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Thought for the Day Selected by Mary Austin

Let each make the best use of our natural abilities, and, with the blessing of God, we shall arrive at some good end. As for fame, it maiters but little whether we acquire it or not-N. Hawthorne.

It is the wise lawmaker who takes his twilight sleep with at least one eye peeled

It's a long, long way to a salary of \$4,500 a year, and political submarines infest the route.

Some people do not seem to know a good thing when they have it-for example, our graft-

greedy sheriff. As the weather man has failed miserably, to the spring poets falls the task of tying the can on the departing March lion.

When the legislature adjourns, perhaps our Water board manager may find time to figure out that overdue water rate reduction.

Let history be revised. General Hugh L. Scott proves by his dealings with the Piutes that a good Indian is not necessarily a dead one.

Turkey's promises of protection for missionaries would be more reassuring if Turkey had the means and the disposition to strangle its

Statecraft Subject to Change.

if Italy, as seems imminent, should enter the present war, the action will simply emphasize the fallibility of statecraft, by bringing to an end the dreibund, which for so long a time dominated the affairs of Europe, and in a large measure those of the world. Otto von Bismarck built well when he laid the foundations of the German empire, and on the agreement between Germany. Austria and Italy he laid much emphasis. When yon Caprivi came to office, after the separation between Wilhelm II and Bismarck, he devoted much of his ability to completing the Triple Alliance, and in it had the active co-operation of Crispl, Italy's great statesman of the closing quarter of the Nineteenth century., Austria's share in these negotiations was more or less passive, because of the relations between that empire and Italy, but the final agreements were so entirely acceptable at Vienna that no serious protest was raised there.

For twenty-five years England and France, each with its own purpose to serve, have sought for a combination that would offset the strength of the dreibund. Russia was unapproachable, having been considered favorable in certain phases of the alliance, until after the war with Japan. Then, by a strange turn of the affairs of diplomacy, the Triple Entente was made possible, although it was not brought to a stage of actual coalition until after the Agadir incident, which the kaiser cleverly used to make sure of the force of the understanding between the trio of powers now allied against Germany in war. This alignment of interests is what made the present conflict in Europe almost a certainty; at least the warriors of the several countries lost little time in making ready.

In reviewing the steps by which the nations of Europe have approached the struggle that is now being so disastrously waged, the observer can not fail being impressed by the selfishness of the nations as exhibited in their policies. If Italy joins the battle, it will be but another scrap of paper torn up, because of jealousies and enmities that have root in the dim past.

Strength of Omaha Banks.

Another merger between local banking firms calls attention to the fact that a number of such have taken place in the past, and with the invariable result that the consolidated institution has developed into one of the leaders. Omaha banks rank high in the financial world, because of their solidity, resting on the essential quality of sound, conservative methods. The business transacted by these banks is unusually large for a city of Omaha's size, but has solid support. The commercial and industrial importance of the city, far beyond its numerical position in the census of population, is reflected in the clearing house reports, a prestige that can not be gainsaid. With ample facilities for taking care of their customers, and with the confidence of the business world, based on the solid foundation of confidence and experience, the banks of Omaha are a strong bulwark for the city's prosperity.

The Police Court Grist.

The current issue of "Municipal Statistics" gives in detail the report of the Omaha police department for the year 1914, which furnishes a lot of food for thought. The figures show that 12,721 persons were ground through the police court machine in twelve months, of whom 10 .-714 were men and 2,007 were women. Doubtthere are repeaters included in ation, but allowing for duplication, the arrest during the course of the year of at least 8 per cent of the population would indicate that the police are kept busier than they ought to be kept.

War and the Fish Supply

National Geographic Magazine. W TTH its war mones and counter war mones, its

mined areas, its bostile fleets and its heavily defended shores, the North sea, in a few ths, has been transformed from one of the richest food-producing areas in Christendom into a region upon whose mastery may depend the starvation of one or the other of two of the mightlest nations of the earth. In times of peace no other like area in all the seas ever has given to humanity such rich supplies of food as this narrow strait separating Albion from the continent of Europe. More than any other known region of the oceans, the food fishes of the marine world seem to love to congregate there, and

prey-man.

Step by step every new idea of art and science has been brought to the aid of the fisher folk of the North sea, and by the same step-by-step process, the annual drain on its resources has climbed higher and higher, until finally, during the year previous to the present war, it amounted to a million and a quarter tons of fish. Counting two tons to the truck load, and allowing thirty feet to the truck, this would make a procession of fish trucks reaching across the United States from New York to San Francisco, via New Orleans. Yet almost as rapidly as the demands of the world have risen, the supply has increased, and, except for a too heavy concentration of fishing forces some individual bank now and then, there is no evidence of any serious depiction of the stock.

