

A Candlemas Day School Custom

One of the old customs of Candlemas day, February 2, in Scotland, was that on this occasion, the pupils in schools were supposed to make small presents of money to their teachers. Sixpence and a shilling were the most common sums given, but some would offer a half crown (about 62 cents or \$1.25). These gifts would seem small in this country, but they were valued in frugal old Scotland.

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ORPHANS MAY DIE IF AID IS LACKING

Thousands in Refugee Camps in Greece Face Starvation This Winter

"At least 55,000 orphans in the refugee camps of Greece will surely starve this winter unless immediate aid comes from the United States," declared Frank America, representative of the Near East relief to the league of nations, at a conference of Near East relief directors in western states, hastily summoned here last week to meet the urgent situation overseas.

"Not within the memory of any person in Macedonia and the Caucasus has there been a winter equaling in intensity the present cold wave that is settled upon that part of the world. In Alexandropol, 'the city of children' where 17,000 orphans are being cared for by the people of Illinois, the thermometer registered 32 degrees below zero in December. In many of the refugee camps in Macedonia and Thrace it was equally cold and there were many instances of entire flocks of sheep with their shepherds being found frozen to death.

"Under these conditions, thousands of refugees are still living in rag tents and unless the Near East relief can provide one hot meal daily to 35,000 children who have neither father or mother, they will certainly perish before spring. There are another 35,000 with either father or mother dead, who also require immediate attention.

"So great is the demand upon the resources of the Near East relief that unless aid is forthcoming immediately, it will be necessary to close several orphanages in Beirut, Syria."

Mr. America returned from Greece Jan. 1 and immediately after the Chicago conference went back to Geneva to attend the meeting of the league council in February when additional aid for the refugee families driven from Turkey will be sought.

FAVOR UTILITIES FOR INVESTMENTS

Gas, Electricity and Other Like Facilities Gain in Popular Esteem

"Gas and electric light and power securities, of all public utility securities, at present hold a commanding place in the investment public's eye. And rightly, for the services rendered by these two giants of the public utility family (water alone not counted), is perhaps the most necessary of all the service rendered by public utility companies," says B. C. Cobb, vice-president of Hadenpyl, Hardy & company, investment bankers, in the Nation's Business.

"The fact that gas securities have during the past twenty years of transition somewhat lost the lead to those issued by electric light and power companies does not in any way mean that they have been crowded off the boards. While the lighting field of gas companies has largely been taken over by the electric companies, their sales for other purposes, fuel for cooking and for the industries, have increased enormously. This surely is proof of the stability of the business and an indication of its possibilities. In addition to all this the advancement of the business and the improvement in manufacturing methods have been more rapid in the past ten years than in any prior twenty-year period," says Mr. Cobb.

"Since 1905 the growth of the electric light and power companies has been phenomenal. Not only has this growth been in the lighting field, but in the power and industrial field as well. And it is altogether likely that the record for the next ten years will be equally astounding, for those who know best say that the development of the industry has only just begun."

The average share of the national wealth owned by each citizen is said to be about \$2800, but it is not possible to obtain that share merely by asking for it.

WHAT GOOD IS ART? IS OFTEN QUESTION

Value of Good Pictures Demonstrated in Many Ways; Instances

What good is art? This is often asked. The man who toils in a mill all day and comes home tired and worn is supposed to have no interest in anything but an easy chair, a pipe and a daily newspaper. But when he comes home if he can find restful, harmonious surroundings, a well-designed easy-chair, a cheerful looking table-lamp, and some interesting paintings to look at as he rests his tired frame, it will add greatly to his enjoyment and make home a place which will draw him to it unconsciously.

Good pictures have a way of taking one's interest and holding it to the exclusion of a great deal of discontent and grief. If one cannot afford paintings, good reproductions of great works of art are everywhere available. In his talk before the governing members of the Art Institute last Tuesday, ex-mayor Carter H. Harrison told of an experience he had during the strenuous campaign for the mayoralty in 1911.

He was a candidate at the primaries and had gone through the hottest campaign of his career. What with conferences, party fights, and a whirlwind speech-making wind-up, the final day of the contest found him so utterly exhausted that he was almost prostrated. Making his way out into the open air he thought to gain some fresh energy. In a few moments he passed by the window of an art dealer on Michigan avenue and noted that within was an important display of paintings by George Inness, the great American landscape painter. He entered and for three hours was so completely absorbed by the magic art of Inness that he forgot all about the terrific struggles of his campaign, and of his mental and physical weariness. "I am glad to note," said Mr. Harrison, in concluding his story, "that these same paintings are now hanging in the Inness Room at the Art Institute, the generous gift of our fellowtownsman, Edward B. Butler."

Now if making out your income tax return could only be made as popular a game as getting out cross word puzzles, the government officials would be happy.

Although the public approves of President Coolidge's idea of a simple inauguration, he is likely to get delayed if he attempts to ride up to the capitol in the street cars.

While more thinkers are needed in this country, they should not do their thinking so continuously that they can't do any work.

"Don't throw your dollars away" say the economists, but that is better than drinking them down in the form of hootch.

