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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 31st day of August, 1913.
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Are the gates ajar at Mattoon?
Let no chautauqua willing to pay the price escape.

Now for a few fms, enrapturing September morns.
Ho, ye month with the "R"! And, ho, ye festive oyster!

Whoever else may have wept when Thaw escaped, the lawyers managed to smile.

King Caucus can square himself only by putting his seal on the walk-out senator's scheme.

Now, do not forget and speak of "this summer" just because it seems to feel the same as usual.

Cole Blaise of South Carolina has endorsed Sulzer. Still, Tammany cannot use that against him.

If England succeeds in settling her suffragette war, surely Mexico ought eventually to come to time.

John Wesley Gaines is running for mayor of Nashville. John Wesley just cannot keep away from the crib.

Psychologists should get to work—Hemline.
They would not be psychologists then.

What's the use of that fire survey of Omaha, if we don't even try to apply those recommendations whose wisdom is accepted without dissent?

The only reason President Wilson beat him to it in the matter of reading his messages in person to congress is that the colonel did not think of it first.

If instead of nearing his eighty-third birthday, Porfirio Diaz was not yet over 60, it would not take two guesses to name the man of the hour in Mexico.

It is hard to believe the reports of London's suffragettes seeking a truce of peace. How could those coy little women do the proposing.

A stitch in time saves nine. Omaha will be money ahead by tackling the garbage problem now instead of waiting till the present disposal contract is about to expire.

Judging from the satirical criticisms by London papers of our Mexican policies, it evidently takes the British toria a long, long time to forget George Washington.

In seven rebel attempts to capture Torreon, 3,000 rebels and 500 federals are killed, which helps us appreciate the rebels saying they will need more ammunition to overthrow the Huerta government.

Our esteemed democratic congressman from the Third Nebraska district is still arguing over his personally patented scheme for filling postmasterhips by direct vote primaries just as if his pre-eminence success had not already been established.

The avowed purpose of the graduated income tax is to equalize wealth, and yet it is advocated by the very same people who used to insist that the power to tax could not be rightfully used except to raise the revenue needed for the legitimate expenses of the government.

In adopting a definite program for the public ownership of its street railways, San Francisco, says the Hearst papers, has set a pace that leads the nation in municipal ownership. Can it be possible they have not heard of the achievement of our Water Boss of Omaha?

Public Utility Regulation.

Addressing the governors' conference upon the "Growth of Public Control of Utilities," Governor Dunne of Illinois ventures the assertion that at the present rate of progress but a few years will elapse until every state in the union will have a commission empowered by law to control the service and rates of all such corporations.

"If this control shall fail," says he, "as I believe it will not, then the only alternative left is the public ownership and operation of utilities."

Happily utility corporations are nowadays much more alive to the situation than formerly and as a rule responding much better to public sentiment. The question remains, however, and obtrudes every time regulation is proposed, as to who should do the regulating—the authorities of the state or of the locality which is served. Where the activities of the corporation are confined to a single community the principle of home rule is sure to be invoked. Where the corporation's field is statewide, perhaps a double regulation similar to the federal and state control of railroads may be worked out. On the basic proposition of public control there is no longer any dissent worthy of the name.

Can They Make Good on the Tariff?

The custom of the democrats in campaigns gone by has been always to make the tariff the goat. They have heaped upon the tariff particularly the blame for the twin evils of the high cost of living and the growth of the trusts. Let the democrats make the tariff, they argued, and high living cost will come down, and the trusts will be forced to go out of business.

The democrats are now making the new tariff, which will put their declarations to the proof. If they solve the high cost of living problem, the public will be duly grateful, and if trust methods of business cease, they may sustain the charge that the tariff has mothered them. That the democrats have no faith in their own pretensions, however, is apparent, for they are already advocating other means of hitting the trusts—a progressive internal revenue tax on tobacco, for example—showing unwillingness to depend upon the tariff remedy.

The democrats made the most of their opportunity of accusing republican tariffs with all sort of misdeeds—now they are confronted with the difficult task of making a tariff not open to the same sort of an attack.

The Woman on the Frontier.

Secretary Lane of the Interior department says after a tour of the west that the main duty of the federal land department is to help the people to make homes, "and if we can lighten their burden the government of the United States will suffer not at all." He says he found thousands of self-sacrificing men and women displaying as real heroism and fortitude in their efforts to build up homesteads and promote community life as was ever shown on the field of battle. "Far from the railroads and amid many difficulties, they are building homes, and I was particularly touched by the many noble, suffering women, on whose shoulders falls the main burden of the home."

