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Turning into the home stretch on early Christmas shopping.

The only enchantment distance lends to war is the distance it is from you.

Oh, cheese it on this talk about not giving Christmas presents to the little Swiss children.

It is almost pathetic the way Senor Gutierrez loves those dear Americanos.

Well, you can now count the days left for your early shopping on one hand.

That "compromise" on Nebraska patronage just now looks further away than ever.

The kalser's troops proved their ability to tackle big things when they captured the Hon. Zbyszko.

It is not always the wisest man who makes a daring sprint to beat a street car or automobile across the street.

Well, how much of a reduction in water rates do we get this time for our municipal ownership Christmas present?

It goes without saying that whenever one of the combatants meets a defeat it is compelled to "rearrange" the position of its army.

"John Barloycorn is on his last legs," declares the Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, Sometimes it seems that old John must be a regular centipede.

"A Billion Dollars a Month." The military budget just voted by the French FOUNDED BY EDWARD ROSEWATER.

Chamber of Deputies to carry on the war for six months is computed on the basis of two hundred million dollars a month. With four other great powers engaged in the fray, and several lesser nations, the money-cost of the conflict, regardless of lives lost and property destroyed, is conservatively estimated at a billion dollars a month.

The incomprehensible size of this colossal sum which is being offered up to the war god without any visible compensatory return is almost staggering. A writer in the Saturday Evening Post invites persons of an inquiring disposition to speculate as to what would happen if all the armles would be struck with reason so that the soldiers would simply throw down their guns and tramp home. A less impractical, although perhaps no more fruitful speculation, could dwell upon the possibilities for good that could be accomplished by the expenditure of "a billion dollars a month" for constructive instead of for destructive human effort.

One week's war subvention would build a Panama canal, and a half month's appropriation would complete the improvement of all our navigable waterways on the most comprehensive plan that has been laid out.

The amount of money already shot away, we are reminded, would equal in value one-third of the railroad systems of the United States.

It would not take many months' war budgets to transform every road and highway in this vast country into a beautifully paved boulevard with speedways on every trunk line.

Just think what "a billion dollars a month" would do in creating new school houses, putting up needed public buildings, establishing parks and playgrounds, and beautifying our cities and towns.

Try to imagine, if you can, what could be done with a billion dollars every month to re-Heve distress and suffering, to prevent and cure disease, and to drive misery and suffering out of the lives of countless thousands.

"A billion dollars a month"-and still we seem, to be guessing as wildly as ever on the probable duration of the war.

Where Accurate Statistics Count.

Delinquents are being stirred up by the Commercial club publicity bureau for failing to send in responses to requests for data from which may be compiled the statistics of the amount of business done in Omaha during the year. The strange thing is the men who realize fully the comparative value of figures exhibiting the output along the different lines, and the increase or decrease from year to year, often heaitate to make their own returns, as if it were something to be kept strictly to themselves, quite forgetful that the reliability of the total depends on having all the factors in it. The truth is, Omaha has never had a proper showing in the trade statistics for the reason referred to, compelling more or less incorrect guesses. Only if our business men grasp the point, and make the necessary returns, will our city occupy its rightful place in the tables by which its importance as a manufacturing and jobbing center is measured.

ing her as "Minher Chairman." In fact, Mr. Dooley concludes that the only way to keep one of these chronics from a banquet is to choke him. Not inviting him will fail, for he will come "annyway," disguised as a waiter or hide behind a potted plant.

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As Brander Mathews says all sorts and conditions of men continue to come together at these festal boards to listen to all sorts of speeches, knowing beforehand the torture that is in store for them. The suggestion offered in fun might be taken in earnest to put all such functions under the regulation of an efficiency expert.

Our Safety Valves.

Americans are living at a fast pace, most of the time keyed up to a high tension. They give enormously of their nerve power to their business affairs. Some go to the breaking point prematurely and pay the inevitable toll. But constantly we are learning the lesson and devoting more attention to wholesome diverson, such as base ball, foot ball (those who do not play them get the benefit as spectators and devotees), golf, tennis, autoing and others. These we may call the safety valves for the escape of our excess steam. When the pressure of pent-up anxiety and care reaches the point of exhaustion there is the safety valve for the escape, and every man owes it to himself, his family and his business to make the most of it.

Some of our decorous friends from other lands have been abashed at the volume of what strikes them as rowdyism displayed at base ball, for example, but what if Americans had no such popular outlet for their native strenuosity, what would become of them? It is not rowdylsm, but rather sportsmanship, the same sort that sends a fellow into the air at a horse race (of which we ought to have more), or an auto race, or any other exciting contest or competition. They are safety valves that enable one to turn his mind entirely away from the vexing cares of business for the time being and fit him all the better for grappling with them later.

