



Hand of Labor

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Hand of labor, hand of might,
He thou strong in things of right,
Master thou of crafts untold,
Driving them in heat and cold;
Working high and working low,
That the world may brighter grow;
Press, the loom, and traffic great,
Know the drive behind thy weight.

Hand of labor, rude and fine,
Things of earth are mostly thine,
Mines of gold and fields of wheat,
Harbors deep where pennants greet;
Ships of war, canals and locks,
Roads of steel and bridges, docks,
Strain thy sinews day and night,
Be thou strong in things of right.

Mills and shops in clang and roar,
Foundry fires and molten ore,
Sullen mines and heaving seas,
Lands of rock and timber trees;
Cotton fields as white as snow,
Forges black 'mid flames aglow,
Strain thy sinews day and night,
Be thou strong in things of right.

Hand of labor, great thou art:
Be thou fair, and bear thy part
Like big souls, sincere, intense;
Stoop not low to base offense,
Nor, in heat, forget that men,
Large and small, all kind and ken,
Have their place and must remain
'Neath the sway of guiding brain.



PRIVILEGED CAMP FOLLOWER IN ITALY



The only civilian free from suspicion in the vicinity of the military camps in Italy is the little woman camp follower who sells scraped ice to the soldiers. The one here seen at her cart and her baby are equal favorites with the fighters.

OUTDOOR WIRE FACTORY IN GERMANY



A temporary outdoor factory in Germany where Russian prisoners are at work manufacturing wire for the making of entanglements in front of trenches.

LABOR TROUBLE OLD BUSY DAYS COMING

Disturbances Go Far Back Into History.

Apostle Paul is on Record as Having Created Dissension Among the People of Ephesus by His Preaching of Christianity.

While the matter of Labor day is under consideration, the question arises: What is labor? Webster gives as his first definition: "Toll or exertion, physical or mental."

William B. Wilson, secretary of the department of labor, gave the following as his conception of the idea:

"Labor is any mental or physical activity other than that engaged in solely for pleasure"—a definition showing a brain at once practical and analytic.

Mr. Powderly would narrow this somewhat by defining labor as "any exertion, mental or physical, not indulged in for pleasure and for the benefit of mankind."

Doctor Coulter of the census bureau, an expert on such matters, would give an even broader scope to the word. He defines labor as: "All effort, whether mental or physical."

The question of Labor day naturally brings to mind the collateral labor questions of labor union protests and strikes. There is a tendency among latter-day philosophers to prophesy all manner of evil to come to mankind by the way of labor unions and their troubles, both among themselves and with others, and to hold forth these troubles as a proof of human decadence, peculiar only to this degenerate age.

Paul, together with other apostles, went up in the Ephesus country, seeking converts to the Christian faith. Now, Ephesus was the favorite city of Diana, or Artemis, as she was also called. Here was her famous temple; here was her famous statue, said by the priests to have fallen from heaven. Thither every year came pilgrims by the tens of thousands to worship at the shrine of the tutelary deity—and here a goodly number of silversmiths found their calling a most lucrative one. For, there being no photographs nor postal cards, these pilgrims took away with them small silver facsimile statuettes of the great goddess as souvenirs. Now observe the nineteenth chapter of Acts.

"Now a silversmith named Demetrius, who made silver models of the shrine of Artemis (Diana), and so gave a great deal of work to the artisans, got these men together, as well as the workmen engaged in similar occupations, and said: 'Men, you know that our prosperity depends upon this work, and you see and hear that, not only in Ephesus, but in almost the whole of Roman Asia, this Paul has convinced and won over great numbers of people by his assertion that those gods which are made by hands are not gods at all, so that not only is this business of ours likely to fall into discredit, but there is the further danger that the temple of the great goddess, Artemis (Diana), will be thought nothing of, and that she herself will be deprived of her splendor, though all Roman Asia and the whole world worship her.'

"When they heard this the men were greatly enraged and began shouting: 'Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!' The commotion spread through the whole city, and the people rushed with one accord into the theater, dragging with them the companions of Paul."

Certainly there cannot be found in any modern newspaper a more perfect account of a sympathetic strike and a labor riot. And that was two thousand years ago.

