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#### Paris, France-420 Rue St. Honore RISE AND FALL OF A PROPHET.

Coue, who came in with the roar of a lion, goes out with something that sounds remarkably like a bray. Welcomed to America as the exponent of a turns to writing articles on such stale and commonplace subjects as who rules the American home.

Thus does the skillful Frenchman fall into the common temptation of all transatlantic celebrities who, after spending a few weeks in the trains, hotels and lecture halls of the country, forget their original mission and turn joyfully to the self-imposed task of interpreting Americans to themselves. Margot Asquith, W. L. George, Arnold Bennett and H. G. Wells and many other noted figures have felt says that city environment may have its advantagesthe same unconquerable urge, just as years ago did but the strength of good heredity gives country boys

Of what possible benefit can it be to be told by Coue, whose claim to fame rests on his exposition of mental healing, that American women have his respectful admiration, that they boss the home, that they are well read and that he enjoys talking to them? Even though he remarks that western women are more stern, harsh and narrow and lack the polish of their eastern sisters, there is not likely to be much heart searching or even resentment in Nebraska. And this not entirely because monsieur did not travel west of Chicago, but that if he had, his impressions would have been of no particular worth or importance. Consider, for example his remarkable discovery that all working girls buy motor cars and that none of them saves any money.

Why should Americans be expected to hang eagerly on the observations of foreigners concerning our life and manners? At an early period in our national existence we were horribly self-conscious and always were anxious to know just what strangers thought of us. That time is gone, but the fact that the flow of comment from foreign observers is unabated indicates that they regard us still as inclined not to be sure of ourselves-mentally crude and gullible to boot. There has been enough change in national characteristics, however, that we do not become puffed up over the crumbs of compliments from overseas nor hopelessly cast down by criticism.

Interested audiences filled the lecture halls to hear Coue expound his theories of health, just as they flocked to listen to Conan Doyle speak on spiritualism and to Hugh Walpole's talks on literature. Each in his field is entitled to thoughtful consideration, for years of study and experimentation are back of them. But with a few weeks' casual observation not one of these visitors is qualified to comment intelligently or to any purpose on the inward or outward significance of American life. Coue was received as a prophet; he shows himself now to have been a publicist instead.

### MAKING THE GRADE FINALLY.

A little sermon may be extracted from the experience of a Colorado man who is attending the Kansas university this winter. The catch in this is that this particular student in the engineering course is 81 years old.

Fifty years ago he was a member of the class of 1873, the first to be sent out from the halls of "K. U." He had taken all the work set down for the engineer students, but got restless and left school. Since then he has done little but engineer's work. He has made a reputation for himself, has accumulated a competency, and has not worked hard for some time. Leisure brought with it a longing for something he had missed, it seems, and now he is back, digging away to make the grade he stopped at fifty years ago. In June he will get a diploma, and will become a graduate member of his university class.

A woman of 72 is taking work at the University of Nebraska this winter, striving to satisfy a thirst for knowledge she never had time to quench during a busy life. Other instances might be cited, but these are enough to support the point.

The human mind is curious, it wants to find out, to know, and when it has pulled one thing to pieces and discovered its secret, it takes up another and repeats the process. Thus is progress made. The Colorado man won fair success without the "B. Se." he is about to get from Kansas Yet he wants that, not to appease his vanity, but to quiet something that has reproached him ever since he left school with his work undone.

## IF THE "SNORT-WAGON" HAD STAYED.

A veteran automobile man, looking over the city streets, lined with cars of all sorts, mused a little over the changes that have taken place within the short span of years since the "horseless carriage" first disturbed the city streets and the quiet of the country lanes was broken by its snort. He recalled the offer made by John Brisben Walker of a substantial bonus to the man who would produce a machine that could be sold at around \$500; possibly this was the stimulus that moved Henry Ford to accomplish his wonders, but the trend of the general trade was to the higher priced car.

