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#### FLOWERS FOR THE DEAD.

No grave in which a soldier lies is ever forgotten by Americans. It is one of the laudable traits of our national character that we annually acknowledge our indebtedness to those who served their country. They offered their lives as a pledge of their faith in American ideals and the glorious destiny of our institutions. Some were called on to make the last and supreme proof of their devotedness, while others were spared from the battle shock to end their lives in peace, but all are accorded a full share in the gratitude of the country whose citizens appreciate the liberty bought at the price of courageous resistance to tyranny and oppres-

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. These are to be remembered on May 30, just as though their last home was under the sun of their native land. That is why The Bee has joined with other great newspapers to solicit subscriptions to a fund that will be expended for the purpose of decorating those graves. It is a public duty, although there is no branch or department of government charged with its performance.

All are asked to contribute to this fund. Prompt response is almost imperative, for there is not much time. The home graves will be decorated as usual, and every American mother whose son is buried in France may be assured that the boy will not be neglected by his countrymen on Memorial day. You cheered those boys when they marched away; now show that you do not forget them because they did not come home again. Come into the flower fund. You are not allowed to give more than \$5, but you can do that, or whatever you feel able to contribute, knowing it will all be spent on decorating the graves of soldiers lying in foreign soil.

A heap of flowers on a soldier's grave will do more to convince the world of our sincerity than membership in the League of Nations.

## Hitting Hard at High Prices.

One of the possibly effective and practical blows aimed against the profiteering madness is reported from Chicago. There the "white collar" brigade, men who can afford to pay the price, have united in a protest against the exaggerated cost of haberdashery and laundry. Collars, neckties, expensive shirts, and all that goes with them, are to be eschewed for a period of twenty days. These men have just headed off a move on part of the barbers to boost the prince of service to an outrageous figure, and feel that they can produce similar effect on the minds of other profiteers.

idea. The latter simply has had the effect of producing a temporary shortage in denim goods, with a corresponding advance in cost to the men who need the garments in their business. Some charges are unreasonable, and while they largely reflect the extravagance of Americans, they also indicate such rapacity on part of the profiteers as deserves rebuke. No man is required by law or custom to wear a \$20 shirt or a \$4 necktie, and if he does so, he merely advertises his vanity. Too much money is at the bottom of it, but the effect is felt by extravagance, but are forced to submit to unreasonable demands because the selling price has been adjusted to meet the careless spenders | roads, and is more than willing to "put up" insuch conditions.

The Chicago idea may or may not spread, it may or may not produce any lasting relief, but it is a sign of the desperation with which the the price-boosters.

## "Swat the Fly."

Homely advice for the home is "Swat the Fly." It should be the motto of every housekeeper. Now is the time to attend to it. One fly killed in May is equal to several million in August. Every musca domestica that bites the dust before the swishing swatter is a potential parent of huge clouds of the vermin. Removed from this vale of tears, his activities are forever at an end. No compunction need be felt in killing him. In no way does he contribute to the comfort of man or beast. On the contrary, he is a menace to both. Born in filth, he thrives in decay, and is most numerous where dirt most abounds. His deadly trail leads from decaying corruption across the family food to the sick room. Baby is his commonest victim. Considered from any standpoint, the fly not only is a nuisance, but an imminent source of disease and discomfort. He lives just for the reason that those who most suffer from his presence are most indifferent to his capacity for harm. All this has been recited before, many a time, but each recurring month of May brings back the duty because it brings the fly. Get your swafter busy now, and keep it going all summer. Let no buzzing fly Bacape!

## A Simple Reducer.

Many there are in this age of abundant sweets and fats, jelly-producing motor drives instead of long muscle-building walks, pastries and puddings rather than vegetables and fruits, who wish their too, too solid flesh would melt.

If wishes were fat-killers the town would be full of slender women.

What is wanted is an effective fat-discouriger that requires no effort and does not punish the appetite. We have heard of one which demands neither exercise nor fasting, and is said to result in a loss of a pound a day until one s reduced to the degree of leanness desired.

