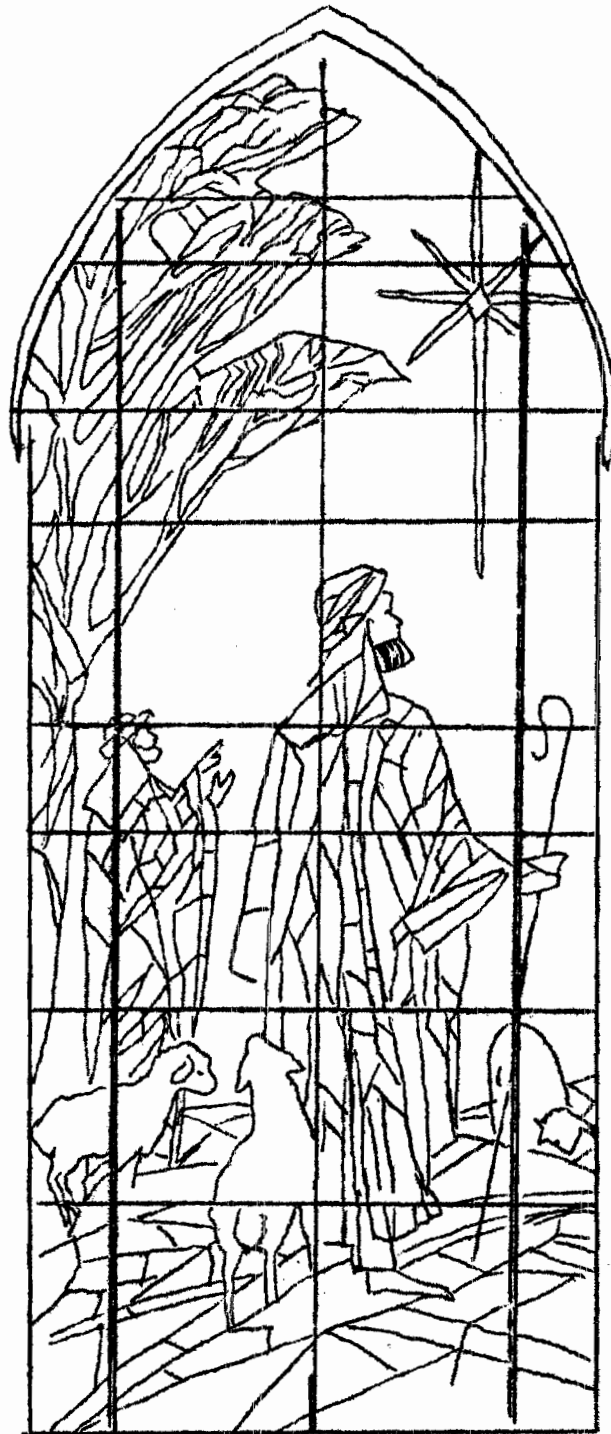


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sTab, a tri-weekly journal of postal Diplomacy, is once more a week late... an event that it taking place with embarrassing frequency. Oh, well... there's material for a New Year's Resolution there. Since I had planned to delay the next issue for a week, due to the Christmas holidays, this doesn't set things back any, but I apologize for any concern the delay may have caused the players. Subscriptions to this journal are at the rate of 10 issues for \$1, and trades with all other postal diplomacy magazines are solicited.

Other publications available from DWE press are:

Valhalla, \$2 for 17 issues... a magazines co-sponsored by Strategy and Tactics, carrying one Diplomacy game and much classified war-gaming advertising.

Ragnarok, \$1.25 for 12 issues if you really want to subscribe, but most people merely want to play... game fee is \$3 for the first game, \$1 for each additional game. Games are bi-weekly and country choice is guaranteed.

This issue is somewhat abbreviated in an effort to cut costs during this expensive holiday season. We will be back at our interminable length next time.

I made a trip, on December 27th, with John Smythe and Carol Schneider to Charles Wells' place for a little Diplomacy game. Also present were Cleveland players Liz and Bill Roach, Steve Willard, and Jerry Kauffman, as well as Richard Shagrin, in for the holidays from Toledo where he is going to school, or vegetating, or something.

During the televised splash-down of the moon-orbiting astronauts, John Smythe and I, as befits our exalted stature as economists, indulged in a highly technical discussion about things going up and coming down. Charles Wells wandered in and, after watching goggle-eyed for a moment, asked plaintively, "Newton's Theory???" Since such advanced stuff was plainly beyond a mere mathematician, we did not explain. Wells evidently took this badly, because later that afternoon he achieved the heretofore impossible task of stabbing me three times in the same game.

