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How would it do to fight the next war with poison hooch?

A politician is a statesman who drilled for oil and struck gas.

The city will know how to sympathize with Kingston township this year.

There are plenty of unemployed nowadays who would strike for a job at almost any wages.

Science proposes to remove chance from poker, but most players declare they never had one.

Reference to a man who is "easily touched" generally refers to his pocketbook nowadays.

Vital statistics show that the most hazardous occupation is that of being an innocent bystander.

And another reason why men are idle is because there are not enough white-collar jobs to go round.

Birth control is doomed. The poor don't believe in it, and the rich need the income exemption.

If Debs goes to Russia he will have an excellent opportunity to observe his theories in operation.

It frequently happens that a man thinks he is a philosopher when he is merely too darned lazy to worry.

The anti-tobacco crusaders would be happy if they knew how a good cigar tastes when a fellow has a bad cold.

There's one fine thing about peace. One can cuff France for her folly without being accused of treason.

There are always two sides to a story. Let us confess frankly that the sun never sets on the English sparrow.

Even in a world safe for democracy, the law and the evidence look a little embarrassed in the presence of a fat purse.

Those who deplore the lack of liberty seem to think it should be as easy to get money out of a bank as it is to put it in.

A hick is any man, even a wise one, who lives in a town smaller than that inhabited by the fool who does the talking.

The dollar's buying power judged by pre-war standards, jumped from 53 to 65c in 1921; so the year did us one good turn.

The nations put on when they agreed to scrap battleships seems to fade a little when submarines are mentioned.

When we pass a Greek stand where they are stacked with the red side out and all nicely polished, we don't blame Eve so much.

Automobile engineers have decided to change the name of the touring car to phaeton, but that doesn't sound like what the owner calls it when the dang thing won't go.

A Rhode Island woman was awarded \$12,000 because she was taken from a hospital to her home in an undertaker's wagon. Some of her judgment proved premature.

A CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT.

A pleasing and significant news despatch from Detroit appeared in the Whig the other day. It told of how the merchants in that city were once again willing to accept the Canadian dollar at par, after having, for the past two years, discounted it to the extent of from ten to twenty per cent.

This gain is a fulfillment of the prediction that an improvement in the trade balance with the United States would reduce the exchange rate. For the past six months the balance against Canada has steadily decreased, and if the rate of improvement is maintained the dollar of both countries should be on an equal basis by the time the birds return in spring.

The improvement for the month of November, as indicated in the latest figures made public, are of a sufficiently significant nature to be worthy of comment. The imports from the United States into Canada decreased by \$3,606,900 in comparison with the month of October, which had shown a substantial decrease over September, showing that this figure is steadily declining. On the other hand, the exports from Canada increased by nearly a million and a half dollars over those of the previous month.

This means that the long desired change is taking place. Canada is buying less goods from the United States, and is, at the same time, selling her more of our Canadian products. This would seem to indicate that Canadians are buying more Canadian made goods and that our industries are gaining ground in the United States market.

This condition is a very satisfactory one, and it should act as an impetus to the people of Canada to continue this improvement. Canada will benefit, not only from the exchange point of view, but also from the viewpoint of employment. Nothing will do more to stimulate Canadian industry than a whole-hearted resolve to cut down imports from the United States to the lowest possible figure, and to transform the business which formerly went across the line to our own native Canadian industries.

READING THE ADVTS.

Two Kingston women were discussing newspaper advertisements. "When I turn to the advertising columns in the British Whig," said Mrs. A., "I read them just as carefully as I would a description of some place where, by diligent searching, I might find a sum of money—the cold cash. Furthermore, I am not guided by what I read at the moment. I feel something offered at a price which I know means money-saving. I go to that store with the purpose of buying it and putting it away until my present stock of it is worn out or exhausted. A good bargain is a good bargain any time. I buy ahead when the saving warrants it."

Mrs. B. confessed that she was not so forward-looking. "My reading of the advts.," she said, "is for the purpose of finding where I can get with the greatest economy what I need right now. Somehow I have a feeling that a merchant is always trying to sell me something whether I want it or not. I always make up my mind to buy only what I need and not to yield to the blandishments of the announcements about bargains. I read and shop for the day only."

