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BLESSINGS

Well-blest is he who counts among his stores
Health, and the comfort of a steadfast friend,
A cheerful home, a heart of deep content,
A sunny garden spot to dig and tend.
More blest is he who adds to these the joy
Of work that leads him to his Heart's Desire,
A little child to prattle at his gate,
A dear gray head to crown his evening fire.

—Eleanor C. Hull.

RATS ARE BIG EATERS

Experts have estimated that one rat will consume 40 to 50 pounds of food in a year. It has also been figured that it requires the continuous work of about 165,000 men with farms, agricultural implements, and other equipments to supply the foodstuffs destroyed annually by rats in the United States and Canada. In addition rats destroy other property, mainly of agricultural origin, the production of which requires the work of about 55,000 men. This gives a total of 220,000 men whose economic output is devoted solely to feeding and otherwise providing for rats.

MEDICAL WISDOM

Old Doctor—No, when your patient asks you for a tonic, what are you going to do about it?

Young Doctor—Find what she really needs and prescribe it.

Old Doctor—Wrong! No success in that method. Whenever your patient has diagnosed her own case and tells you she needs a tonic, you prescribe a tonic every time.

Young Doctor—Why?

Old Doctor—Don't you guess why? Because she will then have to see that you know almost, if not quite, as much about medicine as she does!—Judge.

THE COW BEAT THEM TO IT

An official of the board of health in a town not far from Boston, notified a citizen that his license to keep a cow on his premises had expired. In reply to this letter, the official received the following communication:

"Monsieur Bord of helt—I jus' got your notis that my licens to keep my cow has expire. I wish to inform you, M'sier Bord of Helt, that my cow she beat you to it—she expire t'ree weeks ago. Much oblige. Yours with respeck.—PETE——"

CHECKMATED BY HIS OWN MOVE

A woman journalist who was a witness in a will suit listened intently to the severe and rather bullying cross-examination of the witnesses by counsel, who frequently impressed upon his victims that they must say nothing which was merely hearsay and not actually within their own knowledge.

When the journalist's turn came she was cross-examined by the same counsel whose questions she answered cheerfully until he enquired her age; then she said, "I do not know."

"Do you know when you were born?"

"No, sir," replied the witness, "I have only hearsay evidence as to that."

ORIGIN OF THE "BOLSHEVIK"

Various explanations have been given of the origination of the name Bolshevik. A Russian doctor gives the true explanation of how the word came to be used. It did not arise out of the present Russian chaos. It seems that in 1903, at the second conference of the Russian Social Democratic party, when the methods employed in regard to the direction of revolutionary activities were under discussion, a difference of opinion arose and a vote was taken. There was naturally a majority (bolshevito) and a minority (menchinstvo). The two groups were thereafter named the "Bolshevika" and the "Menchevika."

HIS NURSE

A certain soldier would not have recovered from his wound but for the devoted efforts of a certain nurse in the base hospital in France. Finally he won out, and it was a happy and smiling boy in bed as his captain came in to see him.

As they were talking, in came the nurse, with his medicine.

"Miss Blank," he said, "this is my captain. Captain, this is Miss Blank. She cheated my poor family out of $10,000 life insurance."

A SCOTTISH WIFE

Two "kilties" from the same Scottish town met in a rest camp "somewhere in France" and started to exchange confidences. "Whit like a send-off did yer wuman gie ye, Sandy, when ye left fur France?" asked Jock, presently. Sandy lit a fresh cigarette before replying: "Says she, 'Noo, there's yer train, Sandy; in ye get, an' see an' do yer duty. By jingo, ma mannie, if I thocht ye wod shirk it oot yonder I wud see ye was wounded afore ye gang off!' That's the send-off she gaed me, Jock."

SHOULD LET 'EM GROW

Mrs. Bridley was doing her morning marketing, and she was determined that the grocer should not take advantage of her youth and inexperience.

"These eggs are dreadfully small," she criticized.

"That's the kind the farmer brings me," answered the grocer. "They are just fresh from the country this morning."

