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## THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Shun the habit of "putting off," as you would a temptation to crime.—Orison Sweet Morison.

Two weeks of dry weather is what we need right now.

Too much rain for the farmers. Their work is again retarded.

Getting married is like falling into a vocation—very often not premeditated.

Over in Europe they destroy a city, and then fine it a few millions for getting in the way.

"President Taft's Society to Enforce Peace" should turn its attention to the aggressive Federal league.

Some of the European powers are willing to allow Gou a small share of the credit for their victories.

Norfolk claims to be the third largest city. What's the matter with Fremont, Grand Island and Hastings?

The children won't be really happy until school opens again, so they won't have to work so hard having a good time.

Some newspapers are making what they consider excellent puns on the word Warsaw that are really worth about a cent a column.

The war is a little over a year old and the only thing it has accomplished is the appalling destruction of life, property and honor. General Sherman was right.

When there comes a hot summer ice is high because it melts so fast. In a cool summer, like the present one, ice is high because it does not sell so well and the ice men have to live, along with other people.

The Americans who insist on going to and coming from Europe in English ships are to a great extent to blame for the trouble between Germany and the United States. Notwithstanding the government has warned them to "keep off."

Ex-Senator Robert Patrick would like to fill the late Judge Munger's shoes, but he is entirely too small for the place. We have one of small caliber already, in the person of Tom Allen. And it will not do at all to have two of that character.

It is reported that there is a widow in this city who makes her living by washing. Her lawn is well-kept, and the entire yard neat and clean. Not far from her on either side of the street two men with families of boys reside, and their lawns and yards bespeak of poor care and little attention. Which is the most appreciative citizen?

Today the dollar is the world's standard of wealth. The value of money of European nations has been depreciated so by the enormous liabilities contracted on account of the war that the dollar, backed by the gold standard, is the measure. All supplies bought in the United States are bought in terms of the dollar and inasmuch as the value of foreign money has dropped, it is costing those governments more as the purchasers must make up the difference between the value of their unit of value and that of the United States.

## MARRIAGE AND INCOME.

The newspapers are printing a more or less mythical story of how certain girls at one of the Harvard university summer schools have pledged themselves not to marry a man with less than \$2,000 income. While stories of this kind are usually more or less fabulous, they do represent the conviction entertained by many twentieth century women. A good many of the products of the exotic civilization of the larger cities would say that \$2,000 is altogether too little. To the girl who has come up in a family having several servants, automobiles, and all the finish of cultured and wealthy living, the income of a young business or professional man seems hopeless. There is a great decay in our modern life of what can be called the pioneer spirit. In all periods of our country's history, ambitious men and women have been willing to go into the fingers of civilization and live on the wages of day labor, until they got their start. Mutual love and confidence in the future made it possible, and gave zest even to washing dishes or sawing up a wood pile. Many young men of today are unable to push a lawn mower, and many young women give up in despair if their second girl quits work. Comforts and luxuries that are unearned, not achieved by toil and struggle are enervating and soften moral fiber. It may be too much for the children of wealthy homes to be expected to start as their fathers did. But they make some very bad guesses when they permit their choice in matrimony to be much influenced by the question of income. This is one of the cases where the last at 20 is often the first at 40.

This has certainly been a mighty late spring.

We are beginning to appreciate some of the trials of Father Noah.

The dove of peace is certainly having a hard time finding a place to light.

The idea that man wants but little here below is probably based on what he gets.

The mayor of Atlanta, Ga., does not intend to lose the mob vote if he can help it.

If Russia succeeds in seizing the Turkish capital it will be some jolt for the chief gobbler.

Begin the study of diplomacy in your own home, and the rest of the lessons will come easy.

A great many "reforms" wouldn't be thought of if those promoting them were not making big money at it.

The people who draw their money out of savings banks to invest in war stock at top prices may be the same ones that say the world owes them a living.

The month of August was named by the Roman Emperor Augustus for himself in honor of his victories. However, there's no movement on foot to change it to Hidenburg.

It will be some time before a new city hall is built, and it seems to a man up a tree as though it would be some time before the new library is built, or even a site for it is selected.

Austria has been informed by this tinting the sale of arms to all nations regardless of protests, and cites the fact that Austria has always done the same thing. That is something like telling the other fellow to attend to his own business.

## PROGRESS AND THE WAR.

It is generally admitted that the present war is one of the greatest calamities that have fallen upon humanity. In the face of this vast horror wrought by civilized man is progress itself to be dismissed as a mere mirage?

Menri Bergson, the leader of modern French philosophers and physiologists, answers this question in the negative. Bergson does not despair of civilization or of human progress. He is convinced that great and lasting good will come out of the war, for he expects that it will teach humanity the tragic folly of exalting the material, the mechanical, the technical elements in what we call progress, and neglecting the spiritual and the moral. The modern world has worshiped false gods, according to Bergson, and its ideals and standard of greatness and success must undergo radical revision. The war will take humanity back to the simple standards of national and individual conduct—back to righteousness and morality.