Rivers and Rail Rates.

While the consumer ultimately bears the burden of increased freight rates, where they are just and reasonable, he can have no complaint. The Interstate Commerce commission certainly has taken time enough to determine the merits of the case before granting the right of increases to eastern railroads, although the dissent of two of its members would still indicate a decided question as to the demands. This action, whether or not it stimulates business as railway men say it will, is sure to be followed by increased efforts of western roads for the same concession.

"The only bearing the ruling will have toward granting increases to western roads." says President Gardner of the Northwestern, already foreshadowing the attempt, "is whether the latter can present equal justification and necessity."

The abnormal conditions resulting from the war will figure in the demands of western lines. as they did in the east, and it will not be denied that they do cut a big figure, as with most all kinds of business. But with the Panama canal traffic developing, all these present freight rate adjustments must be regarded as only temporary. The canal has served to emphasize the commercial importance of river navigation and wide-awake communities are addressing them- . selves to the matter of its development as they |

People and Events

Southern planters are waking up and ratching on. One of the wise cotton raisers of Alabama sold his plantation and invested the proceeds in a drug store in a dry district.

The American sweet tooth is growing an arched front at an astonishing rate. In twenty-five years the consumption of sugar has increased from 20.44 pounds per capits in 1889 to 56.85 in 1914.

The Methuzelah of the waning year, Rev. S. W. Bidwell of Vermont, answered the summons a few days ago at the ago of 165. He was the oldest Methodist Episcopal minister in this country.

Mrs. Emey Incersoll Apperman, a relative of Bob Ingersoil, makes the point that the ideally happy marriage will not arrive until woman is allowed to propose to man. Gee whiz, who is holding them! Devotees of the sonorous "Turkish" cigarette need not be alarmed about the available supply on account if the war. London experts say the tobacco does not come from Turkey at all. It is the "curing" of the contents that gives strength to the smodge.

A movement in St. Louis to abolish strap-hanging in the street cars and put seals where strap-hangers congregate is an interesting event. No doubt the street car management will make the change as soon as it is presented, inasmuch as street car companies hate to take money for standing room only.

Champions of the girl usher in theaters in New York have come to the front in droves. They scout the assertion that they have less self-possession than male ushers. Besides being polite and efficient, their champions point to their value as a scenic decoration. Isn't that sweet of the men?

Authorities of Philadelphia are chasing butchers who are putting over the meat of rams as choice kid mutton and charging fancy prices for it. The discovery of the substitution was made by an inspector who spotled a fine gold tooth in making an insertion in a hunk of buttinsky's flank. Whereupon the inspector got the butchers' goat.

The report of the Ohio commission for the year ending November 15 last credits the workingmen's compensation act with having effected a marked decrease in the number of accidents in the workshops of the state. The commission says a spirit of co-operation has been introduced and employers and employes are doing admirable team work on safety first lines.

MUFFLED KNOCKS.

The trouble with a good talker is that he is always a poor quitter.

Some men think you can't cuitivate an acquaintance unless you irrigate it.

Every time a married man digs up a new excuse for being out late he infringes on some other fellow's patent. If a man had a chance to get \$10,000 a week for minding his own business he wouldn't hold the job more than a few icurs.

What has become of the old-fashioned man who used to fasten his belled shirt to his pants with the flap at the bottom of the bosom?

One thing in favor of the man whose pants are shiny in the seat is that they didn't get that way from learning the sea lion dip at a tango temple.

A woman will send flowers to a man who has murdered his wife. But she believes that any man who is the father of twelve children is too onery to live.

SECULAR SHOTS AT PULPIT.

St. Louis Globe Democrat: Never fear. Christianity has survived worse wars than this; and the participants have even

claimed it as their inspiration. Baltimore American: The expected holy war has been declared. As we already have a Christian war all the

horrors of barbaric heathenism may be looked for. Washington Post: America's first book is said to have been issued in Mexico 1528, under the title of "A Spiritual

always denied that his father, "The

Prophet," ever sanctioned polygamy. He was himself a devoted man according to "I understand you had a good time at the party last night." was himself a devoted man according to his lights and had executive capacity which was most useful to his much criti-Baitimore American.

cised organization. Houston Post: The vatican authorilites announce that the efforts made by the pope to obtain a truce in the European war during the Christmas holidays have war during the Christmas holidays have met with failure, "owing to the opposition of a certain power." Possibly this "cerof a certain power." Possibly this "certain power" agreed with Mr. Carnegie,

that it would be "unchristianlike to stop fighting and then begin it again. In Europe at present it is evident that the god of war and not of the prince of peace rules the thoughts of men.