"Yes," said the bride, "and that's the trouble with those farmers. They are so anxious to get their eggs sold that they take them off the nest too soon!"

HE KNEW BETTER

Last summer little Johnny paid his first visit to a farm. All his life he had lived in the heart of a great city, and when he suddenly came in sight of a haystack he stopped and gazed earnestly at what appealed to him as a new brand of architecture.

"Say, Mr. Smith," he remarked to the farmer, pointing to the haystack, "Why don't they have doors and windows in it?"

"Doors and windows!" smiled the farmer. "That ain't a house Johnny, that's hay."

"Don't try to josh me, Mr. Smith!" was the scornful rejoinder of the city boy. "Don't you suppose that I know that they don't grow hay in lumps like that?"

IMPEDIMENTA

A battalion was being instructed on "how to take a convoy through open country." One company was told off to represent horses, cows and waggons.

After a short halt the advance order was given and the convoy moved on—all except one man, who did not budge.

"Here, you!" called the major. "Why don't you advance?"

"I can't sir."

"You can't. What do you mean?"

"I'm a waggon and I've got a wheel off."—Boston Transcript.

ENGLISH AS SHE IS WROTE

(Extracts from letters received in the Quartermaster General's office—Allotment Branch.)

"Ain't got no book turning and I am writing for inflammation."

"Just a line to let you know I am widow and four children."

"He was deducted into the military surface."

"I have a four-months-old baby and he is my only support."

"Along woman and parsely dependent."

"When you took my husband you took the best man I had."

"As I need his assistance to keep me inclosed."

"Caring to my conditions which I haven't walked in 2 months from a broken leg which is No. 75."

"Your relationship to him? Answer: 'I am still his believed wife.'"

"Your kind Sir or She."

"I enclose lovingly yours."

"In service in the U. S. Armory."

"And he was my best supporter."

"Please send me a wife's form."

"We have another war baby in our house. How much more do I get."

"Please correct my name and I could not go and would not go under a consumed name."

"If I don't get some money soon I will have to lead an immortal life."

"Please send back my marriage certificate soon, baby hasn't eaten anything for three days."

"Both sides of our parents are old and poor."

"Dear Mr. Wilson: I have already written to Mr. Headquarters and received no reply and now if I don't get one from you I am going to write to Uncle Sam himself."

"You have changed my little boy to a girl. Will it make any difference."

"You asked for my allotment number. I have 4 boys and 2 girls."

"I am his wife and his only air."—United States' paper.

HOW TO TREAT YOUR TOWN

Praise it.
Improve it.
Talk about it.
Trade at home.
Be public spirited.
Take a home pride.
Tell of its business men.
Remember it is your home.
Tell of its natural advantages.
Trade and induce others to trade here.
When strangers come to town use them well.
Don't call your best citizens frauds and impostors.
Support your local institutions that benefit your town.
Look ahead of self when all the town is to be considered.
Help your public officers to do the most good for the most people.
Don't forget you live off the people here, and you should help others as they help you.
Don't advertise in the local paper "to help the editor," but advertise to help yourself.

AN ALL-WOMEN FARM

A year ago the West Devon Executive Committee took over Great Bidlake Farm, Bridestowe, England, which is being used as a training centre for women. The farm, which consists of 134 acres, was formerly all in grass, but 73 acres have been ploughed up and are now carrying good crops of corn, roots and potatoes. All the work on the farm, with the exception of a little ploughing last autumn, has been done by women. The Food Production Department state that the buildings are in excellent condition and that the farmyard is one of the best kept in the West Country.

RESULTS COUNT

The American—"What happened to you?"

The Tommy—"To tell you the truth, I ain't quite certain. About ten minutes ago I was 'avin' a tete-a-tete with a German sapper. He was a nice-lookin' boy—'ad a face like a murderer. We was crawlin' on our stummicks, when we came face to face. He says somethin' to me in Germuh, an' I answers him in just as bad language."

"What happened then?"

"Well, I 'ates to brag; but I'm 'ere an' 'e hain't!"

No man or woman should hobble painfully about because of corns when so certain a relief is at hand as Holloway's Corn Cure.

