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Two million American women get alimony.

Don't fail to put your hand in your pocket when you feel for the poor.

But to most girls, getting Empress Eugenie curves is just a matter of figures.

A sheriff would hate to be known by the company he keeps.

You simply can't figure it out. If we reduce our navy, what shall we do with our bean-growers?

"They shall not pass" also seems to be the slogan of many a captain of industry around dividend time.

The man who does the least talking often has the most to say.

Things are so quiet in New York you can almost hear the stocks fall.

No man is ever so busy that he can't find time to make an occasional mistake.

A headline says a man "fed from death in pajamas." You don't catch death wearing a night-shirt.

A husband's pay envelope may cramp a woman's style, but if it doesn't, her style will cramp him.

As you jog along through this old world don't forget that one time out of every million the other fellow is right and you are wrong.

In view of the fact that Gandhi uses only a loin cloth as an outer garment, one naturally wonders what he has in the way of underwear.

Examine the failures in this world and you will find that most of them are experts at framing alibis.

Investment advice is being given in New York, but you can't blame folks there for not banking on it.

Fatty Arbuckle, arrested recently, was given a sobriety test and was found sober as a judge. What judge?

For a couple of electric company gents, Owen D. Young and Gerard Swope certainly are a couple of live wires.

One of the world's urgent needs today is fewer people who have so much to say and no more sense than to say it.

Gandhi, irked by stalling at London, probably isn't aware of the tendency to talk in circles at a Round Table Conference.

Well, just to be cheery, let's ponder on the fact that hand to mouth buying for cash is better than thumb to nose buying on credit.

Sailing from Europe to New York, Mayor Jimmy Walker was low in spirits. He'll probably capitalize on it by writing "Transatlantic Blues."

The suggestion is made that colleges establish a chair of laughter, but the one the practical joker, with a perverted sense of humor, pulled out from under you as you were sitting down, to get a laugh, hardly would answer the purpose, we reckon.

Discussions within party lines, far in advance of a presidential campaign, are conducted with a frankness which apparently ignores the fact that they may dig up some arguments which the opposition will be glad to use when the oratory gets under way.

Ex-Senator Tom Heflin, of Alabama, denied the privilege of using a city park out in California in which to make an address, held a meeting out in the country. One of these days Tom-Tom may wake up to a realization of the fact that nobody cares particularly what he thinks on any subject.

PROGRESS OF THE AUTOMOBILE

"These shatter-proof windshields are certainly a vast improvement. Now give us rubber telephone poles!"

That quip of a speeding motorist serves Dr. Julius Klein, assistant secretary of commerce, as text for a delightful little sermon on the progress of the automobile. Within the last three and a half decades there have been no fewer than 640 different makes of American cars. Who now remembers the "Mecca," the "Black Crow," the "Eagle," the "Lion," the "Centaur," the "Sphinx," the "Perfection," or the "Hazard"?

Yet each of those and many another had its days. Prior to 1905, we are told, 136 makes of automobiles were brought forth in the United States, of which only eleven are still in the land of the living. From that year to 1910 129 others entered the market, but all save five of those have passed from the scene. From 1910 to 1920 there were 167 additions, eleven of which are extant today. From 1920 to 1930 came 77 new makes, and eighteen of them proved fit enough to survive. What do these remarkable figures mean?

"It would be impossible," answers Dr. Klein, "to exaggerate the amount of labor, skill, patience, downright genius that have been devoted to the task of bringing this about—the painful processes of trial and error, the ruthless scrapping of faulty devices. American motor companies are spending tens of millions each year, solely for research to bring their products nearer to absolute perfection of performance and design. The spirit of tireless dissatisfaction, of constant restless striving, is the spirit that has made American industry and business great, and it is embodied superbly in these gleaming cars that whirl by you on vacation trips. It is a long march of progress from the chain-drive, low-powered, slow motor cars with rear tonneau entrance which pilled the street back in the Gay Nineties and around the turn of the century, to the silent, swift, graceful, and highly efficient passenger car of 1931—but every laborer and technician who helped to manufacture those 640 different makes of automobiles which appeared in the intervening years contributed to that development."

A wondrous story it is, and immensely creditable to the country's will and imagination, as well as to its resourcefulness and enterprise. Though the American automobile manufacturers of today cannot give us rubber telephone poles, they do everything else to make motoring safe, convenient, and altogether pleasant.

