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### The Virtue of a Comma.

Small and insignificant though the comma looks, its absence in ancient times made it possible for the pagan oracles to reap a golden harvest on predictions which "never failed," because they could be interpreted any way the event happened to fall out.

For example: "Pyrrhus I tell you the Romans will conquer." If the comma is placed after "you," the meaning is that the Romans will conquer. Poor Pyrrhus, however, put a meaning upon the sentence as if the comma had been after "tell," and this gave him the idea that the oracle meant that he would conquer. He didn't.

Even after the introduction of commas and other modern punctuation marks—the memorial—English lawyers in the Middle Ages, down as far as the time of the famous Blackstone, less than two centuries ago, made it a point never to punctuate pleadings or other important documents. They knew that a comma, one way or another, would change the meaning and fearing they might place the comma in the wrong part of the sentence, they eschewed its use altogether.

True, it was not always a matter of punctuation that gave the ancient oracles their dual meaning. This frequently depended upon the grammatical construction of the sentence, which no possible kind of punctuation could have obviated.

Of the historic Delphic replies one of the best known is that given to Croesus, king of Lydia, and one of the wealthiest men of antiquity. He had long had his eye on Persia, which under Cyrus had grown to be a mighty empire. Before attacking Cyrus he asked the Oracle at Delphi what the outcome of his campaign would be. The reply was, "If you cross the River Halys you will destroy a great empire."

#### Destroyed His Own Empire.

The Halys was the boundary line between Lydia and Persia. Consequently Croesus felt that the meaning of the oracle was conclusively in favor of his conquest of Persia, and accordingly he crossed the Halys with an army of mercenaries. His army was beaten and in the end he was taken

captive by Cyrus and ordered to be burned to death.

The great empire which he had destroyed was his own. But in justice to the memory of Cyrus it should be added that the death sentence was revoked in the nick of time, just as the flames were beginning to reach out for the fagots on which the feet of Croesus were resting.

In the heyday of his prosperity Croesus had entertained at his court Solon, the great Athenian lawgiver, and had shown him his treasure-houses and other evidences of wealth, and then asked him whether he did not consider him happy. "No one," replied the sage Solon, "can be called happy as long as he lives, for the vicissitudes that one life and fortune are so treacherous that one can never know just what misfortune the morrow may bring forth."

And so now, when he saw the flames drawing nearer and nearer, the hapless king, recalling the words of the Athenian sage, exclaimed, "Oh Solon, Solon, Solon!"

Cyrcus demanded to know what he meant by this exclamation, and when Croesus told him, the conqueror, realizing that the same instability of fortune which had hurried Croesus from the throne might also fall to his own lot, ordered his release and took him into his friendship.

#### Kissed Our Universal Mother.

The most important oracular statement ever given as far as Rome was concerned was that given to the sons of Tarquin, who had gone to Delphi to inquire concerning a portent which had appeared to their father, and after receiving the reply, they made further inquiry on their own "book" as to who should be their father's successor as king.

"Whoever of you shall first kiss our mother shall possess the sovereign power at Rome," was the reply.

Titus and Aruns, the young princes, drew lots as to which of them was to have the privilege of bestowing the filial kiss first upon their return from Greece, and they gave orders that no one should dare tell their brother secrets, who had remained at home, what the oracle had predicted.

The ambitious young men had taken along with them Lucius Junius, their

cousin, who, to escape the tragic fate which had overtaken the rest of his family at the hands of Tarquin, had feigned imbecility from early childhood and was accordingly allowed to live as incapable of being dangerous to the rule of the royal family. On account of his apparent difficulty of speech they had nick-named him Brutus, in allusion to the brute animals.

When Brutus heard the prediction of the oracle he fell into a fit of what seemed to be insane laughter, and, laughing, stumbled and fell, and, unobserved by the princes, kissed the earth, our universal mother.

