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Remorse: The feeling that distinguishes the loser

The "us" in demagogue is silent, but that's the only silent thing about him

Governments usually become ossified about the time they become hostiled

The taxpayer can't see much difference between a dreadnaught and a juggernaut

Life is a short period during which one dodges automobiles, taxes and responsibilities

Well, well; let's be content with propaganda. The pen is less expensive than the sword

Disarmament may be good for the steel industry, but it will put a crimp in the steel industry

War is no longer necessary to reduce populations, anyway. There is the automobile

The Near East needs relief, but the Far East has been relieved of its most annoying possessions

A business usually keeps right on growing till it gets the notion that it has its customers won for life

Eventually the English-speaking peoples will agree concerning everything except the English they speak

Everybody thinks Wells is a great writer except the writers who try to imitate his knack of writing

Our literature needs modernizing. Instead of quivering like an aspen leaf, the heroine should quiver like a jitney

The nations understand clearly that the pot at the end of the rainbow of promises in the East is a jackpot

The nation that fights for more land for a crowded population doesn't always get the land, but it thins the population

When a man says he can't see his duty in the matter, he means that he hasn't decided which side will pay the best profit

Debs may be established to discover that during his absence great statesmen have stolen his theory that war is a crime

Most war slogans die, but any college boy will tell you that the faculty is still using the French motto: "They shall not pass"

A poet declares that landscapes can teach us much. At present they teach us much concerning liver pills and smoking tobacco

They say the Wild West movies, astonish Europe. Well, if the old westerners could see them, they would be astonished, too

TALKATIVE STATESMEN. A United States senator who signs his name to a message pledging support to a rebellious portion of the territory of a foreign power is not attending to his duty

Two United States senators, Norris and Walsh, are said to have signed a message to malcontents in India pledging "American support" to a campaign of independence

What would these same senators say if members of the British parliament sent a similar message to the Filipinos if the latter were in revolt?

The trouble with some Americans is that they are, to be perfectly frank and colloquial, too "nosey." They take themselves so very seriously, and they pry into the business of foreign people as if everything in the world could be straightened out to suit these Americans by the mere expression of their opinions

While it makes outsiders either laugh or swear, according to their dispositions, it makes some Americans a little bit ashamed that any of their statesmen, exhibiting freshness unparalleled, interfere in matters that are not their concern; seeming to speak with the voice of authority because they chance to hold public office

WHOLESALE PLAYS. Recently a Canadian newspaper expressed its great pleasure over the production of a new play by Sir James Barrie, the Scottish novelist and playwright

This play, it remarked, was one of the most wholesome witnessed in some years, and it left sweet memories. It treated of a beautiful theme, and its characters were delightful

The man who conceived the story of the play, this newspaper remarked, must surely have a mind that dwelt wholly upon things pure and lovely

In contrast with this, two versions of French plays were produced in Kingston last week by a company of English artists whose playing was simply superb, but the themes of the plays were of sex problems and divorce

They presented the sordid and low side of life. One particularly left an unsavory taste when the long-suffering young wife decides to break her bondage and deliberately leaves home and sets out with the man she really loves

This type of play does not leave the sweet impression of a Barrie production. It is a pity that the more wholesome plays are not in the majority, but the sex problem appears to fascinate the multitude

Some big magazines deal with nothing else and their circulation is tremendous. In the midst of it all there sometimes comes a production that might be likened to a flower in a filthy room

It is a pity there are not more Barries.

GENETICS. Professor Bateson has been talking in Toronto about the science of origins and has pointed out that Canada lags behind in this important branch of research

He says that the United States has far outstripped the rest of the world in the study of genetics. He urges that Canadian universities should endow their institutions so as to give proper equipment and advantage in all matters of research

Already much has been done in the world which has been of enormous economic advantage. Marquis wheat originated by Mr. Charles Saunders, Dominion Cerealist, Ottawa, is a good example

It was introduced into the United States in 1912. Now it is the most widely grown of all varieties, and has a higher yield than any other variety

Recently there was exhibited at the Royal Horticultural show in London a new variety of carnation, more beautiful than any yet produced in the world

The study of breeding thoroughbred stock is another example of the application of genetics; and is of enormous value to a young country like Canada

Indeed there is no field which cannot be touched, illuminated and enriched by the patient efforts of those who give their unusual mental endowments to research work

But the English professor rightly warns us from trying to commercialize every new thing which appears, and to view research chiefly or mainly from its immediate economic advantage

He says that research endowments should be controlled solely to the end of advancing the study of the science. It is good advice

Many a student in our universities would be glad to devote his life to the discovery of origins. But if he is to accept a scholarship or bursary on the distinct understanding that, unless his results are immediately available to economic advantage he will lose his opportunity for further study, he will not do his best work and the world of knowledge will be forever poorer

conducting war, is still an active memory. Nothing in history is a finer example of heroism than the Canadian soldiers pushed into the breach, marching in the face of retreating forces whose faces were blackened, whose features were unrecognizable, whose agony was past description

But nothing also could surpass the horror with which the world heard the news that poison gas had been released as an engine of destruction. Now it is banned

But that may mean many things. It ought to mean that the enormous factories which produce it are to be dismantled, and their machinery scrapped

It ought to mean that a first step toward making all war seem not merely respectable, but absolutely impossible. It ought to mean that the might of the Big Five will be turned against any country that either uses or produces this engine of torture and destruction