QUAINT BITS OF LIFE.

J. J. Mamaux, Pittsburgh, asked for a divorce, alleging that his wife habitually beats him. The seven sons in the Burkheiser family of Detroit weigh 1.609 pounds. They

are all between the ages of 22 and 38, are all married and their average weight is nearly 230 pounds. Mrs. Martha Suddath of Columbia, Mo., was married recently with the ring which had been used by eight of her maternal ancestors, beginning with her greatgreat-great-grandmother

In Trenton, N. J., a woman is reported to have divorced her husband because he

hated the sight of her face and was brutal to her, and another for the even more serious reason that he objected to the way she was singing to the haby. This fall Eben Allen, aged \$7, of Ellsworth, Me., has dug 100 bushels of potatoes, gathered 190 bushels of vegetables, threshed a bushel of beans, gathered forty bushels of apples and has sawed two and one-half cords of wood, besides doing numerous other duties about the

Come join with me, ye heirs of grace, Released from "durance vile," Relieve that long and solemn face, And meet me with a smile, -A, MURRMAN, Presbyterian Manse, Valley, Neb. house. Rev. Sedgwick W. Bidwell of East Middiebury, Vt., is 105 years old. Two years ago he delivered a vigorous sermon hefore a large congregation in the East Middlebury Methodist church. He has kept his strength well and ascribes his long life to his custom of eating four meals a day.

An American visitor in Montreal recently saw a squad of boys, whose ages ranged from 6 to 2, being drilled by two little girls of corresponding age. Upon inquiry one of the drill sergeants explained that her father said the war might last twenty years, and then these boya might fight for the Union Jack while their fathers came home to rest.

TABLOIDS OF SCIENCE.

Pines are believed to live the longest of all trees, some having attained more than 700 years.

In China an oil well has been drilled to a depth of 3,600 feet with the most primitive native tools.

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

"There are women on the jury." "They ought to favor a woman defend-ant." "We shall have to be exceedingly care-ful. I don't think it would be good policy for our fair client to dress better than they do."-Louisville Courier-Journal.

"Sir, your daughter has promised to, become my wife." "Well, don't come to me for sympathy: rod might know something would happen to you, hansing around here five nights a week.-Houston Post.

In 1558, under the title of "A Spiritual Ladder for Reaching Heaven." Ian't it about time for a reprint? Brooklyn Engie: Joseph Smith, head of the Marmon church, who died recently,

THE MODERN SAINT.

Note-While these lines are written in the first person, they must not be un-derstood as describing the writer, but rather as descriptive of the modern type of calinthood as contrasted with the medieval.

No "lean and hungry look" for me, No "dim religious light;" I need sufficient light to see, I have an appetite.

The saints of old, in cloistered pen, Forswore the world's demands: I mix among the sons of men, And shake their good right hands

No dreamy eyes, no drooping chin, No concave front, I ken; My head is round, not long and thin, I weigh two hundred ten.

love to work as men should work. And love no less to play: m ready for the quiet kirk, I'm ready for the fray.

My calling from beyond the skies, To further God's great plan. Ne'er contravenes, nor nullifies My duty as a man. I love all men-the human race-I owe them my good will: And those redeemed by heavenly grace, I love them better still.

The needs of modern civilization are particularly characterized, according to some of our military exports, by the demand for adequate aircraft.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer remarks that a chauffour named Hellwagon has asked the court to change his name, which provokes the Boston Transcript to say, "He auto." Honk! Honk!

The purveyors of good things to est promise that the Christmas dinner will cost less this year than heretofore. Good! Otherwise a lot of folks might have to cat only half a Christmas dinner.

Every appointes of President Wilson on the Interstate Commerce commission has voted to help out the railroads on their rate increase. Oh, how the trusts and railroads fear those democrats!

The meter rate per thousand gallons for water in Omaha is still only 2 cents less than what the Water board ordered the old water company to charge. It should be almost time for a real reduction.

If it be true that 139 warships have been put. out of commission since the commencement of hostilities, it is only a question of time when the United States will have the greatest navy of all, without adding a single ship to present strength.

Secretary Bryan will also omit this year the usual dinner given to the diplomatic corps by the secretary of state on New Year's day. That ought to help as much as a Chautauqua lecture toward keeping the expense account within that paltry \$12,000-a-year salary.



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S. A. Orchard loft for a few days' visit at Des Moines

Travel is very light at present, and few traveling alcomen are upon the road

Mrs. Joseph Matager of Denver is in Omaha to attend the wolding of her sister, Miss Fannie Schles-

The Sistern of the Sacred Heart have erected a ndispe and fire escape to their building at a cost of nearly \$4,000.

