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*Depress the Tracks.
Give the Business Men Fair Play.
Enforce the Traffic Laws.
Build the Truck Road*

SAFEGUARD THE FUTURE

Americans are not by nature emotional. We are not likely to lose that self-consciousness that prevents utter abandonment to the appeal of the moment. It requires an exceptional impulse to make us forget that dignity that lies inherent in us, to throw away restraint and behave as children. But we are not without sentiment, not lacking in those qualities that, in the less self-contained, are shown in a wild expression of joy, of grief, of love or hate.

Because we are so slow in our response to an emotional appeal it behooves us to cultivate those sentiments that will serve us in the stead of impulse. Particularly is this true in matters of patriotism. We cannot imagine a group of Americans thrilling to the strains of the national hymn as the French are stirred by the Marseillaise. It is not that we have less love for our country, but that we are more balanced in our emotions. But it will be easy for us to let this composure grow into a lack of feeling, unless we make effort to cherish the right sort of attitude towards those relations of life which touch the emotions.

Patriotism, loyalty to our country and its institutions, is one of the virtues that we should sedulously cultivate, the more carefully because we cannot rely upon the prompting of our emotional nature to keep us true. Respect for the institutions that characterize what is best in us as a people, acceptance of the obligations that citizenship puts upon us and the discharge of its duties, these we must have to take the place of that fire of patriotic zeal which drives the more volatile to the performance of those requirements of citizenship.

Just now we hear and see much to distress in the general disregard of the law and flagrant disrespect for authority. We see a too universal failure in dignity in those who occupy high places with a consequent contempt on the part of the public. These things do not make for safety in our America because they foster in the young those sentiments that will not be a sufficient guide should there be need for the sudden show of patriotism which an emergency presents.

OPTIMIST LEAGUE

When your daily papers serve you almost nothing but robberies, murders, and scandals, do you believe that the civilized world is sliding back into barbarism?

In such a gloomy mood as this, remember that the papers are serving you just what you want. It's as true as the gospel that if the papers didn't serve you this toothsome news, you wouldn't read them. If they contained only accounts of good things they'd be insipid. Remembering this, you ought to brighten up a little.

Some years ago a movement was set on foot to establish an Optimist League, whose purpose would be to scatter sunshine in

dark places, to cheer up the downhearted. We don't know whether such a society was ever organized, and we doubt whether it would have converted many pessimists, but the circular of information sent out by the promoters contained many facts worth emphasizing. Read them and feel better.

10,000 bank cashiers have done their work faithfully for from 10 to 25 years. 20 million married people in the United States were NOT divorced last year. 80 million people have not committed suicide. Every week 10 million people make railway trips in safety.

Emphasize these true, but usually neglected, facts and you will see life more nearly in its true perspective.

SUMMER STAYHOMERS

The summer population of the north shore seems as large as it is at any other time of the year. The number of people on the streets, on the trains, and in the stores seems no smaller than usual. We suppose that the summer resorts are doing a good business, but our sidewalks and streets are as well occupied as ever.

And why shouldn't there be a large number of "stayhomers"? There is plenty to do, plenty to keep one happily busy. The good old lake keeps open house all summer. And though the air temperature sometimes drops to a late autumn level, the contrasting temperature of the water is all the more agreeable to summer swimmers and bathers.

Golf links and tennis courts are active in the summer. Competitive tournaments are unusually common. Lawn mowing and garden cultivating are favorite July and August occupations. Motoring is a prevalent pastime for those who stay at home. Many find it more enjoyable to make one or two day tours than to tour for a longer period.

Those who are not resorting take pleasure in picnicking on the home lawn or in the forest preserves. Ravinia afternoons and evenings entertain and educate. Children and youths attend summer school sessions. Moving pictures and the light drama help the afternoon and evening hours to pass pleasantly.

Reserve some of your pity for the bored summer resorters.

"So live as to increase the meaning of experience." There's a motto which if put into every day practice will make life increasingly worth living. It calls for a little meditation on every experience, either immediately after the experience or later. If the experience is a bitter one, reflection will put it into proper relations with other events, and the bitterness will be decreased. If you meet with success, think of how it will seem to others, of how you yourself will view this success at a later time. This will keep the success from getting out of proportion.