What is most responsible for the toleration of the automobile is the muffler. Think what life in a large city would be were this improvement still wanting. Those who still retain the impression created by the bark of the one cylinder motors that used to infest the traffic lanes, or the reverberating roar of the two-cylinder car, whose explosions merged into a series of snorts, can perhaps faintly imagine what the pandemonium would be like if the exhaust of the "double-six" were not subdued

The city-broke horse of today would no more tolerate the unmuffled motor than did his forbear of twenty-odd years ago. If the "snort-wagon" had stayed, the horse would have vanished long ago, in a streak of dust and with the wreckage of whatever vehicle he may have been hitched to. Happily for all hands, some genius adapted Maxim's "silencer" to the requirements of the automobile, and the world is busy and happy, and horns are now required to denote the approach of a machine that once was sangaced far in advance of its arrival.

#### COUNTRY BRED LEADERS.

The fact that so many of the leading men of the cities of America were born on the farm is frequently remarked. It is sometimes felt that for the welfare of the rural communities it would be better if so many of their best men did not move to the centers of population. The Y. M. C. A worker who is developing county organizations in the rural districts is raising a new crop of leaders. It is good to see that already five Nebraska counties have organ-

ized rural Y. M. C. A's. There is no particular virtue in rural living in itself. The environment there may encourage or discourage the creation of leaders, and the same thing is true of cities One investigator, Dr. F. A. Wood, has challenged the statement that the country provides the greatest source of noted men. Analyzing the persons listed in "Who's Who in America," Dr. Wood has shown that 30 per cent of them were born in the city. This at first glance would seem to give the country the advantage, but not after it is taken into account that at the average time of their birth only 16 per cent of the population of the nation philosophy of health, he completes a brief tour and was to be found in the cities. He concludes that city environments encourage talent and develop spe-

Dr. W. J. Spillman, on the other hand, found that 92 per cent of the presidents of the United States were born on the farm, 91 per cent of the governors, 83 per cent of cabinet officers, 70 per cent of the senators and 55 per cent of a list of railway presidents In this case 69 persons out of each 100 prominent persons involved were country bred. Spillman

The city, according to another investigator, Prof. George R. Davies, leads as a source of great men. He goes at the thing statistically and ranks the states according to density of population and the production of men of repute. His result is interpreted as showing that cultural conditions rather than physical inheritance account for the relative higher yield of men of repute in the cities.

A genius may spring up in any spot, overcoming every obstacle and gaining strength from the necessity of meeting hardship. Great minds may even develop apart from association with others. Yet the quality of steady leadership comes most surely from rightly directed study and contact with others. The country districts will continue to provide leaders for the cities, but such organizations as the rural Y. M. C. A. are needed to broaden opportunity and train for community leadership at home

#### NO TIME FOR A NAPOLEON.

Omaha business men who heard Theodore H. Price speak on the world outlook were given much to think about. No part of his address was more carefully regarded than that in which he discussed the possible outcome of the French regarations drive on Germany. As a student of finance he expressed the opinion that France would never be able to collect the sums demanded in anything but stage money, and that the cost of the military occupation would greatly exceed | bite he drove collided with another

For his information on the German point of view he relied on the opinion of a prominent German editor who is now traveling incognito in America, a man said to be in the confidence of the Berlin government. This man was confident that the Germans would not resort to violence against the French, because they realize they have not the power. Nor would they accept the aid of soviet Russia. They are looking for a change in French public opinion to overthrow Poincare. Then they expect a new Napoleon to arise who will endeavor to subjugate central Europe to the French arms. At that point they expect England and America, and perhaps some of the other powers, to clarified and perhaps some of the other powers, to clarified and perhaps some of the other powers, to clarified and perhaps some of the other powers, to clarified and perhaps some of the other powers, to clarified and perhaps some of the other powers, to clarified and perhaps some of the other powers, to clarified and streets by clarified and perhaps some of the other powers, to clarified and perhaps some of the other powers, to clarified and streets by clarified and perhaps some of the other powers, to clarified and streets by clarified and perhaps some of the other powers, to clarified and streets by clarified and perhaps some of the other powers, to clarified and perhaps some of the other powers, to clarified and perhaps some of the other powers, to clarified and perhaps some of the other powers are clarified

Mr. Price confessed that this sounded at first rather fantastic, but said that as he reread the history of the French he had become convinced that imperialistic ideals had influenced a great many of the actions of that race. His declaration that the French republic is autocratic instead of democratic in its control is true, but only time will show whether the people themselves are so mesmerized with thoughts of military glory to give the necessary popular backing to a Napoleonic campaign.

