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IMPROVING THE BIBLE.

Once upon a time Robert G. Ingersoll was quoted as saying he could write a better book than the Bible, whereupon Rabbi Wise remarked: "Well, Bob never has." It is doubtful if Colonel Ingersoll ever said it, but there have been men of every generation who thought they could improve upon it.

One of the most remarkable literary feats of all times was the translation known as the King James Version. Later version have shown but little change from that remarkable translation, and no perceptible change in the beauties of its language.

The literary beauties of the Bible have been at once the admiration and despair of modern writers. Its character sketches have never been equalled, its poetry has never been approached and its imagery has never been touched by men.

Certain portions of the Book of Books may be put into simple language for the very young, but no one who does so does it with the idea of improving upon the original.

SOME MIGHT NOT HAVE HAPPENED.

A statistical report on the number of fatal accidents during the year in the United States shows the number occurring in Nebraska to be low.

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AFTER THE OIL IS GONE.

One group of oil men asserts that America's supply of mineral oil is rapidly being exhausted. Another group, probably as well informed, tells us the oil will last another hundred years at present rate of consumption.

turns, the increased requirements for oil may be noted. Civilization just now floats on a sea of oil. Will a century be long enough time in which to readjust affairs so that something else may be used in place of oil?

"THEY HAVE NOT LIVED."

O. O. McIntyre, who writes so entertainingly of New York life for The Omaha Bee, now and then injects a great truth into his articles.

"Their life is a round of tutors and well-bred conversational blah. Not to have been chased from a watermelon patch or to have dug a cave in the banks of the crooks means just one thing. They have not lived."

"They have not lived." All of life's thrills exhausted before they have started life. They have everything that money can buy, but the greatest things in life are not purchasable with money.

Paris, and Rome and Venice can never hold for the poor little rich boys the joys and the thrills that come to the rich little poor boys who roam the woods, gathering nuts, listening to the songs of the wild birds, testing new-found herbs and roots, chasing rabbits, trying to understand the chatter of the squirrels and giving ear to the rustle of the crisp autumn leaves under foot.

The boy who never has a chance to run wild and free, who never has a chance to make pals with a yellow dog, who is deprived of opportunity to participate in the democracy of the playground, has been started off wrong. "They have not lived."

STATE'S RIGHT TO SELF-DEFENSE.

Michigan's supreme court has upheld the syndicalism law under which Charles E. Ruthenberg was convicted. The decision virtually says that the state has a right to defend itself against conspiracies aimed at its existence.

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The cherry tree story is declared to be a myth. So is the cherry that was wont to repose in the bottom of the glass.

A breed of ducks that can not fly has been discovered in South America. The breed is not unknown in this country. We call them lame ducks.

Homespun Verse

—By Omaha's Own Poet— Robert Worthington Davie

THE POSTAL CLERK'S DREAM. Yes, hopeful and cheerful! The eyes that were tearful Again wear the gleam of the past. The postoffice fellows Pound out of their cellos: "We're out of the darkness at last!"



Oh, the Merry, Merry Christmas Time Approaches

Letters From Our Readers

All letters must be signed, but name will be withheld upon request. Communications of 200 words and less, will be given preference.

Mr. Cone Asks Questions.

Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: In your editorial of last evening, in advocating the gas tax for road improvements and maintenance, you use the following words: "It is not fair to lay all the cost on property owners. Users of highways should pay proportionately for the improvements and maintenance cost."

snapped out with a twinkle of an eye.

What a bright light and a moral factor had been permitted to live, would he have been in his neighborhood. I have but one desire, and that is to meet my dear mother, who passed away a few weeks ago, and my pious, silent friend in heaven. The sweetest and brightest flowers are often plucked first.

2921 R Street. —MILLIE GARBA.

Jerry Files Objection. Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Notwithstanding that the campaign is over the press is giving the public lots of news both foreign and domestic.

But to and behold, Dr. A. S. Pinto's attack on the marriage sacrament came the climax. The vanity of the newly made rich of New York who have agreed to a realignment of raising their society

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Tribute to a Boy.

Omaha.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: John Joseph McLaughlin is not with his crowd of boy friends this morning. The silent, pious boy, as he was known. The boy was never known to swear or speak a smutty word.

Often have I seen him stand amongst a crowd of boys 12 or 15 years old, all trying to talk to him at once. All he would do would be to answer them with a smile, which said more and meant more than a boy making an hour speech.

Abe Martin



What's become o' th' feller that use'd 't pull out enough money 't buy a farm ever time he bought a nickel cigar? Where do honest people git th' idea that ever 'buddy cles is honest? (Copyright, 1924.)

from 400 to 500 to facilitate their receptions of kings, queens, emperors, empresses, dukes, duchesses, princes, etc., hurst nobility, but brings ridicule on themselves.

Some of the greatest writers and theologians believe if our beloved nation is to endure divorce must be checked instead of passing measures to dignify the nasty thing.

Both Happy. Mr. Flubbub saw a poor man. He felt like giving the poor man something. So he gave him a Canadian dime he had been carrying around for a long time.

What Every Tourist Knows. Chinese now use vacuum bottles to keep their tea hot while traveling.—News Item. And Americans have blowouts to keep their tempers hot when traveling.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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TROUBLE ON THE RADIO. Maybe you folks will remember that about a year ago I told how me and mother went and bought a radio.

Well, sort o' confidential-like, 'twixt you an' me an' ma, the 'next time they roll up 't rags an' start 't synecocate why me an' ma air goin' 't dance at most amazin' rate.

We wish we might personally answer each good friend who called up by telephone or telegraphed us after the radio-casting effort Saturday evening. But that is physically and financially impossible.

Col. Elmer Thomas threatens an arid New Year celebration, by and with the assistance of divers and sundry helpers. In other words, if he sees any signs of tipping he will promptly Scotch it.

L. W. Brooking of Funk, Neb., proposes a Liars' Contest. It will have no attractions for us until we learn the handicaps. A common garden variety liar wouldn't stand the ghost of a show with some of the catch-as-catch-can performers we have met up with during our forty years' experience in newspaper work and politics.

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