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FLOWERS FOR THE DEAD. No grave in which a soldier lies is ever forgotten by Americans.

In France lie many thousands of American boys, heroes in the highest and completest sense, sleeping away the days until the final trumpet shall call all men.

All are asked to contribute to this fund. Prompt response is almost imperative, for there is not much time.

Hitting Hard at High Prices. One of the possibly effective and practical blows aimed against the profiteering madness is reported from Chicago.

The plan is more attractive than the overall idea. The latter simply has had the effect of producing a temporary shortage in denim goods.

"Swat the Fly." Homely advice for the home is "Swat the Fly." It should be the motto of every housekeeper.

A Chicago court has decided that a husband can not steal from his wife. With the way thus cleared, some interesting possibilities are in view.

Sixty replies to the Chamber of Commerce home-building questionnaire indicates some interest. A little action will bring plenty more.

At least one May day made good in and around Omaha. Wilson is bound to keep us out of something.

If wishes were fat-killers the town would be full of slender women. What is wanted is an effective fat-discourager that requires no effort and does not punish the appetite.

A Tax on Western Resources. Western bankers, business men and farmers are impatient and indignant because the shortage of freight cars on the northwestern railroads is seriously delaying their shipments of grain and stock.

It is a bad situation all around. The farmers have had to go to the banks for money and are having to pay interest on it. The banks, because of the farm paper they are carrying, are short of funds necessary for their local business patrons.

An Anti-Christian Trend. Bishop Rhinelander's statement in a recent address that the United States as a nation has turned away from Christ, will shock many good people.

The gradual turning of the people from religion in their daily lives, if such a movement is going on, may account for a change we have noticed in American political speeches.

Why Increase Freight Rates Now? A 28 per cent increase in freight rates, yielding a billion and seventeen million dollars a year, is necessary to enable the railroads to meet operating expenses and cover a 6 per cent income on their capitalization.

The prosperity, indeed the business salvation of the country, depends on railroad efficiency. We are not getting satisfactory service now, and while business generally has none but the kindest and most generous thoughts for the railroads, and is more than willing to "put up" increased freight charges, the belief persists that the railroads are not doing their level best to serve the public under present conditions.

Men in other lines of business always have to show increased usefulness or improved production in order to secure higher financial returns. Why not the railroads? We cannot but think that an increase of efficiency of say 30 per cent would put the public in a far friendlier mood toward the 20 per cent increase in freight rates they now suggest.

Chairman Hays says factional feeling is disappearing from among republicans, just as it is increasing on the other side. Signs indicate the accuracy of his prediction.

Landlords in Chicago get little sympathy, but the tenants are up against the problem of finding new homes.

Letter carriers may wear gray overalls. This is the last step.

A Line O' Type or Two

TO LADY MARIROID G—N. If only you and I were moths whose life could be spent in endless rounds of dancing. I could imagine nothing more entrancing than having you, O Sweetheart, for my wife.

FORTUNATELY for Hiram Johnson's peace of mind, it will not be necessary to recount the votes in Maryland. THE BLUEPRINT SCHOOL. Sir: I notice a lamentable weakness seizing some American cartoonists, i. e., the habit of explaining little details in words, by arrows pointing, etc., leaving the reader no chance to use his head.

THE CRUEL DELIBERATIONS OF TIME AND SPACE. (From the Jesup, Ia., Citizens Herald.) Our attention was attracted today to a picture in the window of the Farmers State Bank, it being that of the Peace Conference in session. It is a very fine production of the original and should be seen to be appreciated.

THE UPRIGHT BOGGERS. (From the London Times.) Enormous consignments of rum continue to choke the quays at some of the London Dock wharves. No one appears anxious to get the cargo out of the way.

"BIGGEST Horn is Owned Here."—Keokuk Gate City. That should make Loz Onglaze and Chicago jealous.

THE SECOND POST. (Showing again the wonderfulness of nature.) Dear Sir: Have noticed for several days that the building is becoming infested with mice and something must be done now because it won't be long before they will be rats.