R. E. Dwyer, first baseman of the Union Pacific ball team, left for Syracuse, N. Y., where he has tempting offers from the base hall management of that city.

The work of cutting and storing ics for the coming season has begun in carnest. Ice in the river is now between ice and twelve inches thick. The following is the approximate tens to be housed by the grincipal ranks' August Denson, 9,600; Guy & Pilch, 6,600; Kimball & Co., 6,600; Mrs. Bauman, 1,600; Fred Metz, 1000; James E. Boyd, 2.600; Sheeley & Co., 1.800; Harris & Fisher, 1.600; Schroeder & McShane, 1.900; the South imaha Packing house, 7,000. It is estimated that 1,9-0 timana Parada beams will flod employment in this in-theory. The pilers are puid from 0.26 to 65; the eleminers from 0.5 to 51.50, and the teams from 12.50

which has commissioned Dr. Shailer M its good will ambassador to Japan, signifies a great and worthy mission one that outreaches all denominational lines. Dr. Mathews, who is broad and representative enough to make an excellent ambassador, is to take from the churches of the United States to those of Japan a message expressing the dealre for justice to Japan under all circumstances. He is to join hands with Dr. Sydney L. Gulick of the Univaraity of Kyoto in furthering the good will be-

tween the two nations.

Big Work for Church Unity.

The very name of the Church Peace Union,

It is a great work for the churches to engage in. Acting together, they can do it; singly they would never attempt it. Neither would the Carnegie Foundation ever endow such an enterprise to be conducted by a denomination. Tasks of this sort lift our churches above denominationalism and facilitate the progress most of the churches are making toward a goal of broader usefulness. It is worthy of note that whenever a world mission of this character falls to the churches, it is attacked only in concert, which seems to make clear the fact that the larger work of the church-which is inspirational, after all-requires the merging of the partition walls. It is especially so in the far eastern countries, where missionaries have long ago found it difficult to teach the "One God" religion, while attempting to preserve certain human distinctions of theory and interpretation.

The After-Dinner Speaker. It is interesting to note the coincident views of Mr. Dooley and Brander Mathews on

the after-dinner speech. Says the latter: We have heard a great deal of late about the efficiency sugineer; and it is rather strange that some

enterprising member of that new and alluring profession has not turned his attention to the scientific management of the public banquet in order to improve the wasteful methods of the untrained amateurs, who are generally allowed to take charge of those affairs.

And Mr. Dooley:

I can remimber when afther-dinner orathry was wan iv th' proudest instichoochins iv American lifewhin the sayin' was that hundhreds iv people wint to hankits to hear Chansy Depoo talk, an' so did Chansy Depon. But that day has gone by. People ar-re tired iv amoachoor orators, an' th' next step will be to hire thrained speakers, to help us di-gest our vittles, just the same as we hive thrained mueloians.

Everybody who knows anything about this American malady of midnight banquets, with its complication of after-dinner windjamming. knows that where most of these orators make their biggest mistake is in cajoling themselves into believing that the other guests at the table really care a snap about what they are saying. But that does not abate the ravages of the discase. It continues to spread and gather new victims. Only men of the strongest constitutions are immune. It takes a will power of iron to resist these blandishments. Some men become chronic victims. Dooley describes one such, a gaunt, pale dyspeptic, who, though admitting his hatred for the very name of the thing, nevertheless went to a banquet and made an after-dinner speech every time he got the chance. So far gone was he that he could not walk out of an ordinary ham-and restaurant | well above the dead line of the great majority

have not done in the past. It s only a question of time until water transportation, especially here in the middle west, will create a new and formidable competition for the railroads. To meet this, land traffic will have to undergo an entirely new readjustment of freight rates.

School and Home.

In short, is not the child discipline problem rather a school-and-home than a court-andhome problem? Are we not trying in our juvenile court system to turn an edentire ucational task into a court task? Has not modern mercy led us off on a false trail? Beautiful as has been the ministry of the juvenile court (the writer has been a probation officer for seven years), is it not owing to the backwardness of our school system that such a ministry was ever necesany or excusable?-Christopher G. Ruess in California Outlook.

While the answer to this last question might involve the failure of the home more than the school, the main point made here seems to us unassailable. The writer would attempt to remedy matters by employing a school-and-home visitor to keep in touch with the child, his parents and surroundings as well as school. But conceding a fruitful field for such an office, the fact remains that this and all such expedients are curative and required only because the home has fallen down on its job. As The Bee has consistently maintained, they may make excellent remedies, but can never take the place of home influence in the life of the child. And again, let us say, that one of the perils involved in all these experiments is the facility they afford for the easy escape from the exacting duties and responsibilities of the home and moving along lines of least resistance. In this day when the tendency is for families to live apart, separated as they are by a diversity of interests between the members, instead of more closely knit together around one common altar as before, the temptation to seize on all such expedients is only too strong.