The lesson of the present war to the inhabitants of Neptune's world is that it is an ill wind that blows nobody good. But yesterday thousands of steam trawlers pursued their way up and down the fishing grounds of the North sea, gathering in with their vast nets untold millions of fish. Other thousands of drifters dropped down over the fishing banks and view with the trawlers in the magnitude of their catch. Other thousands, and even tens of thousands, of boats, equipped with a myriad of baited hooks, aided in collecting the tremendous tax levied by the

human appetite upon the sea. Today a hundred thousand Englishmen who manned the steam trawl, the drifter, and the sailing boat: tens of thousands of Germans who yied with them in their work; Belgians, the French, the Dutch, the Danes, and the Scandinavians, who also helped exploit the North sea fisheries-all of these are largely out of jobs. Fishing boats now sweep the sea for mines instead of seining it for fish.

We in America, where fish forms such a minor part of our daily diet, and where so many fish that we eat are grown in our rivers and bays, under a great American-originated system of fish culture, find it hard to realize how serious in their proportions and how far-reaching in their consequences are the results of the practical closing down of the fisheries of the North sea

Europe has depended very much on these fisheries for fish supplies. More than half of all the fish produced on all the fishing grounds operated by Europeans are caught within the limited territory that constitutes the North sea fishing grounds. How much they are depended upon is shown by the fact that Great Britain annually absorbs 500,000 tons of North sea fish; that means twenty-two pounds per capita. And while this is small in proportion to its per capita meat consumption of 119 pounds, yet it is that margin which represents the difference between a bounteous plenty and positive hunger unless other foods can be secured to take its place. The same condition applies to Germany,

The vast proportion of the fish consumed in Europe is salt fish. The fresh fish go to the tables of the rich, while the herring and other salted varieties are consumed principally by te masses. The result is that when the pinch in the fish supply began to come it visited the homes of the well-to-do first. All of the countries at war probably have enough sait fish in their warehouses to tide over a considerable period, but if the war keeps up this reserve must disappear. Not only do the nations at war feel the pinch of the fish shortage caused by the war, but neutral nations as well. Holland feels it sorely from a pro-duction standpoint, as do also Sweden, Norway and v(ein) d(ah)lia Denmark. On the other hand, it hits Switzerland more from a consumption standpoint. That country normally buys nearly a million dollars' worth of fish from the countries that border the North sea.



Coring the Dope Habit.

SHERIDAN, Wyo., March 20 .- To the Editor of The Bee: As a homeopathic physician who has practiced medicine since St. Patrick's day, 1880. I cannot refrain from replying to the communication entitled "Hope for Drug Victims," by 'Cured in Five Days.'

I agree wholly with all he says in the first half of his communication, in over thirty-three years' practice of modicine have not used over a dram of morto feel that it is home to them in spite of an age-long phine, or any other form of opium, and attack upon them by the greatest of all creatures of only then in cases where the patients had become used to it at the hands of old school physicians and I gave way to their pleadings. But I have not given a single dose in over twenty-five years. There are two reasons why I have given

up the use of morphine: First, it benumbs the patient and blinds the physician in charge. It is impossible for the physician to know how the disease is progressing when the patient cannot feel its effects. Many a patient has gone down to his death because he continually told. his physician he felt better,' because the morphine made him feel so. Second, every true homeopathic physician knows that "indicated remedy" will relieve the the most of a pain and do it curatively as promptly as morphine. When a homeopathically treated patient says he feels better he is better and he does not have his pain return when the medicine is stopped. Therefore, I can believe "Cured in Five Days"" story of his own experience and can sympathize with him. But-and here is the reason for sending in my opinion of his communication-it very broadly takes the attitude of an advertisement for the parties handling the 'Cured in Five Days'' treatment. To me, a physician, who has had a great deal of experience in treating "morphine fiends,"

a five-day cure is impossible. However beneficial any cure may be it is incredible and impossible that all the long deleterious effects of opium can be completely. perfectly and permanently removed in five days. I will leave it to The Bee to prove in the future the truth or falsity of my statement. Being a physician who has the welfare of suffering humanity in his heart, if I knew of, or could procure a five-day cure of the optum habit. I would freely give it to the world and let every physician freely use it. And if anyone will procure a sample of this remedy and send it to me I will have it analyzed by a competent chemist and publish the analysis in The Bee. HORACE G. HOLMES, M. D.