TO PREVENT POTATO ROT

Pick over your potatoes about three or four weeks after you have stored them away. The wet weather this season increases the tendency to rot and unless the diseased potatoes are at once separated from the healthy, there will be heavy loss. Many potatoes that look good when harvested will decay after being in storage a few weeks.

Potatoes should be stored in a cool dry place. The cooler the atmosphere providing, of course, freezing is not permitted, the better they will keep.

Miller's Worm Powders not only exterminate intestinal and other worms but they are a remedy for many other ailments of children. They strengthen the young stomach against billiousness and are tonical in their effects where the child suffers from loss of appetite. In feverish conditions they will be found useful and they will serve to allay pain and griping in the stomach from which children so often suffer.

WATER DAMAGE TO FLOUR

It is a well-known fact among sailors that flour will not only float after immersion in sea water, but suffers very little damage. To ascertain the actual damage, says the Northwestern Miller, a baker in New South Wales submerged a 160-lb. bag of flour in the ocean and left it in the water 67 hours. A 98-pound weight was necessary to sink the bag, which would have supported about 75 pounds, or half its own weight, on top of the water. When lifted and weighed, the bag scaled 155 pounds. It was dried for four days and yielded 120 pounds of perfectly dry flour, the bag and waste weighing 28 pounds. Baked into bread, it gave perfect results.

THEN SOMETHING DID HAPPEN

While his mother was away on a visit Johnny didn't say his prayers. Upon his mother's return there was a reckoning.

"Why didn't you say your prayers, John?"

"Well, you see, it was this way, ma: I forgot to say them the first night an' nothin' happened. 'N then I didn't say them the next night an' nothin' happened, 'n so I decided I wouldn't ever say 'em again if nothin' never happened."

And then something happened.

DO IT YOURSELF

A certain editor and publisher once told his employees that one of the most effective lessons he ever learned consisted of only four words. Having asked his grandfatehr to explain the meaning of a certain word, the old gentleman replied: "Frank, there's the dictionary." A great many people in the world might be benefitted by a like firm but kindly attitude on the part of their friends which would mean nothing less than, Do it yourself.—Selected.

DYERS OF EARLIER DYES

What did people do for dyes before the days of coal-tar derivatives Dr. Louis J. Matos says that dyers were accustomed to rely upon the indigo plant for blue, madder root for a brilliant (Turkey) red, safflowers for a beautiful pink and saffron for yellow, supplemented by logwood, Brazil wood, "lac," buckthorn berries and "kermes" for crimson. There were other kinds of tropical woods and barks; also tumeric (a plant of the ginger family) for yellow, and by no means to be forgotten, cochineal.

Cochineal, lac and kermes were (and are to-day) derived from tiny insects—the first-named being commonly propagated on a species of cactus, their natural food plant, cultivated for the purpose.

From the woods were derived reds and browns mostly. They were ground or rasped to a powder and sold in this shape to the dyers, who boiled them to get the colors, the infusions thus obtained being called "liquors."

Those were days when the art of dyeing held many secrets that were handed down from father to son, with valuable recipes for coloring wool, cotton and silk.

When the war brought a famine of coal-tar dyes, the dyers fell back on the old-time colors, which fetched fancy prices for a while. But, unfortunately, they did not know how to use them. The ancient recipes were lost and the craftsmen who understood them were long dead.

No artificial dye quite equals indigo for blue or madder for red. The same is true of logwood for black. To-day logwood is the standard against which artificial blacks are judged.

OVERDOING A COMPLIMENT

Lady Randolph Churchill's marriage (her third) recalls an amusing story when she was just plain Miss Jennie Jerome, of New York.

Like her father, she was a keen politician, and on one occasion she delivered a rousing speech in favor of General Grant, then standing for the Presidency for the second time.

When she had finished speaking, some enthusiast in the audience shouted:

"Miss Jerome, forever!"

She stepped forward.

"Sir, I thank you," she said, "but I do not wish to be Miss Jerome forever."—Washington Times.

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PHONE 40 - ACTON, ONT.