THE FRENCH VISIT TO BERLIN

Of overwhelming importance to Europe and therefore to the world is the visit which Premier Laval and Foreign Minister Briand are paying in Berlin. This is no mere courtesy call. It cannot be regarded simply as a polite return of the Bruening-Cartius sojourn in Paris. Not for sixty years has such an event been registered. And unquestionably the mutual pledge of Franco-German financial and commercial co-operation which has already resulted from the Laval-Bruening conversations and which is to be put into operation by a joint commission, gives a new orientation to Franco-German relations. The visit is an extremely notable event in the life of the world.

That the French and German statesmen possess a magic wand and will perform a dazzling conjuring feat would be an absurd supposition. One should look for no miraculous change. The Franco-German problem, which is among the oldest of European problems, cannot be solved by the simple expedient of taking trains. That would be too easy, and indeed one of the defects of public diplomacy is the temptation to resort to facile means. Expectations of immediate transformation are to be deprecated. Serious thought, prolonged labor and the profoundest good will are all needed to establish genuine and solid Franco-German friendship.

Nevertheless, though the atmosphere lately has been one of disappointment and disillusionment, this visit serves the important purpose of affirming before the world the unabated confidence and renewed hope of French and German statesmen in the possibility of peaceful co-operation and stable understanding. It is gratifying that peoples and press on both sides of the Rhine recognize the momentous character of those efforts and are displaying cordially toward hosts and guests. Something should be left undone to help the two Governments which approach each other at a vital moment of their countries' destinies.

Many attempts have been made since the war to restore the essential unity of European nations which now and then for centuries have divided themselves into hostile camps. There was a stage of resistance and coercion. There was a stage of apparent breakdown. And now under the stress of economic perturbations which might be fatal for victors as well as vanquished, it is seen that economic collaboration is an urgent necessity if civilization is to be saved.

There are other divisions of varying degrees, but most of them would disappear if the ancient Franco-German feud could be healed. Here is the central schism in Europe, and the time has come when it must be bridged.

It is therefore with unusual interest that this visit—which in its nature cannot be expected to achieve instant unity of two countries but can properly be regarded as a remarkable earnest of the determination of the two countries to overcome all obstacles which separate them—is being watched. It is generally recognized that the French Premier moves with extreme caution. He is no lover of extravagant phrases and magnificent but meaningless gestures. If he consented to go to Berlin, it was because he saw genuine possibility of formulating plans on which France and Germany could work together.

There has been lately some reaction, which appears justified, against merely rhetorical methods. Verbal exchanges which invite the opening of acrimonious political debates have limited utility. Germany in present circumstances cannot be truly reconciled to political conditions imposed upon her, and France in present circumstances does not feel that she can permit deviation from those political conditions. It is entirely outside these fruitless discussions of disabilities, grievances and abstractions—the justice or injustice of revision or of status quo—that solutions are to be found.

At least this is the growing conviction of Franco-German statesmen. They are coming to believe that by multiplying their practical contacts and co-operating on the practical terrain, by setting aside those things which divide them and concentrating on those that can bring them together, the way of peace is to be found.

If they can cultivate the habit of working together in the economic sphere, they can safely trust to time and thought to settle their political problems. It is on these lines that the immediate hope of real accord lies.

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WHERE IS THE BEST ENGLISH SPOKEN?

Probably there will always be disputes as to where the best English is spoken. Mr. St. John Ervine, an Irishman, is indefatigable in his defense of the claims of Belfast. Mr. Shaw, another Irishman, perhaps would prefer to say that the best English is spoken in Belfast only when he happens to be there. Both these authorities, however, suggest that the correct speaking of English is a most rare accomplishment, to be encountered only at very long intervals. It is therefore comforting to learn that, in the opinion of Mr. J. R. Firth, senior lecturer in phonetics, University College, London, good English is so plentiful and so easily acquired that it may be heard in places so far apart as Dublin, Edinburgh, Inverness, Norwich, London, Cambridge, the Riviera, and Simla.

If he can be that broad why does he omit Toronto, Melbourne and Cape Town? Or Boston, Ann Arbor, Nashville and Los Angeles? But the last would be to reopen the debate on whether there is an American language distinct from English.

