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This winter's coal is hard—to get.

Winter is just one ton of coal after another.

The coal dealers can't fuel all the people at once.

A little coal pile now and then is relished by the most of men.

The more fluently and easily a compliment is spoken, the less it means.

During the war the hens were busy making shells, so now eggs ought to be cheaper.

Success is just a matter of sound sense, common decency and advertising space.

Faith may remove mountains, but it won't remove wood alcohol in bootleg hootch.

How times change. In days of old, when knights were bold, the maids were not.

Well, that's that. Now let the rest of the Christmas bills wait until February first.

Have no dread of the hereafter. Many a rabbit becomes part of a sealskin coat after death.

A conscience can't handle the job, however, unless it has the hearty co-operation of the neighbors.

The hiss of the snake didn't worry pioneers any more than the hiss of escaping air worries moderns.

It is advisable to hitch your wagon to a star. Especially if it's a water wagon, and you're a movie star.

Customer—"Are your eggs fresh?"  
Grocer—"Why, madam, if they were any fresher, they would be impertinent."

The difference between hog and pork is that nature makes the hog squeal and pork makes the consumer squeal.

Patriots who kick about paying war taxes should be thankful that they are not required to salute while doing it.

We are living, we are living in a grand and awful time!  
And a quarter we are giving For a thing not worth a dime.

Correct this sentence: "John," said the wife of five years, "I don't mind a little kissing, but I don't like so much of it."

Jones—"A ten dollar bill does not go far these days?"  
Smith—"Oh, yes, it does, it goes so far it never comes back."

The wood alcohol and hair tonic consumers must be the fellows who used to boast that they could either drink or let it alone—as they liked.

Two men in an Ontario town were sentenced to 60 days for selling bad eggs. It seemed only justice that they should have to bear the yolk.

Professor—"There are some spectacles one never forgets."  
Old Lady—"Well, I wish you would tell me where I can get a pair. I am always forgetting mine."

MAKING OF MANY BOOKS.

"Of making many books there is no end," was a well uttered thousands of years ago, ages before printing had been invented. It is estimated that 300,000,000 books are being turned out yearly in the world. Naturally, Europe and America provide the mass of these volumes. However, the case is not so bad as it seems. One does not need to read all of them. One needs to read few, comparatively, and but few persons read more than a few, literally. Many of the annual output are special pleadings for a particular end. There are many others written for no particular purpose, as far as reading them discloses. The books really worth while, the ones which will live a decade are not numerous in any year, while if one among so many is known to a later generation it is the exception to the rule.

This age seems to go in for quantity production of books rather than quality. That's the spirit of the times in other lines of effort, yet it makes for commonplaceness. There are books of great value being published but they are not on everyone's lips nor are they among the "best sellers," perhaps. While a large proportion of the annual output is of the ephemeral sort and important only in swelling the number, through the mass of the present and past issues there is placed before the present generation access to the storehouse of human knowledge.

It is not necessary for one to carry the desired information in one's mind. Knowledge of where to get what one wants to know is the kind of knowledge one needs in these days of many books. They provide the reservoir ready to be tapped. But in selecting reading matter out of the great abundance rare discrimination needs to be exercised. It is possible to cover but a minute portion of the possible field, yet in reading, as in agriculture, a small field well cultivated will produce more than a larger one skimmed over. Benefits lie in what one gets out of the books rather than in the number read.

WORLD HEALING A BUSINESS VICTORY.

That trade and industry are winning over adverse political and social conditions following the world war is the assertion of Herbert Hoover, United States secretary of commerce, in a review of world progress during the past year. He takes the position that there is unexpectedly favorable industrial and commercial progress even in the nations of Europe most severely damaged by the war, and that the difficulties are, to a large degree, fiscal and political.

The review carries the intimation that a steady and healthy advancement may be expected in Europe as well as in other parts of the world if the German reparations question is settled on a basis of finality which will restore confidence. Disarmament and the constructive settlement of German reparations and of the economic relations of states in southeastern Europe, he says, are the outstanding problems of Europe.

Unsatisfactory governmental fiscal conditions in some countries are regarding productivity and business relations, and a menace still lies in the failure to arrive at a final solution of the reparations question. But outside of four states in Europe that continue to give anxiety, progress has undoubtedly been made during the past year; and these exceptions should not be permitted to obscure the profound forces making for social and industrial stability.

