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ority as Doctor Wiley estimates that at least one-quarter of this is wasted. And this is entirely possible. Notice as you dine at restaurants how much untouched food goes back to the kitchen —not to feed some poorer mortal, but to go out in the garbage. It seems so perfectly natural for some people to merely play with a dinner, sending choice cuts of meats and fowls back to the garbage can. We waste more than we eat. If the Doctor is right, this means a food waste of \$1,300,000,000 a year and the nity is it does no one any good—not even the pigs, for they the pity is it does no one any good—not even the pigs, for they would thrive better on a less costly diet. One large country hotel a few years ago lost most of its herd of 300 hogs from feeding "swell swill." This food, if conserved, would feed all the poor. It would build ten battleships. It would buy all the land in some states. It would pay off the national debt in a single year. It would run the government for twelve months.

The waste of money cures itself, for soon there is no more to waste. There comes a time when the bank runs dry and the easy money flows no more. But this frightful waste of food can go on year in and year out, and yet we wonder why living costs are so high.

It takes four years to raise a porterhouse steak, and to send half of it back to the kitchen is an economic crime. If you waste a forest, soon the last tree will be cut. If you waste land soon it will be barren. If you waste time you will never succeed. If you waste money, you will soon have no more money to waste, but you can keep on wasting food until you eat no more, and wonder why you are poor. Better take inventory of what goes out in the garbage bucket and see how much you contribute towards this enormous sum, so big in its proportions that we fail to grasp its magnitude.

Waste of Money.

In the dally papers comes the story of the downfall of the widow of a prominent Wall Street man, who twice has been presented to British royalty, lived on Fifth avenue, was a social leader and a woman of the four hundred. In the brief six years of her widowhood she has wasted a fortune of over one hundred thousand dollars and now faces the charge of passing a worthless check. She says she has made a "sad mistake," but did the "best she knew how" with her money—put it in ill-advised business ventures, invested in doubtful securities and spent the rest in social aspirations.

Of lesser magnitude, but no less tragic, is the recent case of a German woman with three children, who in the short space of ten weeks has spent (not "invested") the \$1,400 received from her husband's death in an accident. During that time she has visited the savings bank on an average of every other day, drawing from \$25 to \$50 each time.

Squander Insurance.

Another woman who received a life insurance payment of \$2,000 wasted her inheritance in two weeks at the races. Another who received \$1,000 bedecked herself with jewelry and had to go back to the factory in three months. A certain youth received \$2,000 as his share of his uncle's estate, quit work and lived the high life for a short time, and then went broke, as they all do.

The only redeeming feature of these processes is the fact that the waste of money cures itself, for soon there is no more to waste. The above mentioned individuals have found it out. It matters not whether the sums be large or small, it seems an endless amount, but a little extravagance every day soon brings the fund to a state of exhaustion.

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Overdrafts	2,566.85
U. S. Bonds for Circulation	1,000,000.00
Stocks and Bonds	756,712.75
Banking House and Vaults	750,000.00
U. S. Bonds for Deposits \$ 200,000.00	
Due from Banks and Reserve	187
Agents 5,179,996.69	J. 105 11

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LIABILITIES

	Capital\$	1,000,000.00
d	Surplus and Undivided Profits	1,138,737.55
	Reserved for Taxes	15,010.36
	Circulation	1,000,000.00
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