Newton's Theory, indeed!

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 ((Dec))

1968CJ - La Guerre LPI - Buddy
Metick ((Nov))

E - Donald Cowan
 F - Thom Holaday
 G - Dick Reiter
 I - Don Morin
 A - David May
 R - Jim Bennett
 T - Robert Hickson

E - George Schelz
 F - Robert J. Ward
 G - Hugh Anderson
 I - Peter Comber
 A - Norman McLeod
 R - Harry Manogg
 T - John Beshara

1968CM - The Voice - Jeff W.
 Key ((Dec))

1963CK - Big Brother #12 -
 Charles Reinsel ((Dec))

E - Eugene Prosnitz
 F - Jeff Power
 G - Bill Connelly
 I - Edi Birsan
 A - Conrad von Metzke
 R - Larry Fong
 T - John Koning

E - Edi Birsan
 F - Sidney M. Witt
 G - W. Gerald White
 I - Eric Just
 A - Conrad von Metzke
 R - Loring Windblad
 T - Larry St. Cyr

RECENTLY COMPLETED GAMES - - - - -

1967AG - Cerebral Nebula CN-3 -- Douglas Beyerlein
 ((Efgiart after W02))

E - Louis Gallo (dro F03)
 Ken Porter
 F - W. Gerald White (out F06)
 G - Steve Hueston

I - James Munroe (won F06)
 A - Charles Brannan (out S03)
 R - Mark Lyon
 T - Margaret Gemignani (out F06)

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Triple congratulations to James
 Munroe: on his first win; on win-
 ning with Italy, a most difficult
 country; and on winning in 6 years,
 the most rapid victory heretofore
 seen.

Corrections, changes, etc. will be carried at length in #59.

sTab #III

"Fall 1967"

27 December 1968

NOTE: Omitted from the "Spring 1905" orders was the Russian move
 "F Nwg (S) A Den-Edi," which changes nothing.

ROLAND TZUDIKER

TURKEY: A Apu-Rom; F Tun-Tyrr; F Ion-Gre

((continued on page 4))

JOHN McCALLUM

FRANCE: A Hol (S) A Bur-Ruh; A Bur-Ruh; A Mar-Bur; F Spa(sc)-Mid
 F Eng-Iri; F Wal-Lvp; F Nth-Edi
 GERMANY: F Edi-Cly; A Yor (S) FRENCH F Wal-Lvp

LARRY PEERY

RUSSIA: F Nwg (S) F Nwy-Nth; F Nwy-Nth; F Ska (S) F Nwy-Nth;
F Lvp-hold; F Bal-Den; A Den-Swe; A Mun-Ruh; A Kie (S)
A Mun-Ruh; A Sil-Mun; A Ber (S) A Sil-Mun; A Ven-Rom;
A Tyr-Ven; A Gre-Alb; A Alb-Tri; F Aeg-Gre; F Con-Aeg;
A Ser-Poderkagg; A Smy-Palestine

Underlined moves do not succeed. The Russian Fleet Liverpool is re-
 treated to the North Atlantic. The Russian player has until the
 "Winter 1908" deadline to exercise his option to remove rather than
 retreating.

 DEADLINE FOR "WINTER 1909" ORDERS IS FRIDAY, 17 JANUARY 1969

BUILDS:

TURKEY: Gre, Tun, Rom, ~~Ven~~, Nap ((4)) No place to build Total 4
 FRANCE: Par, Mar, Bel, Spa, Hol, Por, Bre, Lvp, Edi ((9)) Build TWO
 GERMANY: ~~Edi~~, Lon ((1)) Remove ONE Total 10
 RUSSIA: Mcs, War, Sev, StP, Swe, Rum, Bud, Ank, Con, Nwy, Vie, Ser,
 Ber, Mun, Tri, Kie, Bul, Den, Smy, ~~Zyp~~, Ven ((20)) Build TWO
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 ROME (29 November 1909) RUSSIAN TROOPS ENTER HOLY SEE, SEE HOLY
 SEE... LEAVE HOLY SEE, DECIDE HOLY SEE NOT
 VERY HOLY AT ALL... SEE?

