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Gas plants are also going up.

Hungary will soon elect a king, the world having been made safe for democracy.

Secretary Lansing has a broad vision of the future, but Americans must work if it is to be

St. Louis cellars are being fitted with heavy steel doors and brick vaults. Discouraging for the "high jackers."

A Canuck doctor says there is no flu this year, but he will have a hard time convincing victims of the fact.

The street railway company's occupation tax payment came in handy. A few more cars at rush hours would also help.

Elihu Root will land on the world's court of international justice, even if he did not get to go to Paris as a peace commissioner.

"Why drag Wilson in?" asks Senator Hitchcock. Why, indeed, except he could end the whole matter by a word to the democrats.

The Spanish comet has been traced to Wiscomsin. Who knows but it may be Mars, winking his eye, or Venus trying to make a date?

Josephus Daniels says he can name the next president. We can not, but we can name several who will not be, and they are all democrats.

County chairmen for the women's drive against high prices have been named, and old Hi Cost might as well imitate Davy Crockett's

Mr. Bryan says Governor Edwards is a disturbing element. What the governor says of Mr. Bryan probably will never come over the

General Wood and Senator Poindexter are to debate in South Dakota. It will be an illuminating exposition of patriotic duty and obligation.

Two hundred and thirty-two railroads are under government control, a simple sign of what is involved in the prospective unscrambling of the eggs.

General Pershing is proceeding with masterly strategy by being first to organize the women. Other candidates will now have to hustle in Nebraska.

Compromise on the treaty does not appear to be so hopeless, if the change of a few words with any abandonment of principle will bring the senators together.

A lonesome bottle of vermouth in New York is pining for a bottle of gin wherewith to mate and bring forth cocktails, and the dry law sleuths are waiting for the match.

A French editor doubts that Herbert Hoover is the proper man for president of the United States, but the voters will not be greatly swayed by French advice in this matter.

### Coming Vacation Days in Canada

Our Canadian friends who are interested in ownership and management of summer and winter resorts look with unruffled complacency on the constitutional drouth in the United States. The period of semi-aridity which has already conferred its blessings on the millions of persons between the Rio Grande and the Great Lakes has produced for them results as satisfactory as could be expected under the itations imposed on inspiriting potable liquids in the dominion as war and reconstruction measures. When such regulations are replaced by others designed to meet the requirements peace they expect an influx of visitors bearng well-lined pocketbooks and carefully conserved thirsts which will leave a mountain of fine gold in its broad path.

By spring the readjustments requisite to the ppropriate Canadian treatment of these somers from a great desert characterized rater everywhere and not a thing to drink, hould be practically complete. The stream of holiday travelers should begin to move early nd remain in motion late. Thousands of nieces and nephews of Uncle Sam who would not be d to the north by the natural attractions f the region, thousands who do not hunt or or particularly yearn for ice palaces or wild, will make their way across the border, ed by appetite where curiosity or ambition THE PLATFORM COMMITTEE

Announcement by Chairman Hays of a committee to formulate the issues on which the republican party will make its appeal to the voters this year discloses a representative group of citizens. It is not a "hand-picked" body, nor a haphazard assemblage of names selected to meet an exigency. Men and women familiar with the situation and needs of the country, and against whose loyal devotion to it no word may be said, are asked to calmly consider and dispassionately decide on the pledges to be made by the next republican national con-

vention. For the republican platform consists of pledges, not mere promises. The leaders of the party accept endorsement by the voters as a commission to carry out the policies announced at the convention. This is the main point of difference between the two great parties. Mr. Bryan scouts at the Hays plan for securing in advance of the convention's assembly a definite outline for the platform. He derides the thought of asking the great gathering of delegates to sign on the dotted line, and insists that platforms should be brought in white hot from the forge, and hammered out by delegates fresh from the people.

This is all very nice as a Bryan talking point, but those who are in any sense familiar with democratic practice know how far away it is from what actually takes place. At Kansas City, for example, "Dick" Metcalfe pulled from his pocket a document that had been carefully prepared in the office of the Commoner, and "the delegates fresh from the people" gulped it whole, subscribing on the dotted line line without demur. Many times has Mr. Bryan foisted his "paramounts" on his party after similar fashion. "Marse Henry" Watterson, in his recent book of reminiscences, discloses a few secrets of the platform committee room at democratic national conventions. "Delegates fresh from the people" have very little to do with preparing the collections of resounding phrases, aimed at expediency and few intended to be translated into action.