Prof. John Dewey, a leading American philosopher and educator, formerly of the University of Chicago and now of Columbia university, has reached the same conclusion, although he expresses it differently. The war, he holds, does not disprove the cherished theory of progress, social, national and international. What it proves, according to Dr. Dewey, is that we have been egregiously mistaken in some of our ideas as to the inevitability of progress; that we have been too complacent, too indolent, too ready to assume truth, progress must be carefully planned; it must be patiently worked out and persistently pushed.

Evolution will not bring progress, declares Dr. Dewey. There is no such thing as a "law of progress." What modern humanity possesses to an extent never dreamed of in past ages is a method of progress or opportunity for progress. Invention, discovery, science, material abundance, the internationalization of commerce, of letters and art, of knowledge—all of these things make progress far easier than it could ever have been before human history. But these things are not in themselves progress in the true sense of the word. Progress is the humanization of societies and nations, the abolition of war and militarism, the eradication of unjust privileges, the establishment of equality of rights and opportunities, the realization of the highest religious and human brotherhood. None of these things will come to humanity unless we desire them and work intelligently and scientifically to bring them about.

These are sound views. Humanity has sinned in its exaltation of the material. It has nourished a false and ferocious patriotism which devours justice and casts out mercy. It has cultivated selfishness in the mass. It has hated its neighbor as covetous its neighbor's goods. The greatest benefit that can come from the war is international trust and fair co-operation.—Chicago News.

Dr. P. L. Hall, who has been unanimously endorsed by the democrats for governor, stated at a banquet in Lincoln last Saturday that he never had and never would ask for the office. Go slow, Doctor. No one ever said you asked for the office. It is your many friends throughout the state that are doing the asking.

Talk about "model husbands." St. Joseph, Mo., has one that will do to talk about. Besides earning \$60 as a railway clerk he does the washing at home and also dresses and undresses the children. He owns his own home and is the father of four children. And now his wife wants a divorce. Ungrateful woman!

With the exception of the community where the crime was committed, the newspapers of Georgia condemn the lynchers, and the governor has asked for removal of the warden of the penitentiary.

Whoever loses faith in himself has lost the fight.

Every human being faces the straight road to happiness, but there are many by-paths en route.

Hastings now has three candidates for governor—one democrat and two republicans—and maybe the returns are not all in yet.

There are all ways of making money, one of which is to be agent for the disbursement of a "lost estate in Europe, valued at \$700,000,000." And the fools are not all dead yet.

Mr. Root has been unanimously chosen president of the American Bar association. He might also be elected president of the United States if the choice were left to the lawyers.

More than 48,000,000 cent pieces, 4,375,539 nickels, 22,430,000 dimes, nearly 2,000,000 quarters, 1,422,550 half dollars, and \$40,533,810 in gold were coined by the United States government during the last fiscal year.

We repeat—every dollar kept in this community enriches the community just that much. Always buy what you need at home, if you can get it here. But try at home before going elsewhere. You'll feel happier and more contented by so doing.

A month ago, from the enthusiasm set afloat, one would have naturally supposed that the location for a new city hall and public library was settled. But it was all a mistake, as the city council last night rescinded all its proceedings in this direction. And "now what are we going to do about it?" Just as long as the members of the city council listen to the bickerings of a lot of selfish fellows in such matters, nothing will be done. But when the members who have been in the habit of listening to these speelers, throw off the yoke, become independent and do as their own consciences dictate, something can and will be done. The same with the lighting question.

It is not easy to get free advertising. Newspapers are chary about giving unpaid space to private enterprises. But a persistent advertiser can always get people to spread the news about his doings. When the women get together over the backyard fence or across the tea table one of the questions very frequently asked is: "Have you seen those goods that A— or B— is advertising? It looks as if they were selling out some goods pretty cheap." Women always talk over their purchases, prospective and past, as much as another interest in their lives. If they are interested in a certain newspaper advertisement they rarely keep it to themselves. They pass the word along and discuss it with friends. In that way the information thus conveyed is by no means limited to the people who take the newspaper.

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## CONGRATULATE GALVESTON.

That Galveston was not wiped out of existence by the West Indian hurricane that spread death and devastation in that region last week, is not due to fortuitous circumstances. Galveston earned its salvation from the flood. Its great seawall, on which \$2,500,000 was expended, has justified its existence. Judging from the losses elsewhere and all accounts as to the velocity of the wind, said to have been from 90 to 124 miles an hour, the recent storm was severer than the one of September 8, 1900, which cost Galveston 7,000 lives and \$30,000,000 in property. This would have been a blow to any city. Galveston could not be called a great city, in point of population. At the last census it had but 36,981 people. But it is great in its commerce, being the second port in the United States in the value of its total commerce. It is the seventh port of the world in the value of its exports. The average citizen of the United States expected that Galveston would be abandoned as the site of a city, following the appalling disaster of 1900. Why should anybody care to risk danger when there were so many other safe places in which to live? But the sturdy citizens of the stricken town took no such timid view. They rebuilt the city in larger proportions and constructed the great waterbreak. Their achievement was in some respects greater than that of the Dutch in reclaiming so much land the sea had taken from them.