And what is true of the woman on the frontier today has been true of her since the first claim was staked out. In earlier days, in fact, her task was even harder because of the greater isolation and dangers of the new west. But what a heritage to the nation this womanly heroism and fortitude have bequeathed in sturdy sons and noble daughters. It is here in this larger outreach of influence that the unnumbering sacrifice and fortitude count the most, although fruitful enough, it would seem, if it ended in the new cities and states erected as the enduring tokens of physical conquest.

A New Jersey mosquito bit a chauffeur, causing him to lose control of his machine, in which several persons were injured, and someone evidently unfamiliar with the size of New Jersey mosquitoes moralizes on what grave consequences little things may produce.

Seattle folks get their water at meter rates as low as 8 cents per 1,000 gallons, and their municipal plant carries a debt of nearly \$5,000,000. Contrast this with Omaha's old 35-cent rate and present 28-cent rate.

The San Francisco judge presiding in the white slave case warned the women spectators of impending testimony too salacious for any woman to hear "except at the expense of her delicacy," but not a woman stirred. Evidently no sacrifices made.

Oh, my, did you note the dissent registered by our Congressman Loheck to the currency bill submitted to the democratic caucus? If the gentleman is not careful he will be in danger of becoming a full-fledged insurgent.

Now that the silk skirt is here, the street railway officials who spent the company's good money to lower the car steps must be kicking themselves.

Message on Mexico

Cleveland Plain Dealer: President Wilson's counsel in the Mexican situation is one of continued moderation and patience. If anyone expected something sensational in his communication to congress yesterday that one will be disappointed. Few others will.

Chicago Post: President Wilson has embarked the United States upon a great experiment in international morality. In it he may succeed or fail, but win or lose, he gives us the exhilaration that comes from all effort "for the satisfaction of conscience and of honor."

Indianapolis News: The address read by the president to both houses of congress ought to, and we have no doubt, will profoundly impress public opinion throughout the civilized world. It puts the nation before mankind in precisely the attitude that loyal and patriotic Americans would have it occupy.

Chicago Tribune: The president's address to the congress on our Mexican relations is an utterance of American statesmanship of which the nation may be proud. It will have the prompt endorsement of the American people, whose conscience and whose common sense it expresses with force and sincerity.

New York Sun: Intervention has no place in the president's policy. His fixed purpose "to pay the most scrupulous regard to the sovereignty and independence" of Mexico is made as plain as daylight. On that he rests, with the well warranted expectation that with strict neutrality at Washington, events across the border will speedily reopen the door to friendly and disinterested mediation on our part.

Baltimore American: Mr. Wilson has done more during the last month or two for the creation of public sentiment the world over for his attitude toward Mexico than at any prior time. The entire world is advised as to the facts. It knows that this country is unalterably opposed to revolutionary government. It knows that the United States has done everything to insure peace, and that if peace may not be maintained the odium for the breach of good relations must be laid at the door of Mexico.

People Talked About

Mitchell, Gaynor, McCall—respectively fusion, independent and Tammany candidates for mayor of New York, promise a series of vocal political scraps that will put Coney Island spicers on the blink.

Chicago Jewelers solemnly assert that some months in the year carry so much romance that two birthstones are needed for adequate expression. Besides boosting the traditions of business, it makes two stones flourish where but one flourished before.

The national convention of hay fever victims at Bethlehem, N. H., brought their festivities to a close by banqueting a member who has done the annual sneezing stunt for the greater part of his seventy-five years. His triple shakedown in September is pronounced a scream.

Ambassador Page has found in London a "cottage" the rental of which comes a shade under his salary. The "cottage" has twenty-three bedrooms, seven reception rooms, a large ballroom, and other necessities of high living. Besides, the immediate neighborhood is stocked with dukes and duchesses, marquises and earls, and some people who work for a living.

The queen of Norway has an economical streak in her, too. In spite of her regal station she contrives to buy her dresses for less than \$2,000 a year.

Mrs. Alice E. Waxham of New York, calls herself a chauffeur-chaperon. Which means that if you are a lone woman in a great city you can phone her to take you shopping, calling, to the theater, the concert or to view the great white way.

Hans J. Weideman, one of the Minnola aviators, has received word from Germany that if he was married there was \$50,000 there for him. An uncle had willed the fortune to the 19-year-old aviator with the provision that he could not have a cent until he had a wife.

Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, president of the National Woman Suffrage association, has taken issue with the announcement that members of the National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage have been known as "woman conservatismists," because their aim is to conserve the home, to conserve motherhood, to conserve womanhood.

For Husbands Only

It is immaterial who is the author of the rules following. The task of married men is to read, heed and get busy. Keep all promises made before and at the time of marriage.

