

The Mexican State railways are thinking of putting up a high-power station which may be heard all over the United States, so that the Americans will have no excuse for not knowing how beautiful Mexico is, and how delightful it is to travel through Mexico in trains of the Mexican State Railways.

An American, Mr. Herman Hettlinger, wrote another book on "A Decade of Radio Advertising," who says that "in the United States the freater freedom of debate is allowed over the air"; "The Listener" counters this with a quotation from results of a reader's poll taken by the American "Literary Digest," which appeared as "major dislikes," "crooners, sob-songs, trashy, coy, cute, patronising, wise-cracking announcers, rapid-fire talkers, 'thrillers' bad for children, and children try-

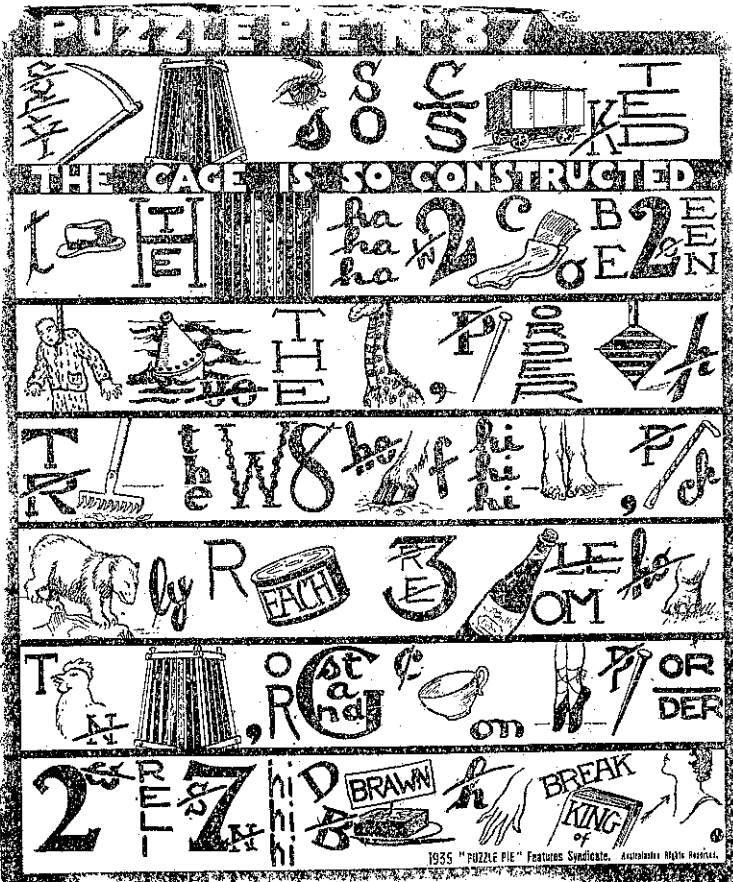
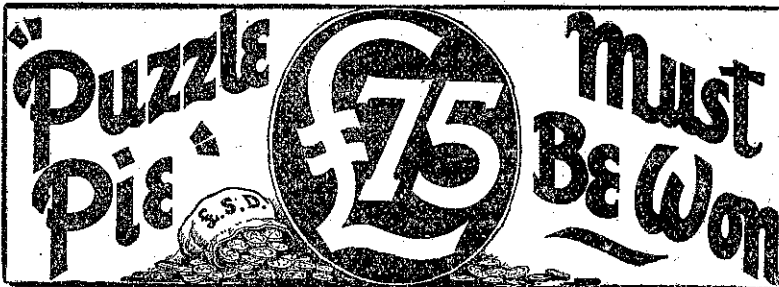
ing to sing sex-songs"—"which," says "The Listener," "we are happily almost entirely spared over here." But are we in Australia? And this was not all.

Bacarena, Lisbon, claims its recent 103 hours' continuous broadcasting as a record. Over 1000 records were played and various concerts, banquets, and conferences relayed.

It is revealed that the committees of the two great American parties, Democrats and Republicans, owe the two big broadcasting chains, N.B.C. and C.B.S., about £50,000 for time on the air purchased during the last Presidential campaign; the Democrat's owe about £30,000 and the Republicans owe about £20,000. The broadcasters vaguely hope to get the money before the next Presidential election.

The B.B.C. has been using the famous Bow Bells for an interval signal; now they are trying to find something else. One section objects to their more or less gay tone in the middle of a solemn programme, the other says they have sacred associations, and should not be used behind vaudeville programmes, etc. It is thought the B.B.C. will go back to the clock-tick signal.

At the Olympia exhibition in England one of the attractions was a film showing how the authorities dealt with man-made static. First there was a scene of John Citizen lodging a complaint; then a scene of the anti-static detectives arriving in their van, and doing things with headphones; and finally the scene where they tracked the interference down to the village grocer's refrigerating plant.



RESULT OF "PUZZLE PIE" NO. 85.

The winning competitor in this contest is—

MRS. W. M. SMYTH,

16 Main Street, PAHIATUA

Her solution, containing four errors, was the most nearly correct one received, and the **PRIZE OF £75 IN CASH** is therefore awarded her. Prize money will be posted on Monday, April 8.

Can You Solve This Simple Puzzle?

Don't miss this splendid one-week competition! It is just a short and easily worded paragraph about Chinese Torture, which appeared in a New Zealand newspaper some time ago, and has now been put into puzzle form by our artist. The opening words, "The cage..." will tell you what it is all about—and for the rest, the wording is simple and the sense of the sentence will help you. Each picture or sign may mean part of a word one, two or three words, but not more than three. Errors are calculated on the basis of the number of words wrong.

Solve the puzzle carefully and write your solution **IN INK** on one side of a sheet of paper. Add your name and residential address and post the entry to—

"PUZZLE PIE" NO. 87.

Box 950, G.P.O., CHRISTCHURCH.

READ THESE RULES CAREFULLY

All entries must be postmarked not later than **TUESDAY, APRIL 2.**

The First Prize of £75 will be awarded to the competitor whose solution of the paragraph is correct, or most nearly correct. In case of ties, the prize money will be divided, but the full amount will be paid.

Sent Solution and £75 Prize Money is deposited with "Truth" (N.Z.) Ltd. A postal note for 1/- must accompany each initial entry and 6d. each additional entry. Stamps not accepted. Any number of attempts may be sent on plain paper. Alter natives in single entries will be disqualified. Post Office addresses not accepted. Results will be published on Friday April 12.

SOLUTION TO "PUZZLE PIE" NO. 85

Paragraph from "The Dominion,"
January 1, 1910.

"It entered the back door from the garden, and sought shelter in a spare room. The inmates, there being no males present, were somewhat alarmed, as the animal was making considerable stir in the room, and their acquaintance with Australian fauna being limited, they concluded that their guest was a monkey."

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