No one knows what the end of this adventure in the Ruhr will be, but for all that, the German people seem to be just as confident as the French of a satisfactory outcome. Certain standards of humanity are pretty solidly upheld by modern world opinion. If any latter day Napoleon unsheathes the sword in Europe, he will find himself a moral outlaw, destined for nothing greater than St. Helena.

One of the most sensible proposals before the state legislature is that one calling for ten days' public notice before a marriage license is issued. A good old-fashioned custom, that of looking before leaping, would thus be encouraged. Easy divorce springs ofttimes from easy marriage.

A Syracuse man reported to the police that he drank three quarts of whisky, starting a double mystery-where he got it and how he withstood its

Vilhjalmar Stefanson in St. Paul moans for the balmy airs of the North Pole. What would he say were he over in the banana belt around Calgary Medicine Hat?

Now that the worst is over again, let us resume the study of seed catalogues and plan gardens.

That fellow Balanov ought to turn up next as confidential secretary to some one.

New buildings for county fairs are another good sign of the times in Nebraska.

Might try putting a little lime water in to sweeten

Next thrill will come when the ice goes out.

## Homespun Verse

By Robert Worthington Davie

I'D LIKE A LITTLE GARDEN.

I'd like a little garden of flowers in the dell, I'd like a cozy cottage beneath a maple tree--A cozy little cottage to fit your fancy, Nell, And be a sort of heaven to shelter you and me

I'd like a little garden in the valley of Adair Of violets and daisies and scented tube rose. Geraniums and zenias with golden-rod to spare. And lilies of the valley where the Volga river flows.

We'd love them all together-you, Nell, my dear, and Our garden and our flowers immaculate and fair. The river and the sunshine, the bowing maple tree We'd love them all together in the valley of Adair.

## "From State and Nation"

-Editorials from Other Newspapers-

Tailor-Made Athletes.

From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. The Merchant Tailor Designers' as it increasingly difficult for crooks and sociation, having just concluded grave sion which, to be saved, must be rid and lengthy deliberations in this city, of their presence. By the terms of agreement on the most vital question that entered into their discussions. The question related to the wearing apparel of the American business man. According to the terms of the agreement, as duly recorded in the respect to the standard of the terms of the agreement, as duly recorded in the respect to the standard of the fashion committee the closing of the fashion committee that the losses are not suggests that some one better qualified on the subject of psycho-therapy be left to reply to the letter of Mr. Woodruff in the "People's Voice" column. But possibly my hint will call attention to his letter of some one who is better qualified.

ference to the tailors; in any such committee composed of case, it would be a very simple matditerations. Even the business man imself, although confident that his guaranty law own dimensions are as athletic as those of any prize fighter who ever stepped over the ropes, may be in From Farm Life.
doubt about the physical proportions The erratic "spurty" driver who der if these various and sundry proletic. Here, again, there is no reason for doubt, since it is a matter which, once and for all, has been decided by the tailors. They have laid down the simple proposition that the business man, whether he knows it or not, and ome slight expansion or contraction, depending upon individual measureents, for the business men to adjust hemselves to this situation, but this passing. adaptation will not be painful. The tailors, determined as they are to see dothes, and fitted perfectly, do not ntend to imitate Procrustes. In some manner unexplained they will make the clothes fit the man, instead of

making the man fit the clothes.

May good luck betide the tailors wishes to discourage frem in their atempt to prove that every business man is an athlete, and least of all the business man himself. Yet there are physical obstacles, in the form of protruding waistlines, lean shanks and other arbitrary dispositions of Something should be done soon and the human anatomy, which must be quickly to revamp the advice that is Whatever the system of therapy be, bremely difficult task, however. hould have the good wishes of all | ceeded

## Inadequate.

In the police court a man declares he was not drunk when the automofendant was drunk. The man is convicted, fined \$25 and sentenced to five days in jail for having been

runk in a public place.

Being drunk in a public place may ot endanger anyone's life or prop-rty. But being drunk at the wheel of an automobile in a public road or in a street is another matter. Such punishment as a fine and a sail sentence for having driven an automobile when drunk is inadequate enforcing laws to deprive him of his business which promises well.

license to drive an automobile. ral states, notably in Pennsylvania, whole thing in your hands.

undreds of licenses have been re- You had to pass it up because you fundreds of licenses have been rewhen drunk. By no other means, apparently, can the drunken driver be lealt with constructively

## From the Nebraska City Press

indications that the bank guaranty law will be made safe for Nebraska. t has been a bulwark and buttress of strength for the depositor for many years, much to the general satisfac-tion of the state as a whole, but in men in it who see justic in all things and reason in the proposal to permit honorable bankers to have some rights which have been withheld up to the present. The guaranty law will still stand a tower of strength,

## Daily Prayer

Ask thy Father and He will show thee.