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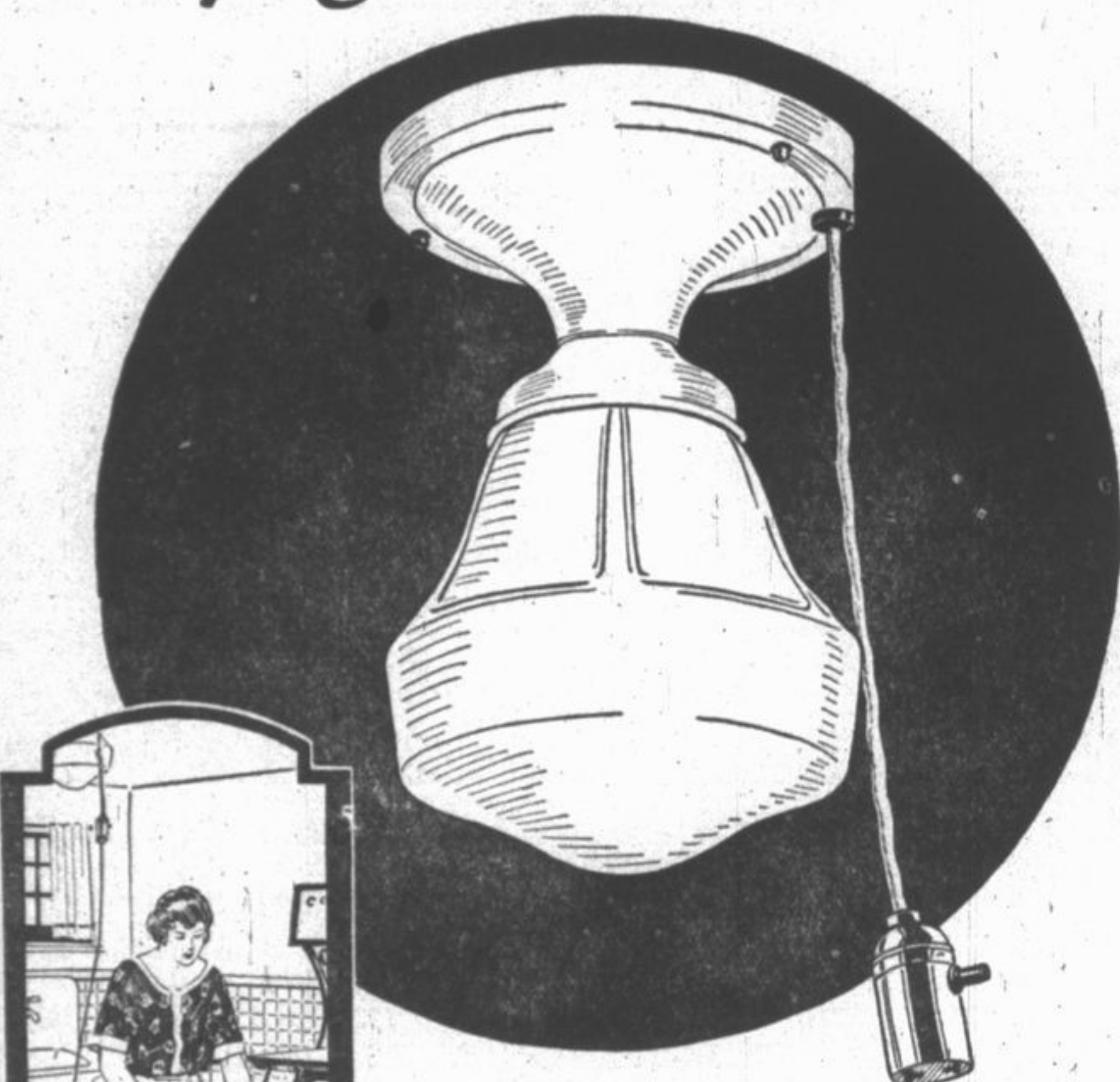
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THE LESSONS the war taught have not all been forgotten. The need of this country eight years ago for a more complete nationalism among its population is as urgent today as then. The North Shore Line has met this need in one of its most interesting activities—the classes in Americanization begun several years ago for the benefit of its foreign-born employees. Track laborers, usually newly-arrived in this country, are given simple instruction twice a week at Racine and Highwood in language and civics under the supervision of the North Shore Educational Director. They are also aided in taking out their first papers in citizenship. During the winter, when the men must be constantly ready for work, school is held in the section houses where they live.

Where there was once indifference, there is now a determined enthusiasm to know all about this country of adoption, and the policies of the North Shore Line. It has resulted in a greater stabilization among a commonly floating type of labor. Men will study five nights a week, and when sufficiently advanced, draw books from the libraries, usually of the technical variety devoted to the principles of railroad operation. There is the case of one man whose thirst for knowledge led him to study a mail order catalog in his spare time because the pictures helped him with the words.

Men have learned to know American ideals, and comprehend the safety policies of the North Shore Line. Ambitious future citizens have been started on their way to opportunity. It is another phase of what the North Shore Line conceives to be its duty to its employes and its country.

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