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At times one suspects that laziness is the mother of invention.

And money will remain tight until the man who has it loosens up.

The Japs are proceeding about their affairs with typical German efficiency.

If the war didn't bring heaven nearer, it at least robbed hell of some of its terrors.

Thrift is the art of caring very little about the opinions of the neighbors.

The prophet is without honor, perhaps, but it is well to remember that honor isn't without profit.

Jails were invented soon after the first man decided that he would like to get something for nothing.

The former Kaiser says that his people deserted him and God at the same time. It sounds impossible.

As man becomes more civilized, he does less stealing. That is to say, he makes better padlocks.

If you would fatter a man, pretend to think him a great hit with the ladies or ask him for advice.

Well, if they wouldn't listen to the Prince of Peace, perhaps they will listen to the tax assessor.

One judges by its beginning that this era of everlasting peace will not be without its elements of pep.

When a man says that he has a perfect legal right to do it, he means that no decent man would do it.

You will remember that there was no talk about Ford needing money until he began to run a newspaper.

Paper is very high in Austria, but the government is doing its best to cheapen it by converting it into money.

The two classes of men hated by bitter-end radicals are those who have money and those who have brains.

It must be a great pleasure to the Russian proletarian to be able to dictate the heel that shall rest on his neck.

Why don't these spiritualists make a treaty with the other world and get a concession to dam the Styx for electrical power?

Poverty is Austria's inheritance, says a writer. Sure; might as well let her fight with Germany in the holy toils of patrimony.

The ex-kaiser once said, "Germany's future is on the water." He may now move to amend by adding the word wagon.

The story that Berlin is getting back to normal probably means that pedestrians are again jumping to the gutter as officers go by.

The docility of riches probably accounts for the difference between the actual income and the one reported on the tax blank.

LOVE IN HIGH PLACES.

There is a tang of high romance about the headlines telling us that a "Love intrigue over Crown Prince shakes Japan," and chivalrous curiosity is whetted to a keener edge by the assertion of our Tokio contemporary, Hechi Shimbun, that beneath all the commotion is the long smouldering struggle between the extreme Nationalists or chauvinists and the forces of progressive Liberalism.

Heirs to thrones doubtless deserve all the sympathy other people accord them. Their lot is not a happy one, surrounded as they are by royal mandates and parliamentary barbed wire. In England Swift MacNeil, one of the best known parliamentarians, makes the suggestion that, as a first step toward the freedom of choice for the Prince of Wales, which the nation desires, the royal act of 1772 be repealed.

"He has no child who first framed this measure. He is no judge of the crime of following 'nature,'" said Edmund Burke dramatically when the bill was introduced, while another member pointed out that a "prince was fit to rule the kingdom at eighteen, but unfit to marry at twenty-five." Well,—there was Scripture behind the retort that it was easier to rule a kingdom than a wife, and the bill became law, in spite of Burke and Fox.

A year is a long while for young men who happen to be princes to "stop, look and listen."

TREES AND DEATH RATE. If men lived to an average age of 200 years instead of sixty they would plant trees as they now plant shrubs, says the Rochester, N.Y., Times-Union.

The individual sees no return in the planting of shade trees for reforestation, for life is too short to get the crop.

In cities the trees are hewn down and every available inch of space is utilized to bring an income. The shade trees are cut down and leave our city streets glaring canyons of stifling heat in summer.

Man doesn't plant trees on any large scale because his life is too short. If he had more trees in his crowded communities his too short life would certainly be lengthened.

For trees affect the "death rate." They purify the air to begin with by absorbing carbonic acid gas and procuring hydrogen. They harbor natural moisture, preventing undue and extreme dryness.

So plain is it that trees affect public health that the New York Medical Society passed this resolution: Resolved, That one of the most effective means of combating the intense heat of summer months and diminishing the death rate among children is the cultivation of an adequate number of trees in the streets.

Certainly the whole matter is one for the city and the state to handle. The judgment of the individual citizen is not to be trusted in this matter. Trees should be maintained in all the streets of the city with the possible exception of main thoroughfares in the congested sections. Especially should the localities of the poor be protected against treelessness. As fast as trees and shrubs die they should be replaced.

MORE ABOUT THE EIGHT-HOUR DAY. Recently the Whig has called attention to the disastrous results which followed the introduction of eight-hour day legislation in France and Sweden. In both these countries the experiment has proven a ghastly failure. Now another instance of exactly the same result has been found nearer home, in the United States.

The National Industrial Conference Board of New York, a body whose statements can be accepted in a spirit of fairness by either employer or employee, has made an extensive investigation of practical experience of manufacturers, who, since the beginning of 1919, have reduced their weekly working schedule to forty-eight or less. In a great majority of cases the reduction of hours was accompanied by a decrease in the weekly output per worker.

This investigation was conducted in no less than 436 manufacturing establishments employing 373,536 workers, and including plants in the cotton, wool, silk, boot and shoe, metal and a group of miscellaneous manufacturing industries of various sizes. In 87.2 per cent. of the establishments studied a reduction to a working week of forty-eight hours or less was accompanied by a decrease in the weekly output per worker. In 8.7 per cent. of the plants the workers were able to maintain the weekly production per worker, and in a very few cases (4.1 per cent.) the weekly output per worker was increased. To go still further into details of the report, in somewhat more than two-fifths of the establishments which noted a falling-off in weekly production the decrease was in proportion to the reduction of hours. In about

one-fifth of the establishments showing reduced weekly production, the loss in weekly output was less than proportional to the reduction in hours, while in one-sixth of these establishments, the decrease was greater than proportional to the reduction of hours.