The Appalling Waist of Time.

TILDEN, Neb., March 23.-To the Editor of The Bee: When the door is opened and the way to the school is cointed out to the child, the heart of the fond parent sinks into a state of dispair to think of the labarynth of orthographical complexities that this mind must traverse in order to arrive at a few facts. With so many unnecessary rounds, must the pupil attempt to ascend the ladder of fame. With the twenty-six letters which are marked with the eight unwritten diacritical marks, of which the macron has eight uses; the breve, two; dieresis, five, semi-dieresis, six; cedilla, two; tllde, three; caret, four; suspendid bar, two; totalling twentytwo; plus fifty-three instances where one letter is substituted for another, and beyond all this the letter, "a" has a score of ways by which from two to five letters represent its sound, thus: th(ey) gr(oa)t str(aight)t

f(eis)ff w(eigh) ten!) b(a)#s

MIRTHFUL REMARKS.

Are Crababaw-It isn't as nice as the one we left, but the neighbors will never know that our car is merely the old one repainted.-Judge.

"I suppose Turkey will be annihiliated." "Well," replied the industrious humor-ist. "I don't know that it makes much difference to ms. The Thankagiving joke was about played out, anyhow."-Wash-ington Star.

Now, Dorothy," said the teacher to all pupil, "can you tell me what "Now, borothy, said the teacher to small pupil, "can you tell me what panther is?" "Yeth, ma'am," lisped Dorothy. " panther ith a man that makth panth." Chicago News.

"I like acting with spirit to it," said the great star, "but that girl has too much spirit to suit me." "How so?" "In the third act she is supposed to resist my kissing her and the vim she puts into it is far from flattering to my personal pride."--Louisville Courier-Jour-nal.

"He's suing the company that structed the artificial limbs." "On what grounds?" "Nonsupport."-Buffale Express.

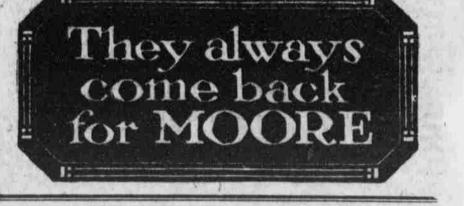
Of Special Interest to Housekeepers

This is the first of a series of practical talks that will appear in this space every week. It will pay you to read them carefully. They will contain nothing. that is not absolutely true, and will prove helpful to the housekeeper in the selection or use of a common, everyday food necessity.

No article used in such small quantities occupies a more important place in household oconomy than baking powder. On it depends not only the successful preparation but the healthfulness of the focd.

Therefore, the character and quality of the baking powder she should use is one of the most important questions which confronts the housewife, and to help her solve it in a satisfactory manner is the purpose of these little articles.

> ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO. New York



Mrs. Crawford-How do you like your

"You are the logical candidate," they suid, thinking to please him.

"I am not," he growled back at them. "I am in this fight to win."-Philadelphis Ledger. "I should like to make a suggestion as

to the portrait." "Madam," said the testy artist, "do you think you can tell me anything about painting your face?" "Well, I've had considerable experiences with this face," responded she, for she

of humor.-Louisville Cours

KABIBBLE - Hast KABARET T DIDN'T RAISE MINE UMBRELLA TO PROTECT A FAT MAN, THERE'S ONLY ROOM FOR ONE-THE I LIKE TO BE FOLLITE, BUT YOU MILST UNIDERSTAN" AN UMBRIELLA A INT' A AWINING, DON'T YOU SHE ?"

One Nebraska town is confronted with a reminder of the past by the resurrection of a popullst ticket in its municipal campaign. Anyone seen a bull moose ticket anywhere?

It is absurd to suppose that an examination tes of \$5 generates the steam behind the eugenies bill in the legislature. The sole object of the bill is the conservation of the human race.

From the gossip flowing from his visit abroad, it is gathered that Colonel House found the concert of the powers a discordant musical performance. As much was suspected on this

It seems a mistake to us to limit the Auditorium bond proposition to \$150,000, with no margin above the purchase price for needed betterments. It is too much like taking two bites at a cherry.

Omaha's latest bank consolidation converts a state bank into a national bank. Evidently a national bank charter is still considered desirable regardless of the deposit guaranty feature of our state bank system.

If those county officers would work for the public half as hard as they are working on the legislature to double their terms without going before the voters for a new commission, the taxpayers would have something to show for it.

Speaker Champ Clark gives out the cheering assurance that there won't be a man out of work in this country by the Fourth of July. He might have added that Champ Clark will hit the chautuqua hard to make up a year's lost time.



