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When an idle gossip meets an idle rumor they both go to work.

Some girls think they have got to be fast to catch a husband.

Some people grow under responsibility and others merely swell.

There is one thing about the good. They either die young or outgrow it.

No matter how cheap, the most costly thing is a marriage license.

Figuring on your marrying is easier than marrying on your figuring.

Even if beauty is only skin deep, why would anybody want to skin a lady?

One man got drunk on bay rum the other night and saw sorrel nightmares.

Out where they hide moonshine in the bushes it pays to beat around the bush.

It isn't always politeness that makes a man let a woman get on a street car first.

However, it is far more important that a man should know when to be funny than to know how.

You never know how much money a woman can spend until you tell her to go as far as she likes.

Dentists say teeth cause our worst ills. Must be right. Without teeth there would be no toothache.

Forty New Yorkers are said to have died in one day from poisoned liquor. "Dead drunk" is right.

Who can explain to the 4-year-old youngster how the rabbit can be dressed when it has its fur off.

Well, we are not alone in our afflictions. The legislatures of twenty other states are in session.

Won't it be rotten luck, after all counties in Nebraska get good roads, to find that everybody is flying.

If it is true that France is proud of her debts, then she might take over ours and exult to the limit.

These men who always want to start something are never around when you want something started.

The Katsudoshin Kabushiki Kaisha is a Japanese movie trust, so maybe that's why they wanted to fight.

When the watchdogs of the treasury get tired of barking, they will all be down and go to sleep, and we will hear nothing more from them at this session save an occasional growl.

The female vamp is a myth. She is merely what an old maid thinks a woman must be in order to attract a man.

Every society woman wants to know all about the latest wrinkles, but she does not want to see them in her face.

Denial is made of the report that the king of Spain is to visit the United States. Alfonso probably has troubles enough at home.

Marshal Foch is undoubtedly having one helluva time trying to explain to the folks at home what those various American college degrees mean.

Probably the wide difference between the words "domestic" and "domesticated" can be illustrated no better than by applying them to the noun "servant."

Rfiliqthiya. The gasoline tax is being pointed out by McKelvie as a great scheme for raising revenue in Nebraska. Yes, and it will also raise the price of gasoline.

It is popular to declare that there must be a reduction of taxes, but, insofar as state expenditures are concerned, it is a declaration not necessarily backed by common sense.

General Ludendorff in his book admits that Germany made many mistakes. And the sad thing about it is that Germany is reminded of her mistake every time an indemnity falls due.

Mayor Shank, republican ruler of Indianapolis, has appointed his Democratic wife as a member of the Park commission. Well, even a republican has to do something to keep peace in the family.

Innocence and virtue are highly desirable in a church organization, but probably there should be some one in authority worldly enough to keep the pew varnish from getting into the communion cups.

These folks who worry us with statistics showing how our great country wastes in chewing gum each—have they some plan of collecting it and using it again, or what is it they have in mind?

Isn't it strange, but, as the lawmakers at Washington view it, the only way we can get the farmer out of financial trouble is to enable him to borrow more money for a long term and at a low rate of interest?

Mr. Beakman and Miss Goldman now declare that bolshevism is nothing less than Asiatic barbarism. We understand they don't mind ordinary barbarism but this Asiatic variety simply won't go down with their refined natures.

The British government is offering a liberal prize for the inventor who will devise an airplane that will go straight up in the air at anytime. The matter is respectfully referred to Governor McKelvie. He is up in the air all the time.

Prohibition authorities are now up against the question of whether dentists should be allowed to prescribe whiskey for their patients. If a decision is rendered in the affirmative it will mean a great epidemic of tooth pulling in this country.

A Chicago dispatch says Harold F. McCormick is "not going to marry Mary Garden, and he is not going to marry Ganna Walska." Perhaps if you put your mind to it, you also could name a person or two whom Mr. McCormick is not going to marry.

Because his sweetheart had gone to a dance with another fellow, a Nebraska young man threw a live skunk through the window into the dance hall. He had to invent something to fit the occasion, since Henry Ford has practically outlawed the ancient practice of loosening the taps on the rival's buggy wheels.

