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### WHERE FACT OUTRUNS FICTION.

Novelists are supposed to go about with note books, jotting down bits of information that they later weave into fiction, using actual occurrences or remarks to support the fabric of their realism. Many and varied are the results, and fantastic and even grotesque some of the images projected. We are moved to wonder what sort of tale one of these impressionists would prepare from the unvarnished annals of Max Dick.

Max Dick is a landlord on the East Side in New York; he owns a tenement house in Rivington street in which there were a week ago 225 children. "Eleven kiddies make a fine family," says Max Dick, "but thirteen are better." Think of that, some of you property owners, who bar babies from your flats. He started, years ago, as a little boy in a sweat shop. Young as he was, and poverty stricken, he had a dream, and he worked to make it come true.

Earning \$2.75 a week on his first job, he saved a little and planted it with his mother. In time he rose to the eminence of \$10 a week, and then he could save more. Last week he told a newspaper reporter how he bought his clothes in a secondhand store which stood where his tenement house now stands. He paid 25 cents for a pair of shoes, and \$2.50 for a suit of clothes. But his dream was shining brighter all the time.

The day came when he bought the first lot he owned on Rivington street for \$500. Other properties have been picked up since then, but on his first one he realized his dream. It was a tenement house that should have light and air, and other things for comfort, and in which babies should be welcome. Max Dick has prospered, for his habits of frugality and thrift have continued, and he is listed well-to-do, but at no time has he lost touch with his friends on the East Side.

Simple enough, isn't it? The lives of such men are always simple, devoid of the dramatic; just the concrete sordidness of drudging day in and day out, scrimping, saving, denying one's self all the little luxuries and pleasures, merely to get ahead. Yes, that is one side of the picture, but look at the other. Dozens and dozens of little children, playing and comping in safety, shouting after "Uncle Max" as he comes and goes, giving him a joy he never could buy with money. Add to this the blessings of fathers and mothers, who realize the advantage they have in such a landlord, and it must be clear that Max Dick has that which is not found even in story books or happy ending plays.

Wealth is power, and when power is used for the good of those who do not possess it, it is Godlike. Max Dick has approached if he has not in very truth touched the real secret of human happiness. He has made others happy.

#### EVEN THE OCEAN IS DRIER.

FAMILIARITY DEFEATS MATRIMONY.

Einstein made a mistake in his calculations, those on which he based his startling statements in setting up, a new or, rather, upsetting the old physical universe. We do not know what it was, for it is for those who can soar into the uppermost realms of O, who but God could make a gentle

others have pointed it out. This is just to show that even the most expert of figure jugglers may a boner, when he detects it in the work of a pupil.

Reflecting on this we are not inclined to be dis- Pale petals and pale leaves and turbed seriously by those who fancy they see the end of marriage in the mounting totals of divorces granted. Admitting that there is the semblance of And there is drowsy silence like a evil in the fact reported from the census bureau that fewer marriages and more divorces took place in 1922 than in 1916, we still can find comfort in the statement that in Nebraska more than 10,000 of the couples married did not seek divorce. Reasons for the change are being sought in all directions, by social workers who are earnestly bent on preserving

the sacred institution of marriage and perpetuating pleasant that it doesn't seem right for the home. One who is not cynical, and who feels at times

that he does not love his fellow man, gives it as his opinion that some of the cause may be found in conditions that obviously contribute to the general result. The so-called freedom of life, indulged by

both the sexes, tends to produce a sort of neuter state of mind. Marriage fundamentally is dependent on mystery, and when the eyes are opened and nothing left to the imagination, the sex lure that might lead to matrimony disappears. Boys and girls who mingle together freely in the intimacy of a splendid companionship, express the fine spirit of the age, but they get to know one another too well. The girl learns to play the games, do the work, and in every way to rival her brother, and any glamour of superiority he might once have possessed dissolves under the light of her knowledge. So with the boy, who sees his sister going about, doing those things that used to be sacred to masculinity alone. He loses that sense of reverence and awe the male once had for the female, and treats her as an equal instead of something far above him. And neither of these attitudes stimulates the impulse to marriage.