Bolshevism has greatly diminished and even in Russia has been replaced by a mixture of socialism and individualism. Active war has ceased for the first time since 1914; famine and distress have diminished; production has increased greatly; unemployment is less than at any time since the armistice and international commerce is increasing. The world is now pretty generally purchasing its commodities by the normal exchange of services and goods, a fact which in itself marks an enormous step in recovery from the strained movements of credit and gold which followed the war.

Speaking of America, Mr. Hoover says: "In our country unemployment has ceased to be a problem and we are on an economic level of comparatively great comfort in every direction except for a lag in some branches of agriculture. Even in this field there has been a distinct improvement in prices in the past twelve months. Our manufacturing industries are engaged well up to the available labor; industrial production has enormously increased over last year's real wages and savings are at a high level. Outside of Europe the whole world has shaken itself free from the great after-war slump. In Europe, England together with the old neutral nations is making steady progress in production and diminishing unemployment. Their trade and commerce are improving; their governmental finances are growing stronger and their exchanges are more stable. The combatant states on the continent are slower in recovering, but even these, including Russia, are showing improvement all along the line in the commercial, industrial and agricultural fields. The healing force of business and com-

merce has gained substantial ascendancy over destructive political and social forces."



That Body of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

Your Poor Feet.

Did you ever stop to think that most of us earn as much of our living by our feet as we do by our head. Both ends are necessary to our livelihood?

Did you ever examine those feet of yours. Some day when you have the opportunity wet the soles of your feet and walk across the floor—not the hardwood floor at home, however.

If you have well shaped feet there will be the marks of your heel and toes, but only the outer rim of the foot. The entire inner border, and middle portion of the foot will not show because they are off the ground, forming the arch which supports your entire weight.

With perfect arches you have the spring and elasticity Nature intended you to have.

With the arches down you have flat feet and their attendant ills. Nature has provided the arches of the feet, the cushions in the knee joint and cartilages also between the bones of the spine. If the arches fall then the knees give trouble, but more frequently the nerves all down the spine suffer, because a man with flat feet is like a man with wooden legs. The constant jar from feet without their natural support or arch is just like so many knocks to the spinal cord with consequent headache and backache.

Many people go into a store and buy arch supports as they would a pound of sugar. This is very unwise as only arches that fit your particular feet and made from a cast of your feet should be worn. In fact arches should not be worn only as a last resort. Simple exercises such as walking on the outside of the feet, rising on the toes and also on the heels will develop the muscles that hold up the arch.

The irritability of many people is really due to the constant irritation of flat painful feet.

WANTS CANNON RETURNED

Boston Asks For Piece Used at Bunker Hill For Ceremony.

Boston, Jan. 4.—Mayor Curley yesterday wrote to Hon. George P. Graham, Canadian Minister of Militia and Defence, suggesting that the Dominion present to Boston in time for this year's celebration of the Bunker Hill anniversary a cannon said to have been captured by the British in that historic battle. The cannon, a small field artillery piece, has been on exhibit for many years at the Citadel, Quebec.

In his letter requesting return of the gun in time for the annual 17th celebration at Charlestown, the mayor said that the proposed gift would not only move Boston's feelings, but would "touch the heart of America as a fresh sign of the goodwill and amity so long existing between the United States and Canada, among the world's few neighboring nations whose 4,000 miles of frontier remain unfortified."

Doubt has been cast on the authenticity of the Bunker Hill relic by United States historians who claim that the Americans used only muskets in that engagement.

ABSORBED CORPORATIONS.

The Price Paid Was Some \$50,000,000—Much in Cash.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—The \$50,000,000 deal by which Armour and Co., packers, absorbed the packing interests of Morris and Co., virtually was consummated at a meeting in the Loop offices of Armour and Co. late yesterday.

The meeting was attended by J. Ogden Armour, who arranged the deal; Edward and Nelson Morris, and their attorneys and financial advisers. The price is understood to have been \$50,000,000, of which \$20,000,000 was cash. The remainder, it is said, was divided equally in common and preferred stock. The Government has given its official sanction to the merging of the two companies, it is said.

People of United States Know Not Canadian Leaders

Brookville, Jan. 4.—That even leading persons in the United States possess little or no knowledge of Canada owing to the dissemination of the press of that country to notice Canadian affairs, and that this circumstance does not make for mutual understanding, was the contention of Hon. George P. Graham, minister of defence, speaking to the Rotary Club yesterday.