Almighty and Eternal Lord, we come y Thine own appointed way to Thee. The Name above every name is our only plea, and for His sake Who bears it Thou wilt hear and answer. What infinite grace Thou hast for all needy ones; what love and what compassion! Our souls adore and worship Thee for all Thou art, and Our souls adore and Thee for Thy Sen, and for all the has become to Thy trusting Especially do our souls go up hee in adoring wonder as we of His cross and passion. It is or all that Thou hast done. that He has become to Thy trusting ones. Especially do our souls go up to Thee in adoring wonder as we think of His cross and passion. It is in the cross we find our hope. And now, O Lord, wilt Thou create within as a simple faith in Thy Word, and cause us to see that naught of all Thou hast promised can ever fail of fulfillment. Evermero, increase our Keep us walking with Thee safeguard us from all attacks of the evil one, and if it be Thy good pleasure, take us into the circle of Thy anointed ones, that we may effective ly serve Thee. Help us in our daily duties, whether these lie in our home or business; therein may we honor and giorify Thee, and prove a blessing to our fellow men. Speed the coming of Thy Kingdom, and hasten the day I'hrone and reign gloriously. In the Name of Him Who loved us and gave Himself for us. Amen. REV. JOSEPH W. KEMP, New York City, N. Y.

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#### port of the fashion committee, the cident on the closing of some 50 business man is, in effect, an athlete, banks, it would seem preposterous to ousiness man is, in effect, an athlete. The tailors will therefore endeavor insist that they shall have nothing to country in teaching and stimulating to say about how other banks are containing the practice of auto-suggestion as a discountry in teaching and stimulating the practice of auto-suggestion as a andiwork, so that the business man ducted. Banks are the only institumay cut as heroic a figure as any tions on earth doing business with youth who ever strove for the laurel other people's money. Banks using care in their trusteeship should be Now, some may thing that as an safeguarded just as their depositors is far from new as a therapeutic athlete the business man is a misfit, are. The bill providing for inspection That does not make a particle of difability and honor, should be passed by for them to make the necessary the legislature. Passage of the meas ure means added prestige to the bank

four-square to every financial wind

that blows, if it is amended to make

incompetents to engage in a profes-

#### He Who Courts a Crash.

passes you in a flash hasn't half the chance, according to the law of general averages, of reaching his destination with the same amount of safety that the steady, consistent driver has. When some persons are at the wheel of a powerful car they court death by "whipping" out of line every indicate that he is not in training, is an athlete, and upon this proposition few miles they may have moved up growing up to it, as the knowledge an athlete, and upon this proposition few miles they may have moved up they will draw their patterns during the current year. It may require half mile in the line, but to do this they have taken 15 or 20 charge and they have taken 15 or 20 charge half mile in the line, but to do this knowledge of Jesus. they have taken 15 or 20 chances of ples marveled at His works He told a smashup, not only of their own, them: "The works that I do ye shall but more often of the car they are do, and greater works than these

this style of motoring has upon your Brakes that are constantly in use soon wear out. A motor that is subjected to unwarranted strain, produced by racing in low and second, making the man fit the clothes.

May good luck betide the tailors bills, and tires will not give the mileage they should because of the west caused by racing it low and second, will soon raise quite a crop of repair mileage they should because of the west caused by racing it low and second.

#### Necessary to Change. From the York Republican

overcome. But the tailors say that so freely and generously, if not probusiness men are athletic, and tailors fusely, offered by successful men to are honorable men. In attempting the youngster of today.

Whatever the system of therapy be, the better the physician is able to control the action of the arisent the more successful will to demonstrate the truth of that as-sertion, they are undertaking a su-money and Rockefeller says that you and must save it. Yet both have suc-

> and Taft figures that folk should ha Bee: Mr. Brady was right when he conserve their energy for essentials. Eddie Guest says do your writing profiteer in morality. Reform organ-in the morning, while Don Marquis izations have done more harm than opines that night time is the best good in this particular movement time for writing.

off tomorrow right.

