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In the forenoon the wheat crop is the largest ever; later in the day Washington advises that there is a shortage. A sugar famine is imminent the first part of the week; along about Thursday Washington says there is no famine in sight. Where, as the feller said, are we at?

One man about whose right to be considered an essential worker there can be no question is the coal miner.

## DAILY DIARY RHYMES

By  
 Gayle Vincent Grubb

### "THE MAD HOUSE"

Hark, I heard the wailing of a woman in despair,  
 The agonizing groans of one in pain;  
 I could seem to see her pulling out her strands of auburn hair,  
 The hair that once departs, comes not again.

I clenched my fists and pondered on the course that I should take,  
 And chills of fear ran races up my spine;  
 My adam's apple rose and fell like ripples on a wave,  
 But what caused all this grief came not a sign.

I dashed in thru the open door and up three flights of stairs,  
 Puffing like a fat man at a race,  
 Tho' I'd been around considerable, seen all the county fairs,  
 My hopes seemed dead and bravery out of place.

I burst into the room from which the agony had come  
 And halted like a wagon mired in sand:  
 For a woman stood before me, eyes distended, knocked clean dumb,  
 While she held a piece of music in her hand.

When both of us recovered, why I begged to be excused,  
 And I sneaked down stairs and out into the air;  
 But yet I could not help a grin, could not but be amused  
 At the way that I'd been fooled in the affair.

And yet who hasn't walked beside this mad house 'cross the way  
 Where squeaks are heard like axles needing grease;  
 Who hasn't wondered why they seem to thrive on, day by day?  
 Speak up—or forever hold your peace.

### UNDERCLASSMEN ARE GIVEN APPOINTMENTS

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**Freshman Hop**  
 Floyd Paynter, Chairman.  
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 Clark Johnson.  
 Marian Youngblut.  
 Margaret McNeerney.  
 Lawrence Ortman.

### SUPERIOR BOYS TO HAVE NOVEL AFFAIR

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that the Weiner roast will be an impossibility, the party will be held in the club rooms, where a huge fireplace waits to be used to toast marshmallows and weiners.  
 This is the first party of the sort to be given at the Army and Navy club since the rooms have been opened for social affairs. Dr. Carter, who is at the head of the War Camp Community Service here, says that he is glad to see that the students of the university are taking such interest in the plans to entertain the boys in training. Small dances may be held any night in the week if reservation is made. There will always be a proper chaperone and the good times that all have been longing for are now a certainty.

There is reason to believe that at least some of the reports of the former czar's death are greatly exaggerated.

Its victims would like to see hay fever also classed among the non-essential and barred for the duration of the war.

That \$250,000 worth of chewing gum ordered for the British soldiers will interfere somewhat with the cigarette habit.

## NOT REALLY 'NEW'

Modern Comforts Well Known to the Ancients.

Running Water in Houses, for instance, Was a Luxury Enjoyed by Both the Roman and Early Egyptian Civilizations.

Many of the so-called "modern improvements" of civilization, which so largely contribute to the comfort of living, are by no means so recent in origin as we are disposed to imagine.

An eminent archeologist has recently declared, for example, that Nero's palace in Rome had three elevators. It is true that those elevators must have been hoisting machines of very primitive pattern—operated presumably by man power, with the help of rope and counter weight—and it is more than doubtful that they were ever used to carry human freight. Few palaces or other buildings in ancient Rome were more than two stories in height, and passenger "lifts" were for that reason not needed.

We are accustomed to think of running water in houses as a modern luxury. New York city did not have it until 1776, when a reservoir was constructed east of Broadway, into which water was raised by pumping it from wells dug for the purpose. But that was a very primitive arrangement compared with the system of ancient Rome, by which water was brought from great distances in aqueducts that were marvels of engineering and that emptied through lead pipes into thousands of tanks of hewn stone.

Erected at intervals along the streets of Pompeii were pillars of masonry, up which ran lead pipes; and on top of each pillar was a tank, from which water was distributed by pipes to the houses. All dwellings, except those of the very poor, were thus supplied, and some had nearly a score of faucets, controlled by stopcocks that were much like those that are in use today.

At many street corners there were fountains with stone basins, the edges of which even now show depressions worn by the hands of the people who leaned over to drink. Those fountains were fed by the city water, which was brought by an aqueduct from a distant place so elevated that the "head" was very powerful. That kind of engineering was highly developed in those times. When Julius Caesar first visited Alexandria in Egypt he found there so complete an underground water supply system that the city seemed "hollow underneath."

In the year 78 B. C., Julius Caesar organized the fire department of Rome. It had a force of 600 men. At that time a primitive fire engine had already come into use; it was a pair of pumps worked by a beam, and the two streams united in a common discharge pipe and passed out through a nozzle that could be turned in any direction. "Siphons"—emergency fire extinguishers—were commonly kept in houses. Frequent mention is made of them in ancient literature, but we do not know what they were like.—Youth's Companion.

**World's Biggest Wireless Station.**  
 Japan is to have the greatest wireless station in the world, according to a report to the Japan Advertiser. It will be built in Fukushima prefecture, says the department of communications, and will cost 860,000 yen (\$480,000). The dispatch station will be at Hibarigahara, near Hariamachi, and the receiving station will be at Hosoya-cho. Survey work has been started by engineers of the department.

The direct distance between the new office and San Francisco is 4,600 miles, while that between the Funabashi office and Honolulu is 3,250 miles. Service will not be opened for two years. The new office will communicate direct with San Francisco without relay in Hawaii.

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**Sedentary Occupation.**  
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