The Parent-Teacher associations of America have done untold good in bringing parents into closer contact with teachers. Both of them are invaluable agencies in the upbringing of children. The more harmoniously they work the better for the children and the community. In such an association parents and teachers can compare aims and methods, and arrive at common conclusions. We suggest that if the name were changed to Child-Pupil association, its real aim would be more readily seen.

Summer days and nights run along about as usual. One day the sun shines with unwonted fervor. The next day a breeze from the north pushes the mercury down to 60 or lower. Today it rains pailfuls. For a week or two not a drop falls on the brown lawn. What's the idea?

THIS AND THAT

Until We Find a Title

HAY-FEVER

*Last night as I lay adreaming,
Feeling weary and ill at ease,
With the 'Hay' asqueezing,
And my pipes awheezing—
Oh! for just one pine-scented breeze!
I struck one chord of piping,
As though sounded by the musical Pan
insane.*

*As I inhaled, a melodious high C resounded,
And a whole galaxy of chords rebounded,
Gradually dwindling into a drab monotone.*

*I exhaled—a triumphant blare
Burst thru the air,
A chord, wild—without care,
Such as only a devil would dare
Drum out on his xylophone;
Last night as I lay adreaming,
I heard a devil's refrain.*

—DORIS L.

Northern Michigan and Les Cheneaux for you, Doris! And oh, we'd gladly undergo the tortures of that devilish hay fever, if it would only afford us the chance to get away up North, where the mosquitoes ain't but the fish ARE! However as Charlie Bartlett, Mayor of Evingston, sez, "The North Shore is a perfect year-around-resort."

WHEN DO WE GET THOSE ANTI-AIR-CRAFT GUNS?

Now that the fore-handed city fathers of Winnetka—not to be out-done by Chicago—have passed a strict ordinance, regulatory of all air-craft, it sure looks as if the "law" would must soon have to have new equipment to properly enforce said ordinance.

For as it is, suppose some fool air-plantist should get funny and swoop down close (illegally close) to the village, and worse than that, what if he should begin to drop various and sundry objects upon the village (feloniously and perhaps maliciously and, of course, illegally) what should, what could the poor Winnetka copper do?

Just stand on the terra firma and lay down the law to him, who is up on high, and tell him what he thinks of him. All of which should worry the naughty criminal airplantist almost to distraction!

MELODY MUST BE TWINS

Glad you welcomed us, T. R. C., and hope we can render some aid now and then.

That "old duffer," you know, was just poetically speaking, as 'twere. In spite of having no glimmer as to your identity, we are quite convinced that you know your way about; and we certainly would not have labeled you that if we had thought you really were one!

MELODY.

Hope you liked our blue stationery. We found it in the ten cent store!

But, Melody, where do you get that "we," "us," "our" stuff? Art thou twins, triplets, or what? And it might save future confusion if you were to sign all contribs. Despite your unusual and exclusive stationary the ten cent store might sell some of it to some other person and then—horrible chaos—might result! Your apology is accepted—you should hear what some of the printers call us—sometimes!

A LOT TOO SMALL

"1000 ACRES for a Small Suburban Home," we read on the front page of our paper last week. What! Are we expected to put up our wee, modest suburban bungalow on a mere measly crowded-up 1000 acres! Might better stay in the city! We must have at least 5000 acres for our simple love-cote!

BUT IT IS OUT! WAY OUT!

Come, come, T. R. C.—a little more gravy; why lament and call for Contribs, especially from the uncooked N. W. talents? You are supposed to row your own now. Don't pull any more of this sob-sister act, or I'll be tempted to bite you. Write stuff to call 'em in—INSPIRE 'EM!! You need only do it once a week! Would not surprise me a bit if Bardoff and Doris L. have deserted you—you were getting careless—too much small boy attitude. Stick out your chest, and let the hair grow!

Sincerely,
SCRUTINOR.

But, at last we have inspired our Contribs—read 'em and weep—from excessive laughter! Besides we fear you not—when we used to be a letter carrier many a dog hath bitten us but none has ever lived to boast about the incident.

However, we have long begged in vain for criticism—and we appreciate yours—and we shall try to govern ourself accordingly in the future. Welcome, Scrutinor, come again and often!

IT'S A GLOR-OR-I-OUS FEELING!

To get back on the peaceful, restful old job, after one of these hectic week-ends spent in motoring, boating, canoeing, and various and sundry, in- and out-door sports. Only, shucks, we just get nearly recovered from one week-end and along comes another tough Saturday and Sunday!

—T. R. C.

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