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Don't forget "safety first" in Christmas decorations. After all, our soldier boys had a very good time in Vera Cruz.

Lincoln's distress over Omaha's 8 o'clock law troubles is purely platonic. Turkey proclaims a "jihad" against Serbia.

Where is that old-fashioned man who used to spend his rainy days reading the jokes in the almanac? Irvin Cobb and Lord Kitchener seem to be pulling one another perilously close to the Annals club door.

War and rumors of war all about us. "Lord God of hosts, be with us yet; lest we forget, lest we forget."

St. Vitus danced used to be called an affliction, and yet it seems preferable to some of these later varieties.

Of course, we could never have had this biggest war of all history without our present advanced stage of world-heating civilization.

The theaters in Paris have reopened again, but the scarcity of American tourists to patronize the naughty shows will be quickly noted at the box offices.

But suppose the people did object to the vice president taking pay for his speeches, would it have any more effect on him than on the secretary of state?

President Wilson will be pardoned the immodesty of patting himself on the back for having so far successfully kept the United States out of war entanglements.

When it comes to manipulating an election, those farmers who farm the Douglas county fair are no novices at the job even if some of them live out in the country precincts.

Our democratic senator has discovered that Mr. Bryan's brother Charley has an anchor to the windward for appointment to a job on the new federal trade commission. Here's a chance for a trade.

Nebraska democrats are beginning to wonder what effect "Met's" return to newspaperdom is going to have on the 1916 senatorial contest. Yes, Bryan or Hitchcock? "We shall see what we shall see."

That reminds us again that Omaha was given the benefit, free of charge, almost two years ago, of a costly fire survey made by expensive experts whose recommendations for the most part have so far been completely ignored.

Treasurer Ure should have undivided support for his consolidated tax proposal. One set of books and one tax receipt would not only lessen the work in the treasurer's office, and reduce the force necessary to perform it, but, more important still, would do away with the double payment annoyance to the taxpayer and save the individual's valuable time and money.

Thirty Years Ago This Day in Omaha. The Board of Trade is discussing a three-cornered proposition to secure a site for a new building at a cash outlay of \$12,000 to \$15,000.

At the meeting of the A. O. H. Rifles, these officers were elected: Captain, John O'Brien; first lieutenant, James Murphy; second lieutenant, James Connelly.

Thomas Wilson and wife have returned from their wedding tour, and taken up their residence at the Millard.

Milton Noble, the noted actor and author, is appearing at Boyd's in "Love and Life."

J. E. Southard, deputy county clerk, who has been quite ill, is reported to be improving rapidly. Mr. Reynolds Oyers, bookkeeper of the Omaha Bank, will work his usual visit to friends in Chicago for a few days.

How Congress Can Regain Lost Credit.

The reconvening of congress starts speculation anew as to the scope of the legislative program. The reduction of the democratic majority by the people at the recent election does not become effective until after next March, so that the party in power still has the votes, if it chooses so to use them, to put through almost any proposition to whose support it can rally its own forces.

The general sentiment everywhere is that business should be given every opportunity to regain normal condition, first upset by the democratic tariff and then disturbed by the war. The impression also prevails that the president, although at different times he has listed a lot of innovations for congress to enact into law, will himself be quite content to let them rest without further stirring.

Made-in-America Styles. Whether she wills it or not, millady will soon be fully attired in made-in-America styles, for this war, which has sent the Parisian modistes to the trenches in defense of France, is not going to end soon enough to keep the Yankee from learning their art.

No matter, we are up against the necessity—and well that we are—of providing our own styles. The Bee sometime ago expressed the opinion that this would be a simpler task for us as soon as we took up that other more important duty of making more of our dress goods, as well as styles, in our own country.

This made-in-America style talk is actually taking intensely practical form in New York, where an ingenious young woman has been employed by the school board as a dress style designer. When the war broke and an advertisement of her work appeared in the papers, she and the school were immediately overrun by "pupils" seeking admission.

