

Running to Occultism. A skeptical age; we do not believe in much of anything—unless, indeed, it bears the trademark of science. The intellectual fashion is all for materialism. For the rest there is only an easy incredulity. And yet, says Everybody's Magazine—the paradox is curious—never was the world so ghost-ridden. Never has it turned so wistfully to the occult. Never has it listened with an expectation so painful, at that closed door behind which mysterious silences stretch away—the door of the tomb. I dare say it is natural enough. Always in epochs of unbelief, when the conservative forms of faith are weakened, there is an immense growth of vague supernaturalism. It was in the cynical eighteenth century, when Voltaire had sneered religion out of fashion, that sorcerers, fortune tellers, magicians—all the Mesmers and Cagliostro—ruled the world. Our new century, quite as skeptical, is equally in love with the marvelous. Only the fashion in wizard mards has changed. The modern magician comes from the laboratory. He speaks in the name of science, for there is a science of the immaterial—a science of witchcraft—a science which has its professors and learned societies, its journals and magazines. The very ghosts that haunt the societies for psychical research have taken on a scientific air; they walk no more in windy corridors, clanking spectral chains; in a practical, modern way they exhibit themselves to scientific congresses. World over, psychic phenomena are being studied by trained scientists. Dismissing theories, they give themselves to the observation of scientifically established facts. Their labors range from the study of hysteria, of hypnosis and the transmission of psychic forces, to the time-old mysteries of enchantment and apparitions.

Futility of Advice. We invoke dear old experience as though he were a god, fondly imagining that an honest impulse demands that we appeal to him as an arbiter. But when we have submitted our case and listened to his verdict, says the Reader, we express our thanks and go away and do exactly as we please. We all carry our troubles to the friends whose sympathy we know outweighs their wisdom. We want them to pat us on the back and tell us that we are doing exactly right. If they by any chance are bold enough to give us an honest judgment based on real convictions, we depart with a grievance, our confidence shaken. We lean upon our friends, to be sure; but we rely upon them more to bail us out after the forts of folly have crashed about our ears and we pine in the donjon, than on their advice that might possibly have preserved us on the right side of the barricade. And I may note here that of all the offices that man may undertake, that of the frank friend is the most thankless. The frank friend! It is he, my comrade, who told you yesterday that you were looking wretchedly ill. Dr. Experience had warned him, and he was anxious to stop you in your headlong plunge—he felt a duty in the matter. To-morrow he will drop in to tell you in gentle terms that your new poem is—well, he hates to say it—but he fears it isn't up to your old mark! The frank friend, you may remember, was Dr. Experience's favorite pupil.

"San Francisco reports," says a contemporary, "that a number of persons who suffered from various ailments previously to the earthquake and fire in that city find themselves completely cured. One paralytic, who for 15 years had been crippled by his disease, is now 'entirely cured,' and numerous other recoveries have been recorded." Nor should it be forgotten that among the ailments cured by the earthquake is celibacy. There is evidence of many well authenticated instances of San Franciscans earth-quake into matrimony.

