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Lloyd George has his little troubles,
but surely isn't one of them.

Some of the modern cigars antici-
pated the no-tobacco movement.

The headman, it seems, is always
married to some other woman.

Keep smiling; you can't get on
your feet by getting on your ear.

One result of disarmament of great
nations will be to make little nations
sassy.

Children get along much better
when raised on the milk of human
kindness.

Japan seems to harbor a suspicion
that the open door to be discussed is
a trap door.

Fable: Once upon a time there
was an inalienable right that a man
didn't have to fight.

One reason why England and Ire-
land are so far apart is because they
are so close together.

SHH, the people who don't get
enough to eat suffer less than the
people who eat too much.

Patches on the knees don't indi-
cate prayer, any more than patches
on the seat indicate backsliding.

Another peace that passeth under-
standing is that negotiated between
the United States and Germany.

A theorist says proximity is the
chief cause of matrimony. It is also
the chief cause of matrimonial rows.

Another annoying thing about the
breaks is that they are apparently in
a fair way to do what the Allies
didn't do.

When a man steals from the gov-
ernment, his conscience troubles him
so that the only thing he can enjoy
is impunity.

Part of the railroad prob-
lem is the fact that trucks
negotiate almost any cross-
road.

A girl's life becomes harder and
harder every year, as more and
more territory must be treated with
needle remover.

One can't help wondering where
the unsophisticated country girl in
the movies learned that she looks
best in profile.

Discussion of the way the next war
will be fought seems more thrilling
in discussion of the way the
last was avoided.

A clergyman says there are four
ways to escape an unhappy marriage
and divorce. The ways lead
south, east and west.

An admirer says Lloyd George en-
joys rough going, and is not dismayed
by bluffs and cliffs. Not even by
friend bluffs and Northcliffes.

In Canada, a statesman is one who
sinks up new ways to levy a tax. In
France, a statesman is one who
sinks up new things for Poland to
demand.

Burglars in an eastern town labo-
riously opened a safe and took \$75
in pennies but overlooked \$6,000 in
dolls left on a counter. They no doubt
think the cashier should be punished
for his carelessness.

AN APPEAL TO THE PEOPLE.

Premier Meighen and his support-
ers in the National Liberal and Con-
servative government at Ottawa have
decided to cast their fate into the
balance in an appeal to the people.
This was the decision announced by
the premier on Thursday evening at
an enthusiastic rally in London.
There were three courses open to the
government:

An immediate appeal to the peo-
ple.

The holding of another session and
the passing of a redistribution bill.

The holding of another session and
the introduction of tariff amend-
ments.

The former has been chosen. The
people have long been clamoring for
an election that would clear the polit-
ical atmosphere, and the premier
now expresses his view that abnormal
business conditions can best be ben-
efited by listening to this advice.

There are those who will say that
he should have waited until redistri-
bution had taken place following the
census; there are those who will say
that he has waited altogether too
long already. As census figures will
not be complete before the end of
the year, and as redistribution could
not be carried out within less than
twenty months, Mr. Meighen declares
that further delay would mean uncer-
tainty, waiting, and unnecessary
unemployment—conditions that he
did not want to be responsible for.

The government will go to the
country on the tariff issue. The
fight will be forced along that line—
protection for Canadian industries
with the fullest measure of employ-
ment for our mechanics and labor-
ers, or free trade, as demanded by
the agrarians. There can be no secu-
rity, no stability, until the tariff
question is settled, according to the
premier, and few will disagree with
him on this point. An expression of
the public will do much to allay
doubts and clamorings, and will
clarify the political atmosphere. The
government and its followers will
doubtless support a protective tariff
with certain downward revisions; the
Liberal opposition will advocate free
trade in farm implements and farm-
ers' raw materials and some reduc-
tion in the customs duties. The
Farmers' platform calls for free
trade. There are thus three groups,
but really only two policies: a mod-
ified protective tariff versus absolute
free trade. Now that the premier has
thrown down the gauntlet, to the
electorate is left the choice.

HORSE VERSUS AUTO.

For pleasure driving, and to a
large extent for the hauling of
freight, the automobile has superced-
ed the horse. Many millions of hor-
ses continue in use, however, and ac-
cording to a statement issued by the
Pennsylvania state department of ag-
riculture there is no danger of their
being abandoned as beasts of burden,
for it finds that for short hauls the
animal is more reliable and econom-
ical than the machine.

The director of the bureau of ani-
mal industry of that state says it
has been found that for distances of
less than twenty miles a day the
horse costs less than the automob-
ile. The animal's period of use-
fulness is placed at ten years, but it
asserts that the average life of the
gasoline driven automobile truck will
not exceed seven years. Continuing,
the report says: "Horses can be fed
to-day at 65c. per day; automobiles
do not feed so cheaply. Horse repair
bills—that is, veterinary bills—are
a negligible item; automobile repair
bills are not. The investment in a
team of horses and a wagon is cer-
tainly no more than 25 per cent. of
that in an automobile of like capac-
ity."

These figures are just as true of a
Canadian province as of the state
across the line. So long as work can
be done with a horse more cheaply
than with a gas engine, the animal
will survive. Improvements will
come in automobiles, however, which
will reduce the cost of operating and
will lengthen their life. When that
time comes about there will be no
further need for the horse and it
will pass out of use.

THE HARDY SONS OF ADVEN-
TURE.

At a time when so much of the
world seems at cross-purposes, it is
something to hear one explorer after
another pop into the news with his
detached plans to probe yet more
nearly this harrowing world of ours.

Amundsen recently has been re-
sued and brought back to civiliza-
tion; MacMillan has his plans; Shack-
leton is all set for the Enderby
Quadrant; these a few of the more
conspicuous.