The democratic city convention nominated a straightout party ticket as follows: For mayor, James E. Boyd: for auditor, Freeborn S. Lewis: fur treasurer, Truman Buck; for police judge, August Weiss; for councilmen, Thomas Lowry, Louis Schroder, Julius Meyer, C. S. Goodrich. Thomas Daily, Peter O'Malley: for school board, H. G. Clark, J. P. English and J. P. Lund.

The water works company is pumping through the mains 5,000,000 gallons daily, which would make the annual consumption something like 530,000,000 gallons

The Omaha Gies club has arranged with Frof. Max Gushert of the Mendelssohs Quintette club of Boston to join them in a concert in May.

At the home literary circle party at the residence of Joseph Radman, a farce, entitled "A Quiet Family," was put on with parts taken by Louis Littlefield, Delos Beard, J. H. Conrad, J. W. Garron, Mrs. Flictt, Mrs. Frank Bailey, Miss Bells Hambright and Mins Jonnie Schertz

J. R. Wickersham, an old resident of Omahu, now of Chicago, is here on busine

H. D. Estabrook, who went to Pennsylvania some works ago, is now in Chicago laid up with rheumatism at the house of Colonel Clowry.

mer Frank, clerk of the United States court, has gone to St. Louis.

Further inspection of the figures show that of those brought into the police court 4,699 were convicted, 7,639 dismissed, with 183 cases continued. It would be easy to jump at conclusions and declare either that the police magistrate is too lenient or that the police are overzealous, when in all probability we have merely a normal condition reflecting an effort to stop lawlessness and viciousness rather than to punish for accidental slips.

What we are citing these figures for, however, is to call attention to the wide field for preventive measures, which are always the most effective curative reforms, and also to give some conception of the magnitude of the job that devolves upon the police force of a big city filled with a mixed population and serving as an artery of transit for all sorts of floaters.

The Work of One Pastor.

Palm Sunday was observed in Omaha much as usual, by the confirmation of large numbers of persons in their religious professions, and their formal union with the church of their adoption. In this connection it was developed that one pastor, whose confirmation class numbered 239, has brought into his church 1,183 men, women and children during the four years of his pastorate. This amounts to one a day for the working days of his term. In accomplishing this result, moreover, he has not resorted to brass band methods of campaigning, nor to vaudeville stunts in the pulpit; it has been done by plain preaching of the simple message of the gospel, and by unobtrusive work on part of the pastor. Omaha is in little danger of going to the devil while such a man can achieve such results among its people, and the cause of real religion is greatly advanced by such examples.

The reported peace offering to Bulgaria contemplates the restoration of the territory the Bulgars won in the Balkan war, and lost by the attack on Greece and Serbia. The Enos-Media line now suggested as Bulgaria's southern boundary, will reduce the Ottoman empire in Europe to a thirty-mile stretch of land surrounding Constantinople and the adjacent Gallipoli peninsula flanking the Dardanelles. One thing is fairly certain at this stage of the war game-Turkey is booked to lose some feathers.

Local socialists demand a publicly owned and operated jitney bus line to compete with the street railway. Now you're talking! For this municipal ownership enterprise experiment no \$8,000,000 bond issue and no \$5,000 general manager would be necessary.

Japan is not to be likened to the bull in a china shop. The movement of the "Yankees of the east" are gumshoed and prompted by a desire not to distract the attention of allies from their present social engagements.

Many regions around the North sea live almost, ontirely by their fishing industry. The Orkneys and the Shetland islands have almost no other activities. Lerwick, the principal town of the islands, in winter has a population of 4,000. In summer this grows to 19,000 and everybody is busy with the fisheries. Where the little Scotch town of Buckle possessed three steam fishing boats in 1910, it possessed 150 in 1914. The port of Frazerburg annually handles 100,000 tons of fish, and Aberdeen has increased its fishing business sixty fold in fourteen years.

In Great Britain the fishing industry is centralized in a few large ports; in France it is scattered among a great many small ports. Grimsby is the fishing capital of the world, with an annual output of perhaps 300,000 tons of fish. The territory which constitutes the North sea fishing grounds is strikingly limited in area compared to its importance. Its total area is less than 130.000 square miles, only a little larger than the state of New Mexico. The Dogger bank is the center of it all-the Charing Cross of the sea, so to speak. It has been estimated that there are some 19,000 species of fish in the world, and some of the food fishes found in the North sea are among the most prolific of them all,

Twice Told Tales

Great Stuff.

