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**AMERICA FIRST**

**AROUND IN SCHOOL**  
...to the purple...  
...new year...

...is as comprehensive as one of them...  
...could make it, none being intentional...  
...left out.

**ON HIS WAY.**  
It used to be that dear old Dad  
Drove Dobbin into town.  
It was a rough and rocky road,  
First up a hill, then down.

He used to pull way out the road  
When he would meet a man.  
Sax he: "Th' roads is heavy an'  
I'll give him all I can."

Now dad has got a red machine.  
He whirrs along in style.  
He leaves behind a string of dust  
That stretches half a mile.

And when he meets his neighbors, why  
He hurls his flying wedge—  
He scatters them to right and left  
And makes 'em hunt th' hedge.

**SURVIVALS OF OLD STYLES**  
Interesting to Trace the Various Periods Denoted by the Clothes of English Servants.  
By a large number of interesting survivals, says the London Times in its report of Mr. Wilfred M. Webb's lecture before the Ethnological society, dress illustrates the taste and conservatism of humanity.

Among these survivals is the hat band, the original purpose of which was to hold a piece of cloth or linen round the head. A picture exists of an Egyptian figure dated 3500 B. C., the headgear of which consists of a piece of linen, with a band tied round it that terminates in two tails at the back. A survival of that is to be found in the tails of the present-day Scottish bonnet and of the sailor's cap. Again, the clocks on stockings were originally a species of ornamentation put on to hide the seams where the stuff was joined together. The "points" on the backs of gloves originally were strips of braid used to cover the seams in the gloves of early times.

**FIND GOODNESS IN PLEASURE**  
People Are Beginning to Understand That It is a Mistake to Work Too Hard.  
For a good many years we had a creed that the only way to keep man or woman good was to work them to death. We didn't consider ourselves virtuous unless we ended each day so tired that we had no ambition for anything but bed. When we had a holiday we didn't know how to use it, and either slept it away or did something that landed us in jail.

The doctors are telling us now that there is a fatigue poison; that we owe it to ourselves not to overwork. The great labor unions are demanding shorter hours and graded work, so that men and women workers shall not be overtaxed, and so that the few may not be overworked and underpaid at the expense of the many.

We are learning very gradually that man was not created to labor 18 hours out of the 24 in order that he may have the privilege of eating and sleeping. Very, very gradually we are being taught that we are partners in God's pasture, and that, rich or poor, we have the right to take our share of sunshine and fresh air and an idle time to enjoy them.

A fair measure of leisure in each day is necessary to cultivate sweetness and saneness of soul, and the man or woman, boy or girl, so overworked that there is no opportunity for recreation, never reaches the higher planes of being. Indeed, too much work has often been as much a breeding of crime as too much idleness.

Sometimes it is a desperate effort to escape from the grind. More often it is an intelligent craving for excitement—"something different."  
I believe it is in one of Aesop's fables where we are told of the man who was so busy grubbing in the muck heap that he never had time to look up and see the crow above his head.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

**URGE KINDNESS TO ANIMALS**  
Many Reasons Have Been Advanced as to Why Cruelty Should Be Avoided.  
Here are some of the reasons why we should do all we possibly can to protect animals, says an exchange.

1. They are, humanly speaking, dumb and defenseless.  
2. They are especially liable to cruel treatment.  
3. They are the victims of science, sport, fashion, ignorance and prejudice.  
4. There is so much suffering in this world that we ought to do every thing we can to lessen, and not to increase it.

5. It is cowardly and contemptible to cause a living, sentient creature unnecessary or avoidable suffering.  
6. The animals do so much for us in so many ways, ministering to our needs, that they earn exemption for their various races from cruelty, suffering and ill treatment.  
7. Selfish and callous disregard of their rights can only react disastrously upon the moral nature of the human family, and make other similar evils appear excusable. It is a short step from cruelty to animals to cruelty to human beings. The parents who train their children to be kind, considerate and thoughtful for the animals are laying up treasures which they themselves will reap when those children are grown up.