Period of Stress Ahead of the American Worker.

Labor Day an Excellent Time to Think of the Future That Must Be the Result of the War in Europe.

Every American, whether he works with his hands or with his head, will take full advantage of Labor day, the last of the summer holidays; everyone will appreciate the fact that there is a long period of work ahead of him.

This fall and winter is sure to be a time of readjustment in many lines of American commerce and labor, due to the European war, which not only shuts off some of the things we buy, but is filling our warehouses with many of the things we sell. How to manage without the particular things we have always imported and how to get a market for the things Europe cannot buy must engage our serious attention for months, perhaps for years. There may be some failures in the effort to readjust, but there will be more successes, and great ones. No doubt about the future need be in the heart of anyone.

The best thing about the whole situation is the stout heart of the business world and the people in general. They enter upon a combat with uncertainties with the old Yankee confidence, backed by the knowledge that in the fundamental items of physical life we are safe. We can feed ourselves, clothe ourselves, warm ourselves. The rest is only a matter of time and adjustment. There will be no hard times if the hard work is well tackled.

Business must not wait "until the war is over," for nobody knows when that blessed day will be. If we are prepared for a long war, so much the more prosperity if the war is brief.

It is a splendid time for every American, from the housewife to the capitalist, to study American economies and get a better knowledge of values.

DEMAND IS FOR SERVICE

Public Ideas Have Had a Significant Change in a Comparatively Few Years.

When the French aristocrat before the great revolution was asked as to his chief service to society, he replied, "To have been born." He felt that his mere presence in the world conferred an honor on his country.

That has been the attitude of privileged classes of all time. But a new ideal has come into men's minds—the ideal of labor, of service to the community. Today the public is constantly asking men to justify their income. "What have you done to deserve it?" is the question. "By what service to society have you earned your money?"

It used to be considered perfectly proper to water the stock of great public service corporations. But now people have come to see this means to get an income without working for it, and public sentiment is shutting off the practice.

Melon cutting in connection with franchise grabs was once popular. But it became apparent that this was merely one way of getting something for nothing, and the day of melon cutting is done.

So, all up and down the line the demand has come for service in return for income. Society is willing to write its note for pretty nearly any amount to the energetic man, but it insists that the payment shall be for value received.

WOMAN LOBSTER DEALER



Many of the lobsters served in the finest "lobster palaces" of this country are supplied by Mrs. M. C. Pickett of New York, the only woman lobster dealer in America, here seen holding one of her monster crustaceans.

Peer Becomes Mechanic.

Lord Norbury is one of the latest amateur recruits to the ranks of war workers. Recently he began employment as a fitter in a Surrey aeroplane factory, working from six in the morning to seven at night at the regular pay of 7d (14 cents) an hour. Lord Norbury, who will take his meals with the other workmen, and will be on the same footing in all respects, is fifty-two years old, and he has chosen this way of doing his bit because he is above the age limit but feels strongly that everyone should do what he can to help the country. He has a good knowledge of internal combustion engines. Lady Norbury, who is a cousin of Lord Howard de Walden, began work at a soldiers' canteen at Euston the same time that her husband commenced as a fitter.—London Globe.

Artificial Leather.