Units of the 6th Russian Army today entered Rome and immediately
 moved to occupy the Holy See. Russian troops were reportedly very
 unhappy at the act of the former Pontiff Rodney the Prude who has
 recently had all the paintings of the Sistine Chapel covered over
 with green and blue paisley in their most revealing spots.

Gen Ivan Grubowski, commander in chief of the Army, announced
 that this outrage against art would be rectified immediately. The
 General also denied rumors that the entire Holy See would be dis-
 mantled and taken back to Russia.

The General did admit that agents of American playboy Howard
 Hughes had been in the city to negotiate for a contract to run the
 Holy See as an amusement center for visiting Russian troops. Mean-
 while the Holy See itself remains vacant as Pope Rodney has fled to
 join up with imperialist western forces. It is rumored that Their
 Imperial Majesties will nominate the Patriarch of Moscow, Alexander
 Turnermus Minitooth, as the new Pontiff.

ROME (DWE) Pope Rodney, commenting on the apparent miracle which
 had saved Rome from the heathen Russians, said that
 Gen. Grubowski, the Russian Commander, had been removed from Rome,
 together with all his forces, by the Devil himself, as a punishment
 for his incompetence. "After all," said Pope Rod, "even the Devil

has no use for a Boob, and when the General began ranting about the "Holy See" being vacant, or about dismantling it and transporting in back to Russia, is was obvious that he had confused it with the Holy Seat, upon which We sit when We hold audiences. After such a faux pau his fate was sealed."

sTab #V

"Spring 1906"

27 December 1968

HAL NAUS

ENGLAND: F Nth-Nwg; F Hol-Nth; F Mid (S) F WMed; F WMed (S)
FRENCH F Spa(sc)-Lyon
 FRANCE: F Bre-Eng; F Spa(sc)-Lyon; A Mar (S) A Bur; A Eur (S)
A Mar; A Ruh (S) A Bel-Hcl; A Bel-Hol
 TURKEY: F Cen (S) F Syr-Smy; A Smy-Ank; F Syr-Smy

DEREK NELSON

ITALY: A Tyr-Pie; F Tyrr-WMed; F Lyon (S) F Tyrr-WMed; F Naf-Tun
 AUSTRIA: F EMed-Smy; F Aeg-Cen; A Ser-Rum; A Tri-Bud; A Vie-Gal

JOHN SMYTHE

RUSSIA: F Nwy-Nwg; F StP-Nwy; F Kie-Hel; F Den (S) F Kie-Hel;
A Ber-Kie; A Mun (S) A Ber-Kie; A War-Sil; A Bud (S)
A Gal-Vie; A Gal-Vie; A Rum-Bul; F Bla (S) A Rum-Bul;
A Ukr-Rum

Underlined moves do not succeed. The English Fleet Holland is annihilated. There can be no question to the annihilation. Although both England, who owns the Fleet, and France, who routed it, are played by Hal Naus, they are different countries, and except for multiple ownership of countries, three man variant games are played exactly like regular Diplomacy games.

 DEADLINE FOR "FALL 1906" ORDERS IS FRIDAY, 17 JANUARY 1969

TRANTOR

#84/SVG #84

"Winter 1913, Game III"

27 December 1968

FIRST NEW CONSTRUCTION IN FOUR YEARS!

AUSTRIA UNDERSTRENGTH; FLEETS EMPHASIZED

ENGLAND: Build Army London
 (Pournelle)
 AUSTRIA: Build Fleet Trieste ((only))
 (Smythe)

 DEADLINE FOR "SPRING 1914" ORDERS IS FRIDAY, 17 JANUARY 1969

----- "Winter 1905, Game IV" -----

A U S T R I A B U I L D S F I F T H A R M Y
TSAR ROBERT VACATES RUMANIAN THRONE

AUSTRIA: Build Army Vienna
(Tzudiker)

RUSSIA: Remove Army Rumania
(Ward)

----- DEADLINE FOR "SPRING 1906" ORDERS IS FRIDAY, 17 JANUARY 1969 -----

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R U S S O - T U R K I S H A L L I A N C E E X P A N D S
AUSTRIAN FLEET COLLAPSES IN DISORDER

ENGLAND: Build Army Edinburgh
(Thomson)

AUSTRIA: No move received. Gamesmaster removes Fleet Albania.
(Cochran)

RUSSIA: Build Army Warsaw
(Nelson)

TURKEY: Build Fleet Smyrna
(Clark)