Bringing amusement back into the home is an elemental activity of the home-and-school visitor, who believes that the home is the place to grow ideals and that ideals make character.

Do the members of the average home, rich or poor, find as much mutual interest in home amusements and entertainents as they might. as was once the case? Whether this home-andschool visitor could effect the restoration we know not, but it may be conceded that so long as present conditions exist the void will be felt. The only way to give back to the home its proper sphere and power in the life of the child. therefore of the citizen, is for the heads of the homes to be willing to make sacrifices that will be necessary to pay the cost. But any effort, any cost, will be justified. This writer, himself a professional reformer of the juvenile court variety, confesses the failure of that remedy, and he might with truth go on and say that every kindred remedy and expedient had failed. as all must fail that seek to supplant so much of the home and family influence.

So alimony is declared to be subject to the income tax. But the income tax applies only to the excess over \$3.000 a year, which must be without bowing to the fair eachier and address- of the alimony brigade

There is only one thing that o hard as paying an old bar bill. And that is when the defeated candidate has to prepare his expense account for publication.

You might imagine that a homely girl would be grateful to a man for marrying her. But after she gets you she will roast you just as much as if she was the prettiest thing in town when you snared har.

Once in a while Mother decides to let Father down easy when he comes home after spinding the evening posing in front of menibers of the bartenders' union, and she will make up her mind to forget that she has either eyes or cars. But after Father gets home Mother gets mad because she can't forget that she has a

Every spring, when the sun is warm and the birds are singing, a man throws his overcoat into the corner of a closet because he knows he will be able to buy a new one when winter comes around again. And the next fall, when it starts to snow, he finds that he is broke, as usual, and the old coat feels mighty good to him,-Cincinnati Enquirer.

WHAT CITIES ARE DOING.

Winnipeg is to have an athletic club house of twelve stories, at an estimated cont of \$750,000.

Spirit Lake, Ia., comes into the year's iomestretch with a record of \$300,000 spent in improvements.

Panams City is to have a laundry, les plant and ice cream factory operated jointly under one roof.

Chicago reports 1,350 holdups during the last eleven months. More po needed to put down the holdups.

Chicago experts figure out in loss of \$16,990,000 a year in wasted time due to traffic congestion in downtown streets. Cincinnati is seriously considering the advisability of advertising the city. Money could not be put into a better usset.

The city of Niagara Falls is going inp the city manager business, hoping thereby to cut out the profits of municipal mid-

The Lyons County Farmers' Produce association of Emporia, Kan., organized year ago, did a business of \$80,000 in twelve months.

Milwaukee has a cat and dog cemetery of five acres. It is the only place in the neighborhood where canine and feline observe strict neutrality.

Soup kitchens are blooming in St. Louis inder municipal auspices. At the grand opening of the plant 300 gallons of noodle soup were used as a filler for 900 men. To give winter jobs to as many idle hands as possible the school board of Des Moines has ordered work to proceed on repairs and improvements usually done in summer.

The New York nevelty of hiring out young men as escorts for women has reached St. Louis and Kansas City. Engaging manners is a prime requisite for an escort job, which blazes a new route for romance and elopement.

Police and health departments of Salt Lake City are to be housed in the Young Men's Christian association building recently purchased by the city. The deal petits both sides-the Young Men's Christian association gets needed oash for larger quarters, and police and health officials runinate in a religious at mosphere

According to an Eng lisht of the sun exerts a pressure of 70,-600 tons on the earth.

The matching of colors has been brought down to an exact science by the invention of a machine for the purpose. Motion picture makers in Europe start Alpine avalanches which they wish to photograph by exploding mines in the now by electricity.

An American expert has been engaged by the Australian state of Victoria to reopen a long closed factory and revive the best sugar industry.

For the use of naturalists there has been invented a cane containing a compass, double lens, thermometer, sand glass and bottle to hold flowers or in-

Italian tests of plowing with electric motors demonstrated that it cost about half as much as if horses had been used and about two-thirds as much as steam plowing.

A fuel economy of more than 12 per cent has been attained by a French device for heating the water before it is introduced into a locomotive boiler by exhaust steam.

Vienna scientists in testing the effect on the human system of food plants con taining iron have succeeded in making several vegetables absorb more fron fron the soil than normally.



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