Of fifteen men delegates to a political convention whom Mr. Graham had met on a train in New York State recently and interrogated, only one could name a Canadian public man, and he "Mr. Laurier, who had been governor-general of Canada."

Saint Ste. Marie council are getting after delinquent taxpayers by distraining on their autos on the principle that if they can afford luxuries they can pay their tax bills.

There are men who scowl at prosperity the moment it sets foot on the other man's property.

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY

RULER OVER ALL:—Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all.—1 Chronicles 29: 11.

ALONG LIFE'S DETOUR

BY SAM HILL

Not So Good. Of course I want all I can get. But while that is surely true, I never like to hear a fellow say: "You'll get what's coming to you."

Observations of Oldest Inhabitant. Since the ladies have taken to guns you don't see any more of the old gals about their not being able to hit the side of a barn.

We'll Say So. "Pa, what's zero in 'chances'?" asked Clarence.

Your chance of getting the right number the first time you call," growled his dad as he left the room.

Make Room For These Birds. Asheville, N.C., reader says Minnie Miles, of Madison County, N.C., Back Fender, Bee Loaf, N.C., and Will B. Mudd, of near Asheville, want to get into the Famous Names Club. They all are welcomed, but we will object if any of the other members get to slinging Mudd around.

Shed a Tear. The cemetery. Another grave contains. The answer is—A slippery street—no chains.

Watson, What's Your Guess? We heard of a doctor who hired a musician to play near a patient who was suffering from insomnia in an effort to put him to sleep. It worked, but the question now is was the music soothing or did the patient prefer to go to sleep to staying awake and listening to such a racket?

A Wise Kid. Blinks: "There's a wise newsboy, for you."

Jinks: "What's the answer?" Blinks: "Why, instead of hanging around down-town corners crying 'Wuxtr-e-e-l Horrible murder, etc., he goes out in the residence districts and cries 'Wuxtr-e, Sensational Bargains Advertised To-day!!!' and he's selling ten times as many papers as he ever did on a down-town corner."

Takes His Oats Dry. The faithful horse. To ask for cream. For his oat meal. Would never dream. —Cincinnati (O.) Enquirer. If horse did. Keeper would say. To such request: "Oh, my, neigh, neigh!" —Warren Tribune.

Pool Question. J. H. asks: "Does a sailor's widow wear seaweeds?"

Gets From Guide Book to Success. The men you hear most about are those who do things the other fellow never thinks of, and thinking—your most valuable asset is absolutely free. J.E.F.

Help For Bobbed Hair Girls, Eh? A news item says forty bales of human hair reached Seattle, Wash., from China, recently. Hereafter, before you praise a woman for her crowning glory make a noise like a Chinaman and watch for the reaction. Those bobbed locks of hers may have been spliced with an Oriental's queue.

There Are Others. Old Pal, I drop you this letter. Its address you will note; Have you anything to alleviate. The dryness of my throat? R.B.H.

Daily Sentence Sermon. You never lose any friends by keeping your troubles to yourself.

News of the Names Club. No. A. Rader, of Cowgill, Mo., isn't a dry agent.

If Will Marcum, of Kansas City, Kan., is the fellow who puts the price on things we wish he would learn to Marcum down instead of up.

Our Canadian Question And Answer Corner

Q.—Are Tuna fish caught in Canada? and, if so, where?

A.—The huge tuna fish, sometimes weighing 600 lbs., is caught off the coast of Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, and is one of the commercial harvests of the sea in the Maritime Provinces.

Q.—Where is Canada's biggest market?

A.—Canada's biggest market is Great Britain. For every dollar which Canada spends in Great Britain, Great Britain buys \$3 worth in Canada. For every dollar which the United States spends in Canada, Canada spends \$3 in the States.

PROTEST WORKHOUSE DIET

Scottish Hikers Demand Bacon For Breakfast.

London, Jan. 4.—A deputation of Scottish hikers, including a clergyman, who joined the party in the Midlands, called upon the Metropolitan Asylums Board yesterday and protested against the workhouse diet that was being provided. The hikers were asked what they regarded as a fair diet for a workhouse.

The spokesman, who remarked that some of the men in the deputation had marched 700 miles, suggested that bacon should be served for breakfast; meat and vegetables for dinner, and bread and butter for tea. Celery should also be served at tea, he said, and there should be a hot supper as well.

The chairman of the board said he was unable to authorize such a diet for workhouses. Thereupon the hikers proceeded to the department of the ministry of health and they decided to remain there until ejected.

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