----- DEADLINE FOR "SPRING 1903" ORDERS IS FRIDAY, 17 JANUARY 1969 -----

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R U S S I A , I T A L Y D O M I N A T E E U R O P E
AUSTRIA DISPOSSESSED

ENGLAND: A Fin-Nwy; F Bar (S) A Fin-Nwy; F Nth (C) A Edi-Lon;
(McCallum, for Davidson) A Edi-Lon

FRANCE: F Mid-Iri; F Eng (C) A Pic-Wal; F Spa(sc)-Mid; A Pic-Wal;
(Halle) A Gas-Bur; A Bel gets ploughed

GERMANY: A Mun-Sil; A Pru (S) A Mun-Sil; A Hol-hold; F Den-Swe;
(Lebling) F Bal (S) F Den-Swe

ITALY: A Vie (S) A Tri-Bud; A Tri-Bud; A Ven-Tri; F Ion-EMed;
(Francis) F Apu-Icn

AUSTRIA: No move received. A Bud, A Ser-stand
(Sweñson)

RUSSIA: F StP(nc)-hold; A Mos (S) F StP; F Nwy-Swe; A Rum-Bul;
(Walker) F Con (S) A Rum-Bul; F Bla (S) A Rum-Bul; A War-hold

TURKEY: A Bul-Con; F Aeg (S) A Bul-Con; A Gre-Bul
(Tzudiker)

Underlined moves do not succeed. The Austrian Army Budapest is destroyed. The Russian Fleet Norway may retreat to either the Norwegian Sea, the Skaggerak, or off the board. The Russian Fleet Constantinople retreats to Smyrna. ((This latter retreat is printed before the former because the former retreat is also being made by Russia. If both retreats were to be made by different players, they would be printed together in the next issue.))

DEADLINE FOR "WINTER 1902" ORDERS IS FRIDAY, 17 JANUARY 1969

TEMPORARY ADDRESS: David Lebling
3 Rollins Court
(until 5 January) Rockville, Md. 20852
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BUILDS:

ENGLAND: Lon, Lvp, Edi, Nwy ((4)) No change
FRANCE: Par, Bre, Mar, Spa, Per, Bel ((6)) No change
GERMANY: Ber, Mun, Kie, Den, Hol, Swe ((6)) Build ONE
ITALY: Rom, Ven, Nap, Tun, Tri, Vie, Bud ((7)) Build TWO
AUSTRIA: ~~Yls~~, ~~Bud~~, Ser, ~~Gr~~ ((1)) No change
RUSSIA: StP, Mos, War, Sev, ~~Sw~~, Rum, Ank, Bul, Smy ((8)) Build 1
TURKEY: Con, ~~Sny~~, ~~Bul~~, Gre ((2)) Remove ONE
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BREST Rumors are rife here in this great port city that wireless reports from the First Fleet indicate that Admiral Weiser has left his southern station and sailed north. It would seem from reports received that the fleet is even now in English territorial waters of the Irish Sea.

VERSAILLES This afternoon His Most Sovereign Majesty, Eduard the First addressed the cabinet and confirmed what has long been feared. Namely, France has reopened its ancient claim to the British Isles. "Yesterday morning our fleet began convoy duty between Dunquerque and Portsmouth. Preliminary reports from the invasion

area indicate that the home guard has been overwhelmed. There is no actual resistance to our forces."

Needless to say, His Majesty is most pleased with the shakeup in the English Government. With this and the dispersion of the English armed forces to the far north, it may be some time before any contact is made with the English regular forces.

PETROGRAD (25 September 1902) The accession of King-Regent John II in England is viewed here as a hopeful sign in the nascent Anglo-Russian War. Already the Murmansk-Edinburgh telegraph line is buzzing with proposals and counter-proposals. There is even a rumor that the Tsar Himself will speak personally with John II. Is there hope for peace?

TSEARNIGOV (28 September 1902) Tsar Boris II met here today with Tsar Daniil II, the Tsar-Autocrat of Southern Russia. As usual, His Imperial Majesty came right to the point. "You killing lotsa Turks?" he asked. "Your boys raping lotsa Turkish women?" Also as usual, Tsar Daniil had a ready answer. "Affirmative. Negative." "Why not?" "Man, you ever CENSORED CENSORED CENSORED?" "We see what you mean..." This conversation would be continued, but if sTab is exactly a family 'zine, there are ladies present (even if they know nothing at all about oranges).

