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Thought for the Day Selected by Irene Cole

The habit of looking at the bright side of things is worth more than a thousand a year. - Samuel

Political robins are now due.

Home rule in practice sounds the depths of absurdity when the state legislature essays the regulation of the hours of labor of Omaha fire-

An intimation of probable economy in state appropriations is interesting as far as it goes, but performance is what counts on the scoreboard.

About the most delusive notion capering in a brain apartment is that a fat man can sit on a fence without disarranging the creases of his trousers.

If there is nothing to cover up in the business of the Metropolitan Water board, why the fierce opposition to an official examination of accounts?

Peace advocates might give their theories practical exercise by intervening in the merry vocal war of the railroad commission and the attorney general.

Democratic lawmakers candidly admit that they have forgotten their pre-election pledges, and have appointed a committee to search for them. The next thing in order is to hold the forgeteries to the performance.

Colorado mine owners admit a strike loss of \$1,250,000. The state of Colorado expended a like sum in militia maintenance, and the striking miners an unknown amount of contributed cash and two years' labor. There is no visible offset to the losses. All is pure waste, springing from tyranny that knows neither reason nor justice.

The decision of the federal supreme court in the California oil land case puts thousands of oil land grabbers out of business and restores 50,000 acres of mineral land to the public domain. The ruling is a sweeping condemnation of speculators, who took a long chance at overthrowing the executive acts of President Taft.

The thundering guns of the allied fleets firing on the forts of the Dardanelles awake the echoes of romance and tragedy with which ancient Hellespont is invested. The importance of the operation rivals any undertaking in the war, and its final success in opening the gateway to the Black Sea will write 'finis" to the bloody history of Turkish power in Europe.

The Church and the Home.

Some weeks ago Omaha was thoroughly scolded because of the fact that it had no "home life," because the parents of the community were neglecting their children, and were remiss in every way, and it was necessary that the state step in at once to protect and perpetuate the Christian home. This scolding was done by the president of a cult whose purpose it is to forward the "welfare movement." How little it was deserved is shown by the remarks of the local president of the Sunday School association, which concluded its sessions in Omaha during the week. He said:

The Sunday school used to be regarded as a child's institution. Parents used to say, "Go." Now they are saying more and more, "Come." The alert, wideawake Sunday school is not necessarily the noisy school, but it is the enthusiastic school.

Very recently The Bee published the most reliable figures available on the church growth in the United States, which showed a most encouraging state of affairs so far as the progress of religion is concerned. The Sunday school figures show that in nine years attendance has increased four million three hundred and thirteen thousand, bringing the total up to more than twenty-two millions.

These figures, which are furnished by the church people themselves, together with the statement that adult attendance on Sunday school is greater at this time than it ever was, should very effectually answer the allegation that the Christian home in America is dying and Omaha, despite all assertions to the

very, is a city of Christian homes.

Retrieving an Historical Crime.

If the guns of the allies succeed in pounding open the Dardanelles, it will be the culmination of an effort that has been postponed for almost 500 years. Since the middle of the fifteenth century the Turk has held closed this gateway to the east against Ghristianity and all its forces. John Fisk, in his "Discovery of America," says the greatest crime over committed against civilization was when the Christian nations of Europe permitted the Turk to take and hold Constantinople and thus command the avenue through which the traffic of the East and West then passed. The course of civilization turned on this from East to West. It was beneficial in that it hastened the discovery of the American continents; yet they would have been searched out because of the restless spirit that was then awakening in the early days of that new birth of culture and enterprise through all Europe. Green, in his "History of the English People," ascribes to the fall of Constantinople, and the consequent spread of Greek learning among the western people of Farope, much of the wonderful changes in all the social activities of the later fifteenth and sixteenth centuries which brought about the great reforms in society, politics and religion. In this way was the calamity turned to something in the nature of a benefaction.

Neither Great Britain nor Germany may take any credit for the maintenance of the Turk in his comanding position at Constantinople. One or the other of these great powers has interfered many times in recent history to keep that capital from falling into Christian control. The ways of the European politician are not always inscrutable, but sometimes they do pass understanding, and the selfishness that withheld assistance from the Byzantine emperor 500 years ago finds manifestation today in the terrible war now in progress. It finds an exigency of this war-the necessity of opening a passage for Russian grain, rather than any purpose to advance civilization-has led to the bombardment of the Turkish forts on the Dardanelles, yet it will be of incalculable benefit even at this late date should the matter finally result in the permanent opening of the passage.

