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**TRIAL OF WAR CRIMINALS**—*Superintendent of Documents*, 89 p., 20 cents. Contains the Report of Robert H. Jackson to the President, the agreement establishing an international military tribunal and the indictment, plus appendices on the responsibility of individuals and special groups.

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**TURKEY**—Vernon Ives—*Holiday House*, 25 p., illus., \$1. The story of the rebirth of Turkey into a modern Western democracy, showing how the country developed and what its people hope to do.

**THIS WAY TO UNITY**—Arnold Herrick and Herbert Askwith, Editors—*Oxford Book Co.*, 462 p., \$1.50. A collection of sketches and essays aimed at promoting goodwill among racial and religious groups. For use in English classes as a basic literature textbook.

**WOOD PRODUCTS FOR FERTILIZER**—Report of conference at Orono, Maine, June 29, 1945, *Northeastern Wood Utilization Council*, Bulletin 7, 72 p., charts and tables, \$1. Discussions and papers on problems of fertilization. Appendix includes description of new ammonia process for sulphite pulp.

**WORLD ORDER: ITS INTELLECTUAL AND CULTURAL FOUNDATIONS**—F. Ernest Johnson, Ed.—*Harper*, 247 p., \$2. A series of addresses by Margaret Mead, Harold Lasswell and David Levy as well as other leaders in intellectual life.

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## SAFETY

## Freak Accidents

► THE SAD CASE of a hunter who shot himself in the knee when his arm was jarred by a duck, causing his trusty automatic pistol to go off, is listed by the National Safety Council in its 1945 round-up of freak accidents.

It's odd enough, perhaps, when a fire starts itself and then puts itself out, but when it happens twice in the same way, you begin to wonder. During the past year in both New York and Maine the sun's rays, passing through a bottle

of water in a truck, set fire to the floor of each truck. But the heat of the fire broke the bottle and the water put out the flames.

When a pin in her washing machine broke off, Mrs. Fixit of Minnesota looked around for a substitute. Sawing off the end of something of appropriate size she found around the house, she started to hammer it into the machine. But the substitute pin exploded and blew her across the room—she had se-

lected a stick of dynamite.

A Californian was repairing a wall one day when a concrete block fell from a fourth-story scaffold and hit him on the head. Reeling into the street, he was struck down by a policeman's motorcycle. He recovered satisfactorily from both accidents.

A cab in Saskatchewan skidded into a lamp post one night last January when the thermometer hovered around 16 degrees below zero. The driver was knocked unconscious and might have frozen to death if a fire alarm box on the lamp post hadn't been set off by the crash, bringing firemen to the rescue.

Doctors and economists both might well be puzzled by the case of the 17-month-old in Pennsylvania who swallowed a nickel and coughed up a penny.

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Much onion seed used in the United States is grown in the Canary Islands.

DDT insecticide preparations, now available on the market, should be used as directed on the package so that they will do no unwanted harm.

The axolotl, a salamander having external gills and living its entire life in water, if fed thyroid loses its gills and becomes a land salamander, going to water only to lay its eggs.

## Dietary Protein after Surgery and Other Trauma

apparently must be maintained at a level above normal in order to assure proper wound healing\* and at least average resistance to infection.\*\* The feeding of meat, therefore, in adequate amounts, as soon as it can be instituted, appears doubly advantageous: The protein content of meat is high and of highest biologic value; the human digestive tract appears well adapted for handling meat protein.\*\*

\*Hoff, H. E.: *Physiology*, New England J. of Med. 231:492 (Oct. 5) 1944.

\*\*Crandall, L. A., Jr.: *The Clinical Significance of the Plasma Proteins*, Memphis M. J. XIX:147 (Oct.) 1944.



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