The Hays plan is a good one, for it will produce deliberate, intelligent action, presenting a platform that will appeal to reason and not to passion or prejudice, embodying principles and solemn pledges that are to be redeemed.

Sell the Bonds to the State.

Bonds to be issued by Douglas county to the amount of \$822,000 have been rejected by certain bond buying houses, certain technical questions as to the validity of the issue having been raised. The sincerity of the questions is doubted, the real reason for the refusal of the bidders to complete the bargain probably being the change in the money market. That the county is solvent, and that the proposed issue falls well within the limit of indebtedness is plain to all. The authorities are now going to the state treasurer, where they should have gone in the first place, with a view to having the securities added to the permanent investment of the school fund. Properly, all Nebraska bond issues ought to be first offered to the state of Nebraska, for under the safeguards that surround them, no better investment is possible for the permanent school funds. It is not necessary that the state be given any special advantage in the matter, but sale at Lincoln ought to be the first and not the final resort when a loan is sought by a Nebraska county.

Out of the Mouths of Babes.'

A singular issue of the Thrift week campaign is that prizes offered for the best letters on thrift are awarded to a boy and girl of 15, while a youth of the mature age of 18 is accorded the palm for having produced the best essay on "Is Marriage Possible on \$125 a Month." Some of the elders, who have tasted a little deeper of life's cup, will perhaps smile at the youthful enthusiasm here displayed. "He jests at scars who never felt a wound," and those who have been seamed from head to foot by contact with the stern realities of life may be lenient concerning the youngsters who march so bravely forth to take up the combat in their turn. We are reminded of one poem by the late Widow Bedott, who headed her verse, "K. K. (Kan't Kalkilate)," one stanza of which

What poor, short-sighted worms we be, For we kan't kalkilate With any degree of sartinty What's goin' to be our fate.

Yet "out of the mouths of babes and suckings proceedeth wisdom," and these boys and girls who have striven to produce something worth while regarding a personal policy have actually set forth certain admonitory statements that well may be heeded by their elders, and surely can be applied by all, both old and young, with profit.

Messages from Other Worlds.

Without the semblance of dogmatism or pretense of finality, we may with open mind approach Guglielmo Marconi's latest venture, that of catching messages from Mars or some other supposedly inhabited planet. As a source of mental gymnastics, it is about as promising as anything that has been offered the common people lately. Einstein's theory is for the elect, the esoteric circles, while Conan Doyle and Oliver Lodge have brought forth nothing new, their excursions into the world beyond carrying them no farther than our own sphere. But Marconi is going to put us into touch with denizens of worlds around us, who are not yet disembodied spirits. Here is a field for speculation in which the active mind may romp like a colt at pasture. Ground and lofty tumbling of ideas is permitted, and room is open for all. Go as far as you like, but do not be disappointed if some day you are brought back to earth with a thud. In the meantime some of us will wonder why Marconi does not adopt a modern way of spelling "Bill," and how the Martians ever got hold of the Morse alphabet.

Black Hills "trail blazers" missed Colonel Roosevelt, Seth Bullock and John Brennan from their annual powwow, but they found consolation in trying to picture the reunion this trio had on the other side and their meeting with Daniel Boone, Davy Crockett, Kit Carson and some other of their kind. It must have been some session.

Silver mining in Mexico thrives in spite of Carranza, showing an output of more than \$5,000,000 a month. Under civilized government that would be one of the richest regions in the world.

A child born in the city has five times better chances of living than one born in the country, according to a New York expert. This should not discourage the farmers, though,

# Municipal Financing

From the Daily Bond Buyer.

Financing the permanent improvements of American states, counties, cities and smaller municipalities in the calendar year 1919 absorbed about \$750,000,000 of the funds of Amerigan investors. This is a larger amount by over \$250,000,000 than the total borrowings of this character in any previous year and is in re-markable comparison with the total for 1918. viz: \$262,818,844. However, a study of the statistics presented below discloses the interesting fact that the amount borrowed by states and municipalities in the two years 1918 and 1919 was little in excess of the borrowing in 1916 and 1917, or in 1915 and 1916. In other words, the tremendous volume of public financing effected during the year just closed has simply made up for the curtailment brought about in 1918, through the agency of the Capital Issues Committee, as a war measure.