POTSDAM (3 October 1902) (via wireless to Warsaw): The city of Berlin is no more! Members of the former Russian Embassy, hiding out in this suburb of the former German capital, report by secret wireless that Berlin has been utterly destroyed. Early this morning, as the Kaiser was addressing the Reichstag, Berlin was struck by a 200-megaton orange. The entire city is now smashed as buried by 200,000,000 tons of juice, pulp, and rind. The fate of the Kaiser and the Imperial Family is unknown, but it is presumed they now resemble ground round.

GRODNO, THE IMPERIAL HORROR WEAPONS RESEARCH INSTITUTE (4 October '02) Dr. Henry Jekyll, a British renegade now in the employ of the Tsar, and Director of the I.H.W.R.I. here, today confirmed that his organization was responsible for the development and eslivery of the 200-megaton orange which destroyed Berlin yesterday. "And tomorrow," Dr. Jekyll cackled, "SPLOP!!, goes Munich!"

NUREMBURG (5 October 1902) (via wireless to Kiev) Refugees arriving here confirm that the second city of the Reich was today wiped out by a 200-megaton blueberry. "How noxious," observed one survivor, "not only was the city totally destroyed by the missile, but the countryside for miles around was stained this horrid purplish-blue. And the stench!" The Grodno Institute has done its work well. All honor to Dr. Jekyll and his colleagues!"

MOSKVA (15 October 1902) Reports reaching the second city of the Empire indicate that all Germany is cowering

in fear, and that the country is on the verge of surrender. One rumor has it that the Grodno Institute is now working on a new and more dreadful weapon: a 500-megaton banana!

PETROGRAD (31 October 1902) The Tsarina, Lukretsya Innotsentovna, today celebrated Her birthday. As is traditional, there was a Grand Festival, followed by a Grand Parade, followed by a Grand Banquet, followed by a Grand Ball, followed, of course, by a Grand Orgy. On hand to bless the festivities, and in the case of the last portion, to take a leading part, was Her Majesty's father, His Holiness Innocent XIV. His Holiness also read a new encyclical, "Oh, Totus Floreo," which He composed for the occasion. It began, "Oh, totus floreo, novus amor propereo...". His Holiness, a former Bishop of Tijuana, Mexico, is famous for having added many interesting new activities to the celebration of the mass, and many new passages to the liturgy. He is also well-known for having been the first prelate to celebrate mass at Friday midnight, in the Blue Fox (now the Temple of St. Honj the Horny). His Holiness is guaranteed to enliven, as well as bless, any gathering to which He is invited. He has also created a name for Himself by championing the cause of birth control. It may be remembered that, only last year, His Holiness instituted the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. In the Mass for that day, the Host is replaced by the Pill. Accompanying the Pope was the Italian Ambassador to Russia, an old friend of the Borgia family, Count Ritorno Vincitore. The Count, who was made a Cardinal at the age of 12, is rumored to be favored to succeed Pope Innocent in the Throne of St. Peter when, and if, the old man dies. "It's so nice," said he, "to see the Church return to the old ways of the 15th and 16th Centuries, but with such a nice modern touch." Our reported would have interviewed the Count further, but just then they were separated by the Pope, who was leading a whole crowd of bacchantes in the bunny hop.

M I S S I F O

TERRY KUCH, 4242 East-West Highway, Chevy Chase, Md. 20015. I have just received word from the American Society of Fruits (National City, California) that they disagree with Norman McLeod's attack on oranges in favor of blueberries. Where would history be, they said, with Prince William of Blueberry? What kind of a spectrum would we have with 'red, blueberry, yellow, green...'? Who would want to live in Blueberry County California or attend Blueberry Coast College? And who would believe Navel Blueberries? "The fact that more blueberries are eaten than oranges, as McLeod claimed," the Fruits claimed, I claim, "is because blueberries are smaller. Not only does it require more berries to make a pie than oranges, but more people have berry-sized mouths than orange-sized mouths." they concluded. I can only add that I prefer oranges because it's easier to type, being shorter, and faster to say, having only two syllables, except in Cincinnati, where they pronounce it "ernj."

I note with interest that 37 homosexuals were arrested in the city park rest room of National City, California. I have enquired

of the Society of Fruits whether that is because

1) The city park rest room is the largest city park rest room in the world, or

2) Because homosexuals in National City are extremely small, or

3) Whether this was a stunt of 'how many faggots can get into the rest room at one time,' a la telephone booths?