Economic independence has its share in producing the result, both in the decrease of marriage and increase in divorce. Yet neither of these conclusions implies that the situation is hopeless. When matters are a little better adjusted, as they soon will be, the old-fashioned interest in mating will be revived, and domestic partnerships will be formed on a more solid and enduring basis than those which have startled the moralists.

#### A RADIO PLOT.

If one doesn't wish to read a novel, it is the easiest thing in the world to avoid. Of course, a certain amount of social pressure is laid by friends who insist on discussing the latest literary sensation and never fail to inquire if one has read it. But nothing can force a person against his will to purchase or borrow a book that he doesn't care to read.

However, before the ingenious plan of a wealthy writer in the east, the nonreading public is helpless. He proposes nothing less than the erection of a radio sending station on his country estate beside the Hudson, over which he will broadcast each day a portion of his writings. Nor broadcast each day a portion of his writings. All is he inclined to be selfish with this insidious device. Authors from all over the country, he announces, have written him, some to secure the loan of his wireless, others to seek particulars so that they might erect a broadcasting station of

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The Lantern By DON MARQUIS. **0** Who But God? flower

sublimated mathematics, but Einstein admits it and And set it in green mosses by s stream And give it living winds, and every pull what the tutor over at the business college calls Bring it more radiance until a dream not so exquisite-Q, who could take

> breathe a deep Forgotten fragrance, till the grass is sweet

> > sleep About them? Such are violets and

buttercups. And the small daisy beautifully neat -Mabel Simpson. Matrimony should be a game of skill as well as a game of chance.

is something A vice other people to be enjoying it.

A scientist of the osteopathic school suggested recently that more men. es pecially fat men, should wear corsets People are always telling fat men what they should and what they shouldn't do and expecting them to take it good-naturedly.

Personally, as one of the fat, w lraw a line at the corset. We are ertain that a corset would make up eel self-conscious and shy; we shoul wondering all the time if people were commenting upon it; we should wondering if people heard it creal when we sat down. But there is a ore serious objection: what become f the embonpoint that is suppressed by a corset? It must go somewhere may vanish eventually, but it doe ot vanish at once. It must squeeze it above the corset or below the cor and in either case there is no eal gain in the way of manly sym

We have some respect for the scien ists; they are usually well meaning persons. Even when they are frivolis they are seldom conscious of their wn frivolity. But this corset idea s an indignity to which we will not What would happen-this is submit. a purely academic question, for we do not have fleas-what would happen if a flea got under the darned thing?

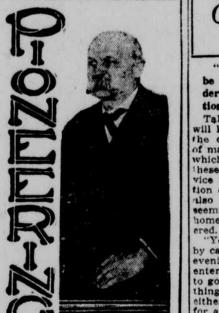
It is a fact not generally known, out nevertheless a fact, that it was large part of its business interests. fleas getting under their armor where this product is not marketed, or most they couldn't scratch that finally de- of it is marketed at a price which, couldn't scratch that finally dedided the knights of old to give up chivalry. It has been generally supposed that armor went out when gun powder came in.

was the fleas that they by the Saracens to bite Christians, the injury. proved the most adequate defense of "In his i the Holy Land from the onslaughts fect Governor Thayer shows that at the of Christendom; and to this day that price of corn in Chicago there is no country is still in the hands of the Moslems, and to this day the fleas abound.