Divide the newspaper and everything else. Keep a joint bank account. Go to our club no oftener than one night a week.

Have no dogs or pets of any kind. Call her up on the telephone two or three times a day. When away from home write or telephone every day.

Take her with you on business and pleasure trips as much as possible. Be more polite to her than to any other woman you meet.

Remember that she likes flowers, candy and books just as much after marriage as before. Don't appear before her in your birthday suit.

Make it a business to be comfortable wherever she is happy. Don't criticize her dress. Be a gentleman to all women but a husband to only one.

Dog Tales

A New York dog ran away the other day with his master's false teeth. Eleven persons were bitten in one day recently in St. Louis, Mo., by dogs.

Quarrelling with the pound keeper for imprisoning her pet dog cost Mary Prayser of Richmond, Va., \$5 fine the other day.

The Bees Letter Box

Electricity in the Fire Survey.

OMAHA, Aug. 30.—To the Editor of The Bee: In your account of the findings of a committee of the National Board of Fire Underwriters on the facilities for fire prevention in Omaha, published in your issue of August 23, you state that the report asserts "there is no retrospection of old electrical work." I have read the report carefully and find no statement to that effect; on the contrary, the report states that inspection of old electrical work in the business section is made as time permits and that old work is required to be made safe when alterations or extensions are made.

As a matter of fact, nearly 1,000 inspections of old electrical equipment are recorded in the electrical department as having been made during the last year. This does not include the numerous re-inspections of motor and theater of the inspection of portable electrical apparatus in the regular theaters, which during the show season are visited by an inspector at least once a week, and many times oftener. In view of the number of electrical inspectors employed and the fact that their time is largely occupied in the inspection of new electrical equipment, the work of the electrical department in the retrospection of old electric wiring would appear worthy of praise and favorable mention.

As the report on the electrical situation in Omaha is in other particulars highly commendatory, it would appear that this fact should be stated in justice to those who have contributed to the result. It is stated that a good equipment is being secured and that the supervision maintained insures good control, also that the outside construction is in good condition.

The findings of the committee are, on the whole, highly creditable not only to the electrical inspection department, but also the electric service companies and the electrical contractors. It demonstrates forcibly the value of the progressive and co-operative spirit that animates the electrical fraternity in this city in the fact that they have been able to maintain a standard of electrical construction so high that it places Omaha third in the list, so far as inside electric wiring is concerned in this country and meets the exacting requirements of the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

OMAHA ELECTRIC CLUB.
By ISRAEL LOVETT, Secretary.

Note by Editor: The wording of the report is "There had been no systematic retrospection of old work, although the necessity for it is apparent."

More About Prayer.
WASHINGTON, Neb., Aug. 29.—To the Editor of The Bee: There is an "old saying" that many men are of many minds, or something like that. The truth of this is reflected in The Bee's letter box.

For instance "E. O. M." strikes a wide variety of subjects in precepts, practices, preaching and prayer. The gentleman is probably sincere and hopes to make the world better by an honest effort to prove the power of prayer. A test case was cited where Kansas was to set aside a day in prayer for rain. Along comes one Charlie Wooster and takes a joke at the idea.

Often men go wrong. They step over the bounds of propriety by loving the other man's wife. Suicide is the last resort. In notes of instruction somebody is asked to pray for the crying one who seeks life, "let 'worth the candle." What lesson do we learn from such instances. When it comes to "a show-down" who doubts but a silent, solemn prayer is helpful to the least of mankind.

What can be offered as a substitute for prayer? The writer knows of none. Out of the fulness of the heart the mouth speaketh. Let it speak in sincerity and all mankind honor it. WILL I TELL.

A Warm One from Wooster.
SILVER CREEK, Neb., Aug. 29.—To the Editor of The Bee: While awaiting your decision as to whether the brethren were to have an opportunity of making their names, if they would, at making a Christian of me, I took a little side excursion into our much-roasted sister state of Kansas; roasted Kansas Christians for their shortsightedness in not praying for rain until after their crops were destroyed; denied that God would answer prayers for rain, or any prayers at all, for that matter, and in fact, charged that God was not a man of His word. (Now, be understood, that when I use the word "God," without qualification or explanation, I mean the orthodox, Christian God, who is, in my opinion, if the Bible is true, a very bad God.) In so doing I used sarcasm, irony and ridicule, which, on proper occasion—and I think that was one—were legitimate weapons of offense and defense. But my meaning was not to be misunderstood.

