

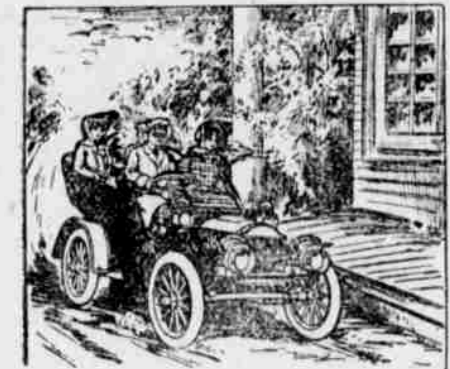
BABY WITH DEEP BLUE EYES.

Baby with the deep blue eyes, Soul with outward nature linking...

Hiram's Lucky Auction

With a whoop the Caldwell children rushed out to greet their father...

What did you pay for this? she demanded, indicating the square of stained marble...



TRADE GREW TO PROPORTIONS UNDEEMED OF.

tain, but he never acquired anything worth while. He bought cheap for the love of buying...

It was several weeks before Mrs. Caldwell was satisfied...

When he came back with the empty glasses he drained two more himself...

Mira was slow of thought but quick of action...

Her visitor of the morning drew up again. My sisters enjoyed the soda...

Made it with stove blacking, said

REVIVED INTEREST IN CANALS.



WAYFARERS ON OUR WATERWAYS.

Slowly but surely we are awakening to the fact that the day of our inland water ways, the old canals...

Certain it is that our canals still present a very old-world look with their gorgeously-painted boats and queer crews...

Mira, proudly. I didn't have any paint. It does first rate, he declared. Had any result?

Gertrude clasped her hands. We'll do it, mother, she cried. Can't you see what he means?

An auto party came up just then and took possession of one of the tables.

The old stump, denuded of its bark, stood splintered and torn...

It will be a work of art before I get through with it, he explained...

That doesn't seem to be anything, said Gertrude, as she regarded his work.

Bless my heart, he exclaimed, I seemed to know you all so well that I forgot you did not know my name...

She extended her hand with a formal little Glad to meet you, Mr. Paynter...

Paynter was out almost every day, and it was he who kept the prices at a point that sometimes worried honest Mira Caldwell's conscience...

Ernest held out for \$2 a head and very soon they had to establish a waiting list.

By the time the motoring season closed and there were only occasional calls for hot coffee and sandwiches...

Long before most of the hard work had been delegated to hired girls and she had contented herself with raising the kitchen, in which a new range had been established...

We don't have to worry about the mortgage, laughed Gertrude. That's paid off and there's plenty in the bank...

High Realities.—The search after truth is the most necessary of all the means to the ends of life.

COINS AND FACES ON THEM.

Features of Rulers Abroad, Here the Emblem of Liberty.

The first coins struck after the formation of the federal union bore the face of George Washington.

Echo Verses. Echo verses were sometimes used effectively for epigrams and quips.

Roasting Coffee. In Norway, where superior coffee is made...

Proves It. The chief reforms urged on railroads are merely changing existing ones about.

Intense Compliment. How did that successful actress come to marry her press agent?

Sermons of the Week

Order.—Nature is always orderly, and this is one of the prime reasons why she is never superfluous...

The Social System.—Christianity has always taught man to do nobly, patiently, heroically his full duty to the state, to rulers, to society...

Libraries.—There are said to be in the school libraries alone of the United States 12,000,000 more volumes than there are in all the libraries of Europe combined...

Modern Science.—There are a great many who fear to let their minds run out in the direction of modern science...

Religion and Politics.—You cannot tell how real a man's religion is by the way he sings hallelujah, but you can make a good guess at the truth if you know he will not vote until it is paid to do so...

Commercialism.—Commercialism is the prevailing vice of the American people. Our presidential campaigns of the past generation have been waged and won on a simple question of trade.

The Old and New.—We cannot revive old forms of thought—the world moves on. We cannot revive old moods of feeling—life is ever new.

Pain and Effort.—All the great souls of history have sweat blood in the performance of their work.

The Golden Rule.—This civilization makes me think sometimes that things are tending toward the practice of the Golden Rule.

Her reminiscence was cut short by a cry from Gertrude. Ernest entering the room had caught her on the ladder...

Mira did not hear Gertrude's reply, but, as she surveyed her tear-stained face, she needed no verbal assurance.

EDITORIALS Opinions of Great Papers on Important Subjects.

THE PASSING OF THE LOTTERY.

GAMBLING is a weed which will spring up overnight and flourish at the heels of the law's reaper...

The millions that have been fished from the pockets of the poor to add to the wealth of the lottery men are beyond computation...

At length the government was aroused and the lottery was driven from Louisiana to find a new name and nominal home in Central America...

The fines of \$254,000 imposed by the Southern court upon the wealthy and prominent men who pleaded guilty to the charge of operating the lottery...

THE DIMINISHING BIRTH RATE.

IN the United States in 1900 the proportion of children under 5 to three-quarters of child-bearing age was only three women of what it was in 1860...

The remarkable fall which has taken place during the last half-century in the birth rate of this country has been obscured by the swelling of population through

immigration. Only recently has it attracted much attention. A somewhat similar fall, however, is also noticeable in varying degrees...

On the whole, Professor Ross regards this movement in the line of a diminishing birth rate as salutary, in which respect he differs from President Roosevelt...

THE TOWN BEAUTIFUL. THE beginning of summer is a season when the women of every village and town in the country may well organize work for the preservation and creation of beauty...

Ten women banded together into an association for beautifying and cleaning the town can accomplish wonders. There is a certain village where such a committee has wrought something like a miracle...

OLD JOKES.

It's quite likely that my mother-in-law will stay until the end of July, replied the man with the aquiline nose...

INVENTED ARTIFICIAL PEARLS. Silvery Luster on a Pond That Set a Headmaker Thinking.

The string of artificial pearls was very beautiful. But for the regularity of the beads any one would have thought it a rope of real pearls...

Subrily of the Footman. Stayvessant Fish was discussing in Philadelphia the March panic.

Webster's Wit. Most men of weight dislike the frail gilt and satin chairs which accidentally fall to their lot...

It should say it was bad. So is a mule's kick. I was harnessing a mule once to plow, and as I was fixing the breeching he hauled off and kicked me on the knee...

It had to Come. Mrs. Cakebread was entertaining some ladies at a select little 5 o'clock tea, and Bobby, who had been exceptionally well behaved...

Occasionally an old man likes to talk of events long ago; before I can remember, he says.

A man is apt to put his thinking cap on when his wife expresses a desire for a new bonnet. Many a bad man has been cowed by the milk of human kindness.