Rumor has it that they were caught only because the reporter they invited to be present to cover them for 'Life goes to a Party' turned out to be straight.

JOHN A. McCALLUM, 'A Qtrs,' S.E.S., Ralston, Alberta, Canada.

And you can tell Norman McLeod that I agree with his preference for blueberries over oranges. However, not all are grown in Maine. New Brunswick has wide areas of blueberries. They are the cultivated variety and taste just like Maine blueberries, good but not the best. In Quebec they grow wild. Smaller but much tastier. They are in such profusion that the girls in the Saguanay valley are popularly called, 'les bluets' (the blueberries).

ROD WALKER, 1575-A White Drive, Rantoul, Ill. 61866. Blueberries???

Those nasty little purple things that stain everything they touch? They have all the taste and tang of youngberries. Listen, Norm, baby, I managed to sidetrack all that inane talk of beer in this rag, and I'll be damned if I'll let you do the same thing to me. Piddly blueberries, indeed!

I am aware, as Margaret Gemignani has so aptly pointed out, that Florida oranges are just chock full of seeds. In fact, Florida oranges which are not all peel are so full of seeds, so fertile, that there is scarcely any room left for meat or juice. Why anybody bothers to raise Florida oranges, which are scarcely better than weeds, I cannot imagine.

Conrad, my friend, you should be aware that National City was not always like that. But it did, I confess, go downhill when I left it. In any event, it is my painful duty to inform you that there are no orange groves in National City -- nor have there been for 30 years. There were lemon groves in the north, some 60 acres of them owned by my grandfather, but they are gone, now. I have never heard that story about the city park, but it is ridiculous. Have you ever been in the city park restroom? There might be room for 7 in there, but not 37. If 37 people ever did get in that room, regardless of their sex or sexual inclinations, the only way anyone would be able to get them out would be with a crowbar. Really, Conrad, do you believe every rumor you hear?

But I do not bring you rumors. I bring you the Word. In the Beginning there was the orange, and the orange was with California, and all others are but cheap imitations. Only in California can you get sweet, juicy, tangy, real oranges, which make excellent eating, splendid marmalade, delicious cake, scrumptious pudding, unbelievably wonderful candy, preserves of all sorts, sherbet, punch, mixer, soft drinks, glazes, and garnishes.

And just remember, Richard Nixon is a Californian. Eat your hearts out, foreigners! (Retch, retch, retch...)

LARRY PEERY, 4567 Virginia Ave., San Diego, Calif. 92115. I see that Conrad has dragged out all of his old cliches and jokes about National City, Florida, and Texas. It is too bad that such pollution had to be spread throughout our lovely country. That is what you can see of it... choke, cough, gasp...

I can't say too much about oranges, but I do know that the best strawberries come from Alaska.

JOHN W. SMYTHE, 4207 Teri Lane, Lincoln, Nebraska 68502. Concerning the erudite discourse on the relative merits of oranges, organes, groanes, and blueberries, I am amazed that Messers Walker, Halle, von Metzke, Naus et al continue to overlook the contributions of America's most important crop. Perhaps these scholars are unaware of corn bread, corn on the cob, corn flakes, corn pone, cornstarch, corn meal, and corn whiskey. But such is highly unlikely. I can think of only one explanation for such a phenomenon. Since M. Walker hopes to live in California, I can appreciate his passionate defense of California's most important fruit crop. The remaining gentlemen are long time residents of rather remote and backward parts of America, so they may be forgiven their rather provincial opinions.

In regard to your vicious exercise in muckraking, I protest, most strongly, your vile innuendo that I would force a tea-drinking Christian soul to consume the devil's drink. Furthermore, if my memory hasn't failed me, the only instance in which I "stomped and called you a dirty _____" was when you won the race to the refrig for the last bottle of beer. I still insist that your start was highly irregular. Whoever heard of a race beginning with one of the contestants gaining an insurmountable lead by claiming he must first visit the john? If you do not print a retraction of your slanderous statements I just might decide to cut your quota of lightbulbs this New Year's Eve.

((You cannot hide the truth behind a cataract of lies, Smythe. I won the race to the refrigerator because I am a clean-living, healthy, noble, humble young fellow, and for no other reason. Besides, if I did have an unorthodox start, one must use all one's cunning to beat an old hand like you to the last bottle of beer.))

FROM:

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