"A RAINBOW." Last Saturday I wept Unto my Secret hoard And brought out A two-gallon jug Which I had bought As being filled With Gin And when I opened it, Behold, It was filled With a light-brown liquid. And I said to myself, "The Son-of-a-Gun! I'll bet They filled it With stale beer." And tried it, and it was Scotch Whisky! And everyone knows That Scotch Whisky Is worth Three times As much as Gin. And I didn't Have any Because it was so Expensive. Which proves that There is Still some justice In the world, And a God in Israel. DOUBLE BARREL.

IF the golf reformers succeed in abolishing the stymie, we suggest that they devote their energies to enlarging the hole to the size of a bushel basket. Or, if they can get the hole enlarged they will not need to worry about the stymie.

"Henry James," he says, "was positively storm-ridden with emotion before the fatal night, and full of fantastic plans. I recall that one of them was that he should hide in the bar of a little public house down an alley close to the theater, whither I should slip forth at the end of the second act and report 'how it was going.' This was not carried out, and fortunately Henry James resisted the temptation of being present at the theater during the performance. All seemed to be going fairly well until the close when Henry James appeared and was called before the curtain only to be subjected to our unpeppery horror and shame—to a storm of hoots and jeers and catcalls from the gallery, answered by loud and sustained applause from the stalls, the effect of which effect of hell broke loose, in the midst of which the author, white as chalk, bowed and spread forth deprecating hands and finally vanished. It was said at the time, and confirmed later, that this horrible performance was not intended to humiliate Henry James, but was the result of a cabal against George Alexander."

"RING LARDNER has nothing on me," writes C. E. B., "as to young literary hopefuls." And he incloses the following effusion from a ten-year-old: THE SUMMERY DAYS OF JUNE. It's gettin' on towards summer. The summery days of June. When birds can sing so brightly, An' none of 'em out of tune.

It's gettin' on towards winter. The December days of the cold. When two years toits are growing To be three years old.

LOW and lean as is our ability to dig up a reward, we will give a quart of light rye to any person who brings forward an authentic instance of a man riding three days in the interior of a whale.

MADE A HIT. (From the Lake County Register.) To J. A. Reichelt, Jr., who decided not to act as director on the school board for the coming year a measure of thanks and appreciation is offered by the boys and girls, and the faculty of our school. "SUPREME COURT of Iowa, Dull vs. Dull; divorce."

How to Keep Well

H. C. L. AND BURIAL RITES. "Will you kindly give us one or more articles on cremation?" "Three Scores and Ten" writes, "Many in Chicago and elsewhere are nearing the end of life, and the last expense troubles them. They are without friends and not money sufficient to meet the ordinary charges of burial spot, casket, hearse, etc. Our minds must turn to cremation as the only way."

Naturally, the builders of religions found a fruitful theme in the mystery of death, and they in turn added a contribution to burial customs. Next came those who, building racial and governmental solidarity, made use of ancestral worship and incidentally made their contribution. Lastly, tradition and precedent contributed by fixing the procedure.

The common argument, namely, that burying returns fertility to the soil, possesses no merit. We are so wasteful in other ways that no one would care to waste the comparatively insignificant return of soil fertility which human bodies make. We regard cremation as a great French naturalist, cites numberless evidences of the Scotch thrift of nature in its boundless provision of bacteria, insects and chemical forces for the purpose of returning to the soil the bodies of animals built therefrom. But man has elected to make himself an exception to the rule.

While, on the other hand, there is no advantage to the soil from our burial custom, on the other hand an objection frequently used against it is not valid. Cemeteries are not sources of disease. The disease-producing bacteria in bodies decay from yellow fever, smallpox, diphtheria, typhoid fever are speedily killed by other bacteria and what is left of these bodies is not infectious. A cemetery in the midst of a city is not a source of harm, the opinion of Chicago's justly famous sanitarium of 1871, Dr. John H. Hanch, to the contrary notwithstanding. The only objection to the presence of a cemetery within a city is the space it occupies and the lack of harmony in its setting.

Intrinsically, cremation is less disturbing to the sensibilities as a method of destruction than is the slow process of decay, even though we accept the statement of Fabre that worms and insects play no part in the destruction of bodies buried deeply in the ground.

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State your case clearly but briefly and a reliable lawyer will furnish the answer or advise in this column. Your name will not be printed. Let The Bee Advise You.

