the Vatican to the  
16 Fascists.

17 And then in southern Italy  
18 two churches have been suspended by the  
19 Pope. They disobeyed the Pontiff's  
20 ~~prohibition~~ <sup>prohibition</sup> of public religious displays  
21 on Corpus Christi, last week. The  
22 two churches went <sup>right</sup> ahead and held  
23 processions through the streets and in  
24 consequence have been suspended. The  
25 Associated Press explains that the

1 congregations of the churches took  
2 matters into their own hands and turned  
3 out for their customary religious  
4 pageants, although the priests took  
5 no part.

6 That quarrel between the Vatican  
7 and the Fascists is in the papers day  
8 after day. One factor after another is  
9 related by the newspapers. Put them  
10 all together and you have quite a  
11 dramatic picture and that picture is  
12 given in the new Literary Digest, which  
13 will be out tomorrow. When you get  
14 your copy of the Digest in the morning,  
15 just turn to the article headed:-  
16 "What's back of the Italian Imbroglia?"  
17 There you will find the whole series  
18 of vivid facts interpreted and the  
19 significance made clear.

20 For example, the Digest points  
21 out that the trouble began with an  
22 editorial debate in Italian newspapers.  
23 The official newspaper of the Vatican  
24 and one of the chief Fascist papers  
25 started a hot controversy. And what's



1 the real source of the trouble?

2 Well, the Digest quotes the  
3 London <sup>Daily</sup> Telegraph as saying - "Long ago  
4 the Duce declared 'education must be  
5 ours.'" The Pope doesn't agree to  
6 that. He is of the opinion that  
7 education should be free, as in the  
8 United States.

9 But I can't begin to tell you  
10 what's in that article in the Literary  
11 Digest. It summarizes that whole  
12 perplexing situation between ~~xxx~~ Pope  
13 Pius XIth and Mussolini.

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1           The Prime Minister of Great  
2 Britain told the House of Commons this  
3 afternoon that the British Government  
4 has no thought of calling an international  
5 conference on the subject of war debts.

6   It had been rumored that such a  
7 conference would be held.

8           Meanwhile, as the International  
9 News Service informs us, the German  
10 Chancellor and Foreign Minister returned  
11 home today after their visit to England.  
12 Both at Bremen where they landed and  
13 when they got off the train at Berlin  
14 the two ministers faced a hostile  
15 demonstration. Crowds of handsome Adolf  
16 Hitler's Fascists gathered and hooted  
17 and jeered at the government officials.  
18 Altogether it was quite an unpleasant  
19 welcome home.  
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1 Today a most romantic ceremony was  
2 held in the romantic land of Spain.  
3 It was a wedding, a Jewish wedding--  
4 the first Jewish wedding held in Spain  
5 since the year of 1492.

6 *Yes,* That was the year when America  
7 was discovered. Also <sup>it was</sup> the year when  
8 Spain ~~■~~ finally defeated the Moors.  
9 And, <sup>more to the point,</sup> ~~finally~~ it was the year when  
10 Ferdinand and Isabella expelled the  
11 Jews from Spain. The people of the  
12 ancient race of Abraham were driven  
13 from the country in which they had  
14 long been settled, and were scattered  
15 in the lands around the Mediterranean  
16 Sea. And <sup>there</sup> they still <sup>dwell</sup> ~~exist~~ as a  
17 separate people, descendants of the  
18 old Spanish Jews. <sup>To this day</sup> They still use the  
19 Spanish language <sup>as their mother tongue.</sup>

20 In the years that have followed  
21 those old days of intolerance, the Jews  
22 have come back to Spain. But still  
23 the laws did not permit them to  
24 celebrate their religious rites freely.

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1 republic, things are different. today,  
2 ~~And~~, as the International News Service  
3 tells us, the first Jewish wedding in Spain  
4 in 439 years was celebrated. The rabbis  
5 who officiated used the same antique  
6 ceremony that was in vogue among the  
7 Jews in Spain before the days of  
8 Ferdinand and Isabella.

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1 Now comes a roaring good story.  
2 Yes, sir, roaring is right. Imagine  
3 23 huge African lions in one gigantic  
4 free-for-all battle! ~~that's roaring~~

5 At Vincennes, a suburb of Paris,  
6 the French Colonial Exhibition has a  
7 grand display of lions. 23 of them  
8 are kept in as near natural surroundings  
9 as possible. They're in a wide space,  
10 with no fence around them. Deep and  
11 wide ditches full of water keep them  
12 in ~~the~~ their enclosure and prevent  
13 them from wandering around among the  
14 Parisians.