#### How the Oracle was Verified.

Those who are familiar with the story of the chaste Lucrece know in what manner the oracle was verified, when Brutus, chasing the Tarquins out of the city, ended once for all the kingship of Rome and established a republican form of Government.

Another famous oracular saying which was misunderstood until the moment when it was verified was that given to the great Theban general, Epaminondas. He was the man of whom history speaks, as one who would never tell a lie. In the case of Epaminondas this love of truth was carried to so sublime a height that he would not even tell a lie in jest.

But to return to the oracle. He had been told never to trust himself to Pelagos. Now Pelagos in Greek means sea, and, believing that the oracle meant to warn him against ever trying the fortunes of war at sea, took great pains to avoid any sea conflict with his country's hereditary foe, Sparta.

During the most famous of the battles against the Spartans, the battle of Mantinea, the fighting led into a forest, where Epaminondas fell mortally wounded while performing prodigies of valor. He lived just long enough to discover that the name of the forest was Pelagos.

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### NEWFOUNDLAND FOOD CONTROL BOARD.

### New Flags the War Has Made.

Never has there been such a fluttering of new flags as at the present time, and as "Peace" and other celebrations have revived much interest recently in national emblems, an account of their varied colors and designs may be timely.

It must be admitted that in most cases a great opportunity has been missed, and not much originality or imagination shown, for certainly none of the newcomers can challenge comparison with our own splendid Union Jack, the Stars and Stripes of the United States, or the effective Sunburst of Japan.

One of the most successful is the new flag of Poland, consisting of white and red horizontal stripes, with a red shield appearing in the centre of the upper half, upon which is emblazoned the white eagle of Poland, curiously enough feeling that it is the flag of a republic still wearing a crown!

There has been a great moulting of "eagles" recently in European heraldry, but the bird of war flags its wings and again raises its (double) head as the emblem of rock-bound Albania. Incidentally, in this flag is committed what might almost be called the heraldic "crime" of emblazoning "color on color"—that is black or red. If one had been a "metal" (yellow or white) it would have made all the difference.

The flag of Ukraine, modest in its design of blue over yellow, horizontally arranged, aims at least at being symbolic, the official description explaining that it represents the blue sky over the golden wheatfields of Europe's richest granary.

The new flag of Czechoslovakia incorporates the colors of Bohemia, white over red, with a triangular patch of blue let in at the "hoist" end, emblematic of the blue hills of the Carpathians.

The flag of Latvia (otherwise Letland or Lettonia), one of the new Baltic states carved from the side of Russia, is red, white, red, horizontally, the two red stripes being each double the width of the central white. As an instance of the persistence of warlike

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realism, it may be added that the red is officially described as the "color of coagulated blood."

#### Futuristic Combination.

Two other states that have broken away from Russia have chosen horizontal stripes, but in these cases tri-colors of equal width, Estonia flying blue, black and white and Lithuania the gay "Futuristic" combination of yellow, green, and red, in both instances reading downward.

Another flag that will soon be familiar in Baltic and British waters is that of Finland, with its simple but effective device of a dark blue upright cross upon a white ground, oblong for the merchant service and swallow-tailed when flown as the ensign.

The new emblem of Austria is very liable to be mistaken for that of Latvia, here again the colors being red, white, red, horizontal, but in this case of equal width. This design only differs

from the old flag of Austria-Hungary in not having the lowest stripe half red, half green, the latter color representative of Hungary.

The newly-recognized Caucasian republic of Georgia has chosen a rather striking flag, crimson in color, the upper "canton" (or quarter) being occupied by equal stripes of black and white.

Finally, from official information received it is stated that the new flags of Germany are as follows:

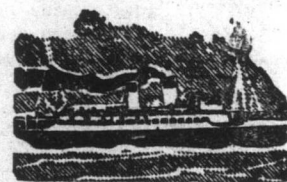
The national flag is to be horizontal stripes of black, red and yellow, while the mercantile flag retains the old black, white and red horizontally, but with a "canton" of black, red and yellow in the corner.

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