It ought to mean that those who outlaw a thing will not do so merely on paper but will outlaw any nation who uses that thing

The plain fact is that poison gas is only one of the innumerable things which must be outlawed in future wars if war is to be no more

The world must be taught to war against war by every legitimate means. To talk through the press, not the next war—but peace and good-will. To teach it in the schools, not of one country but of all countries, to preach it from all pulpits, to urge it upon all parliaments, to make it a topic of conversation in all homes

The world must be taught—that war is a hateful thing, that it is unchristian, that it is unnecessary, that it never accomplishes the end for which it sets out, that a victory is only slightly less costly and disastrous than a defeat, that a man can love his own country without hating other countries, and that true patriotism seeks the good of all peoples as a true Christian seeks the good of his neighbour

As Lord Bryce referring to a pamphlet entitled "The Church and a Warless World," pertinently remarks upon "the tendency which huge armies and fleets exert towards making the idea of war so familiar that nations yield more readily to the temptation to let themselves be drawn into war. The most effective factor in getting rid of armaments would be to substitute, for national hatreds and rivalries, a sense of the brotherhood of nations, such as our Lord inculcated upon individual men

The idea that we are members one of another needs to be applied to the peoples

Walt Mason THE POET PHILOSOPHER

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY. GREATEST IN THE KINGDOM:—Whoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven—Matthew 18: 4

instead of the heavenly bodies," growled the professor of star gazing

There's More Ways Than One of Skinning a Cat. The firm had \$100,000 tied up in ladies' underwear

It looked like a dead loss. The senior partner was for selling them for old rags and swallowing the loss

The junior partner objected. He was a wise young owl and knew a thing or two

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"You're crazy as a loon!" shouted the senior partner

"Oh, no, I'm not," smiled the junior partner, "but the women are. If they will wear furs in summer why not winter underwear? We'll spend a little money proving it is to be fashionable to wear winter underwear next summer and you won't be able to supply the demand"

One Thing They Won't Stand For. The surest way To start a fuss Is just to knock Your friend's old bus

Books Are Nothing Like Chaficans. "Pa, what is a rare volume?" asked Clarence

"It's a book that comes back after you have loaned it," replied Pa

Pool Questions. B. M. asks "When you entertain a motion what kind of a lunch should you serve it?" Usually it gets a lot of tongue, though often they give it the cold shoulder

That Should Be Enough Class Distinction to Satisfy Any Nation. "Moorish society knows no class distinction, except that a man is rich or poor, official or nonofficial, saintly or ordinary"—News Item

What do they mean then by "knows no class distinction?"

The Home Guard Regiment. "Fall back!" shouted the Colonel

"For the love of Mike, Colonel, if you want 'em to fall at all have 'em fall forward. Every man Jack of 'em has something in his hip pocket," whispered the Major excitedly

Home, Sweet Home. "My wife, she likes the house lit up. Said poor old Mister Bruce: 'And yet if I should get that way She'd raise the very deuce.'"

—Cincinnati Enquirer

"My wife doth like her prunes well stewed."

Said wise old R. E. Morse: "And yet if I should get that way She'd sue me for divorce."

—Hastings, Neb., Tribune

Daily Sentence Sermon. You'll never get up by laying down

News of the Nones Club. The Frank Happy family, of Los Angeles, is frank enough to say they are not so. She is suing him for a divorce

Nobody Knows. Now please tell us Why in thunder We always get The wrong number!

Don't Worry, None of 'Em Have Taken the Advice. (Canton, Okla., News) Children should mind their parents and parents mind their own business—Sam Hill. Why all this hurry about ushering in the millennium?

Can't Remove a Vacuum. "You doctors have got, so you cut out about every organ we poor mortals have except our brains, and I suppose you'll be doing that next," said the Joker

"No chance, not enough people have brains to make it pay," snapped the Doctor

PARALYTIC BEHOLDS HIS WIFE TAKE POISON. Illness Contracted in Trenches Had Sapped Their Life's Savings

Paris, Jan. 12.—A poignant drama reading like a tale written by the pen of Poe or Hoffmann, or reminding one in its tense horror of the Grand Guignol play, took place at Meulan, near Paris

Living in a quiet street of the charming little old-world French burgh was a couple, with the name of Trouve, who but for the war might today still be living the contented life of the average middle class family, working hard and saving some for their old age, when every man and woman in France dreams of retiring on a tiny pension

Already before the war M. Trouve, seconded by his devoted wife Pauline, had put by a respectable amount. Then came mobilization, Trouve, with other middle-aged Frenchmen, being called to do his bit

But the hardships and privation of the trenches proved too much. Early in 1918 he contracted an illness at the front which resulted in complete impotence—paralysis

Three years sufficed to eat up the little capital saved before the war. Faced by a miserable existence or a small pension and unable to bear life any longer beside a total invalid, the wife swallowed a dose of poison before her suffering husband's very eyes

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PANDORA RANGE AT REDUCED PRICE BUNT'S Hardware, King St. Sap Running in Kent. Chatham, Jan. 12.—Sap is running in the rural districts of Kent. It is said to be flowing in some sugar bushes as freely as it does in the spring. The continued mild weather, however, is proving disastrous for the wheat crops, according to the district agricultural representative. The fields are feeling the need of snow, and the alternate thawing and freezing, is pulling a great many of the plants out of the ground. Two are dead and scores were injured as the result of an eighty-mile gale with snow and sleet at New York

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