Pontificating about the English language is, of course, a futile business. Even in such a comparatively stable matter as spelling, for example, considerable variations are possible. Most authorities would allow "connection" and "connexion," though the former is chiefly used in America while the New English dictionary and The Times admit only the latter version of the word. The lack of certainly which is one of the distinguishing features of the English language arises from the fact that in Britain there is no generally recognized authority, comparable, for instance, with the French Academy, to decide what is, and what is not, correct. Any one of half a dozen accents or locutions may be defended as the possible speech of an educated Englishman.

Nevertheless, the speech of London is gradually getting itself accepted as the standard version of the language. This is the culmination of a process that has been going on for several centuries, and is now proceeding at an accelerated

pace. What will be the standard in America?

Why expect the government to settle the unemployment, depression, and over-production problems when it has spent more than a dozen years in trying to solve the simple problem of what to do with Muscle Shoals?

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The State of Nebraska, Cass county, ss.
In the County Court.
In the matter of the estate of C. N. Barrows, deceased.
To the creditors of said estate:
You are hereby notified, that I will sit at the County Court room in Plattsmouth, in said county, on the 23rd day of October, A. D. 1931, and on the 25th day of January, A. D. 1932, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of each day to receive and examine all claims against said estate, with a view to their adjustment and allowance. The time limited for the presentation of claims against said estate is three months from the 23rd day of October, A. D. 1931, and the time limited for payment of debts is one year from said 23rd day of October, A. D. 1931.
Witness my hand and the seal of said County Court this 21st day of September, 1931.
A. H. DUXBURY,
County Judge.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the County Court of Cass county, Nebraska.
In the matter of the estate of Fred Patterson, deceased.
Notice of Administration.
All persons interested in said estate are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in said Court, alleging that said deceased died leaving no last will and testament and praying for administration upon his estate and for such other and further orders and proceedings in the premises as may be required by the statutes in such cases made and provided to the end that said estate and all things pertaining thereto may be finally settled and determined, and that a hearing will be had on said petition before said Court on the 16th day of October, A. D. 1931, and that if they fail to appear at said Court on said 16th day of October, A. D. 1931, at ten o'clock a. m., to contest the said petition, the Court may grant the same and grant administration of said estate to Robert D. Patterson or some other suitable person and proceed to a settlement thereof.
A. H. DUXBURY,
County Judge.
(Seal) s21-3w

ORDER OF HEARING AND NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL

In the County Court of Cass county, Nebraska.
State of Nebraska, County of Cass, ss.
To all persons interested in the estate of Green Piggott, deceased:
On reading the petition of Jennie E. Jenkins praying that the instrument filed in this court on the 23rd day of September, 1931, and purporting to be the last will and testament of the said deceased, may be proved and allowed, and recorded as the last will and testament of Green Piggott, deceased; that said instrument be admitted to probate, and the administration of said estate be granted to James Earl Jenkins as executor;
It is hereby ordered that you, and all persons interested in said matter, may, and do, appear at the County Court to be held in and for said county, on the 23rd day of October, A. D. 1931, at ten o'clock a. m., to show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted, and that notice of the pendency of said petition and that the hearing thereof be given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this order in the Plattsmouth Journal, a semi-weekly newspaper printed in said county, for three successive weeks prior to said day of hearing.
Witness my hand, and seal of said court, this 25th day of September, A. D. 1931.
A. H. DUXBURY,
County Judge.
(Seal) s28-3w

ORDER OF HEARING and Notice on Petition for Settlement of Account

In the County Court of Cass county, Nebraska.
State of Nebraska, Cass county, ss.
To all persons interested in the Matter of the Trusteeship of the estate of Anna Gorder Ploetz, deceased:
On reading the petition of Julius Ploetz, Executor, and Winfield R. Ross, Administrator with the Will Annexed of the Estate of Augustus F. Ploetz, deceased, praying a final settlement and allowance of their account filed in this Court on the 23rd day of September, 1931, and for assignment of said trust funds to Frank A. Clodt, as Trustee of the Estate of Anna Gorder Ploetz, deceased, and for discharge of Augustus F. Ploetz as Trustee;
It is hereby ordered that you and all persons interested in said matter may, and do, appear at the County Court to be held in and for said county, on the 23rd day of October, A. D. 1931, at ten o'clock a. m., to show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted, and that notice of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof be given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this order in the Plattsmouth Journal, a semi-weekly newspaper printed in said county, for three successive weeks prior to said day of hearing.
In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said Court, this 25th day of September, A. D. 1931.
A. H. DUXBURY,
County Judge.
(Seal) s28-3w

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