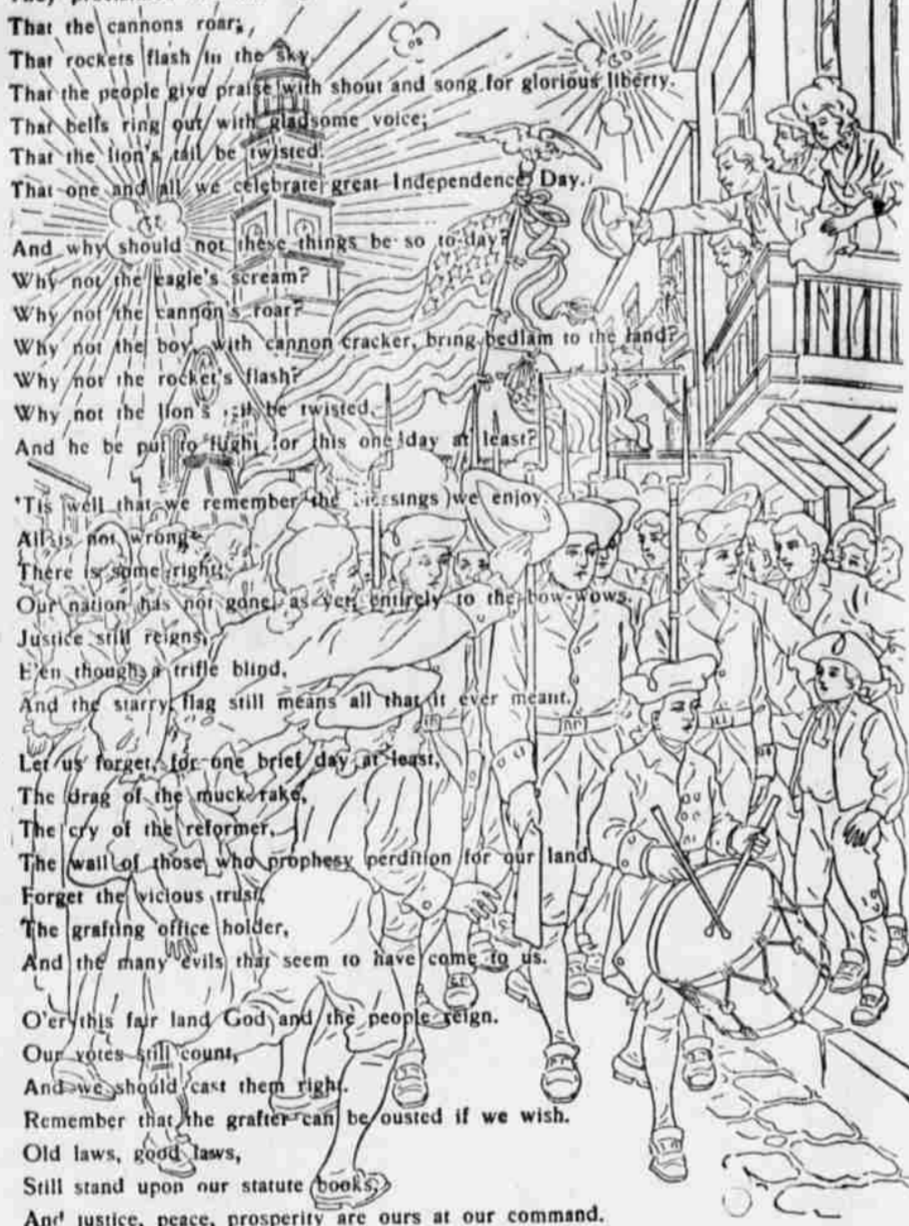
The doctors veritably threaten to leave us with nothing on earth fit to eat or drink. The latest raid on the works of the Almighty is by a Buffalo doctor, who proclaims that the strawberry, that most toothsome and delicious of all the little fruits, is a breeder of insanity, which, he says, increases largely during the strawberry season. Well, there are worse kinds of insanity, so bring on the strawberries.

Justice Whitehouse told a newspaper man at Augusta recently that in 1,200 or more divorce cases he has never had a club woman appear before him for a divorce. "The kind of women who belong to clubs," he said, "are not the kind of women who have domestic difficulties to settle in court." And yet, if we are not mistaken, at the last meeting of the National Federation of Women's Clubs in California arrangements were made to publish a pamphlet giving women directions for obtaining a divorce.



With the birth of freedom on this continent the wise founders of the nation proclaimed the annual celebration of Independence day that liberty, equality and justice might be not banished from the land.

They proclaimed that the eagle scream; That the cannons roar; That rockets flash in the sky; That the people give praise with shout and song for glorious liberty; That bells ring out with gladness voice; That the lion's tail be twisted; That one and all we celebrate great Independence Day.