In effect, Mrs. B. regarded advertisements as temptations. Mrs. A. looked upon them as opportunities. Of the two, Mrs. A. is the more efficient housekeeper. Her use of the advts. is the same that the manager of any big business makes of his knowledge and information concerning conditions that may or will affect his undertakings in the future. She makes her money go further than Mrs. B. possibly can.

Mrs. A. advanced another shrewd observation. "The merchant who appeals oftentimes to my desire to shop for the future is the man who runs the best store and offers the best goods. He is availing himself of two markets—to-day's and the future's. If he has sense enough to do that, he has ability to run his store on the best lines. I favor the merchant who advertises oftentimes, with the greatest regularity, and in the greatest detail. From my reading of advertisements I know enough about them to understand that the store which puts out sloppy advts. or which advertises at irregular intervals in a hit-or-miss way is the store most apt to give me hit-or-miss goods."

OPPOSING DEEP WATERWAY SCHEME.

The opponents of the deep waterway are starting their propaganda in Canada to prevent parliament accepting the proposal of the International Waterways Joint Commission for the deepening of the St. Lawrence River to a depth of thirty-five

feet, and the construction of power dams planned to convert from the rapids of the river 5,000,000 horse power of electric energy. Having failed to convince the members of the commission by scientific demonstrations of the impracticability of the project, or any considerable body of business men or transportation authorities of its utility, this group with wonderful ingenuity turns to the public in an endeavor to convert patriotic sentiment to their purpose.

The Montreal Gazette of Jan. 14th, contains a lengthy article written by B. D. McConnell, M. E. I. C., on the "Georgian Bay Canal Project." This is presented as a counter proposal, the chief advantage of which is that the route is an all-Canadian one, the construction of which will not be "in association with an alien government."

Mr. McConnell describes the possibilities of developing a twenty-two foot channel via the Ottawa River, Lake Nipissing and French River to Georgian Bay, over a distance of 400 miles, of which approximately 100 miles will require construction. There will be twenty-eight miles of canals and sixty-six miles of improved river navigation. After the whole scheme is finished we would be just where we are now with the St. Lawrence, except that we would have an additional water system for vessels of twenty foot draft, while the big lake carriers would continue to ply between Port Arthur and Buffalo making two trips to one via the Ottawa River from Montreal.

When the New Welland is finished we will have deep water navigation between Port Arthur and Kingston, and with proper transhipping elevator facilities at Kingston we would be in a position to take care of Canada's grain trade without the expenditure of one dollar on the Georgian Bay route until further deepening of the St. Lawrence River canals should be decided upon. The distance from Kingston to Montreal is 175 miles as compared with 440 miles from Georgian Bay to Montreal via the Ottawa River. When we consider that cheap water-borne freight rates depend upon the speed at which vessels can navigate and upon the draft of the vessels, there is no argument that can be advanced in favor of the Georgian Bay route. One year's interest on, say, \$100,000,000, the lowest possible estimate for the construction of the Georgian Bay route, invested in transhipping elevators and harbor improvements at Kingston would be a far better investment during the next twenty years at all events. The government is not confronted with the problem of making a choice between the two routes, but with the question of developing the fullest possibilities of the present existing route, the St. Lawrence River, regarding the commercial value of which there is no question whatever. Its first duty is to make adequate provision for the handling of grain at the foot of deep water when the New Welland is finished, and for this purpose transhipping elevators should be erected at Kingston in accordance with plans already approved.

The international character of the St. Lawrence Great Lakes system makes it incumbent upon the Canadian government to hold the business belonging to it by providing proper facilities, as failure to do so will enable American carriers to become feeders for American railways and American ports.

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Walt Mason THE POET PHILOSOPHER

BALMY SLEEP. For those who toil, for those who weep there is no comforter like sleep. Sometimes we think, when making hay, there'll be no finish to the day; the sun is lagging in the sky, and we are tired and hot and dry.