## Common Sense

The possibility of diminishing the that certain business in a way to

because their holders drove had not money enough to swing it.

drunk. By no other means, apyou have not been wise enough to look out for the future, and save

Seeing the Light.

There are healthy and satisfactory

when you could.

Instead of saving you have "lived" as you went—so you describe your lack of foresight to yourself. But you could not bear to wear last year's styles and you have been proud to see your wife and children up to the minute also in clothes and ap-

pearance.

You would belong to the fashionable club and do your share of entertainiet held out hopes for the banker
ind his stockholders who are living
into the law and conducting finanital institutions in accordance with
right and proper business laws. Forright and proper business laws. For-tunately the legislature seems to have tunately the legislature seems to have How long does it take for this lesson to sink in and bear fruit? (Copyright, 1922.)

## The Spice of Life

the close of the funeral.

This he will anything to his wife?"
saked Thomanson.

Ingenue—"Look here, this is scandatous. I've only got one box of chocolates
presented to me."

Stage Manager—"Well, that's better
than nothing; what are you grumbling
about?"

Ingenue—"Grumbling—I like that;
grumbling, when I paid for four!"—The
Passing Show (London).

A clergyman, taking occasional duty for a friend in a remote country parish, was a friend in a remote country parish, was greatly scandalized on observing the old verger, who had been collecting the offer-tory, quietly abstract a 8-went piece be-fore presenting the plate at the altar-rail. After service he called the old man into After series and told him with some emo-tion that his crime had been discovered. The verger looked puggled for a mo-ment. Then a sudden light dawned on "Why, sir, you den't mean that old half-dollar of mine? Why, I've led off with that for the last 15 years!"—Every-

with that for the body's Magazina "Year before last was a good one for painting all over the country. The Foun-tain," with a woman and two children, sold for \$18,500. —From our own Literary

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# "The People's Voice"

Takes Exception to Attack on Coue Hartington, Neb .- To the Editor of announce that they have reached an the guaranty law the losses are not suggests that some one better quali-

health agent. Of course, Mr. Woodruff should know that he is way be-hind in his criticism. Auto-suggestion agent. It is as old as history, always was, and is more and more practiced by every school of physicians. day one can hardly listen to a conversation by a bunch of intelligent laymen where the discussion of sickness is up that the system of psycho therepy, in some of its forms, is not eing advanced.
Mr. Woodruff states that it is blas-

my against Jesus to say that He employed the science of suggestion in the healing of the sick. There is nothing more scientific in the history of action or ideas than the work and teaching of Jesus. The strength and beauty of his life and teaching lie in the fact that they can not be overthrown by science. Some of His work advance of anything science has yet of men more nearly approach the them: "The works that I do ye shall because I go to the Aside from the danger to yourself and others, is the deteriorating effect curative power in suggestion in the it lay in the Master Mind of the sugsuggestion.

whether it be called the "the miracles of Christ." auto-suggestion. Christian Science, new thought, or otherwise, is wear caused by "skidding" and "side based upon the creative power of the slipping" when driving in this fash. mind, the influence of mind over

All mental healing is produced by self-mental action, but auto-sugges-tion is secondary or responsive; it the patient, the more the case be.

#### Against Reformers.

Omaha-To the Editor of The Omasimply because their laws have caus Frank Crane says that a business ed our young men and women to seek automobile. A patrolman says the de man's desk should be cleaned off amusement that was not in public and when he leaves at night, and Judge not only that it caused them to vio Gary suggests that the desk should late the law because it was against have enough work left on it to start the law. For instance, in West Virginin, where they were successful in getting the amusement parks and heaters closed on Sunday, men would take their children out for a walk and when their child would ask for an to a back door of a confectionery store Recently you had reason to regret hear men on Monday tell of their ex-The drunken driver can be dealt with that you have not a little money in the interest of public safety by ahead which you could put into a on Sunday for a quarter. In other enforcing laws to deprive him of his business which promises well. You feel sure of your ability to run profit on Sunday selling candy and



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to church and rest all day, but what-

tobacco to men that were not fortu- ever it might be, you have a perfect nate in buying their supply on Satur- right to do it, according to the bill

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