'Tis well that we remember the vestings we enjoy; All is not wrong; There is some right; Our nation has not come as yet entirely to the bow-wow; Justice still reigns; Even though a trifle blimp; And the starry flag still means all that it ever meant; Let us forget for one brief day at least; The drag of the muckraker; The cry of the reformer; The wail of those who prophesy perdition for our land; Forget the vicious trust; The grafting office holder; And the many evils that seem to have come to us; O'er this fair land God and the people reign; Our votes still count; And we should cast them right; Remember that the grafter can be ousted if we wish; Old laws, good laws; Still stand upon our statute books; And justice, peace, prosperity are ours at our command.

Washington, Jefferson, Adams, Greene and all the brave soldiers and wise statesmen who labored that a nation might be born to liberty; who nourished the young infant proclaimed to the world on July 4, 1776, who fought its childhood's battles; who guided its faltering footsteps into right channels and straight paths, did not live in vain—did not labor in vain. Our nation is—as it was intended—it should be—a nation of freemen. A nation of which liberty is the foundation and justice the capstone. Those men builded too strongly to let the evil deeds of a minority of a generation rend asunder the structure they created. The nation born of the blood of the heroes of '76 has lived, still lives and will live so long as justice and equality are the watchwords of the people.



Let us not forget for any day or hour; Might makes no right; Dollars mark not success; That the humblest workman's cottage may a nation's ruler shelter; 'Tis our good land; Our best inheritance; And here justice and equality go ever hand in hand; Let us be optimistic and not always pessimistic; Let us seek the right; See not only what is wrong; And Independence Day will have a clearer, clearer meaning to us all; Then the eagle's scream; And the cannon's roar; Will be as sweet music attuned to every ear; 'Tis not for us to sit idly by; And curse and cry; At the conditions; But to be up and doing to amend the wrongs we see; The right is in our hands; It is at our command; We have but to follow in the way our fathers led; Then let us remember Independence Day; When the eagle screams; When the cannons roar; The good old Independence Day our fathers knew of yore; The day gave us our liberty; The day gave us equality; Let us cherish Independence Day forevermore; WRIGHT A PATTERSON.

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FOREIGN FINANCE.

Great Britain's public revenue in April, the first month of the fiscal year, amounted to 4,418,895, and expenditures, 2,213,600,361. New capital issued in London from January 1 to May 5, amounted to \$288,788,915, as against \$434,216,505 in the same period in 1905. Total operations of the Bank of Japan in the year 1905 amounted to \$14,578,127,000, an increase of \$5,744,106,420 compared with 1904. The annual report of the Banque de Paris for 1905 shows that net profits amounted to only 10,804,883 francs, against 19,411,421 francs in 1904. A loan of 100,000,000 francs will be shortly put on the Paris market for the French colonies in West Africa. The greater part is intended for Senegal and the Upper Niger, to improve the navigation on the two rivers.

Went with the Suit. Muggsy - Where did yer git de watch? Gaffer - Got it wild a suit o' clo'es. 'Aw! go'n; de clothin' men ain't givin' away no watches like that wild suits o' clo'es.'

'Well, dis was a second-hand suit what belonged to a gent what was in swimmin'.' - Philadelphia Press.

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GENERAL GLEANINGS.

The king of Ashanti has 3,332 wives. A young Jones is born every 40 minutes. The number of known stars exceeds 100,000,000. Contributors to the London Times are paid \$25 a column. One man in six in the American navy is a total abstainer. The parrot appreciates music more than any other of the lower animals. Over 20,000,000 leeches were used annually 25 years ago, but now not 1,000,000 a year are used. The world's largest prune orchard - in Los Gatos, Cal. - contains 50,000 trees and yields an annual profit of \$50,000. Good Test of the Dog. Suburbanite (to visitor) - Oh, how are you? Come right in. Don't mind the dog. Visitor - But won't he bite? "That's just what I want to see. I only bought that watchdog this morning." - La Rive. The mare is by no means singular. Everything goes, where money is the motive. - Puck.

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