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Socks indicate character. What a lot of us who don't show our home makes have to be thankful for!

While other things are going up the excess profits tax comes down on the head of the ultimate consumer.

The chief cause of unrest is the sight of others who manage somehow to get a fat living without sweat.

In the olden days it was the pride of men to boast of how much work they could do in a day. Do you ever hear men talk of it to-day?

The Youth's Companion got off a trusm when it remarked that it is better to be the best of a low family than to be the worst of a high family.

Every time a man gets going nicely on a get-rich-quick scheme some middle-class person turns up with his jail record. There's Ponzi for instance.

A philosopher is one who consoles himself with the thought that things won't prove to be as bad as he thinks they will.

One trouble with the world is that man has accepted the Ten Commandments with too many interpretative reservations.

The Turks are told that they cannot aid the Bolsheviks without violating their religion. Herein Mohammedanism sets an example to the Christians.

The bride who can delude a rascal thinks she has made an advance in housekeeping. As a matter of fact the rascal laughs at the camouflage he allowed to be put over him, and got the best of the bargaining.

Edison is brave enough to say, "we do not know one millionth of one per cent about anything." And yet the great inventor sullies his statement by speaking so confidently.

Long dresses are out of fashion except for the girl whose age is reckoned by months. Oh! for the days of the sweeping dresses of our grandmothers. We see one occasionally now.

The Toronto Globe has wisdom to say that the increase of that burg to 500,000 has not in any sense increased comfort or happiness. We are much better off in our little burg.

How the old boys can fight! Two of our journalistic confreres are jangling over the stand each took in a controversy in 1851. The row is interesting for the youths, who get an inkling of history at close range.

Safety first. Never try to cross a railway track until you know all the surrounding conditions. The man who jumped over the Collins Bay crossing to avoid being hit did as much damage to another car as if he had been hit himself.

Do we want a civic holiday? London, St. Thomas and other cities are agitating for its abandonment. They say the holiday is characterless, and there is less need of it now than there was before Labor day was brought into being, weekly half-holidays created, and the eight-hour movement has obtained pretty general acceptance.

BEHIND THE ACTOR'S MASK.

The rapidly increasing number of divorces among moving picture actors and actresses is a source of regret to the public. The millions of people who frequent the picture theatres learn to know and to like the persons who appear upon the screen, and they love to imagine that in real life they are as good and true as in the characters they portray.

Whatever may be the cause of the high percentage of divorces among prominent "movie" stars, the fact is reacting unfavorably upon the profession. When once a favorite actress appears in the divorce court, the old deception has gone, and she loses much, if not all, of her power to charm.

THE HUNS LOSE AGAIN.

Germany is helping the Reds of Russia, declares the Watertown, N.Y. Times. Of course, the world would not expect anything else. Trotsky has been in Eastern Prussia getting assistance. He has sold the crown jewels of Russia to buy Hun munitions.

The new German government has pinned much of its hope for the future on the rise of Trotsky. There was a rising tide of hopefulness in all the days when the Reds were gaining in Poland. The Germans polished up again their old motto about a place in the sun. They look toward the Pacific. They cast their eyes into Persia and the lands of the east.

The Red collapse has removed for the present at least the elements of danger which confronted Europe a week ago. There can be no on-sweep of the Bolshevik army over Poland to form an alliance with Germany to menace countries in all directions.

EGYPTIAN INDEPENDENCE.

If the London Times is to be credited, says the New York World, the British government is about to cap a good record in Egypt by preferring some such a measure of self-determination as the United States has given to Cuba and promised to the Philippines.

Taxes have been reduced. Ismail's lands restored to the people, the arable area greatly increased; even the rainfall has crept further up the Nile, with increasing vegetation.

Complete independence is not offered, so far as the canal and foreign relations are concerned, but a protectorate. The abolition of the capitulations should please every honest observer.

Should the news be true, questions will at once confront the new nation. Who are the Egyptians: the fellahs, Nubians, Copts, Arabs, Turks, "Franks"? Will the ten million Moslems respect the rights of the one million Christians? Will a people largely illiterate attempt a voting democracy, and with what success? True freedom is not given. It must be made.

PUBLIC OPINION

Worth As Much As Drinks. (Louisville Courier-Journal) Presumably Frank A. Munsey's prediction that the newspaper eventually will sell for \$1 is based on the theory that human beings eventually will arrive at such a sense of values that they will estimate the refreshment in a newspaper as being worth at least a dozen soft drinks.

Canadian have no sentiment regarding the Falls of Niagara, and that they are planning to turn the stream into electric power no matter how it destroys the scenic effect. We do not think that we are so bad as all that. Canada takes a deep interest in her side of the world's wonder, and has spent much money in beautifying the surroundings.

MUSINGS OF THE KHAN

Roll De Ol' Chariot Along!

There be a host of smart niggers in the States. It would be a safe prophecy to predict that the ablest men this continent will furnish their ancestry back to darkest Africa; it has been a fortunate thing for them that in the past, the dominant white inexorable forbade the intermarriage of the races.

Who is John Norquay? It doesn't matter. We have been told so eloquently and so often that the negro is a child and that in no quality is he the equal of the white man that the great dominion to the south of us variously called the Benighted States, God's country and the Land of the Free is today the most stupendous, the most spectacular, and at the same time, the filiest fools' paradise ever erected by the hand of man.

I believe that the destinies of nations are in the hands of God. We are told that the stars in their courses fought against Sisera. When we read the amazing history of our mighty Empire we must conclude that at many a battle in many a campaign the stars in their courses fought against our enemy.

The Wigwam, Ruesdale Farm, Rockton, Ont. Citizens of Lanark have pledged themselves to contribute \$200 to the Navy League fund.

strained to think that the stars in their courses fought against Sisera Montgomery at Quebec and were lined up against Sisera What's-his-name? at Queenston Heights. And why?

This is the Why! That at some future day half of the continent would furnish an asylum for the other half! There was a time in the history of Canada when colored men fled to Canada in fear for their lives. White men will be doing that one of these days.

That there be smart niggers in the States dreaming of a Black Republic is beyond question. This was brought home to us the other day by the visit of the Rt. Rev. Givadam Jones, Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, south of Sour Mash, Alabama.

Well, as I was saying, the town of Bullock's Corners tendered the Rt. Rev. Givadam Jones the freedom of the "city." I want you all to distinctly understand that I had nothing to do with it. Our American cousins have a formidable problem on their hands in the shape of the negro question, and I felt and did not hesitate to say that this big black Methodist priest might encourage a lot of idle darkeys in Alabama and Louisiana to get sassy.

This comes of electing a retired farmer to the mayoralty. Our towns and cities are practically in the hands of the U.F.O. For more than a generation they have been insidiously taking possession. The population of Bullock's Corners has doubled in ten years, but has the population of the country doubled in that time? It has not! The cargo listed to starboard—that's all.

Nevertheless, it was a great function. The united choirs of Rock Chapel, Coper Hill, and the White Brick churches sang "Way Down Upon the Swanes River," "Carve Dat 'Possum," "Didn't Ole Pharaoh Git Los'?" and "O My Yallah Gal" with great effect.

Rippling Rhymes

THE MORTGAGE. I had a mortgage, years ago, on my pretentious home; and Worry and its brother, Woe, were camped upon my dome. I couldn't keep a smile on straight, but oftentimes I went; I tasted Mortgage when I ate, and dreamed it when I slept. It spoiled for me the Sabbath day, when I sat in my pew; the choir, in singing, seemed to say, "When mortgages are due," it cast its shadow on my door, and like a raven croaked; it took the zest from every chore, and spoiled the week I smoked.

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