Explaining about that proposed department of public welfare, a Washington dispatch says this new department, if created, will assemble a number of welfare agencies now attached in anomalous fashion to governmental departments which they have no concern. Isn't that rather an unkind way of putting it?

A man with a frown had better take another look.

They don't have sleeping cars on the road to success.

Here it is the 17th of January, and no hard winter yet.

The flyer who stayed up 26 hours must have been in a poker game.

Men's idea of heaven is a country store, a hot stove and an argument.

Persimmons are not good to eat until frost bitten, nor afterwards.

America will be better off when the knows instead of the noes have it.

The attic of today is no longer the place of storage for family heirlooms only.

Detective Brandenburg says he knew Babe Ruth when she was a chorus girl.

Washington reports that an alleged Japanese plot is to be nipped. All right, Nippon.

If egotism has anything to do with genius the world would be filled with geni.

"The world needs more blushing," declares a headline, flatly. Well, it has plenty of cause.

All men are a little lower than the angels and the distance keeps varying from time to time.

Harding says he will meet the farming troubles. Hope he doesn't shake hands and pass on.

A Plattsmouth girl has been squeezed so often she is beginning to look like a soft lemon.

A Boston physician tells us that exercise kills germs but he doesn't tell how to make the germs exercise.

There are many happy homes in this country, and then there are those that are kept in apple pie order.

"Every time you have a desire to reform something," go out behind the barn and look yourself over carefully.

The Globe says an Atchison young man is looking for a rich girl, having been told that opposites should marry.

Some old fashioned persons really believed mumps could be prevented by rubbing the neck against a hog trough.

In a way the traveling salesman is just now the most independent of men—he seldom takes orders from anybody.

"Recipes for late supper" is the title of a new booklet. What is needed more is a booklet containing alibis for them.

Japan has not yielded—their position on Shantung is unchanged, delegates say. So, unfortunately, is their position in Shantung.

It looks as though Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Dempsey never would succeed in getting anybody to stay in a ring with them.

When a minister has trouble with his car he doesn't swear, but his face bears a different expression from the one seen in the pulpit.

A Philadelphia book publisher demands a 25 cent tariff on Bibles. Salvation has been on the free list too long, the publisher believes.

New York club girls are debating the propriety of smoking, and opinion seems to be divided, some holding that girls ought not to smoke in public.

"The price of wheat," explains one baker, "has very little to do with the price of bread." Except, of course when the trend of wheat prices is upward.

America exported less merchandise to Europe in 1921 than in 1920, figures show. Well that's not surprising—Europe exported less money to America.

There is nothing dull in the motor car manufacturer's life when Henry Ford is a competitor. But what this country needs now is a Henry Ford in the shoe business.

Vienna is agitated over the prospect of losing its art collections to America, but realizes it's going to have hard work keeping them in the absence of a Vienna roll.

Maybe the government is trying to accomplish too much all at once in making New York dry. Possibly it would do better at first by asking the illegal saloons to close from 3 to 5 in the afternoons.

DEPORTATION OF CRIMINALS

There are thousands of aliens imprisoned in various penal institutions in this country, for good and sufficient reasons.

There is a certain social satisfaction in seeing criminals paying the conventional penalty for their crimes but generally speaking, prisoners are far from being a public asset.

The country would be better off without them.

Many a state would save a lot of money now spent for upkeep and support, and might also save the cost of new penal institutions to supplement those now overcrowded, if the latter were emptied of their alien guests.

There is a legal way to do this, and federal authorities are now undertaking to apply it.

A law enacted early in 1917 authorized the deportation of an alien criminal.

1.—When he has been sentenced to one year or more for crime committed before he has been in America five years.

2.—When he has been sentenced more than once, disregarding the number of years' residence here.

3.—When it can be proved he committed a felony or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude before entering the United States.

Little attention was paid to his statute during the war.

Subsequently some aliens have been deported under the third clause but hardly any under the first and second.