AS IF HE WERE A PARTNER

The boy was trudging homeward, his cap pulled low over his ears, his hands in his pockets, and a woollen tippet wound around his neck, in lieu of an overcoat. But for all his chilly look, he seemed in good spirits. He whistled continually, the same strain, a portion of a popular melody, so modified that it is possible its author might have had difficulty in recognizing it.

The musical performance was interrupted when a boy not far from the same age joined him. "Hello, Tom. You working down at Pratt and Gibson's yet?"

"Sure I am."

"How are things going?"

"Fine. Why, do you know, Nelson, we did double the business this month we did the same month last year. How's that for growing?"

As the two lads passed on, a gentleman who stood standing on the corner for his car glanced after the pair. "I wish I could get hold of a few boys of that stamp," he told his friend.

The friend looked astonished. "Why, I didn't see anything so unusual about him."

"It is unusual, though. That boy is probably an office boy earning three dollars a week, or possibly four. But he feels as interested in the affairs of the firm as if he were a partner. They are doing "fine," not because his salary is raised, but because the concern is doing double the business that it did a year ago." He looked through the dark at the disappearing figures of the two boys. "If that youngster should come to me applying for a job, I'd take him on."

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"BONNIE ANNIE LAURIE"

Annie Laurie was no myth. Over 200 years ago Sir Robert Lauria of Dumfrieshire, wrote these quaint words in his family register: "At the pleasure of Almighty God, my daughter, Annie Laurie, was born on the 16th day of December, 1682." Mr. William Douglas, who wrote the song to celebrate the wondrous beauty of this maid, wooed but did not win the far-famed Annie. Instead, she preferred a richer suitor, Mr. Alexander Ferguson. Annie died in 1764, but her name, no doubt, will be passed down to many more ages, by means of the immortal ballad by Douglas.

ENJOYED A CHANGE

A negro soldier now on the western front captured a German major. On his way back to headquarters to report his charge the soldier made his captive carry his trappings and baggage, prodding him along gently with his gun.

"Why were you so anxious to put him to work?" said an officer to him.

"Well, you see," explained the negro, "it made me feel good to see him toting that equipment. Befo' the war Ah was a po'tah."

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AMIABLE PERSONS, THESE

She had a tremendously big mouth, but no one would have called her attention to it if she had been trained in the ways of keeping it closed on certain topics. Her young brother called her attention to the fact.

"I was born with a silver spoon in my mouth," she said to him.

"Are you sure it wasn't a soup ladle?" he wanted to know.

"Say! What do you seem to think of my mouth?"

"Well, taken as a whole—"

But that's as far as he got.

WORDS TO LEAVE UNSAID

If "it might have been" are the saddest words ever spoken, that is a very good reason for not saying them. Moreover, any estimate of what might have been is so uncertain whether what might have been would be a bit superior to what is, that the less we bother about those words the better.

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ENGLAND'S COAL CELLAR

It is often said that Britain owes her commercial supremacy to her coal measures. For her size she has more and better coal than any other country in the world, and for steam purposes South Wales practically supplies the world. Where did the coal come from? The coal seams, lying one below another to an unknown depth, and not infrequently cropping out at the surface, are sure proof that tropical conditions once prevailed in the latitude of the British Isles.

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Then came another period of growth and the pressure carbonized the fallen vegetation and formed layers of coal, pieces of which still bear imprinted upon their flat surface the beautiful tracery of the original fronds of the tree-ferns.

THE IRISH MIND

"Faither," said little Mickey, "wasn't it Patrick Henry that said, 'Let us have peace'?"

"Niver," said old Mickey. "Nobody by the name of Patrick iver said anything like thot."

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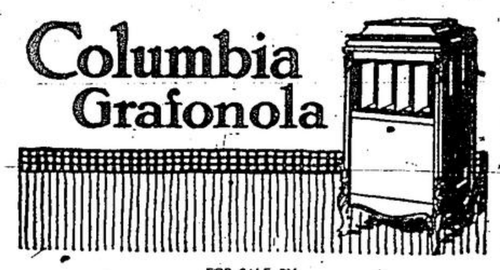

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