15 Of the 23, 18 are males, and 5  
16 are females. <sup>It</sup> It appears that the  
17 green-eyed monster of jealousy made  
18 its appearance in that happy little  
19 world of ~~the~~ lions. The New York  
20 Evening Sun, quoting from the London  
21 Times, tells us what happened.

22 Two giant black-maned lions from  
23 the Sahara got into a row on account  
24 of a lioness. That started the big  
25 scrap. They went at each other with

1 terrific roars, and rolled over the  
2 ground biting and clawing.

3 And the next thing you know, the  
4 other lions joined ~~in~~ in one grand  
5 free-for-all. The ~~18~~ 18 roaring,  
6 snarling, clawing, biting lions just  
7 filled the landscape with <sup>a</sup> ~~one grand~~  
8 picture of wild battle. From the  
9 description it must have been one of  
10 the greatest scraps ever seen.

11 The 5 lionesses, who were the cause  
12 of the trouble, didn't take any part in  
13 it. They merely tried to keep out of  
14 the way. Two of them were so scared  
15 that they fell into the big ditch  
16 filled with water. They nearly drowned.  
17 The keepers had one deuce of a time  
18 fishing those terrified, bedraggled  
19 lionesses out of the water.

20 And if you don't think it's a  
21 ticklish job being a life saver to a  
22 frantic lioness, why you just try it  
23 some time! Anyway, there was a bushel  
24 of furious excitement among the lions--  
25 and also among the keepers.



1 I suppose I ought to play this  
2 next item on a bagpipe, because I'm  
3 now going to sound a note of thrift.  
4 It's Scotch.

5 A couple of friends of mine have  
6 gone Scotch. They're publishers, and  
7 they've got themselves a bagpipe, and  
8 they've temporarily changed their names  
9 to MacSimon & MacSchuster. All because  
10 of a little book, the title of which  
11 is SCOTCH. It's a collection of those  
12 familiar ludicrous stories about  
13 Caledonian thrift that have made the  
14 world laugh; and they've dedicated it:  
15 "To our very-close-friends".

16 Well, those two renowned Scotchmen,  
17 MacSimon & MacSchuster, in gathering  
18 their collection of Scotch jokes, came  
19 to me and asked if the Tall Story Club  
20 would be willing to contribute a Scotch  
21 tall story--Free of course.  
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1 The Tall Story Club replied that  
2 its members never think of money--and  
3 that's a tall one. Anyway, a search  
4 of the truthful archives disclosed  
5 several whoppers about Scotch thrift.  
6 And here's one that appears in the  
7 Scotch book. It's both tall and thrifty.  
8 In one form or another it has been  
9 contributed by several <sup>Literary Digest readers who are</sup> members of the  
10 Tall Story Club. <sup>Here it is:-</sup>

11 In a small town in Arkansas, Sandy  
12 McShan ran a hotel. One day the  
13 neighbors were astonished to see Sandy  
14 painting a big signboard. He was  
15 painting it with molasses. And everybody  
16 thought that Sandy had gone <sup>spendthrift</sup> ~~prodigal~~  
17 or crazy--which would have meant the  
18 same thing.

19 Anyway, there was Sandy painting  
20 a sign with molasses, a sign which  
21 read: "Hotel dē McShan". He nailed  
22 it above the entrance of his hotel.  
23 <sup>HP</sup> And that night the big and brilliant  
24 lightning bugs, for which Arkansas is  
25 is famous, came flocking around.



Attracted by the sweetness of the molasses on Sandy's sign, they settled on it in great numbers. Being caught in the molasses they remained there as big and brilliant and blazing as ever.

And now the thrifty Scotchman has a permanent illuminated sign as bright as the bright lights on Broadway, with lightning bugs spelling out in luminous splendor --"Hotel de McShan".

Well, after reading all those stories of thrift in the Scotch book, I'm beginning to feel a bit Scotch myself. In fact, I see a nickel on the floor in the corner over there. So excuse me while I make a dive for it before that Scotchman named McNaughton in the Radio Control Room here gets his Caledonian fingers on it. Meanwhile, guid nicht and,

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.