

suspended in the crock just above the water will keep the contents cool.

To remove mud stains from white silk, wash the goods in gasoline, but in this way: If the goods are much soiled, rub on white soap and then let lie in the gasoline for some hours before rubbing out, closing the vessel tightly to prevent gasoline from evaporating. Then rub out, when clean, rinse in clear, fresh gasoline to make sure it will not streak. The gasoline in either case, may be allowed to settle and poured off and bottled for future use.

Walls of old houses frequently have a musty, bad smell, even though freshly papered. Try this: Before removing the old paper, wet it thoroughly that it may peel off smoothly; then, before putting on the new, add at least a teaspoonful of carbolic acid to the paste to be used with the new paper. This will kill all germ life, as well as sweeten and prevent the musty odor.

For cleaning and brightening rugs and old carpets, give, first, a thorough sweeping; then wring a clean mop out of water containing a little ammonia, and wipe the carpet over well; go over it two or three times, if the floor covering is very dirty; then dry and relay.

#### The True and the False

The president of a bank, when asked by a young clerk how he could distinguish the counterfeit bills from the good, said: "Get familiar with the good bills, and you will recognize the bad bills at sight."

Here is a vast volume of general wisdom summed up in a single sentence. This homely advice applies not only to the detection of counterfeit money, but with equal force to the detection of counterfeit in all departments of life.

The man accustomed to handling only good corn, good potatoes, good diamonds has no difficulty in detecting the faulty. He does it intuitively. Even without recognized thought he fixes upon the fault. The skilful egg-candler passes good eggs before the light with a rhythmic rapidity that is amazing, but an imperfect egg instantly breaks his routine and interrupts his process. To the trained musician, accustomed to high grade work, a false note comes like a stab of pain.

In any occupation or line of endeavor, any man fully engaged in doing the right thing will have no difficulty in recognizing the wrong. Right and wrong are as far apart, as unlike, as day and night; and he that is most accustomed to the light is quickest to note the shadows.

There is only one way to know the bad, the imperfect, the false, and that is by knowing the good, the perfect, the true. — The Christian Herald.

#### Bits of Information

For curing ringworms, which so often disfigure school children's

faces, this is highly recommended: Picric acid, seven grains; camphor, one-half ounce; rectified spirits, one-half ounce. The doctor whose prescription this is, says no other applications must be made; second; all the camphor should be dissolved; third, if on the scalp, the hair must be cut from around the diseased patch, and the lotion painted on night and morning; fourth, the yellowish powder forming on the skin must be lightly washed away twice a week to insure fresh applications reaching the scalp; sixth, loose hairs must be removed carefully not to break them off. For ringworm on the face, turpentine or iodine should be applied frequently during the day.

#### AN APPEAL FROM HOLLAND

The Commoner has received for publication the following appeal from Holland Christians:

"To our Fellow-Christians in America:

"With cordial, brotherly greetings to all, Christians in Holland have applied to the undersigned with the earnest request that the Christians of our neutral countries may press forward and stand before their nations with an appeal for constant prayer for peace. They wish all Christian people to unite in a powerful, though humble entreaty for peace before the Throne of our Lord.

"We are fully prepared to comply with their brotherly request.

"That is why we transmit this appeal to the American papers for their kind perusal and the occasional publication of the same. In this way we trust that the readers in their turn will do their best to spread the appeal by recommending its being read in the pulpit, or in congregations, or else by discussing it in their Christian unions.

"May God, the Father of Peace, support our prayer."

#### Urgent Appeal to All Neutrals to Join in Prayer for Peace

We neutrals who have hitherto been spared the horrors of this war, should go down on our knees to God for the sake of our unhappy fellow peoples in order to beseech Him to restore the peace which was so utterly forfeited by us.

For in the eyes of God peace was forfeited by the world, both by those nations that are still enjoying it, as well as by those who have lost it, for the following reasons:

For having forsaken the Christ of the Holy Scriptures; for rejecting the principles of God's Holy Word in political life; through the number of injustices prevailing among the people at large; through the worldliness characterizing the commerce of the true believers themselves.

Let each of us, therefore, look into his own heart, inquire into his own life, and most humbly bow himself down before the face of the Lord, for his own sake and for those dearest to him, for the sake of his own nation, as well as for those that are at war!