We long for evening and repose, but this long day will never close, yet the longest day will end, the weary plowman leaves the field and lies him to his lowly bed; the plumber dots his workday garb; the night is theirs for slumber deep, and there's no comforter like sleep. This life is like a summer day, and we grow weary baling hay. The hours are, our burdens gall, the recompense seems all too small; our neighbors get the softest jobs, our smiles all terminate in sobs; we're taxed beyond our modest means, and some one always spills the beans, and we get the worst of every deal, and so we grumble through the day, in our poor foolish human way. But night approaches and the dark will wipe out all the cares that cark; no more we'll labor in the sun and count the wages we have won; no more will sow, no more will reap; the greatest comforter is sleep.

—WALT MASON.

He could drown you in a spoonful of water. Do not bless the fish till it gets to the land.

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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY

WENT ABOUT DOING GOOD.—And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.—Matthew 4: 23.

ALONG LIFE'S DETOUR

BY SAM HILL

But Our Love Isn't Returned. If there's one thing we hate in this old world's it's hash. But then, oh, boy! the thing we surely love is cash!

Observations of Oldest Inhabitant. I kin remember when the milkman carried his milk around in big cans and measured it out with a long-handled dipper for the customers who came out to his wagon with pichers and buckets.

This Date in History. Four thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight years ago to-day at a Conference for Making the World More Miserable, held in Oshkosh, near Babylon's present site, the income tax was decided upon as the most satisfactory scheme for making men ravo and swear.

They Keep a Death Grip on That. "You don't see many of the clinging type of women any more," mused the Old Timer.

Wards Most Frequently Heard in America To-day. "Line's busy." "Excuse it please." "Wrong number." "Your party does not answer."

Mistakes Will Happen—But on Whom. Then, Was Tom Calling? (Marion County (Ky.) Advertiser) In the recent issue, the news item from Kermit stating that Thomas Shortridge was calling on Miss Pearl Davis was not correct. Our correspondent evidently misinformed us.

The Only Thing Big About Them is the Price. "The original potato was the size of a walnut," says a news item. Guess most of the grocers in this neck of the woods are still selling the original brand of tubers, then."

Life Is—You Finish the Head. Once more we'll have to save. Since Christmas left us flat, For soon it will be time To buy her Easter hat.

Pool Questions. G. F. C. asks: "When you see a man burning with indignation should you call the Fire Department to put him out?" No, let him burn, it won't hurt him.

It Surely Does. "Still waters run deep," quoted the Highbrow.

Our Health Department. (Questions answered by the famous Dr. Quack) A.C.H.E.—"My throat is raw, what should I do for it?" Try baking it in a hot oven for an hour or two. That will probably make it well done.

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He, Hum! It's our upkeer. That makes us frown. For that's the thing That keeps us down.

And when you're wed And you are wed You'll find the two Of you are one.

Daily Sentence Sermon. You can't beat the other fellow's game, so make him play yours.

News of the Names Club. We should think they would put O. Games, of Hughes H. S., Cincinnati, in charge of athletics instead of making him an instructor of English.

Adds Others to 'Em. A doctor has no heart; He finds in all our ills No cause to weep, but just A chance to send us bills.

Better Keep an Antidote Handy. I see that you have threatened the life of a prohibition commissioner, observed Brown.

"Smarter, have they demanded that he sample all the bootleg liquor he captures?" asked Jones.

PURELY SCOTCH DRAMA.

Movement Interrupted in 1914 Will Be Developed. London, Jan. 18.—At a meeting held in Glasgow yesterday a decision was reached to continue the movement aiming at the development of the Scottish national drama.

This movement was launched some time ago, but was interrupted in 1914 by the outbreak of the war. At the meeting yesterday the Scot-

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DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS. Had Thirty-one Children. Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 18.—Mrs. Mary D. Gregorio, of Cleveland, claims to be the mother of thirty-one children, thirteen of whom are still living. Physicians declared this to be a world's record in motherhood. Mrs. D. Gregorio was married when sixteen, she declared. Her oldest child is twenty-two and her youngest nine months, she said. It's no secret that's known to three. CRAWFORD'S COAL QUARTETTE. YES, our coal will make you merry in January and also in February and you will forward March to April in a pleasant frame of mind if you burn our coal. Now that is promising a lot but you just try it. Crawford Scranton Coal. Phone 9. Foot of Queen St.

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