Millions of people read with joy the "greetings" sent out by official and commercial bodies of Galveston last Wednesday night. The rhetoric could be pardoned. It was but natural that there should be an ecstatic note in their first message to the world, from which they had been isolated for forty-eight hours while they had wrestled with such terrible uncertainties. The seawall, of which outsiders have been somewhat skeptical, is a success and Galveston's safety is assured. Grievous as was the loss of life and property elsewhere, the nation's regret will be tempered by satisfaction at the escape of Galveston, the indomitable.

The appetite for political plums is nonpartisan.

The man who "soaked" his overcoat now wishes he hadn't.

"Safety first" sometimes consists largely in keeping still.

A lecturer inquirer: "Is civilization a disease?" It would seem to be worse than that.

A pessimist is a man who is worrying about how Europe will be divided up when the war is over.

When men and women with big feet wear conspicuous white stockings, it is not always because the war has made coloring dyes scarce.

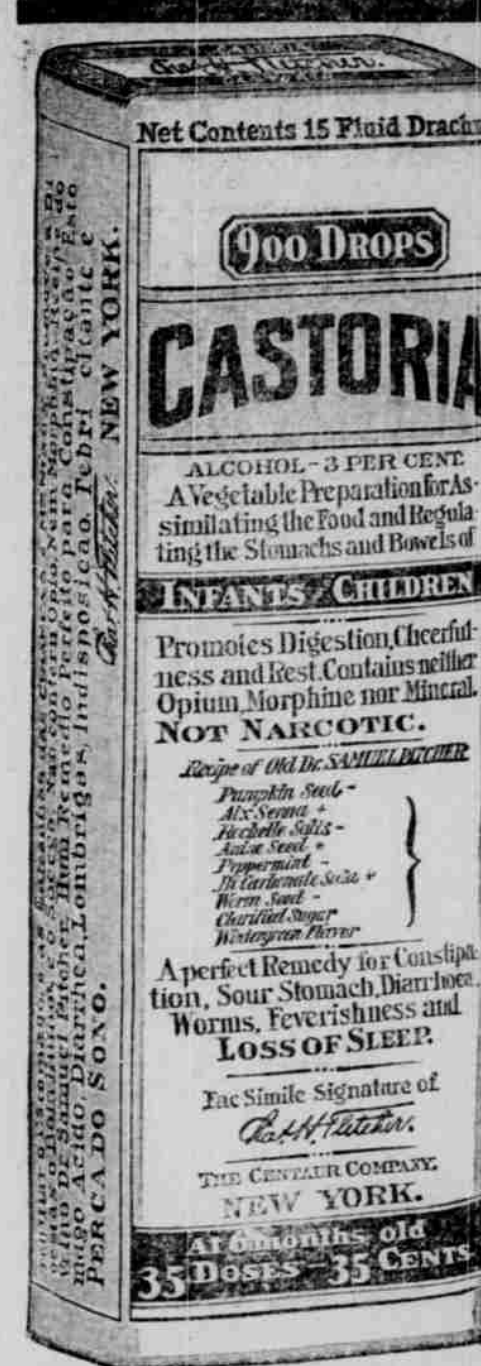
New York politicians want the bureau of standards abolished. Well, it doesn't look as though New York standard is worth preserving.

It is a shame that there are a great number of people in this country who consider that constitutions and laws are only scraps of paper.

The business men who are taking military training should look out that they learn to dance the one-step without their sword getting between their feet.

Tommy Allen, United States district attorney, is going to be permitted to live in Lincoln, notwithstanding the government designates Omaha as his place of residence. Perhaps his close friends fear that the surroundings in the metropolis might contaminate him.

A man may use every effort to please everybody, but he's fooling away precious time in such effort. Do what you think is right in your own mind, and you will always please yourself and retain more friends than you would in trying to please everybody.



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Toadstools caused the death of a family of four at Kalamazoo, Michigan. People who cannot distinguish the difference between toadstools and "truffles" should be more careful, or let them alone entirely, as one is fine eating, while the other is sure death.

Those business men who are taking military training in a New York camp—what, in the words of Goldberg, are they "gonna do with it?"

Occasionally we hear of a thing wearing breeches who beats his wife. History tells us that the same pastime is in vogue among the savage tribes.

The governors of over thirty states, in session at Boston this week, passed resolutions of confidence and support of President Wilson. This further demonstrates the American people believe in the war policies of the ruler of this nation.

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