8. As Jeremy Bentham, the great jurist, wrote of the claims of animals: "The question is not—'Can they reason, nor 'can they talk,' but 'can they suffer?'"  
Wide Awake.  
An abnormally fat man lumbered in to a Pullman on a west-bound train, and set up a loud protest when he found that his berth was at the end of the car.

"I can't sleep a wink if I'm over the car wheels. I won't close my eyes if you put me over the car wheels, porter."  
"Can't help it, sah," said the porter. It's the one that was sold you, and it's the only one there is. You'll have to take a chair car and set up if you don't take this."  
The fat man finally decided to keep the berth, protesting to the last that he did not expect to close his eyes. Shortly his snoring was heard above the rattle of the train, but it was not until the train had a long wait that the snoring issued from the berth caused anything but amusement. In the silence, however, they got on the passengers' nerves, and by request the porter prodded him in the ribs.  
"My goodness, sah!" demanded the porter. "If you make noises like that when you're lying wide awake over the car wheels, what would you do if you was sound asleep in the middle of the car?"

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5-room house, extra large lot, water and gas. Price, \$2,000. Make offer.  
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I have for sale a 40-acre farm, fair buildings, good road. Price, \$15,000.  
One and one-eighth acre vacant, good location, some fruit trees, water, sidewalks. If you are interested in a small tract of good land let me show you this one.  
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7-room house, cement basement, furnace heat, laundry, bath, fireplace, electric light, large lot. Price, \$4,000.  
6-room house on Maple ave., cement basement, furnace heat, bath, lot 50x100. Price, \$2,500.  
7-room house, south side, in good repair, furnace heat, cement basement, bath. Price, \$2,700. Make offer.  
2 1/2 acres with 6-room house, hot water heat, bath, chicken house, all kinds of fruit, one block from village limits, also has gas and good well. Price, \$5,500. Make offer.  
7-room house on large lot, hot water heat, in good repair, all improvements, best of neighborhood, only two blocks from station. Price, \$2,700.  
6-room house, steam heat, cement basement, bath, all conveniences, lot 20x100. This property is only several years old. Price, \$4,000.  
For a young couple just starting out, a 6-room bungalow, extra large porch, electric light, bath, cement basement, gas, water. A bargain for \$1,600. Easy.  
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7-room house, furnace heat, bath, three 20-foot lots, large chicken house, fruit trees. All for \$2,500. Make offer.  
One of the best homes on Oak avenue, 6 rooms, up to date in every way. Price, \$3,500.  
6-room house, cement basement, hot water heat, bath, house in good repair, large chicken house, lot 20x100, fruit trees. One of the best streets on north side. Price, \$1,700. Make offer.  
50 foot lot just out of village limits, gas, water, electric light. A bargain for \$250.  
A 50 foot lot on Lane place. All improvements paid in full. A fine lot for a situation. Price, \$300.  
\$1,500 for 7-room house, modern, close to depot. Owner is anxious to sell, cheap offer.  
40-acre farm, good barn and priced well, on stone road, close to station. Price, \$250 per acre.  
3 acres at edge of town, near school, in reach of electric light, gas and water. Ask me about the price.  
9 acres, just fifteen, on main stone road about 1 1/2 miles from depot. \$150 per acre.  
If you don't find the property you are looking for in this list call on me, I have a number of others that might interest you.

...Woodrow Wilson...  
...Here is a worthy charity in which the people of Downers Grove, who have a little spare change, could cooperate with our President. The Polish people have been used in this great war as a door mat for all the warring nations to wipe their feet on. Their soil has been fought over so much that there is hardly a hut left for shelter and a cold winter upon them.  
In Warsaw alone, it is estimated, there are over 75,000 people absolutely destitute, and a correspondent of the Associated Press is said to have wired that, unless relief reaches them soon, the great majority will be dead by spring.  
Soup kitchens and bread lines have been established, and thousands of old men and women, barely able to walk, and clothed with mere shreds of rags, stand in line for hours waiting for a bite to eat. All this in weather below zero.

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