Modern Prison Methods.

Much has been written in the last decade about reforms in methods of handling prisoners at the several penitentiaries. "Golden rule" wardens have been told about from time to time their humane treatment of men in their charge has been extolled, and results achieved have been set forth in considerable detail. When prisoners were sent out without guard to build roads and do other work in the open, it was thought the last step had been taken, but now comes an innovation. The warden of the penitentiary at Leavenworth last week permitted fifty-five inmates of that institution to go unguarded on street cars to a hall uptown where they gave a minstrel performance, and every one of the fifty-five returned to the penitentiary when the show was over. On the same night, the prison band from the Joliet penitentiary, unattended by any guard, furnished the music at a large religious mass meeting.

These are pretty large straws, and certainly indicate the direction of the wind. Modern prison methods are applied for the purpose of bringing out whatever of good may be found in a man, and criminologists pretty generally agree that some good may be found in any man.

A Study in Police Methods.

Raymond B. Fosdick's work on "European Police Systems," just off the Century Press, and published by the Bureau of Social Hygiene, has in it a great deal that will be of interest to the casual reader, but more that will engage the attention of the conscientious student of social science. It is of especial value because of its authoritative character, and is worthy of perusal if for no other purpose than to become more familiar with the contrast in methods prevalent in Europe and in the United States.

Mr. Fosdick says his studies disclosed the uniform integrity of the European police. Nowhere in Europe did he discover any sign of what in America is euphemistically referred to as "the system." For this he gives several reasons. First, the fact that police administration there is a profession. The head of the police, no matter what his title, is a man well qualified and clothed with ample power. In London, for example, the head of the police force has absolute control and authority, and from his decisions in the matter of discipline no appeal lies. A second reason assigned for the integrity of the European police is the careful selection of the men who go to make up the rank and file of the service. Third, and of more particular interest in the United States, "the integrity of the European police is ascribable to the fact that they are looked upon as protectors of law and order rather than as guardians of public morals." On this point Mr. Fosdick says:

There is little attempt to make a particular code of behavior the subject of general criminal legislation. The high moral standards of a few people are not the legal requirements of the state. * * * The police are not called upon to compel conformity to moral standards which do not meet with general public approval. They are not asked to enforce laws which from the standpoint of accepted public habit or taste are fundamentally unenforceable

How different is this from our present practice. And how much of police corruption now complained of in the United States is due to the fact that our policemen are called upon to rigidly enforce laws that are "fundamentally unenforceable."

Technicality and Progress.

"Technicalities are brakes on the wheels of progress," said a speaker at the opening dinner at the Hotel Fontenelle, and went on, "unfortunately our courts are most diligent in applying the brakes." This remark did not fall with as much force as though it had been uttered under different circumstances, but it is, nevertheless, fraught with truth and importance. Technicalities have been magnified by the courts into obstacles that not only retard, but absolutely prevent progress. It is not desirable that precedent be set aside, or that due order be ignored, to permit the forwarding of any plan, because real progress must be made in orderly fashion. Yet it would be well for courts and laymen alike if much of the purely technical could be eliminated, and a little more of real progress injected into the processes whereby our laws are tried and determined

By VICTOR ROSEWATER. -

THE death of Martin Dunham freshens memories of early days when he was active in the community. and to me recalls especially his part in my first nitiation into public life-if service as a page in the maha city council in the early '8% can be properly termed public life. The Dunhams lived a block of us on Farnam street-just about where Lee Huff's auto place is now located-only it stood on a terrace. even then high above the street, I remember my father broaching the subject, when I was about if years old, that a boy might as well learn something practical during some of his play time.

'It wouldn't hurt you at all to attend the council seeting once a week and see how they transact bustness there" is about the way he put it. "You could be designated as a page and make yourself useful at the same time.

The prospect of novelty brought my ready acjulescence and I presented myself duly in the council chamber as directed. So it happened that a resolution was offered by our councilman from the Fourth ward, Mr. Dunham, appointing me page for that august body, to serve without pay, and as far as I know for an indefinite term. And the "resolution by Dunham" could doubtless be found spread upon the records if anyone cared enough to hunt it up.