To the stay-at-home, with all
lands brought to him through the
illustrated magazines and the activ-
ity of newspapers, there does not
seem to be much left to look for in
those two vague areas known as the
Polar regions. Not so with the Am-
undsen, MacMillan and Shackletons.
They themselves pursue their course
because they are driven by their
imagination; they are permitted to
do so and supported in the enter-
prises because of the material ben-
efits which result from their observa-
tions; particularly of meteorological
phenomena.

The explorers dream of lost islands,
if continents are no longer to be dis-

covered. There may be volcanoes un-
known, mountains yet unperceived,
gulfs not yet entered somewhere hid-
den behind the icy barriers, them-
selves yet unmeasured. An island is
always a romance, compact and per-
sonal, with its suggestive relation-
ship to the nearest mainland and its
indisputable independence of it.

These are the things the explorer
dreams about; and for those things
venture in tiny crafts into incred-
ible hazards and privations. They are
a strange, hardy breed, and the world
has always one last mystery for them
to penetrate, one last heroic under-
taking to be essayed, that the people
who buy and sell and walk the streets
may have a little more knowledge
and perhaps a considerable degree of
added comfort and prosperity.

Walt Mason
THE POET PHILOSOPHER

A GOOD FRONT.
"A man's no older than he feels,"
I cry in cheerful tones, as I limp by
on aching heels, with stiff and
creaking bones. And I imply, my
friends, by this, that I am feeling
young, that in my form no spark-
plugs miss, no bolts are bent or
sprung. My false teeth slide around
my face, my truss is upside down,
my liver pad gets out of place, as I
toll through the town. I have a
criek along my back, and stitches in
my side, and yet I cry no hoarse
"Alack!" but meet men cheery-
eyed; for they would rather hear me
tell how young and blithe I feel,
than listen for a weary spell to some
unhappy spiel. I go to pieces very
fast, my eyes are weak and dim, my
neck is in a plaster cast, I need a
wooden limb; I dally don my laurel
wreath and haunt the busy marts,
to buy me gaiters perchance teeth
and other store made parts. I keep more
extras than a Ford to keep me on
my feet and yet by me no man is
bored as I jog down the street. For
when they ask me how I am, I say,
"I'd have you know, I'm young as
Mary's little lamb, whose fleece was
white as snow!" They look at me
through kindly tears, and cry,
"Long may you thrive! You're
surely younger than your years, and
very much alive!" If I began some
dreary tale of sickness and decay,
they'd wish I'd hit the long, long
trail without an hour's delay.

—WALT MASON.

ALONG LIFE'S DETOUR
BY SAM HILL

Knocks Coward's Refuge.
There's this about the styles
—That really does not hurt—
A man nowadays don't hide
Behind a woman's skirt.

Observations of Oldest Inhabitant.
I kin remember when they always
looked for the woman in the case,
but it's something else in the case
that interests the detectives these
days.

Another Way of Looking at It.
"Are you grateful for the things
that have come to you?" asked Bolt.
"Yes," replied Nutt, "but I am a
whole lot more grateful for a lot of
the things that have not come to me."

They Just Cuss That.
"What were those two big business
men discussing?"
"Baseball and golf!"
"Baseball and golf! Gee! You
would think two big guns like them
would be concentrating their thoughts
on business."
"Whaddaya mean, business? There
ain't no such animal any more."

Fool Questions.
J. K. asks: "If a man buys several
brooms and tells the grocer to put it
on the bill could you say the grocer
was making sweeping charges?"

Must Be Plenty of Moonshine.
(Mena (Ark) Star)
Last Sunday as Martin Moak was
passing his poultry house he ran
across two black snakes, both nearly
five feet long. While trying to kill
one the other ran into a hole, but he
caught it by the tail and pulled it in
two, then he had to dig the other
half out of the ground and kill it.

Daily Sentence Sermon.
Never send a person suffering from
hay fever a bouquet of golden rod.
If you desire to send him something
send him a ticket to Michigan.

Oh, Mercy!
She bared her soul to me,
But that's not so shocking's
As when she bared her knees
With them roll-down stockings.
—Cincinnati Enquirer.

She bared her soul to me,
But I'll tell you what, by Jack,
There wasn't as much to see
As when she bared her back.
—Warren (Ohio) Tribune.

Watson, Whaddya Make of This?
"The third finger on the left hand,
on which the engagement and wed-
ding rings are worn, is anatomically
the weakest of the ten."—News Item.
We suppose there must be some sig-
nificance to this, but we leave it to
you to discover.

News of the Names Club.
Here's one from the Court records:
Case No. 37,902. I. Piker vs. Clar-
ence Settles. For possession of prem-
ises. Reader asks if Piker can have
the place of Clarence Settles? We
leave it to the Judge.

Hymns of Hate.
I do not like
That fellow Blye;
He thinks he is
Better than I.
—Cincinnati Enquirer.

I have no use
For Monkey Pies;
He brags about
His family tree.
—Hastings (Neb.) Tribune.

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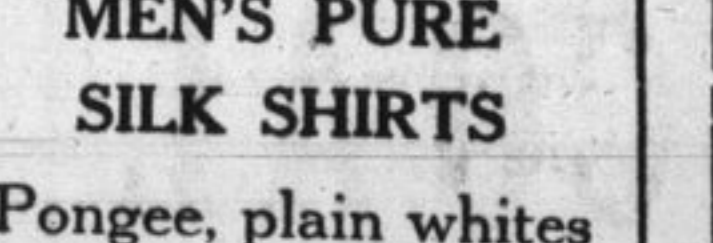
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