English men-of-war have no ice-making machines on board, as do our ships, and everybody knows how the English fail to understand us on the subject of the use of ice, especially in our drinks.

An English officer was aboard one of our ships of the Aslatic fleet and on being served with an iced drink, commented on the delights of having cool water aboard. The American officer responded with an offer of a small cake of ice, which was sent the following morning. Meeting the Englishman ashore a week later, the American asked him if he had enjoyed the ice.

"Enjoy it, old top. Why, do you know that was the first cold bawth I've had since I left England?"-Everybody's Magazine.

A New Excase.

Mr. Rounder lay in the hospital with a broken leg and a bruised head. But these weren't worrying him

There in the morning paper was the whole story of one too many joy rides, chorus girls and all, staring from page one.

His wife-he knew her too well.

Even while he pictured the scene in the divorce ourt, she came in, stiff and cold and threatening, the telitale paper clutched in a trembling hand. Well?" she demanded accustngly.

Then came his inspiration

"Lucretis." he whispered, reaching toward her, in spite of the pain his movements gave him. **I-I thought the automobile was a jitney bus, and before I discovered the difference, it whizzed away with me,

She interrupted him with a wild cry. "Oh, Jonathan! I knew you couldn't have done

An English girl was reproved for engaging herself to no less than four of the boys who went to the front. "it sent them all away happy." answered the "I think any girl who wouldn't do what guilty one. she could to make the defenders of her country happy is no patriot and besides-"

Well, miss?

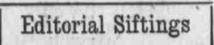
"Well, I wanted to have enough finnces so as to fable. Austria, when asked with what make sure that one of them would come back and sauce it prefers to be eaten. "evades the marry me."-Boston Transcript.

p(ai)n (a)t(e) champ(ag)n(e) ob(eye)d camp(aig)n . w(eighe)d, etc p(ay) And the same endless maze of irregularities may be found in other letters. Not only is the time lost in attempting to learn this arbitrary system, but the mind is dulled for other lines of progress. In fact, ideas must be associated with irrelated combinations of lettters that form words, rather than writing the word as pronounced; and for that reason the philologist is still learning his alphabet, which should have been spontaneous. "None but the brave dare step aside

from custom's iron rule, the common mind must follow it or be esteemed a fool." The English language should be freed from shackles which are still hanging as chains to the ghost of departed days. One hundred and fifty millons speak our language, and a greater day of efficiency will dawn when we are set free from these bonds.

It would, however, or egotistical to expect English to become the universal tongue, for if numbers would count, the 400,000,000 Chinese would have a vote, and French, German, etc., would have a voice, and others would combine to prevent any national-language from being adopted. The international language must be neutral; the property of no nation, and thus be an auxiliary language to the world, without discounting any idlomthe cosmopolitan needs demand this essence of the romance-Teutonic roots so systematized, which is proving its efficiency by some twenty years application. But nevertheless, the orthography of the Buglish language must be simplified, thus saving valuable time and brain power.

CHARLES P. LANG. Pastor Methodist Episcopal church



Pittsburgh Dispatch: It is one of the heretofore unpublished secrets of the capital that President Wilson's determination to stick to Washington this spring is due to his desire not to interfere with Secretary Bryan's lecture engagements.

Brooklyn Eagle: Austria remembers Garibaldi, and hates bitterly to give up Trentino, even at Germany's request, to Italy. Still the kaiser is asking nothing unreasonable. But for Prussia, Garlbaldi would not have evacuated the Italian Tyrol in 1886, and Austria would have lost it almost half a century sooner.

Philadelphia Ledger: With so many ships being lost to the carrying trade and with navies being reduced by battle and torpedo and mine, it seems the very climax of folly for this country to disresard its opportunity. Every shipyard should be crowded with new orders. It is our chance to get the flag back on the seven seas.

New York World: The suggestion that Austria might purchase peace by the saclifics of part of her possessions has doubtiess been made, though, perhaps, not in the manner reported. It is not strange that the aged emperor cannot see the necessity of parting with the Trentino and part of Galicia while Germany seeks to keep Belgium, part of France and a slice of Poland. Like the fowls in the quantion.

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Especially adapted for printing office. This has been occupied by a printer for many years and on account of its location in an office building and in the heart of the office building district, the location itself is an asset in this business or any similar business. It has an entrance from the court on the ground floor and also from the alley. There is very satisfactory light and ven-It likewise has the advantage, from tilation the standpoint of insurance and safety, of being in a fireproof building. The floor space is 1,232 feet.

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anything so absurd!' Manilke, he forgave her .- Judge. Way Flances.