And then came Rev. J. H. Steger, "pastor of German St. Paul's church" at Plattsmouth, and without saying one single word in defense of his God and religion, reviles me in a sort of gentlemanly billingsgate that well becomes an ambassador of Jesus Christ. He says that I am "a poor lawyer," "an excellent specimen of wisdom," "a jack-of-all-trades," "a smart rustic," "an athletic hero," that I "imagine myself to be a successor of Johnson," that I say "there is no God," which is false, and that I "imitate former American infidels," which is another pious pretentiousness, for I imitate nobody in anything. In conclusion, Rev. Mr. Steger indorses my statement that most praying is either mechanical or hypocritical, and thereby takes a backhanded swipe at Christians generally, representing them to be a lot of arrant humbugs. And what is he? And now, Rev. J. H. Steger, stand up and bow your head while your God talks to you, or, if you prefer, prostrate yourself on the ground as did Abraham when God came walking across the prairie and stood at the door of his tent on the plains of Mamre:

"But let your conversation be, yes, yes; nay, say, for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil." (Matt. vi:23)

"Let your speech be always with grace seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man." (Col. iv:5)

"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear." (1st Pet. iii:15)

That will do. You may now listen to me. You say that I am an infidel, and I surely am if, as Webster says, an infidel is one who denies the inspiration of the scriptures. But, while you are pretending to be a believer, I think you, too, are an infidel, and also a hypocrite, and that you do not even believe that the Bible is the word of God. If you do so believe, I ask that you prove it to me.

Twice Told Tales

A Fearful Sign.

Bill Sprague gets a general store at Croyden Four Corners. One day he set off for New York to buy a lot of goods. The goods were shipped immediately, and as Bill had lingered in New York sight-seeing they reached Croyden Four Corners before him. The goods in an enormous packing case were driven to the general store by the local teamster. Mrs. Sprague came out to see what had arrived and, with a shriek, tottered and fell.

"Oh, what's the matter, ma'am?" cried the hired girl.

Mrs. Sprague, her eyes blinded with tears, pointed to the packing case, whereon was stenciled in large black letters: "Bill Inside."—Everybody's Magazine.

His Distinguishing Mark.
One day a big city bank received the following message from one of its country correspondents: "Pay \$5 to John Smith, who will call today."

The cashier's curiosity became suspicious when a cabman assisted into the bank a drunken "fare," who shouted that he was John Smith and wanted some money. Two clerks pushed, pulled and piloted the bolterous individual into a private room away from the sight and hearing of regular depositors. The cashier wired the country bank:

"Man claiming to be John Smith is here. Highly intoxicated. Shall we await identification?"

The answer read: "Identification complete. Pay the money."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Waiting Time.
Enraptured, they gazed, hand in hand, upon the beautiful scene stretched before them in the setting sun. 'Twas the lake district, and they but three days upon their honeymoon.

"Dearest," he said, gazing at her fondly, "isn't this heavenly?"

"Yes, Reginald," she softly murmured. "Do you know," he whispered, ardently, "to me life does not seem long enough for our happiness? Just think, even if we are fortunate, our married life can hardly last longer than fifty years."

"Is that all?" she queried, wonderingly, edging near.

"Yes, that's so," a touch of sadness in his voice. "Only fifty years in which to love each other."

"Then kiss me quick, Reginald," she exclaimed. "We're wasting time."

Activities of Women

Miss Lola Larkin of Sioux City, Ia., has established an agency for supplying harvest hands and railroad construction men.

The first woman in Japan to obtain a license to drive a motorcar is Mrs. Wolfe, an American woman, the wife of a dentist in Yokohama.

In the garden of Mrs. Louis Pratt at Belfast, Me., there are more than 70 varieties of shrubs and flowers, including many old-fashioned kinds rarely seen elsewhere.

Ruth Sorenson has been appointed the first woman judge in Norway and will hold court at Hammerfest. Let the knocking begin.

The police authorities of Detroit have decided to establish a board of theater censorship, in the membership of which one woman will be included. Already over sixty applications have been made for the place, the applicants being school teachers, playwrights, writers of scenarios, electioneers and not a few prominent in society.

Miss Nellie Frank, a daughter of George T. Frank, president of the First National bank of Petersburg, Ind., and a great granddaughter of former Governor "Blue Jeans" Williams, is the first woman in Indiana to be honored with an appointment as cashier of a national bank. Miss Frank, who is a charming young woman, is a graduate of the Indiana university class of '12.

Mrs. Caroline Kettle, who has been in charge of the New Durham, N. J., post-office since her husband, Postmaster Kettle, died in President Cleveland's time, is taking a fortnight's vacation—her first in twenty years—the town gave her a handsome send-off. She comes of Huguenot and revolutionary stock and her father, Captain Charles de Clynne, was an officer of the civil war.