At least, this is the report we get to the shipper only 12 cents a bushel. rom our entomological authority. Nobody will pretend that this is a fair from our entomological authority Archy, our our historical authority, Mr. Clem Hawley.

orid. Do not get too close to romance or will become reality. Any one who could show the charm for a time the drain it entails, if they

-Sindbad. better and better." ernor, should relief be denied, does not Just because you have a grouch exaggerate the danger of the situathat is no sign that you are sincere



When any group of old-timers sets out to discuss the present market price of grain and hogs, one of the tirst comparisons made is with condi-tions that prevailed during the winter of 1389-90. In January, 1890, efforts were being made to secure conces-sions in freight rates from the rail-roads that grain might be moved, Governor Theyer had mide an appeal to the presidents of the lines serving Nebraeka, and Edward Rosswater sup-ported him, publishing this editorial on January 27, 1890:

"THEY SHOULD HEED THE APPEAL."

"The appeal addressed by Governor nayer to the managers of the rail-

tainly interested in the progress and streets in the characters of prosperity of Nebraska. The material children. "God says to you as he intrusts you with a young life: "Take this child growth of the state must result in a

growth of the state must result in larger prosperity for the railroads, that carry its products and bring into that carry its products and bring into the thy wages.' Be true and you will the thy wages.' Be true and you will the thy wages.' Be true and you will it the commodities which the market-ing of these products will enable its receive the wages-the joy of seeing people to buy. The great staple of Nebraska, its corn crop, is the deyour sons and daugters grow into beautiful manhood and womanhood." pendence of the large majority of its people for support, and therefore a people for support, and therefore a

This evening at the First Swedish Baptist church, Thirty-fourth and Burt streets, Rev. C. A. Segerstrom will have for his subowing to the high freight rates, leaves no profit to the farmer, it is inevitaject "Fullness," and will say: This word expresses a state or qual ble that all business must suffer, the

ity of being full, completeness, fection, something accomplished. general prosperity be unfavorably affected, and the progress of the state be retarded. In such a state of af-Thy presence is fullness of joy." says picked up in their crusades to Pales. be retarded. In such a state of the Psalmist (16:77). We wish to speak time that really disgusted the knights. fairs the railroads doing business in about fullness from four different about fullness of evil, "full-time" the injury. ness of time." as Christ's first and second coming; fullness of the glory of the Lord, "fullness of Christ." "In his second letter on the sub-Wickedness in the world has been and is yet great. In Noah's days even the 120 years of his preaching was com-pleted and the awful flood came and return. On the contrary, it is simply ruinous. The farmers of the state the ark. Future prophecy talls ruinous. The farmers of the state the ark. Future prophecy tells of a day when the wicked shall drink the full cup of God's wrath. They shall to provide for Amusings. One-half the world doesn't know how the other half lives. This is a great disappointment to one-half the and admit that "the great day of His wrath has come, and who shall be able to stand?" Rev. 6:17. Indeed, evil and death shall be conquered in due time. In what has been said we have seen

the end of evil in the world and the glorious victory of Christ and His righteousness. Hence it is needful for us to ask ourselves what our hearts

### fullness of Him that filleth all in all. Eph. 1:23. If we love Christ and His church, we shall faithfully work "till Harvest Home

we come in the unity of the faithunto a perfect man, unto the meas-ure of the stature of the fullness of Nebraska, golden harvest home, Land of the goldenrod! "hrist, Enh. 4:13. way, away 'neath its golden sway

At the St. Paul Presbyterian church, Twenty-sixth and Seward streets, the Rev. Russell Taylor will have for his theme today "The Markets of Jehovah." The text will be from Isaiah 55:1; "Come, buy wine and milk with-out money and without price." He will say in part:

To a nation years ago that had through transgressions lost sight of the abundant and wholesome and all-supplying market of Jehovah, and to nations and men today who for the

same reason are unaware of the "un searchable riches of God," "The Call" comes forth from heaven, "Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price." Not for one week only, but for years thing, it means one of two things-either she is selfish and cares more for amusement you provide than for you, or else her head is empty and she is unable to be happy without the aid of some extra excitement. She will not fit into a modest home very well.

things. will treat you, listen to the way he talks about others—his employers, his business associates, his friends. If Israel was being called to Him who

"Almost anyone is likable at a pic. that has tested all manner of food nic, when the day is pleasant and food only to find an unappeased appetite. I ads in Nebraska, asking for such re-iction of the rates on corn as will "No woman ought to consent to be

scheme And lift their heads to God. Nebraska, golden harvest home, Forest and plain and sand: Here wheat competes with the sugar beet, And friendship grips your hand. O far-flung cup where the world may o far-famed prairie land! Nebraska, golden harvest home,

Now apples blush in the noon-time

And sunflowers dream in the golden

Where feet of red men trod.