In 1918, it will be recalled, no state, county or town could issue securities for the purpose building a road or bridge or school without obtaining the consent of the Capital Issues Committee. To obtain this consent, it was necessary to convince the Committee of the urgent necessity of the improvement. The result was, of course, an immediate curtailment of public construction activities and, incidentally, a vast reduction in the volume of public bond issues. The Capital Issues Committee suspended operations on December 31, 1918, in view of the signing of the armistice. Immediately states and municipalities took up their greatly delayed public works programs, involving the issuance of millions of dollars' worth of bonds.

When everything is considered, it is surprising that the past year has not witnessed even greater expenditures for work of this kind. Undoubtedly the scarcity of labor, materials and transportation is the only reason why another three or four hundred millions were not obtained through the sale of bonds and invested in city halls and electric light and power plants. There was certainly no limit in 1918 to the amount of municipal bonds the investment markets would have absorbed and it is clear from the records that only a small part of the bonds authorized by voters and legislatures have actually been offered for sale. The total borrowings, \$748,205,783, while larger than those of any previous year, do not represent the amount of improvements that this sum would have purchased a few years ago, which is a fact of some importance when considering the tendency of municipalities to increase the volume of bond issuance.

An outstanding feature of present day municipal finance is the good roads movement which has swept the country in the last few years and has been taken up by the public with the greatest energy and enthusiasm since the war, due, no doubt, to the war-time demonstration of the economy, efficiency and profitableness of shipping by motor truck over good The construction of new highways accounts for a substantial part of the financing of the counties in 1919 and will in coming years keep the market supplied with millions of dollars' worth of bonds, the proceeds of the sale | We of which will pay for additional roads and their | sale |

With some reports missing for the last few months of 1919, here is the record of state and municipal bond flotations for the last ten years, as compiled from reports to The Daily Bond

# The Miserly Squirrel

The squirrel is a thrifty soul and always seems to have the rainy day we are admonished to save for in mind. Our squirrel came out of his warm nest where we supposed him to be hibernating one cold, snowy day last week and, dom rulers have to learn is found in thinking he looked hungry, we flung out on the thinking he looked hungry, we flung out on the the old prverb: hard crust of snow an English walnut. Mr. hope for a fool than an old king Squirrel pounced upon it and, after examining who refuses reproof." Moreover, buried it just as he does in the autumn. We flung out another, and another, varied by a softshelled almond or two, all of which were laid away for that rainy day. As he still looked hungry to our benevolent eyes, we cracked a couple of English walnuts and again flung them forth. And he was hungry! He ate them all and sniffed around the shells for more. He looked up at us beseechingly with his skinny little paw on his stomach, as much as to say, "My, that went right to the spot." So we gave him some more, but all the time we had a feel ing that he was carrying the saving habit too far and that in his case Anthony Hope's defini tion of economy fitted-doing without some-thing you want now in order that some day you may have something you probably won't want.

Ohio State Journal.

# Che VELVET OF HAMMER

ARTHUR CRITTENDEN SMITH.

The ladies are a lovely bunch of most delightful dears, but oh! they need an awful los of thingumbobs and gears. Convulsions in the business world with deadly strain and stress are harsh but necessary means of helping them to dress. The pep and pitch of A. C. Smith is tensely occupied in keeping them with frill and hem sufficiently supplied.

He runs a wholesale dry goods house where lesser merchants come when stocks are get-ting old and stale and trade is slow and bum. He shows the latest samples and he tells the latest dope on fashions made to stimulate the female heart and hope; for woman is a fickle thing whose tastes, can shift and move, while man is safely anchored in his deep and trusty

But since the men at last must pay for much the women buy, and Smith believes that justice is a good aim for his eye, he makes his famed Beau Brummel shirt to decorate the males, a thing of class and quality, of fine and flowing tails, of collar bands which never shrink, of colors ne'er effaced, of buttons with the godly gift of staying where they're placed.

He has a few opinions which are patently his own, but always waits and hesitates when asked to make them known, though if the audience insists that he advance his views, the kind request is one he won't eternally refuse While utter silence is of course unscientific myth, we find a near approach in him we know

Next Subject: Joseph Hayden.

The Day We Celebrate.