With regard to experience in various lines of industry, it was found that in cotton manufacturing all the factories investigated experienced a decrease in weekly output under the reduced hours.

In wool manufacturing, only one plant out of sixty was able to maintain its weekly output, and in silk manufacturing only one of twenty-three plants kept up to the usual figure. In boot and shoe manufacturing, out of eighty-eight plants covered, it was found that three were able to increase their weekly output, and thirteen to maintain it; and in the metal industries, out of 117 plants investigated, nine reported that their weekly output had been increased and sixteen that they had been able to maintain production. In all the other plants in these two lines decreases were reported.

This report surely speaks for itself. One of the chief arguments of the advocates of the compulsory eight-hour day is that it will stimulate efficiency and increase production. The Whig does not wish at present to comment one way or the other on the matter, but merely places the results of the experiment before its readers so that they can form their own opinions on the subject.

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Fact. On peace of mind you can depend, If your bills you will pay; A bill will not get smaller, friend While you file it away.

The Horrors of Prohibition. "Whisky will take the coat off a man's back," announced the Prohibitionist. "That's nothing," commented the Rummy. "The kind they sell nowadays will take the coat off a man's stomach."

Another Damsel. A rare young man is Oswald Pokes; He doesn't laugh At his own jokes.

Ouch! "I expect that you have found my son to be a valuable man in your office," said the Proud Father. "Yes," replied the Weary Business Man. "He is about as valuable around here as a 1911 calendar."

Going to Extremes. "Try some of this," said Dolly Damm. "You'll find it good!" But she was eating deviled ham. And angel food.

Men Brute! "All men are fools," snapped Mrs. Gabb. "Maybe they are," replied Mr. Gabb. "But the single ones have a chance to forget the fact now and then."

We Should Worry! Said a maiden who wore a new suit: "For the knockers I don't care a hoot. They can say all they please. That the skirt shows my knees, But I think that it makes me look cute!"

No Joke. Say something complimentary to your wife every day and you will remove one wrinkle from her brow. Luke McLuke. But the average man is so short-sighted as to save all his pleasing remarks for some girl who never had a wrinkle in her life. Wilmington News-Journal.

Taf Luck. Another hard luck-story is that of the man who carried accident insurance and was kicked by a mule and forced to remain in bed for a month. The insurance company wouldn't pay him anything because it held that it wasn't.

an accident. They claimed that the mule kicked the man on purpose.

Was! The cattle raiser meekly bows And he is trouble-browed. They tell me that the poor man's cows Have him completely cowed. —Luke McLuke.

The milkman's lot is also grim. His circumstances rude— For feed his cattle mood at him And put him out of mood. —Sarcosie (M.) Record.

The chauffeur has no thought to brag. He leads a sorry life; Although he dages his wife. He's well nagged by his wife. —Canton News.

His badge of office seems to me A simple shepherd's crook; You'd know that he raised wool for he Has such a sheepish look. —Newark Advocate.

Goats! W. J. K. reports that he got a hare lip from drinking too much hair tonic.

Something to Worry About. We do not know just what it is all about, but we discovered this in the editorial columns of the revered Dayton (Ohio) Herald: "The examples chosen were taken from phrases involving the use of the copula, of the so-called verb 'to be,' which is not a verb at all. In Arabic, the verb is to know. It is there. Therefore it governs no case, accusative, three nominative and there is a real reason for having the same case after it as before it because the subject and complement are really in opposition."

Our Daily Special. Don't Say Smart Things If They Are Going To Make Other People Smart.

Walt Mason THE POET PHILOSOPHER

FLAT TIRES. I rode with Johnson in the rain. In his new 50-horse-power wain. The rain was pouring down, gadzooks! The road was crossed by running brooks. But we were snug and dry inside, and carried smiles three cubits wide. And then, kerplunk, a tire went flat; and Johnson merely sighed therat. And then he left his cozy seat, and slouched around on squiring feet. "You stay," he said. "Just where you are; I'll do the fixing with the car." And out there in the tempest wild he toiled around, and still he smiled. He seemed to think his labors fun, and whistled "Johnnie, Get Your Gun." And when he'd changed the rubber tire, he climbed in from the rain and mire, and grasped his costly steering wheel, as cheerful as a loosed eel. "Ods fish," I said, "a saint you are! Were I compelled to leave my car and tinker round it in the wet, my language would be blue, you bet." And Johnson heaved a smile at me; "I've lived for many years," said he; "and I have known my ups and downs, and wiled 'neath misfortune's frowns. I've found when things were going wrong, it braces one to shed a song; in times of sorrow and despair it doesn't help me out to swear."

—WALT MASON.

Says City of Boston "Is Running Wild"

Boston, March 4.—Near-beer saloons were attacked as gathering places for criminals, by Captain Richard Fitzgerald, of the Joy Street police station in this city, at a legislative hearing on bills for the licensing of all places selling soft drinks. "This city is running wild," he said, "with gamblers, thieves, thugs and dope fiends, who make their headquarters in those dives, and the majority of soft drink places are holes for bootleggers."

The minister who has to preach every Sunday to fashion filled heads has our sympathy.

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