Now it is announced that states desiring it may take full advantage of the opportunity to get rid of their undesirable alien prison population, with the co-operation of the federal government.

The matter rests mainly in the hands of the judges before whom the alien convicts were tried. The relief should be welcomed.

HOW WE TRUST EACH OTHER

How we Americans love each other! You get into ordinary conversation. All of us are convinced we are being robbed by somebody else. Our next door neighbor is a good fellow personally. But as a business man we know he is a pirate.

The salaried is suspicious of his employer. He knows his grocer is a conspirator. As for the store down town where his wife trades, he calls it the daylight robbery. So, too, the dealer in notions looks darkly on the clothier. Both the clothier and the notion man blame the jobber and the farmer. The farmer is convinced he is the victim of the Board of Trade.

The Wall street broker is certain the country is being held up in the price of meat and eggs.

With all this brotherly love so widespread, isn't it a good deal of a miracle that the country is able to rock along and not fly to pieces?

A BIG SUCCESS

The Jeffersonian banquet at the Fontenelle on Saturday night in Omaha was one of the biggest successes of its kind ever held in the state. Representative democrats from every nook and corner of Nebraska were present, and enthusiasm reigned from start to finish. Our old friend, W. D. Oldham, of Kearney, was toastmaster, and you can bet your bottom dollar he performed his duties in the proper manner. He is a democrat of the first water, and after our own heart, and never minces matters. The speeches of Senators Harrison of Mississippi, and our friend Hitchcock were worth coming many miles to hear. It would appear from the grand meeting that the democrats were up and coming, and meant Reorganization with a large capital R.

There is considerable complaint at the reckless running of automobiles, and especially after night. The reckless driver hasn't any sense, anyway, and the time isn't far distant when he will have to have a license and stand an examination as to his fitness to run an auto.

Henry Ford is understood to be negotiating for the purchase of the French navy, which is admitted to be old and a little run down. Mr. Ford may have no particular use for the French navy, but possibly he just can't resist anything that rattles.

Food prices are declining, and occasionally you see a sign offering a meal for 25 cents. But those who have tried the meals say they aren't very long passing a given point.

Mr. Lenine will be disappointed if the Genoa conference is called off as a result of the change in the French government. It was the first party he had been invited to in years.

Books! Books! Books! We have them till you can't rest, at the Journal Office.

SYNTHETIC BOOTLEGGERS

Some people profess not to be disturbed at the persistent reports that these German chemists have learned how to make synthetic gold. Indeed, not even France appears to be alarmed at the prospect of the Germans raking up a pile of old iron filings, brass fittings, and applying a few drops of concentrate of trihydrofoolium and then backing up a Reich-bank truck and hauling a ton or so of pure gold to pay another installment of the reparation bill. France doesn't give Fritz credit for being clever enough to figure it down to that fine point. But Prof. Irving Fisher is different. Prof. Fisher is worried. In fact Prof. Fisher left some time ago for Germany to see whether it is so or not.

You see, Professor Fisher has a great deal at stake because he has written several books, all based on the theory that gold is the proper basis for money. In fact his whole theory amounts, practically, to shaving a little off the gold dollar when prices go up. But you can see for yourself how the Fisher weighted gold would be knocked into a cocked hat if these Germans get to bootlegging synthetic gold around over the world by the shipload.

But those who are skeptical about the matter have comfort in reflection that even if the Germans find synthetic gold it will cost more to make it out of scrap metal than to dig it out of the ground and smelt it out of the ore. You know, the man who learned how to make artificial diamonds had to give up the business because the manufactured diamonds cost more than the naturally formed stones. And then just consider how much more bootleg liquor costs than the genuine stuff. Why won't it be the same with bootleg gold?

THE IMAGINARY PROSPERITY

The financial difficulties with which thousands of people, in every part of this country, are afflicted, are in many cases, casualties of war—in a remote but true interpretation of the word.

To the war inflation and its inevitable temptation to speculate, they fell an easy prey.