Let Not Romance Be Marred. There is a limit to all things which may be endured by even the patience of a Job, and there are some misrepresentations which can penetrate the joys of a blushing bride.

Again the Literacy Test. What effect the war is to have in the attempt to enact a literacy test immigration law in the United States will be soon seen, for the bill that passed the house and was left pending in the senate at the last session of congress is to be revived at the present short session.

Civil service has two objects—first, to make fitness and efficiency instead of political pull the password to public employment, and, second, to keep public employes out of political work. How far does the so-called civil service we are supposed to have in branches of our local government come up to the mark?

If you feel that you must knock, change your mind and put in a boost.

Vindication of the Mule

Judicial Wisdom with Bark On. Missouri plains with justifiable pride its home-grown mule. The mule reciprocates native good will by increasing in numbers and steadily rising in usefulness and as a capable asset.

Then the Mule Spread Himself. "When mules and rider approached and passed the three travelers, all on the same side of the ditch, the led mule, whether scared by the hole in the ground, or rick of brick or the ridge, is dare, shied from his fellow (spread) himself and presently his hind legs were mixed up with the shafts and the wheel of the buggy.

An Elusive Question. "The next question is a bit elusive, but seems lodged in the case. It runs thus: There being no evidence tending to show the mule was wild and unruly, as charged, is such a mule per se a nuisance, a vicious animal?"

Reflections on Ancestry. "Care should be taken not to allow such scornful remarks as that 'the mule has no pride of ancestry or hope of posterity' to press upon our judgment. He inherits his father's ears, but what of that?"

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"Taxation Without Representation." WATERLOO, Neb., Dec. 7.—To the Editor of The Bee: I have read with a good deal of interest the very lucid and comprehensive account in your Sunday Bee of the annual meeting of the Douglas County Agricultural Society held at the court house last Saturday.

"Don't you think some men look better with long whiskers?" asked the critic. "Yes," replied Miss Cayenne. "I think every man who insists on having a large diamond on his shirt front ought to be compelled to wear long whiskers."

"You are not as conservative in your ideas as you used to be." "No," replied Senator Sorghum. "I

Let me diverge in closing. Douglas county is at least thirty miles long east and west, but so far as representation in its political affairs, its boundaries stop at the corporate lines of Omaha, South Omaha and the nearby suburban towns.

OMAHA, Dec. 5.—To the Editor of The Bee: Accept our thanks for your little notice, anent children's lunches served in one of the South Omaha schools, and I will ask you to publish this letter in order to explain further.

First, we are very proud that a Nebraska city has gone as scientifically into real prevention work as the group of South Omaha women engineering the school lunches; second, we are more than proud that money from the sale of Red Cross Seals was used for the initial outlay in this work.

Who shall dare say that a wholesome, warm noonday meal, served to school children, shall not put upon anemic or sub-normal child over the danger line on to the safe side, where that which he does in life may count as a gain and not a loss to his community.

Ask Us Something Easy. OMAHA, Dec. 5.—To the Editor of The Bee: I started down town December 1, 1914, leaving Forty-ninth and Dodge street at about 8:30. There was standing room only and at Fourth and Dodge I was moved to count. There were standing in the car thirty-five people and on the back platform twenty more.

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be not far from the mark. Till recently we paid one corporation counsel \$30 a month. What for? Ask us something easy.

Writes Over His Own Name. SOUTH OMAHA, Dec. 5.—To the Editor of The Bee: In your Letter Box December 4, 1914, was a letter written by Robert J. Fitzgerald. The directory of Omaha has no such name.

CHEERY CHAFF. "Don't you think some men look better with long whiskers?" asked the critic. "Yes," replied Miss Cayenne. "I think every man who insists on having a large diamond on his shirt front ought to be compelled to wear long whiskers."

THE CAREER OF A RAG DOLL. A buxom young lass when she first came to town. In her checkered bonnet and blue checked gown, And a fresh rosy face with never a frown.

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