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April showers spoil spring hat
flowers.

Hint to suckers: When skinkers
entice thee, consent thou not.

Professional beggars use a little
whine for the stomach's sake.

Spinsterhood is simply the triumph
of mind over curiosity.

Rights: Those perquisites and
privileges you have the ability to
take.

A man always gets credit for having
a good idea if he makes money
out of it.

There isn't room in one small
continent for a love of peace and a
national aspiration.

One can't help wondering what the
flapper will find to flap when the
gold season is over.

Apparently there is no way to cut
the pattern of peace without having
a few scraps left over.

Nature is kind, and when she gives
a man a short measure of brain she
frequently makes him pretty.

Those United States senators who
put their faith in reservations have
had little Pullman experience.

At times, when we observe the
direction in which this age is headed,
we wish it wasn't quite so fast.

The average man has a vocabulary
of 350 words, most of which are
used in combination with the
pronoun "I."

At this season of the year it is
difficult to distinguish between social
unrest and an acute attack of
laziness.

A middle-aged man's contempt for
the youngster who thinks he
understands women is always tinged
with compassion.

It is well to remember, however,
that the only girls who leap from
strangers' automobiles are those who
climb in.

Central may fail at times to get
the right number, but she has the
world beat in the matter of getting
goats.

"Mother of fifteen; father of four-
teen"—headline. It was puzzling
until we saw that it referred to age,
not number.

The chap who smokes a Turkish
cigarette in a holder is doubtless
trying to get the smell as far as
possible from his nose.

After a time the small boy
begins to understand that it is wrong
to tell lies unless you are a parent
talking to a small boy.

After all, we should be grateful to
Russia. Think of the agony she has
saved other peoples, who long have
dreamed of a similar experiment.

Society seems to be divided into
two classes: Those who break part
of the laws all the time, and those
who break all the laws part of the
time.

Strange things are happening, but
it is not believed the time is yet
near when an automobile driver will
be able to collect damages if a
pedestrian's rib punctures a tire.

WATERED EDUCATION.

A learned professor is out with a
statement opposing the teaching of
the multiplication table to children.
There should be nothing surprising
in the suggestion. The useful has
little place in some modern schemes
of education. Spelling is one of the
superfluities. Why bother with the
masses of arithmetic?

If children are not forced, thinks
the professor, they will discover for
themselves the necessity of being
able to multiply. That is a rather
dubious assumption. Few children
really like to learn anything.

Perhaps employers of the gradu-
ates of public schools are not so un-
reasonable, after all, in asking that
they know how to spell and figure.

FAILURE AND SUCCESS.

Are you discouraged by failure?
Then you will fail.
Most of the little failures and lit-
tle successes are unimportant skir-
mishes in the battle of life. They are
the manoeuvring, the testing of the
opposing lines, the finding of weak
spots and strong spots.

In the hour of skirmish lost, or in
the heat of skirmish won, it is well
to remember that the great battle
is yet to be fought. The man who
is stricken in heart by the little de-
feats and the man who is pained in
mind by the little victories will be
on a par when the real test comes.

Our little failures and little suc-
cesses are about equally willing to
serve us. They will be very useful
if we will give them the chance. But
if we accept either blindly, as the gift
of fate and circumstance, we might
as well quit the fight.

The man who, in defeat, can put
his finger on the causes of his defeat
—the where, the why, the how of it
—is already well on the road to ulti-
mate victory.

And the man who, in victory,
knows how he won, and wherefore,
will win again, and more gloriously.

TAXATION OF THE NATIONS.

The British Treasury has estimat-
ed the amount of the taxation re-
venue in Great Britain, France, Ger-
many, Italy and the United States
during the current fiscal year, and
also the average of taxation per head
in these countries. These estimates
have been received by the Bankers
Trust Company, of New York, and,
reduced to a dollar basis at current
exchange, would approximate the fol-
lowing comparisons:

Table with 3 columns: Country, Fiscal Year, Taxation per head. Rows include United Kingdom, Germany, France, Italy, and United States for the years 1921-22 and 1922.

That internal purchasing power is
greater than foreign purchasing
power must, of course, be taken into
account in connection with the fore-
ign currencies.

The British Treasury also gives an
estimate of the Russian tax revenue
for nine months (Jan. to Sept. 1922)
as 290 million gold roubles and the
taxation per head is 2.22 gold
roubles. As the rouble was approxi-
mately equivalent to 50 cents, the
taxation as above would be about
\$1.12 in our money.

One will note how heavily the
British tax-payer is burdened in or-
der that the British debt may be re-
duced, and how lightly the German
tax-payer is hit. Germany is whining
that she cannot pay the reparations
claims, but she is making little ef-
fort, as the above figures show, to
tax her people to anything like an
adequate degree.

THE PROGRESSIVES' POSITION.