With prices of every commodity booming and stocks booming, with tales of fortune made over night, to buy and go on buying seemed to offer the chances of gaining instant wealth. So men, and women as well, bought shares in mills and banks, or they bought lands, going into debt. There was nothing offering that some of them did not buy.

The collapse came, as it had to come, not only in this country but in all countries.

One hears much of the opportunities enjoyed by those who could not or did not go to the front, in contrast with the soldiers and sailors, but, were it possible to make a survey one doubts if the average wealth of those who stayed at home, trading and earning, would be ascertained as now greater on account of these opportunities.

The opportunities had their dangerous and inseparable accompaniment. The weakness of human nature, the shortsightedness of men, obstacles to wealth getting, as they always are. A few, an extraordinary few, made and saved money, but the great majority are as poor now as they would have been had the elusive and imaginary prosperity never arrived.

Unless the young men who went to the front were gifted with prescience far greater than those of their fathers and older brothers, they, as a class, lost nothing of property gains by their absence. Those who were wounded, or lost health, or made the supreme sacrifice, are in another class.

The stay-at-homes, with occasional exceptions, are certainly no better off now than they were. What war "prosperity" gave, it took away.

WE'RE FOR IT

Mr. Anderson of Washington is a lawmaker after our own heart.

He has introduced a bill in the House providing for pure baseball. We don't know what it is all about, but we are for it just the same.

If it is possible to get a purer or better brand of baseball than the article with which we are now being served, it is a consummation devoutly to be desired.

The gentleman from Washington has encountered his bill with so much legal verbiage that we don't know exactly what he is aiming to accomplish, but, whatever it is, we are sure it is all right.

If he can make umpires more honorable and players more upright, under dire threats of punishment, we are willing to let him go as far as he likes.

By all means, let us have pure baseball. Next to poor liquor, it is Nebraska's greatest need.

DISABLED VETS PROTEST AGAINST STATE ASYLUMS

Declare Men Hopelessly Famed Out, when Chances for Recovery Good if Given Care.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Asserting that the more than 3,500 mentally disabled former service men now placed in state institutions were victims of such "gross neglect, indifference and profiteering" as constituted a "black reproach of the honor of the nation," the Disabled American Veterans of the World War, in a memorial presented today to President Harding, urged immediate action by the government looking to the treatment of all such cases in federal institutions. Neglect of the cases in state institutions, the memorial said, is committing to permanent insanity many of the victims who by timely treatment probably could be cured. Describing the condition of "contract" cases of this class in the institutions of the state of Ohio as typical of those in "practically every state," the memorial asserted that the government had "farmed out" the insane ex-service men of Ohio to state asylums which are notoriously overcrowded, undermanned, and inadequately equipped to treat and care for them, while it has not provided one federal institution for this purpose in the state.

The Longview asylum of Hamilton County, Ohio, the memorial said, "is so overcrowded that 240 inmates sleep on the floor like cattle every night."

Of the mentally disabled placed in all the institutions of the state, of whom, it was said, physicians believe half might be cured by treatment, not one, the memorial asserted, was receiving medical treatment of any kind for the mental diseases and curable cases are being left to rot in permanent insanity. None of the institutions, it was further asserted, segregate their tubercular patients.

An average profit of \$300 on each patient out of the \$547.50 annual maintenance fee paid by the government was shown in figures for the nine institutions of the state cited in the memorial.

In hundreds of cases, it was asserted, relatives are refusing to commit mentally disabled veterans who might be restored to useful citizenship, to conditions in the "contract" asylums, most of which, the memorial said, are "nothing more than lockups."

Congress was urged to take early action to remedy the situation.

NORFOLK WILL BE HOST OF THE FIREMEN TODAY

Norfolk, Jan. 16.—The fortieth annual convention of the Nebraska Volunteer Firemen's association will open here for a three-day session tomorrow. The vanguard of the delegates, expected to number 1,000, are filing the city today.

C. R. Fraser of Gothenburg, president of the association, is here and will open the convention in the Auditorium at 7 o'clock in the evening. Other speakers at the opening session will be Mayor John Friday, Senator John McGowan of Norfolk, Rev. Walter Rindin of Mitchell, J. Roy Carter, president of the Norfolk association. Following this session the firemen will hold memorial services in memory of departed comrades.