I continued on the page job for a year or so. My merous duties consisted chiefly of gathering in the papers and documents and carrying them from the cilmen's desks to that of the cierk and running short errands in and out of the building, principally to procure chewing tobacco. The meetings were held in the City Hall, a ramshackle two-story frame previsusly known as Redick's Opera House, located at the orner of Sixteenth and Farnam, exactly where the beautiful new United States bank building has been erected. The other Fourth ward councilman, Homer Hull, was the presiding officer of the council, for which J. J. L. C. Jewett ("Shirt Collar" Jewett because of the expansive collar he constantly wore) was clerk. At that time Champion S. Chase was mayor of Omaha. the police force was under Marshal R. C. Guthrie and the fire department headed by Chief John H. Butler Mr. Dunham was probably the most influential member of the then council, whose roll call included, among others, Charles Kaufman, J. S. Hascall, C. C. Thrane, D. L. McGuckin and Tom Dailey.

It was at the funeral of Harry P. Deuel, who was another of the neighbors of the days I am recalling that I last saw Mr. Dunham, and his face beamed with satisfaction, as quite a number came up to greet him and to tell him we were glad he was able to be out

While in New York I dropped in for half an hour on the investigation of the Public Service commission. which was being conducted by Will Hayward as counsel for the legislative committee having the work in charge. It looked as if "Colonel" Hayward, as everybody calls him now, was practically the whole thing. The sittings of the committee were held in the council chamber in the city ball, a spacious and ornate room with seats for probably 250 to 300, and every seat filled with interested spectators. The proceedings are much more formal than with our various investigations. member of the Public Service commission was under fire on the witness stand, trying to parry the questions poured in on him by Hayward, who loomed big in the foreground, surrounded by assistants who fed in the ammunition as called for. Occasionally one of the legislative committee would interpose a query, but for the most part they observed an attitude of keen curiosity. Hayward had put the Public Serice commissioners in an awkward hole by showing that their inquiry into the sensational subway accident last month had missed the real cause of the trouble. It was the general opinion that the incompetency or inefficiency of commissioners had been so conclusively proved that they were all due to be ousted by the governor and supplanted with new appointees, and also that Hayward would have one of the places for himself. job carries a comfortable little salary of \$15,000 and lasts for six years, if not sooner disturbed. It should be explained that there are two of these commissions in New York state, one with jurisdiction over the public utility corporations in New York City and the other over the public service corporations up-state. The latter has not been under legislative criticism and scrutiny. By coincidence another Nebraskan time district judge and later supreme court commissioner, Frank Irvine, is a member of the up-state commission-so there is possibility that Nebraska may be dominating factor of both of these important administrative boards of the great Empire state.

A suffrage novelty is proposed for Pennsylvania, where a votes-for-women campaign is about to start. The suffragists have a scheme to emphasize their color emblem by planting yellow flowers everywhere and thus to make the whole state look like one big, yellow blossom, spreading the feminine fragrance that is expected to unbend the men to share the ballot box.

I noticed one of the big stores in Baltimore conducting what it denominated "an exposition of manufactures" by installing in the various departments a live exhibit of the actual work of making the article or garment on sale. It was presumably arranged by co-operation of the different manufacturers, from whom the regular supply comes, the machinery and operators being loaned for the occasion and special pains taken to explain it all by placards and personal directions. While such an exposition could, of course, be much more easily assembled and conducted in a center of largely variegated products, yet it struck me as quite feasible on a smaller scale for Omaha as a change from the made-in-Omaha show, with which we have from time to time been entertained and in-

No Relief in Sight

A family on the north side of Boston have several children, but only one-the eldest-is a boy. The little lad grew used to sisters, and longed for a brother. The boy was 13 recently, and the house was rather upset in anticipation of something or other. The father was busy and the son had to sift the ashes and take care of the furnace. At this juncture a nurse appeared on the scene, and two days later she came to the little boy.

What do you think you've got?" she asked him-" A baby brother," fairly gasped the youngster. 'No. dearie-it's a baby sister," replied the nurse. 'Gosh!" groaned the youngster, "must I always sift these ashes?"-National Monthly.