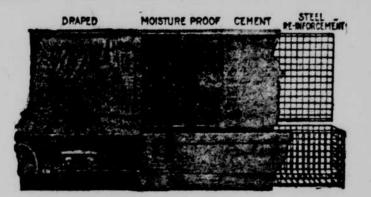
Nebraska prairies nod.

Water and wind and sun! The rain-kissed grain is a golden lane That lures the soul of one Where bison grazed in the early days Now herds of cattle run, Yet goldenrod in the olden sod Still gleams when day is done. Nebraska, golden harvest home, Tractor and man and team! Adorning morn are the miles of corn, And golden pumpkins beam. How pigs expand in the prairie land! And babies thrive on cream

Nebraska, golden harvest home, Pantry of Uncle Sam! We'll toast the coast on the brains

they boast, But we're in the big-ker wham! The Middlewest beneath Uncle's vest Is full of eggs and ham! Then ho! for cake from the flour we

make. And butter bread and jam! Nebraska, golden harvest home, Queen of the middlewest!



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## Out of Today's Sermons

"Four Feet on the Fender" will be the theme of Rev. Ada S. Anderson at Plymouth Congregational church this morning.

Taking as her text Gen. 2:15, she will have something to say regarding the divine institution and authority of marriage, as well as the manner in which the relationship is entered in these days. She will give some ad vice to young people as to the selec-tion of their partners for life, telling also the way to make the best of a seemingly bad bargain. The ideal home and its inmates will be consid-

She will say in part: You can learn more about a girl by calling on her in her home for an evening than by taking her to a dozen entertainments. If she always wants to go somewhere or to be doing somehing, it means one of two things-

"If you want to know how a man

talks about others—his employers, his business associates, his friends. If everyone is always wrong except him-self, if he is always complaining that no one does anything for him. al-though you never heard of his doing anything for anyone else, look out for him.

duction of the rates on corn as will enable the farmers of the state to market their crops with some profit. has been promised careful considera-tion by the general manager of the sumed will receive attention from other managers. The matter is one of such importance as to merit the most such importance as to merit the most serious consideration from the rall-voads. These corporations are cer-tainly interested in the progress and prosperity of Nebraska. The material children.

While a great deal is heard of the rush to the bar as soon as the liner crosses the three-mile limit, something on the other side of the story occasionally comes to the surface. T. D. Stewart, chief steward on the White Star liner, Adriatic, who has been 35 years in the North Atlantic trade, tells the New York Times that drinking among passengers at sea has been steadily declining for the last twenty years. He says:

"It is not because liquor costs have gone up, but chiefly because the present generation does not drink beer, wine or spirituous liquors as its forbears did. Efficiency in business, with telephones, wireless, radio, taxicabs, electrical devices and the general demand for more speed has destroyed the old idea of doing business in the forenoon and devoting the rest of the day and night to drinking."

Steward Smith describes the old-fashioned toper, who was not found only at sea, who began drinking as soon as he opened his eyes in the morning and kept it up all day without getting drunk. He gives some prices that will make a bootlegger laugh, and the bootlegger's patron groan. Read this:

"Whisky at that time cost 90 cents a bottle, gin 50 cents, rum 50 cents, good red or white table wine 50 cents, and champagne was \$2 a quart. Beer, ale or stout was 6 cents a bottle, and a whisky or brandy with soda water could be obtained in the first class smoking room for 12 cents. The best cut pipe tobacco on the ship was \$5 cents a pound.