John Martin of Fremont, vice president of the association, is being boomed for presidency. Several other offices are in contest. North Platte, Columbus, Fremont, Gering and Scottsbluff are in the field for the next convention.

SUITS TO QUIET TITLE

Two actions to quiet title have been filed in the county court by Attorney W. A. Robertson, being the cases of George F. Meisinger vs. Samuel F. Latta, et al., and Conrad Meisinger vs. Paul Nucholls, et al.

If you are planning to attend the masquerades this season do not fail to secure your masks at the Journal office. Our line is full and complete.

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SAYS MINERS WILL NOT TAKE A WAGE REDUCTION

President Lewis Declares if Strike Results the Unions Will Not Take the Blame For it.

Shamokin, Pa., Jan. 17.—John L. Lewis, international president of the United Mine Workers, today told the anthracite miners' wage convention that there must be no backward step in their attitude toward the demand of coal companies to reduce wages. "When I say we will take no backward step, I say it with an appreciation of what that policy means, and if it requires an industrial conflict to avoid taking a backward step, then the industrial conflict may come," he added.

Mr. Lewis is presiding at the hard coal miners' convention, which will formulate wage and other demands to be presented to the coal operators before March 31, when the present contract expires. Wage agreements in the hard coal fields expire at the same time. Predictions have been made by hard coal miners that instead of agreeing to a wage reduction the anthracite men will demand increases, among other things.

The mine workers do not desire any cessation of employment after April 1, he said, and if there is no wage conference, he added, the responsibility will not rest with the union.

"The mine workers want no industrial conflict," he declared. "We abhor the thought of a strike and yet we do not propose to avoid the responsibilities of such a conflict by doing anything contrary to the interests of our people or by doing anything which in honor we should not be bound to do."

A representative of the general committee of anthracite operators gave out a statement that "full time operations of the anthracite mines on the scale heretofore maintained will not be possible in the coming year without adjustments which will permit reducing the price to the consumer."

DECORATES AMERICAN OFFICER

Rome, Jan. 17.—King Victor Emmanuel today conferred the grand cross and cordon of the crown of Italy on Major General Henry Allen, commander of the American forces in Germany.

General Allen came with a detachment of troops to attend tomorrow's ceremonies in honor of Italy's unknown soldier.

General Allen was received in audience this afternoon by the king. Afterwards he was a guest at a reception of the Italo-American society.

The king also decorated Major Fecht of the American expeditionary force as an officer of St. Lazarus and St. Maurice; Captain Summer and Capt. Oscar Stevens as officers of the crown of Italy, and Lieuts. Jas. Cooper, Jr., George Barth and Alexander McConne, as chevaliers of the crown of Italy.

The American doughboys tonight were guests at a grand performance of the opera "Falstaff."

The functions tomorrow will include bestowal of the American congressional medal on the unknown soldier.

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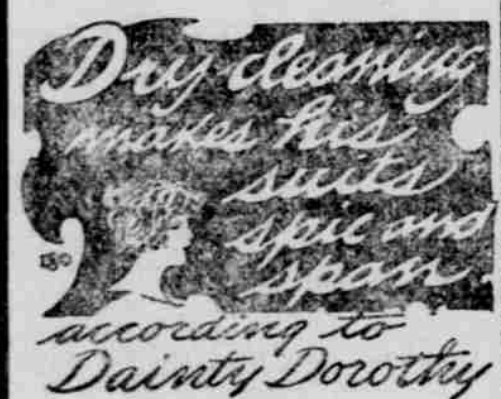
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MISS M. K. OLSON,
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"It don't take a man long to bag his pants at the knees, and to make a finely tailored suit look thoroughly disreputable—that's the man of it," avers Dainty Dorothy.

But she goes on to explain that the man who is making use of our cleaning, steaming and pressing services is keeping his clothes in much more presentable condition than when he got acquainted with us. And it doesn't cost much, either.

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