Stories in Figures

Kansas City merchants lose \$100,000 a year to shoplifters.

Last year 144 trees-planting societies planted 2,575,000 trees in Norway.

Swiss will colonize 5,000,000 acres of land along Magdalena bay, Lower California.

The exports from British Columbia were valued at \$30,725,840 in 1912, and \$23,016,055 in 1911, while the imports amounted to \$49,354,141 in 1912 and \$35,692,529 in 1911.

The largest percentage of gain in American exports of machinery has been in the movement to South America, the total to that grand division in 1902 having been \$4,975,878, and in 1912, \$17,258,939.

According to official statistics, the combined import and export trade of Cuba for 1912 reached the total value of \$28,899,589, or an increase of \$42,471,193 over 1911. Of the total, \$17,978,828 represented exports and \$10,920,761 imports.

It is estimated that shipments from the United States to its noncontiguous territories (Alaska, Hawaii, Porto Rico, Philippine Islands, Guam, Tutuila) will show a larger total in 1913 than ever before, aggregating approximately \$100,000,000 against \$100,000,000 in 1912.

SUNNY GEMS.

"Did you get good seats at the theater, Mrs. Masarop?"

"Yes; we couldn't get seats in the mezzanine gallery, so we took them in the parlor."—Baltimore American.

"Papa, I want an ice cream sundae." "All right, dear, remind me of it again, this is only Tuesday."—Houston Post.

"I'm sure that my speech didn't give offense, anyhow," remarked Senator Gresham.

"Why?"

"Nearly everybody in the audience went to sleep."—Washington Star.

He—Do you think you love me well enough to be my wife? She—Yes, George.

He—Thank you. I only asked to ascertain how you felt on the subject, so in case I should ever want to marry I should know where to come.—Boston Transcript.

Upfitter—Aren't you ashamed to ask for money? Wrenny Willie—I got six months for taking it without asking.—Philadelphia Record.

Jones—The widow of that commuter killed in the wreck has been awarded \$50,000 damages. His Wife—And I've been trying to have you move to the suburbs for months, you mean thing!—Puck.

"What profession is your boy Josh going to adopt?" "I dunno," replied Farmer Corntoeset. "I want him to be a lawyer and by mother wants him to be a doctor. Josh seems contented 'ex' to sit around 'em smoke cigarettes an' let us fight it out."—Washington Star.

Lady—All your marine pictures represent the sea as calm. Why don't you paint a storm once in a while? Artist—We painters in oil can't do that, madam. We may outline a storm on the canvas, but you see, as soon as we begin to spread on the oil colors the waves subside and the sea becomes as calm as a duck pond.—Boston Transcript.

THE TOLLER'S DAY.

S. L. Holliday in Judge. Please, father, get a bucket. And mop the kitchen floor. "Oh, father, fetch the hatchet And mend this broken door."

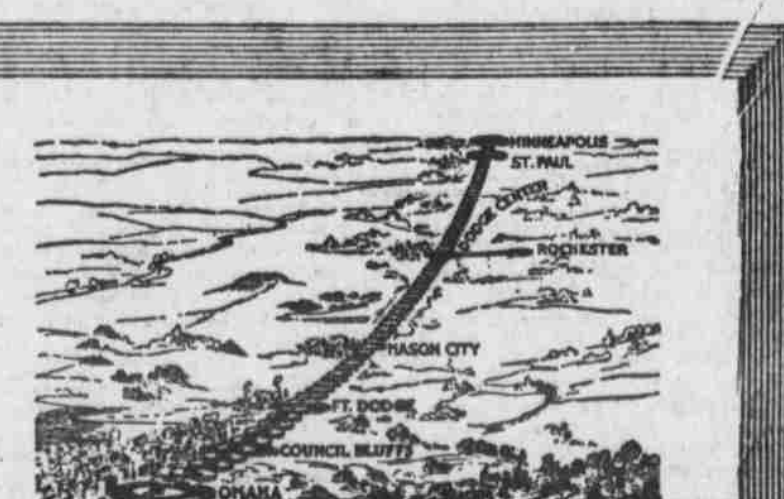
"Now, father, move the bureau And help me lift this rug. Then run down to the cellar And get the syrup jug."

"Please, father, see this button On my shirtwaist," begs Jack. "Oh, father, won't you hook me, Says sister, 'up the back'."

"The range is full of ashes. Come, father, take them up." "Won't you make me a collar," Cries Jack, "for my new pup?"

"Now, father, wash the windows And wipe the parlor walls; Then help me get the supper. You make the codfish balls."

Dad labors in a laundry; All year he toils away. These lines tell how he dawdles At ease on Labor day.



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