In the only division taken so far
in the House of Commons the gov-
ernment was upheld by a vote of 162
to 42, a majority of 120. This large
majority, of course, was made possi-
ble because the Progressives, to a
man, voted against the amendment
of the Tory opposition, and in sup-
port of the government, but it gives
a fair indication of what is likely to
happen in future divisions in the
house. Although there is a possibil-
ity that occasions will arise when the
Progressives will criticize the policy
of the government, it is very unlik-
ely that they will ever vote against
the government as a body. This is
quite a natural conclusion to draw
from the proceedings in the house so
far, and it will probably be found
correct as the session proceeds.

The whole crux of the matter is
that the Progressives know on which
side their bread is buttered. Not
only do they realize that their group
holds the balance of power to a cer-
tain extent; they also know that
their only hope of securing what
they want lies in supporting
the government. In practically
every important matter their policy
has paralleled with that of the Liberal
party, and is diametrically opposed
to that of the Conservatives. By
themselves they are unable to put
that policy into legislative effect.
Their only hope lies in lining up be-
hind the party in power, for only
through that party can they hope to
gain anything. They can gain nothing
by giving support to the opposi-
tion, for the Conservatives in the
house are a weak and hopeless min-
ority, although by no means a silent
one.

The talkativeness of the Conserva-
tives is also doing much to throw the

sympathies of the Progressives over
to the government side. The Pro-
gressives are, for the most part, new
to the tricks of parliament. They
came to Ottawa with a fixed idea that
they were going to conduct the af-
fairs on a business-like basis. Some
of them are excellent speakers, but
so far none of them have shown any
propensity for talking just for the
sake of hearing their own voices, as
some of the Conservatives have done.
The deliberate wasting of time by the
opposition members has disgusted
many of these new members, who de-
sire to get ahead with the country's
business without talking for days on
subjects which could be settled in
half an hour. In this they are show-
ing a new spirit, and it is a spirit
which is commendable.

One of the strongest influences of
the Progressive party will be to kill
much of the bitterness which charac-
terized the debates under the old
two-party system. This was notice-
able in the debate on the soldiers'
bonus amendment put forward by
the Conservatives. Time and again
it seemed as if the debate would be-
come very heated, but it was found
very difficult to induce much feeling
when the Progressives kept insisting
that the opposition speakers finish
their talking and get down to busi-
ness. It is very hard to start a fight
when a third party is continually in-
terfering with an injunction to stop
the fighting and get back to work, so
it seems as if the Crerar party will
act as a sort of peacemaker between
the two old parties.

The position taken so far by the
Progressives is a disappointment to the
Tories and a source of encourage-
ment to the Liberals. The premier,
as matters now stand, is in a much
better position than if he had been
successful in linking his forces with
those of the Hon. Mr. Crerar. This
union could only have been effected
by making concessions to the Pro-
gressives. The proceedings so far
have shown that the Progressives, as
an independent group, are prepared
to support the government, to give
it a chance to carry on the affairs of
the country, and this is not only the
best policy for themselves, but it is
an added source of strength to the
Liberal party in the house.

Walt Mason
THE POET PHILOSOPHER

My Neighbor.
My neighbor keeps me in a hole,
although he is a kindly soul,
who would not hurt a flea; he's done me
no unkind trick, and yet the record
makes me sick—he's nearly ruined
me. He's always buying gorgeous
suits and noble hats and costly boots,
he dresses like a king; and shall I
let my neighbor shine in splendor
costlier than mine? I can't stand
that, by jing! My neighbor buys a
new sedan that makes mine seem an
also-ran, a rusty thing and frayed;
and shall my neighbor ride in state
while I push around an old tin crate,
the first that Henry made? My
neighbor's wife is just as bad; she
paws around our little grad, a new
hat on her head; my wife then mur-
murs through her tears, "I've had
my punk old lid for years—I would
that I were dead!" I know just how
the woman feels, and so I dig up
sundry wheels, a helmet she must
buy; we cannot see our neighbor
prance in pomp and state and cir-
cumstance, and not make money by.
My neighbor has an ample wad and
can afford to walk abroad with dia-
monds on his studs, and I just have
the wage I draw, about enough to
buy the slaw, the soupbones and the
spuds. But I'm a dead game sport, I
wot; like other sportsmen I must
trot with those who make things
whiz; and so my neighbor keeps me
broke; I try to leave a trail of smoke
as sumptuous as his.
—WALT MASON.

Our Canadian Question
And Answer Corner

Q.—Who is the new Canadian
High Commissioner in London, Eng.,
and who does he succeed?
A.—Hon. P. C. Larkin, Toronto,
is the newly appointed Canadian
High Commissioner in London,
Eng. He succeeds Sir George Per-
ley, who succeeded the late Lord
Strathcona.
Q.—Which is Canada's chief dis-
tributing port on the Pacific coast?
A.—Vancouver is Canada's chief
distributing port on the Pacific coast
especially to the Orient. The cus-
tom receipts for 1921 of over \$12-
000,000, an increase of \$2,000,000
in a year, indicate the volume of
trade.

NEWS OF NAPANEZE.