Rights of a Wife. Q. I have land in Wyoming. My wife and I have not lived together for 7 years; she still lives on the homestead. We have children. Can my wife bring a bill for the children's support? What right of dower has my wife? Can I force a sale, and if so, what are the legal steps to take? G. A. L.

Tenth Water Cure. Anon. writes: "I have just read of a child who held his breath while angry and became blue in the face. If the mother of that child would throw water on him it would effect a cure. I have a friend whose child held her breath. The mother punished the child until tired of doing so, but that accomplished nothing. One day she poured a bucketful of water on the child. The child was almost 'smothered,' but was cured of holding her breath."

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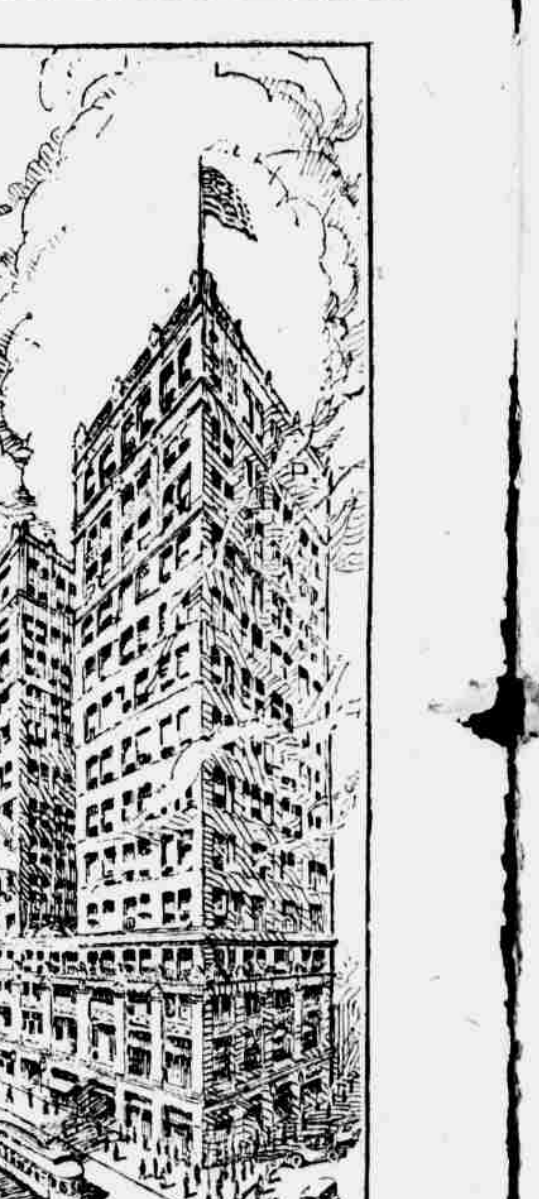
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can not force a sale of the homestead because you can not convey it without your wife's signature, and you have no legal means to compel her to sign a deed if she does not wish to do so. Especially American Citizens. The dry law has produced a new "great white way" in Havana, with stores, shops and scores of American citizens all brilliantly lit up—Washington Star.

Typography Talk No. 3. Expression in Typography is just as essential as expression in music to obtain the perfect interpretation. A printer may follow his subject to the letter, but if he fails to use the correct type and arrangement and give due consideration to grouping and balance, he has weakened the force of the message. As the musician emphasizes or mutes certain notes or measures, so must the typographer similarly treat certain words and phrases. In modern printing every conceivable style and size of type has been designed for the purpose of expression, and the typographer must be an artist to use them correctly. Buyers of printing and advertising will do well to avail themselves of the services of printers who are typographical artists.



Memphis, Nebraska, March 12, 1920. The Old Line Bankers Life Insurance Co. Lincoln, Nebraska. Dear Sirs: Twenty years ago today I purchased a \$1,000 Twenty-Year Bond Policy with annual premiums of \$25.70. I have paid \$514.00 total premiums. Today your check for \$667.05 was handed me by your agent, E. D. Fowler, in settlement of my policy No. 6815. This settlement gives me \$153.05 as interest on my money in addition to having my life insurance for 20 years. I herewith express my thanks and appreciation to the Bankers Life Insurance Co. of Lincoln, Nebraska. Yours very truly, MARY E. UEBERRHEIN.