James R. Dewar, Union Pacific Coal com-Franklin D. Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the United States Navy, born at Hyde Park,

Jacob M. Dickinson, former Secretatry of War of the United States, born at Columbus, Miss., 69 years ago. Charles Martin Loeffler, noted American musician and composer, born in Alsace, 59 years ago.

Thirty Years Ago in Omaha.

C. T. Murphy, an old-time actor and author of several successful Irish plays, was here visit-Mr. and Mrs. Moritz Meyer and children

left for New York to be absent about six weeks. During his absence Mr. Meyer was to visit Havana. The Omaha club gave a reception.

Mrs. M. H. Parmalee gave a luncheon at the
Union club in honor of Mrs. B. F. S

# The Bee's A

Thanks From the Greeks. Boston, Mass., Jan. 23.-To the Editor of The Bee: The unanimous vote of the United States senate on the resolution of Senator King in favor of annexation by Greece of the Thracian territory surrendered by Turkey and Bulgaria to the allied and associated powers, is a very appropriate occasion on which League of Friends of Greece in America, in behalf of all the friends of Greece, as well as in behalf of the Greek nation, to extend to you warmest thanks for the gallant support you have given to the cause of Greece from the beginning of the

session of the peace conference. The League of Friends of Greece is completely aware of the inestimable services your institution has rendered to the just cause of Greece by the generous space you have em-ployed in order to enlighten American public opinion and to arouse American official opinion to act justly and quickly.

It is the hope of the League of Friends of Greece that your institu-tion will lend its support to Greece in her struggle for the unificawhich are as Hellenic as Thrace it self, namely, northern Epirus, the islands of the Aegean, and the western coast of Asia Minor. LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

GREECE IN AMERICA.
N. J. CASSAVETES, Vice President.

More Slackers.

Omaha, Jan. 27 .- To the Editor of The Bee I would like to say just few words in regard to branding Dempsey a slacker. In the first more of a slacker than some of the

Why didn't they enlist? I suppose they had dependents. Uncle Sam took care of all his men's dependents, so that's no excuse. I enlisted in the army the 25th day of June, 1917. I had a wife and two children to support and they are still alive. I probably never would have been drafted, but I vanted to fight for the country that's feeding me. So my argument is this: If Jack Dempsey is is this: If Jack Dempsey is branded as a slacker it looks bad for the rest of the drafted men be-cause they had a chance to enlist same as I did. M. C., A. E. F.

Where to Draw the Line? Mapleton, Ia., Jan. 26 .- To the Editor of The Bee: No doubt a frenzy of fear is on the nation by reason of new era ideas, and the problem of where to place the blame. We remember how Shakespeare one might make himself as chaste as ice only to become the tar-get of slander. Likewise now the nnocent suffer with the guilty. Indeed, the drastic laws proposed is a sure sign of decadence, inasmuch as nquisitorial rulings are provocative of the very thing they are designed against. While the New YorkWorld legally cries: "Down with the constitution," because of violations thereof, we might go a step farther and exclaim: "Down with the Biand exclaim: "Down with the Bi-ble!" To be consistent we must arraign Holy Writ as the chief cause of sedition, because it is the heaviest piece of literature extant when it comes to using symbols, words, etc., against the overthrow of nations. Ah! how necessary it is to use discretion else Haman get swung on his own gallows! A nice bit of wis-

American lawmakers would profi more in the matter of vision if they went to the Christian oracle for their standards instead of wasting long nights in the parlors of Wash pers and signs of wicked spirits, im personating the dead, and foisting their razzle-dazzle over human reason. 2d Peter 2:4 is the key to this mystery and the correct definition of "hell," "tartarus," (the Greek root), shows the place of their habitation—

JOSEPH GREIG.

Against Military Training. Omaha, Jan. 27.—To the Editor of The Bee: In today's Bee there is an article on the front page that make me write these lines. It says: Youth Must Take Army e." Is it possible that we are coming to this? Did we have war and find it so pleasant that we want more of it?—which is all this army training? Our forefathers left their home country to evade this military training. My father and my husand left there also to escape from this training (which seemed to sig nify that the country was in bond age), only to see their sons do this

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very thing. Seemingly we are going

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# Little Folks' Corner

### Dollar-Making for Boy Ideas Mechanics

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low corn in the ear. Shell it. For every gallon of corn take one of water containing one tablespoonful of concentrated lye. Boil the corn in this water until the outer skin and the black speck at the tip of the kernel come off easily, when rubbed between the thumb and finger.

rest of the pugs and wrestlers.

