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Facts About the＂Average Man＂
Despite newspapers，radios，public schools an study clubs，we tend to be a pretty ignorant lot．Our
knowledge of what is going on in the world has big gaps in it．We don＇t even know very much about our－ selves．
You You can＇t help meditating along those lines when
you have a look at the survey of typical small－city life＂recently made by the department of agriculture． The department studied a large number of cities
and towns，and finally decided that Beaver Dam；Wis．， was just about average．Then it went through Beaver Dam with a fine－toothed comb，trying to find out how
the citizens lived，what they earned，how big their the citizens lived，what they earned，how big their
families were，what sort of houses they occupied，and so on．
And it is here that some of the surprises begin to come ou
this country？Well，in Beaver Dam，an average small city，it was just \＄1309．Two－thirds of the people are in the wage－edrning class．Eleven per cent of them hiave been on relief at some time during the last year．
Home owners outnumber the renters，very slightly． Average rent paid is $\$ 20$ a month．
Thare isn＇t anything very surprising about those revelations－until you stop to think about the sort of man who usually passes for＂the average American＂ in magazines，public speeakes and books．
There was sinclair Lewis＇s＂Babbitt，＂for instance． Nhere was Mr．Lewis himself never said so，Babbitt Pas instantly a acepted by the reviewers as a typical
American，an average citizen．But Babbitt was a prosperous real estate man whose income，as we recall It，ran from $\$ 5,000$ to $\$ 8,000$ a year．

Then there was the magazine which，a few years agm，picked a typical American citizen somewhere in the middle west．This mah，like Babbitt，was severab furlongs above the $\$ 1,309$ average revealed in Beaver Dam．He，too，was a business man．Quite obviously， he wasn＇t average at－all．
mpeeches in which the average American family is represented as sending its isons＂ y college．It dies nothing of the kind．There have bêni erudte discus－ slons of the servant problem，in－which tt －is blithely assumed that the average family employs a maid－ which，obviously，it does not．Serious thinkers have complained that the average family today lives in an apartment；which Is nothing less than absurd．

The plain truth，of course，is that there is no such animal as an average American．But thare are cer－ tuin averages about the American people as a
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and we might as well get familiar with them．
We might thereby save ourselves from the e
salecting a prosperous upper－middle－class family as galecting a prosperous upper－middle－disss family as typical＂of the entire nation；we might also realize
that our vaunted＂average income＂is，after all， pothing to brag about．

## The Old Helps the New

It is interesting to see how very old and very new methods of ocean travel dre joining hands
American Airways venture in the Pacific．
Pan－American has reconditioned an old four－ masted schooner to carry supplies to various iisland
basea．Although equipped with auxiliary Diesel eng－ nes，this ship depends on the wind for most of her motive power；her officers thus hark back to old clip－学解 ship days，when a ahip captain spent much of his cint the weathe

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Which，in a way，is precisely what the piluts of
PaniAmerican＇s planes have to do．Like the old－timers，
they havo to watch tho weather far more closely they have to watch tho weather far more closely
than do steamship skippers；and it is somehow fiting that Pan－American should be using an old－time wind－ jammer，which
suirface shlp．

## Alimony Absurdity

It is a little hard to work up a whole lot of nymputhy
or indignation over the lot of either party to a divorce shit，becausis the troubles which arise in divorce court are troubles which people bring on themsolvos．Never－ theless，the matter of alimony does occasionally call for In Conaegitieut，for instance，a lady whu Is suing for Hal of the gult．Her husband objecta，maying that her


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