Thirty Jeurs Ayo This Duy in Omaha OMMLED FROM BEEFILES

An account is given of a brilliant and fantastic skating masquerade ball held at the Casino, presided over by J. C. Elliott as king of the carnival of those there and costumes were Mainie Powers tamborine girl; Charles Patrick, clown; Neilie Moyer, little fraud with doughnuts; Will Coons, imp; Harry Sharpe, negro; Stella Mount, Kate Greenaway; Grace Withnell, French peasant; Charles H. Gatton, St. Jacob; Grace Himebeugh, belle of the rink; D. V. McDonald, midshipman; Flo Coons, America; Gussie Tremain, shepherd girl; J. B. Lounsberry, dude

On the program of the Golden Fleece society at the St. Mary's Avenue Congregational church were literary numbers by Miss Agnes McDonald and De. Hachett; music by Miss Boulter and Mrs. James Holloway, Revel France and Herbert Rogers. who took part in the charade were Lettle Kennedy Mabel Shreve, Miss Lombriso, May Burns, Jay Northrup, W. H. Scott, W. B. Jarvis. While the tableaux was put on by Mrs. Dr. Conner. J. Holloway, F. H. Hall and Morris Hall.

A well attended citizens' meeting discussed charter amendments with A. B. Jones presiding and S. F. Woodbridge serving as secretary.

Mr. Lew Pixley, head salesman in Branch & Co.'s commission house, is rejoicing over the advent of a bouncing baby boy at his house.

W. A. Kelly, foreman of the Republican office, was held up at the corner of Tenth and Farnam Friday night. He boldly drew his revolver and frightened the hold-ups away.

People and Events

Nevada digs considerable precious metal ut of the ground. The rest of the cirulating medium is dug up by the six months' rule.

Dallas, Tex., awards "the meanest crook medal" to the housebreaker who stole the burial clothes of the oldest inbabitant of the city.

Much depends on how you feel about A New Jersey hermit who lives on to cents a day is as contented with his lot as the fellow who ducks a limousine

Man's inhumanity to woman occasionally does the boomerang act. George Costa of Aurora, Ill., was soaked in court for \$55 because he objected forcibly to his wife warming her cold feet on the small of his back, Wouldn't that jar 5 ou?

A shining exhibit of economic efficiency is revealed in a divorce bill filed in court at Findley, O. The complaining wife avers that her husband in thirty-five years of wedded life gave her a total of cents in cash. There is no danger of his dving of heart enlargement.

Courts are supposed to solve difficulties, not to make them. Yet a Missouri court revoked a divorce granted to a woman because she married again within the vacation limit fixed by the judge. Al the divorced husband also remarried, the court, unable to mend matters, passed up the offense as "judicial bigamy."

A gentleman farmer is defined by the commissioner of internal revenue as "a person cultivating or operating a farm for recreation or pleasure on a basis other than the recognized principles of commercial farming, the result of which is a continual loss from year to year. This brand of farmers are also entitled to the pleasure of coughing up an income tax.

An echo of the interminable Thaw case bobs up in a libel suit entered by At-General Woodbury against the torney New York Tribune. When Thaw was turned over to New York state by the federal supreme court the services of Attorney Jerome were dispensed with and the case taken over by the attorney general. To a certain coterie of Gothemites this was considered an unpardonable offense, and the Tribune impugned the motives which prompted the Change. This is the basis of the libel suit, for which \$50,000 damages is asked.

SIGNPOSTS OF PROGRESS.

The horsepower represented in the automobiles of this country is more than

A Scatttle inventor's life preserver resembles a diving suit in that it completely envelops a wearer and is water-

A portable metal roof, made in sections has been patented by a Kansan for protecting hay stacks from rain.

Nevada again was the greatest silverproducing state last year, followed in order by Idaho, Montana, Utah and Colorado

Chicago leads cities of the United States in concrete building construction, with Seattle in second place and Philadelphia in third. An Englishman has invented a machine

for redressing worn wooden paving blocks at a rate of 1,000 an hour so that they may be used again. Moving pictures are used in a school

of electric railway employes in Los Angeles to show how all sorts of accidents occur and how many of them can be prevented. In a costly watch that has been made for exhibition purposes there is a wheel

that makes a revolution only once in four years, operating a dial that shows the years, months and days. The Long Island railroad hopes to save

\$20,000 by equipping its ferry and tugboats with oil-burning engines. The cost of making the change will be inconsiderable. The United States of America is by far the greatest steel producing country on earth. Germany comes next, with Great Britain third. The figures for 1910 (the latest at hand for the moment) show this country to be equal in steel products to both Germany and the United Kingdom.

TABLOIDS OF SCIENCE.