'Passengers bought spirits by the bottle and kept them in the swinging racks over their seats at table. At dinner time in the first-class dining saloon thirty years ago champagne was seen on every table.

If this change has come about under the process of social evolution, the case for ultimate prohibition does not appear so hopeless as some folks think. Men are giving up intoxicating liquor, not so much because the law forbids it as because they have something to do besides drink.

#### HOW MUCH IS A MAN WORTH?

Enactment of compensation laws to provide relief for victims of industrial mishaps has brought out a wide variation of estimates as to the value of different members of the human body. These are not so much because of the laws, although they are sufficiently wide apart, but because of decisions in courts constructing those laws. For example, a thumb is worth \$225 in Wyoming, \$600 in Oregon, and the legal compensation for sixty weeks in New York and Alabama. In Nebraska, Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, Kansas and New York, the hand extends to the elbow, while in Colorado it only extends to the wrist.

Other differences of view as to the seriousness of injuries, the relation of the members of the body, and their effect on the earning power of the individual are noted by the National Industrial Conference board, which is interested in securing some approach to uniformity in the laws of the several states and the practices of the courts that deal with compensation cases. Identical injuries, the board feels, ought to be treated as nearly as possible the same in all states. Also, there should be agreement on rules that govern medical treatment, hospital care

and similar details. The fact that compensation laws vary so is not taken as a hopeless sign, for the belief is justified that experie ce will lead to greater harmony in the provisions. The interesting thing at the moment is that the states are alive to the need of provisions for the care of victims of industry. When all have enacted compensation laws, and time has shown the way, definite agreement on methods and amount of payment may be expected.

their own. What are the people to do to protect them-

selves? There is a fascination in sitting before a radio telephone receiver. Anything heard through these miraculous sets seems interesting and wonderful. Those who would not think of walking across the street to hear a lecture or concert are entranced by the same thing when it comes dashing through space to their ears. Suppose this novelist should read the first chapter of his latest story and then announce that the concluding sections could be purchased at any book store? Verily, here is a plot and one against which the average human being is helpless.

#### WHEN THE FAMILY'S AWAY.

Consider the lot of the poor summer bachelors. They have no home, only a house, vacant and cheerless, so silent that it shricks and tears at the nerves. Stilled is the laughter of the children, gone is every real interest in life.

Frequently the effort is made to make merry over the spectacle of the husband whose family is away for a vacation. Someone even wrote a song entitled "My Wife's Gone to the Country, Hooray, Hooray." The most than can be said is that these lack all semblance of appreciation and real facts.

There is no pile of dishes accumulating in the sink. You see the summer bachelors sitting soberly about the table at the cafes downtown. If they so much as eat breakfast at home, it is always out of the same few dishes, rinsed hastily under the faucet. The living room is a vacuum in which nothing moves nor lives. No litter of paper dolls or toys, no hats nor lives. No litter of paper dolls or toys, no hats or sweaters cast carelessly on the bench. It is like a tomb. Perhaps there is a milkman who persists in leaving the customary plentiful supply of milk whether or not the bottles and tickets are put out on the porch. Faithful soul, little does he realize the annoyance he causes by enforcing a morning diet of milk. And if the deserted man of the household should try sleeping late in the morning has soon finds that the door bell ringing solicitors

he soon finds that the door bell ringing solicitors dor and tells a story to the Injun Chief he looks at me kind o' funny expect every home to be up and stirring shortly after and sez. 'I heard it before.' They Amen. There is no comfort in solitude in the city.

Husbands seldom or never enjoy their wive's vacations.