Put the kettle under the faucet for some of them waited till they were fifteen minutes, rubbing and stirring the corn occasionally, until the hulls are off. Cover with fresh water and boil four or five hours, adding a heaping tablespoonful of salf for every gallon of corn. Put in the salt one-half hour before it is done. Deliver the corn the afternoon it is Cornmeal mush for frying is best

made of granulated yellow meal. Add a tablespoonful of salt to a gallon of water; when boiling, sift in the cornmeal slowly, stirring all tile pipe to carry sewage from the time. Stop adding meal while buildings-with a branch of lateral the mixture is still quite thin. Let leading to each building. There is boil for twenty minutes, stirring occasionally. Don't have your too hot or it will spatter. If there are lumps in it, add one cup of cold water, stirring briskly. At the end of twenty minutes, sift over it onehalf cup of white flour, stir thoroughly and push to the back of he stove for another 10 minutes. Pour into long narrow tins and set away to cool.

Cottage cheese is easier to make n warm weather because the milk then sours more readily. Let the milk sour in crocks or pans only one-half full. When it is firm like jelly, heat an equal amount of water until it begins to bubble, just before the boiling point. Stir this into the sour milk. Soft curds will form. Pour the whole mass into a colander to drain and cool. When cold, press out any remaining whey with the hands, mix salt through it, and pack in pint or quart receptacles. (Girls! How about the work of

librarian; tomorrow.)

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backward, getting into greater bondage by adopting a rule that has clouded the countries of our fore-With the high cost of living, hard-

ships and profiteering staring one in the face, and now this—life is hard-Is there not enough Americanism

in this country to save us from this that has always been considered us have our old free country back as before the war.



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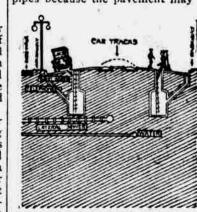
Every Day Science

Under the Pavement. By GRANT M. HYDE.

"I saw a man working at a man-

hole cover in the street today, Daddy. And down in the hole there was a room and another man fixing something. Is there a room under every manhole in the street? What was the man using a pump for?" "The pump was to send in fresh air to keep the man inside from being suffocated by sewer gas, while he fixed the pipes or cleaned the sewer. That's what manholes are

for. "Although you perhaps do not know it, there is under a city street, network of pipes and sometimes tunnels in which you can walk for blocks. When they build a subway-railroad in a large city, it sometimes takes longer to untangle the under-the-pavement pipes and move them aside than to dig the subway The manholes are needed to fix the pipes because the pavement may be



building. The gas company

system is simple. In old cities like

New York and Boston, where these

'utilities' were once owned by many

separate companies, there is a ver-

itable network of private pipe-lines.

It is safe to say that in some cities

with costly automobiles, their value

would not equal the money repre-

Japanese Get Theirs.

A cynic compliments Japan as be-

ing the only power that has not

the honorable Japanese do not need

to claim anything-they got theirs.

-Pittsburgh Dispatch.

a downtown block were filled

sented by the many pipes running under the pavement on which they are parked wo feet thick-a solid mass of (Boys! Tomorrow read about rock, cement, or other material, with how to become a veterinary.) asphalt, wood or bricks on top. Copyright, 1920, by J. H. Millar.

"Under the pavement, there is always a service sewer-a big clay-**BABY SUFFERED** also a storm sewer, perhaps a con-WITH RASH fire crete tunnel, to take away water when it rains. There is a water main-a large cast iron pipe, with small leadpipe laterals for each On Forehead. Itched and

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mains, too, with house laterals. In Burned.FormedCrust.Was some cities, telephone cables are Sore. Cuticura Heals. placed underground, and in a few cities steam or refrigerator pipes carry heat or cold to customers, "Baby suffered with a rash on her forehead, and it went into her All are down at least four feet to be below the frost line. "In our city, where most of the hair. It started with little pimples and formed a crust. It it ched and burned pipes are owned by the city, the

and was sore. She would scratch and a series hair from growing.
"I got a free sample of Ointment. I Cuticura Soap and Ointment. I bought more, and in three weeks she was healed, after using one cake of Cuticura Soap and two boxes of Ointment." (Signed) Mrs. W. Ingersoll, Chappell, Nebraska, July 25, 1919.

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