French scientists have found that rubber, unless kept in perfectly dry air, is subject to the attacks of microbes. Alum added to the last rinsing water

of the starch when cotton garments are washed, will render them fireproof. An Italian priest who has invented

many wireless devices has succeeded in intercepting messages with needles thrust into a potato. Wireless telegraph waves are propa-

with a velocity slightly less than 186,000 miles an hour. Natives of a province in India have succeeded in breeding egrets in captivity and in obtaining plumage four times a

gated along the surface of the earth

year without injury to the birds. Portable wireless apparatus, which is carried in an automobile and can be set up to work over a radius of 800 miles in twelve minutes, has been adopted by

the United States army.

Star photography is one of the most tedious operations known. In some cases the exposure of the plate must last for several hours. During all this time both the plate and telescope must be moved so that the image of the star will be stationary on the plate.

A simple test for watered milk is in general use in Germany. A well polished knitting needle is dipped into a deep yes sel of milk, and immediately withdrawn in an upright position. If the sample is pure, some of the fluid will hang to the needle, but if water has been added to the milk, even in small proportion, the fluid will not adhere to the needle.

MUSINGS OF A CYNIC.

Even the egotist may have the wool pulled over his I'a. The man who has no imagination never falls in love.

Silver and gold don't rhyme, but they make a pleansant jingle. The vials of wrath are frequently

poured out in family jars. Many a man wastes his time teiling other people not to waste theirs.

Life is a game in which one man's push is pitted against another man's pull. It's all right to believe only half you hear: but the trouble is to know which half Magnifying glasses are part of the

equipment of reformers in their search The self-made man might sometimes exercise more care in selecting his ma-

terials. Lots of people are always giving advice who apparently have no use for it them-

WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES.

The first woman lawyer in Australia is Miss Anna Brennan, who recently tried ited by Billy Sunday in September; it is her first case, wearing a white dress, a serious state of affairs when towns over which was a black robe of the professional barrister.

Nazimova, the actress, is said to have subject of suffrage, the occasion being how they shall conduct their pulpits. the celebration of the birthdays of Dr. Anna Howard Shaw and the late Susan B. Anthony.

presidential election in the Daughters of needs most to mend the fences. the American Revolution ranks when the of the twenty-three vice presidents gen- old custom and hang a "God Bless Our eral, six of the nine acting officers and Home" motto in their living room. We twenty-three of the forty-eight state re- do not need a motio like that, but if gents are said to have endorsed the can- any dealer has a "God Bless Our Boarddidacy of Mrs. Story.

No new teachers are to be appointed in superintendent, Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, holds. Last year there were 20,000 pupils over the preceding year and if there are that many this year they will have to be divided among the teachers, and naturally they do not like that at all and have protested against the order.

Mrs. D'Arline Holcomb of Bowling Green, the county seat of Pike county, Missouri, is said to be a jill of many trades. She is a road oiler, a transfer and 'bus manager, United States mail carrier, Standard Oll agent, and, besides, she is a perfectly beautiful and wellgroomed woman. When her husband died and left her with four children and his transfer and 'bus business she immediately took it up and afterward she did the first road oiling in Pike county.

There is an effort being made in the east to organize the girls in the country. and within a year one organization enrolled 1,200 farmers' wives and daughters into home economics classes. One woman said that before her girls had been organized in the neighborhood club she used to get up in the morning, get breakfast for them and then help them off to school. Now, doing the work is part of the club requirements, and they insist upon getting breakfast and doing the work before they start to school.

AROUND THE CITIES.

Dubuque's municipal budget for 1915 amounts to \$446,171. Manhattan, Kan., jars negligent housekeepers by showing them photographs

of their back-yard rubbish heaps. Rat catchers have been retired from the municipal meat tub in Philadelphia because they eat up their cash allowance

before the end of their year. Des Moines' street car company reports a noticeable decrease in income, which is equally attributed to jitneys, bad

weather and wet streets in a dry town. Although New York is carrying a staggering load of debt, the city comptroller reports that it has a borrowing margin of \$19,000,000 for 1915 without overstepping the debt limit.

Word comes from Wichita, Kan., that flocks of crows roosting on neighboring farms are accused of carrying the foot and mouth disease to two herds of cattle on adjoining farms.

Albuquerque is putting the finishing touches on sixty miles of fine road connecting the city with Le Grand Quivern, and expects a large run of automobile tourists down that way next summer.