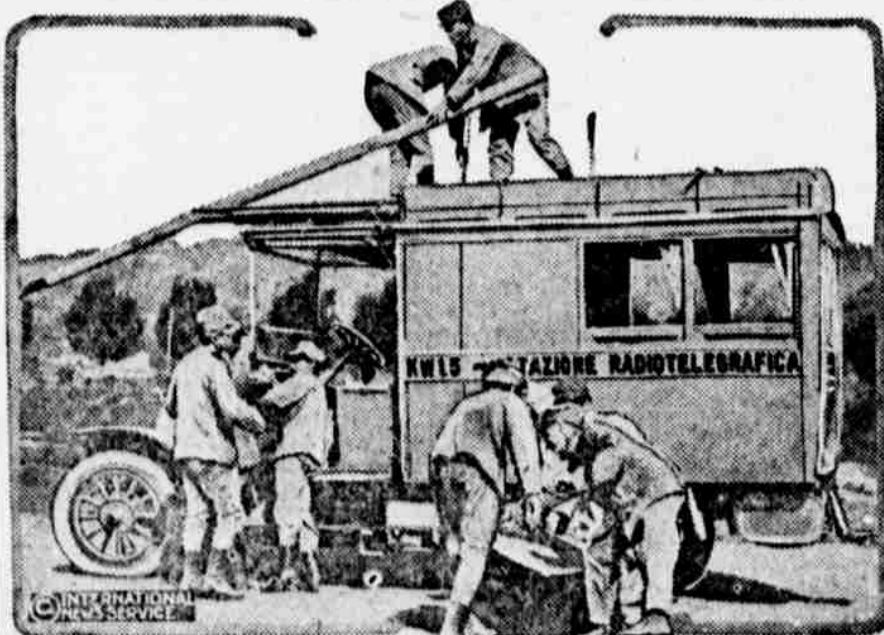
The manufacture of artificial leather is an industry which has made gigantic strides in the last few years, owing to the degree of perfection which has been attained in the making of this substitute for leather and to the custom of splitting leather which is not generally satisfactory, except as far as its appearance is concerned when it is new. That is to say, that it is readily recognized as real leather, but when the split leather comes to withstanding the test of service it is not there. The artificial leather has established a reputation for service in the manufacture of automobiles, where it is in strong demand for upholstery and top covers.

WIELDERS OF HAND GRENADES



The hand grenade as a war weapon is being used with considerable success on the firing line. To protect the grenadiers from being overcome by the poisonous gases which are used with such telling effect by the Germans, a special mask which prevents the inhalation of the gases has been brought into use. Heavy helmets guard against injury from bursting shells overhead, and to complete the antidote costume worn by the grenadiers they wear a bullet-proof waistcoat. The photograph pictures two of these French grenade-throwers, equipped with their grotesque proofs against death, in the act of throwing grenades at the enemy.

ITALIANS PUT UP FIELD WIRELESS



Motor car of the Italian army equipped to carry a set of wireless apparatus for quick work in the field. With this apparatus a wireless station is set up within twelve minutes.

SOME HINTS FOR BUILDERS

Great Care Should Be Taken in Selection of the Most Substantial Roofing Material.

If you were without preparation or plan, rudely placed in a wilderness, your first thought would be of food supply and your next of shelter, for these are the two most vital necessities of mankind. It is therefore natural that the best thought, and study are put upon these two essentials.

More forward steps have been taken in the building industry in the past fifteen years, as regards comfort, service and architectural beauty than in the fifty years previous.

Only in recent years has the handling of cement in building work been understood properly, and progress is still constantly being made with it. Modern hotels and office buildings are being equipped with sheet metal mouldings and steel veneered doors. Nearly every important change in building construction is away from the fire hazard of wood.

One of the most significant developments of recent years is the crushed slate surfaced asphalt shingle which is, on new construction and old, rapidly supplanting the wooden article. There are many reasons for this. The slate surfaced shingles add beauty to any building—in fact, there is really no comparison from an architectural standpoint. Crushed slate of pleasing tints of red or green, is employed as a surfacing. The shingles are uniformly eight inches wide and are exposed four inches to the weather. No painting is necessary as the red or green crushed slate is natural and therefore cannot fade.

The purchaser, however, should guard himself against buying a slate surfaced shingle that is not guaranteed by a reliable and responsible manufacturer. There are so many kinds of roofing and shingles on the market today each claiming to be the best that it becomes necessary for the buyer to get some satisfactory assurance that the roofing or shingles are represented honestly.

Clear Title. Uncle Mose aspired to the elective office of justice of the peace in the "black bottom" part of town. One bar there was to his preference. He could neither read nor write. His master advised him to go to the commissioner of elections and ask whether he was eligible. Mose went and returned.

"What did he tell you, Mose?" inquired the master. "It's all right, sub," answered Mose; "dat gen'leman sutlinly was kind, yas, sub. He tole me Ah was illegible fo' date office."

It is almost impossible for a woman to drive a nail, yet she is usually an expert with the hammer.

A divorcee judge, like a poor marksman, makes a good many misses.

JUST A WORD ABOUT YOUR HEALTH

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