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TRAY - THRICKLE, THRPENCE, THERNCE?

What would you call a 3-cent piece for short? Congress has authorized the
Treasury Department to coin 3-cent pieces if it determines the need for it
and doubtless the need will arise in order to save precious metals. We
now have 3-cent stamps, 3-cent newspapers, 18-cent cigarettes and a host of items
which would make a 3-cent piece convenient. A 3-cent piece might challenge the
ingenuity of name-coiners for an adequate name to go along with penny, nickle and dime. The last 3-cent pieces were made in 1890. What would you
call it?

TRAILERS.

Tire and Rubber shortages at first impelled the Federal Public Housing
Administration to curtail its program for the purchase of trailers but
as acute housing shortages began to appear in various sections of the
country, it was determined to purchase an additional 5000 trailers in
November, 2500 in December and 2500 in January. If the program is com-
pleted, it will mean that the FPHA and other housing agencies of the
government will have purchased a total of 30,000 trailers.

CONGRESS AND GEOGRAPHY.

There are 435 members of Congress. Of this number, 129 are from the
16 southern states. Only 15 of the 129 come from essentially urban
areas whereas the other 114 represent areas or districts which are more
than 50% rural. Of the 306 remaining members in Congress, 152 represent
urban or city areas while 154 represent areas more than 50% rural. If
you add 114 and 154 the total is 268, which is more than a majority of
the Congress who represent rural areas. This constitutes something of a
cue to trends and tendencies. Similarly in the U. S. Senate, the 32
Southern Senators represent states where a rural element predominates.
And to this number 40 Senators from northern states where a similar
condition exists and the total number of 72 accounts for nearly three-
fourths of the United States Senate.

CUT YOURSELF A SLICE OF CAKE.

A vice-president of a bank applied for one of the top administrative
jobs in Washington. A few days later, the director of this Washington
agency asked the President of this same bank to recommend a man. He re-
commended the vice-president, although he did not know that the vice-pres-
ident had made application. So the vice-president was hired and came to
Washington at once to assume his duties. A few days later, a letter was
forwarded to him from the bank. The letter had been written by the
head of the agency where he was now on duty. It informed him that he
was not suited or qualified for the job. Ain't Nature wonderful. Cut
yourself a piece of cake?

AT LAST! AT LAST!

Wages for Santa Claus in 1942 may be higher than his wages in 1941 with-
out constituting a violation of the wage stabilization rules and regula-
tions issued from Washington. So says the War Labor Board in a release
dated December 4th. However, it adds a proviso. It wants to be sure
that he is in truth and in fact a real Santa Claus and so it adds this
proviso: "Provided that the term Santa Claus shall be construed to in-
clude only such persons as wear a red robe, white whiskers, and other
well recognized accouterments befitting their station in life, and
provided they have a jovial and kindly disposition and use their high
office of juvenile trust to spread the Christmas spirit of good will
among all men, women and children." At last, Washington has taken over
Saint Nick.