Burial of Late Mrs. Birrell—Mother
and Son Pass Away.
(From Our Own Correspondent)
Napanee, April 11.—The funeral
of the late Mrs. J. A. Birrell took
place on Sunday afternoon. Deceased
was thirty-two years of age and
leaves a husband and three children,
the youngest a babe of eighteen
months. The cause of death was
pneumonia, after a week's illness.
The remains of the little son of the
late Mrs. E. Ross Sills, formerly
Hazel Roblin) were brought to Nap-
anee on Monday and will be buried
with those of his mother, whose
death occurred but a week ago.
J. R. Dafeo is quite ill of pneu-
monia.
Maurice Wolfe is in the Hotel
Plouffe, Kingston, where he underwent
an operation a few days ago.

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY

A SAFE FORTRESS.—As
the mountains are round
about Jerusalem, so the Lord is
round about his people from hence-
forth even for ever.—Psalm 125: 2.

ALONG LIFE'S DETOUR
BY SAM HILL

Where They Go To Fall
Last night a falling star we saw,
We're sure that once it was quite
good,
And then there came a day, no doubt
When it did land in Hollywood.

Observations of Oldest Inhabitant.
I kin remember when the family used
to have its meals brought in from the
kitchen instead of from the corner deli-
catesse.

When Their Eyes Are Opened.
"Pa, what is a period of disillusion-
ment?" asked Clarence.
"The honeymoon, son," replied pa.

Ho, Hum!
You never know
What you will get;
You may vote dry
And still stay wet.

How It Started
He refused to smoke the cigars she
bought for him.

Prepared For the Worst.
Wife (anxiously)—John, dear, is your
life insurance paid up, is your will made
and is the deed for the lot in the cem-
tery in the safety deposit box?

Husband—Why, sure, but why all
the anxiety over those things? I have
no intention of providing the undertak-
er with a job at present.

Wife—Well, the Smiths have invited
us over there this evening, so you can
try some of the hooch he has just
made, and I wanted to be sure your
affairs were all in shape before you
went.

Fool Questions.
G. H. asks: "With the troops coming
home could you say the 'Watch on
Rhine now is to have an American
movement?' Officer, don't let this bird
live till dawn; shoot him now and end
his misery.

Anybody Got the Answer?
This language surely has my goat,
For when a man's quite angry
They say he is beside himself;
Now tell me, please, how can that be?

Of Course He May Die of Emual.
Blessed is the man who is too poor
to go in for scandals and has to be
content to live happily with the wife he
has.—Sam Hill. He may not get his
name into the papers, but he will sleep
better for what he misses.—Canton
(Ohio) News.

Will Be an Escorial.
Blinks: What are the wild waves
saying?
Jinks: "Dunno, but I am darn
sure it cannot be as interesting as what
the wild radio waves soon will be say-
ing."

Wonder What He Wrote?
(Owen County (Kentucky) Democrat)
Author Walker was in town Fri-
day on business.

Patience, Ho, Patience.
Take my advice,
And don't get sore—
Just keep 'em on
A few days more.
—Billy Wood.

Nature is So Helpful.
"Milk fresh from the cow contains
38 to 39 per cent of water," says a
news item.
Which shows how little trouble the
milkman is put to in order to finish
the job.

Spring.
We hail with joy
Old spring's return,
For soon we'll have
No coal to burn.
—Sam Hill.

Since spring is here
I want to shout—
My winter pants
Are worn out.
—Hastings Tribune.

Daily Sentence Sermon.
Easy street is at the end of the
hardest road.

News of the Names Club.
L. K. Hastens to tell us I. Will See
is Postmaster at Louisa, Ky. I Will
See is his customary answer when
folks down there ask him if there is
any mail for them.

And speaking of names make your
own comment on these lamped in the
marriage license column of the Kan-
sas City Times:
Hilmanate Roccaforte, Kansas City 24
Katherine Spallitto, Kansas City 21

FARMERS AT STELLA.

Will Soon Be Able to Get to Work
on the Land.
Stella, April 10.—With the contin-
ued fine weather, the farmers will
soon be in the fields. Feed is get-
ting very scarce in this locality, with
a great many of the farmers. Quite
a number are drawing hay from Ed-
ward Baker's. The Amherst Island
Farmers' Club got a car of western
feed oats, containing 2,000 bushels,
in March, which was quickly dispo-
sed of to the members. Between twenty-
five and fifty head of cattle have
died at the Island this winter.

Stella cheese factory commenced
operations on Monday last, with a
small supply of milk. Great activity
is going on in the boat business
around the village this spring. J. A.
Tugwell is having a lighter built to
carry stock across the bay. W. J.
Beaubien, ship carpenter, is doing
the work. George T. Howard has
purchased the sloop Vatelard from
T. J. Hill, and is giving her an ex-
tensive overhauling. He has also
purchased a large motor launch in
Deseronto, which he will bring down
as soon as the ice gets cleared out
of the Bay. W. J. McKee, the popu-
lar Island mail carrier, had a hard
time getting the mail lately, having

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