Let this be done daily, each one separately and as often as possible jointly, be it in the shape of separate bodies of believers or publicly at local churches; in order to acquit ourselves of our duty as regards charity and love towards all our brethren, who are constantly in danger of death, and that the Lord, for the spirit of: "Am I my brother's keeper?" may not likewise send the sword to us!

Let us therefore, all of us, beseech the Lord earnestly and submissively, on the grounds of His promises ac-



## The Eyes of America Turned on Her Farmers

AT last the American farmer occupies his rightful place in the esteem of the world. Manufacturers, merchants, bankers and city dwellers of all kinds heretofore have taken their food for granted and have overlooked the man behind the plow—the man who feeds them.

Conditions today are such that the producer of foodstuffs is recognized as the mightiest force—not only in the welfare and prosperity of the nations of the world but in the very existence of nations and their peoples.

A noticeable feature of the situation, which has shown the American farmer to be on a high moral plane as well as holding an important industrial place is the fact that he has not taken advantage of conditions to extort unreasonable prices from his fellow Americans. He has patriotically increased his production in order to prevent famine prices instead of keeping production down to force prices up.

He has shamed the food speculator—though unfortunately his example has not been followed by all manufacturers—particularly among the makers of so-called luxuries; though

many big manufacturers in this country have followed the farmer's lead.

One of the most noticeable cases among those who have kept faith is that of the makers of Coca-Cola. In spite of the enormously high price of cane sugar—the principal ingredient of Coca-Cola—and in spite of the higher cost of its other ingredients the Coca-Cola Company have not raised the price to consumers nor lowered the quality of that delicious and refreshing beverage one iota. Like the farmers they have kept faith with the people to their own cost.

Perhaps the lessons of fair-dealing and helpfulness that the heads of that institution learned as boys on the farm (for they are products of the soil) have strengthened them to stand firm in this crisis. So let us remember that the beverage Coca-Cola, known as the National Beverage because of its great popularity, has proved itself indeed national by doing its bit to keep down the cost of living.



ording to: St. Matth. 18: 19, 20, or 7: 7-11; St. Luke 18: 1-8; St. John 14: 12-14, or 15:7; or 16: 23-24; St. Zach. 4: 6b; trusting that the first stirrings of peace may be the sure signs of a lasting peace that is soon to come.

"And they pressed forward to Him like a stream, and their faces have not become red with shame." (Ps. 34:6, Dutch version.)

May God the Lord ordain that this war, which is a disgrace to Heaven, mankind and Christianity, be brought to a speedy close.

#### BOOKS RECEIVED

1,000 Things a Mother Should Know. With Reference to Tiny Babies and Growing Children; Their Clothes, Their Care, Their Food, Their Training and the Entertainment. By Mae Savell Croy. G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York. Price \$1.50.

The Man Who Forgot. A Novel. By James Hay, Jr., Grosset & Dunlap, Publishers, New York.

Woman. By Vance Thompson. E. P. Dutton & Company, 681 Fifth Ave., New York. Price \$1.25, net.

Reveries of a Schoolmaster. By Francis B. Pearson, State Supt. of Public Instruction of Ohio. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York and Chicago. Price \$1.00, net.

The Call of the Republic. By Jen-

nings C. Wise, Introduced by Major General Leonard Wood. E. P. Dutton & Company, 681 Fifth Ave., New York. Price \$1.00, net.

How to Develop Your Personality. By Clare Tree Major. With a Foreword by Sir Herbert Tree. Thomas Y. Crowell Company, Publishers, New York. \$1.00, net.

Proceedings of the Academy of Political Science in the City of New York. By Ernest Wilson Clement. The Academy of Political Science Columbia University, New York.

The Stakes of Diplomacy. By Walter Lippmann. Henry Holt & Company, New York. Paper 60 cents.

An Inquiry Into the Nature of Peace and the Terms of Its Perpetuation. By Thorstein Veblen. The Macmillan Company, New York and London.

The Complaint of Peace. Translated from the Querela Pacis (A. D. 1521) of Erasmus. The Open Court Publishing Co., Chicago and London. Price 50 cents.

The Real German Rivalry; Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow. By Sir Swire Smith, M.P., LL.D. T. Fisher Unwin, Ltd., Adelphi Terrace, London, England. Price 2s. net.

Watchfires. A play in four acts. By Tracy D. Mygatt, 2 Jane St., New York City. With an Introduction by David Starr Jordan. Price 35 cents.

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