#### MAKING THE MAILS GO FASTER.

'Yep! I sure wuz some sailor. It will not be between sunup and sundown that Queen Isabella, when she staked me the mail will cross the continent by airship, but the believed I could sall around Cape flight will be fast enough to make Father Time rub Horn on a shingle and never git wet. his eyes and shake his hour glass. Less than 14 hours from New York to Omaha, 16 hours from bein' compared to me. They has Omaha to San Francisco, and there you have it. nothin' on me on water, but yester-day I see one of them airships go a Omaha is just about what the "flyers" that run on licked." The time set for the journey from New York to They wus guite a group a hangrailroad schedule consume in the journey from ing about a listenin' to him by this time and some one sez, "You wuz Omaha to Chicago, and is only about two-thirds of the time between Chicago and New York. It means licked to a frazzle a long time ago,

a net saving of the running time from New York before you ever got started." Christopher Columbus looks up and to Chicago. On the western end of the flight the time consumed will be about what a mail train takes up between Omaha and Cheyenne, saving the

time consumed between that point and San Francisco. The world do move, and the postal service is trying to keep up with its motion.

A suburban garden cannot be con sidered a success unless the potatoes are bigger than the bugs. Denver is having a lot of trouble with the Platte, but the worst of her fears has never been realized. A snob is a person who sees you

Gasoline at present prices explodes as well as it are about to snub him and beats you did last week.

Girls. They're cute and they're pretty, They're pert and they're witty. In country or city They add to the scene. They powder their noses In picturesque poses. Each flapper discloses The air of a queen.

They're strong on their dancing, Each maiden entrancing Is bent on enhancing Her pow'r to amuse They carry small cases To mirror their faces. And add to their graces With lip stick and rouge.

They're all in transition. They prate of a mission. And grandma's tradition Is void and null. They've had lots of whacking. And frequent attacking. But if they were lacking 'Twould be pretty dull. --George O. Schoenhoven.

stops coglitatin' and manicurin'. He sez, "Who is that old Guy with the

DON MARQUIS.

"Why, that's Noah!"

Daily Prayer For the Lord God is a san and shield; the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.-P.S. 84:11. Lord, we thank Thee for the bless-ings of the day that is gone. We were Christopher Columbus Soliloquizes. Christopher Columbus was a settin' ip in Paradise a leanin' again a guarded and guided at every step, and

alabaster column and a parin' his nails and a coglitatin' to hisself out from us. We pray Thy forgiving loud. He wuz a sayin', "I sure wuz some sailor, and if I had them three the dangers of this new day. Cleanse ships what I took across the ocean. Us in Thy blood; comfort us with Thy mebbe I couldn't do no business a presence; strengthen us with Thy runnin' a Rum Fleet, Galleons and power, and help us like little children Galleons and Galleons, I guess what." to put our hand in Thine and be led Then he tickles hisself and laughs and by Thee all the day sez, "That ain't so worse. I certainly Deepen the gratitude of our hearts, wuz some sailor. Them wuz the days, and help us to lean upon Thy bosom

atmosphere akin to that of heaven.

to my way o' thinkin'. They named Columbus, Ohio, after me and them who comes here tells me that they has the worst railroad station there in the World and they has 'Columbus' writ right on the front of it." He keeps on a cogitatin' and he sez

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long whiskers what sez that?" Then all o' them angels laughs an Does not include returns, left-overs, samples or papers spoiled in printing and includes no special anles -Harry L. French.

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Christ? We cannot have both at the same time. "Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water braska shall be enabled to market their corn at a fair and reasonable fulness of Christ or nerich braska shall be enabled to market their corn at a fair and reasonable profit, or a considerable portion of the crop be left unmarketed, to the detri-ment and damage of all the business in the state. There is no authority to compel them to change their rates on through shipments of corn. The matthrough shipments of corn. The mat-ter is one over which they have, in its ter is one over which they have, in its received this fullness? As "He came to His own and His own received him the many today are refusing to They are merely appealed to to con-take Christ and be saved. We pray take Christ and be saved. We pray sider whether it will not be wise and just to afford the farmers of Nebraska that you may "know the love the relief that it is in their power to give, and without which it is ap-parent the general prosperity must suffer. A careful study of the situa-blood. The church is His body, the Christ, which passeth knowledge, that of God." Eph. 3:19. Christ has bought. blood. The church is His body, the tion will convince them, we believe, that they should promptly heed the

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