The little town of Waukon, near La Crosse, Wis., succeeded in popularizing debt-paying reform, calling for the settlement of bills once a week. The idea is spreading to other Wisconsin cities.

QUAINT BITS OF LIFE.

The Laplander who marries a girl against the wishes of her parents may be severely punished.

John Wellman, aged 85, testified that he never rode on a street car in his life, although he has been a resident of St. Louis for the last fifty-three years.

Making half and half mincement of a cow: Advertisement of a Sheffield (O.) But yet, far back, the hills remain which all their wanderings restrain bakery says, "In order to have a good supply of fresh meat for the manufacture of our pies we kill half a cow every week."

A workman in a Detroit factory, sorting some boards, was surprised to find one with a well-defined image of a dog's face in the grain of the wood. The face in the grain of the wood. The face face in the grain of the wood. The face was outlined by the peculiar formation But strong, and turbid, and perplexed, of the core and knots in the wood.

While digging potatoes in Hope, Me., Arthur Hobart found one 12x15 inches in circumference, in which was a mouse nest containing one old one and four little ones. The skin was left on the top like a trapdoor.

SECULAR SHOTS AT PULPIT.

St. Louis Republic: Omaha will be viscan only be saved by one man

Indianapolis News: Preachers have one advantage over editors. The public genmade her maiden speech recently on the erally doesn't come in and advise them

Brooklyn Hagle: A revivalist at Yale

claims 500 student converts. He is a Calvinist, and the forcordination doctrine There is likely to be another exciting is a great help in foot ball, where Yale Houston Post: A North Carolina minnational congress meets in April. Twelve later says people should go back to the

ing House" motto, we'll buy it.

St. Louis Globe Democrat: The finan-Chicago this year, if the ruling of the cial condition of the worn out preacher can be improved and it is the duty of the church to improve it. If it were necessary to do it at the expense of other church activities it should be done. All the dictates of humanity demand it. The men who have borne the brunt of the battle and given their lives for the church, without a thought of self, should not be left to die in abject penury. Men would not treat their worn out horses so.

DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

"Then I can't vote at all,"
"Bad case "It is decided that a man's residence case of insomnia."-Baltimore

"Would you love me as much if father at his wealth." "He hasn't lost it, has he?"

American.

'No. 'Of course I would, you silly girl."-Minneapolis Journal.

"Did you see that hussy who sued our son for breach of promise?" "I did."

"What did she look like?"
"She looked to me like a sonkist lemon."—Judge.

Clerk—I'd like to get a week off, sir, to attend the wedding of a friend. Employer—A very dear friend, I should say, to make you want that much time. Clerk—Well, sir, after the ceremony she will be my wife.—Boston Transcript. Rankin-It takes a long time to get anything through Hembrough's skull, doesn't it? Phyle-I should say it does; that man be dead and buried before he ever s out he's sick.—Youngstown Tele-

Why do you live in such squalid quarters?"
"So that any visitor may see at a glance that the prisoners have all the best of it," explained the warden of the prison. "You can't be too careful these days."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

father, "I don't want you to get into any quarrels with the boys at school." "I never do. I start right in by telling them I'm neutral. And then I suppose they let you alone?"
"No, they don't. They all pick on me for not taking sides."—Washington Star.

Mr. Manley-Well, my dear, I've had ny life insured for \$5,000. Mrs. Manley-How very sensible of you! Now I sha'nt have to keep telling you to be so careful every place you go. Pathfinder.

Flatbush—When I came out of church on Sunday I found my horse fast asleep in the shed. Bensonhurst-Why, he couldn't hear the sermon from there, could he?-Yonkera

THE MISSOURI.

Cameron Mann in the Century. Between low brinks of ragged clay The rapid river takes its Its heavy, tawny waters flow. As if their road they did not know; Swirl off in loops, spread out in lakes, Whose sandy shoals trait sluggish wakes.

They gnaw away the tumbling banks. Mow down their leafy willow ranks: They dwindle, till the dust blows round ere fishes swam and men drowned;

Then flood the bottoms miles away, Fence, barn, and house their scattered

), mighty river, we may see Our new democracy in the No Rhine art thou, by cliffs beset, With castles on each parapet;

By frequent whirls and eddles

At times an overwhelming fall Of brute destruction-vet, through Large wealth bestowing-grain and woods papringing where once swept by floods And so we know, whate'er thy force, God's hills will hold thee to His course

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