It is a simple thing. Just this: Eat only one thing at a meal. Select what you want and take all you wish of it, no matter what it is, ice cream, pastry, fruit, meat or what-not,

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 and causing an acute shortage of bank resources for spring business requirements. It is not surprising. The cars needed, which belong to the western roads, are standing empty and idle on eastern and southern sidetracks-many of them in the south held for the shipment of crops not yet grown. This while western elevators, barns and bins are overflowing with grain which should be in the east already, and live stock that should be rolling into Omaha and Chicago is on the plains awaiting transportation

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, whose bills for spring and summer merchandise are falling due and must be met to maintain their credit. All because the railroads cannot get their own cars or others in place of them.

The Omaha gentlemen in Washington seeking to impress the Interstate Commerce commission with the economic necessity for the relief they ask, and the justice of their demand for it, have the best wishes of the entire west. Action is what is wanted and needed-immediate action. They are asking for it, pressing for it. May success be theirs, and with it the grateful thanks of the whole west, for verily those who go down to Washington for action in these parlous and treacherous times, and get it, have done much and have done it exceedingly well!

#### 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, and doubtless be vigorously disputed. The distinguished Episcopalian ecclesiastic has reached his unhappy conclusion by observing the trend of school and college education and the literature and amusements to which the mass of the people turn. He has been influenced also by the general immodesty in dress, sexual looseness and crime which are the attractions in theatrical performances, and now sees "a definite anti-Christian drift, which seems to be increasing in rapidity of force and movement."

The bishop's conclusions might be applied with much force to the world at large, and specifically to the late peace conference at Paris, heralded as a culmination of forces that would bring "on earth peace, good will toward and with it the undisputed reign of Christian principles. Ridiculous that notion, in view of the fact that the entire conference, its treaty and its covenant rigorously excluded any reference whatever to God or religion, met without prayer, and designedly omitted any acknowledgement of divine influence, if we are correctly

The gradual turning of the people from religion in their daily lives, if such a movement s going on, may account for a change we have noticed in American political speeches. Forty, fifty, sixty years ago, almost without exception, great speeches in congress and on the stump, contained apt quotations from the Bible, used to add force to their arguments. How seldom they are seen now! One may read or hear speeches by the score, with never a reference to religious text. And yet, our observation has been that statesmen who illustrate their princi-The plan is more attractive than the overall ples by excerpts from the Scriptures are usually successful with the people.

## 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, is the substance of their statement to the Interstate Commerce commission this week.

The prosperity, indeed the business salvation of the country, depends on-railroad efficiency, many who customarily restrain their impulse to We are not getting satisfactory service now, and while business generally has none but the kindest and most generous thoughts for the railwho do not care. Economy is not possible under | creased 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 propublic now faces the exasperating activity of duction 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. Increased service means increased earnings for every other business. Why not apply the same idea to the rail roads, and await results before boosting their earnings a billion dollars?

> 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.

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

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

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

"Hi" Johnson remains not only a native but he favorite son of California. Letter carriers may wear gray overalls.

his is the last step. At least one May day made good in and

round Omaha. Wilson is bound to keep us out of something.

# A Line O' Type or Two

### TO LADY MARIGOID G-

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.

But since it's human fate that times must come Which we would have to pass in conversation, I fear that in so constant a relation

Love'd lose its flavor sooner than your gum. FORTUNATELY for Hiram Johnson's

neace 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 ideas in their work, by arrows pointing, etc., leaving the reader no chance to ise his head. An example from an old "Punch: Lucy (studying geography): "Harry, whatver is the equator !

Harry: "Why, the equalion going round the world." Why, the equator is a menagerie Then follows this appalling explanation in brackets: "Harry has been to the circus lately, and has probably confused menageric lion with imaginary line."

T. E. M. DOES our correspondent attend the movies?

If he does his pain must be acute. For in the ilm wheeze the obvious is en fleur.

A More or Less Common Reduction. (From the Peoria Transcript.) April had only eight clear days. The total precipitation during that month, reduced to water, was 6.12 inches, WE have a weakness for the Irish, however

And yet some people say that the English have no sense of humor-or, rather, humour. THE CRUEL DELIMITATIONS OF TIME AND SPACE.

hard they may try to cure us of our fraility."-

(From the Jesup, Ia, Citizens Herald.) Our attention was attracted today to 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. Time and space forbid

a complete analysis of the picture.
"STRUGGLING movie actors like she and her husband need the publicity."—Loz Onglaze

The slogan of Loz Onglaze is, "Throw away your grammar and get a horn!

#### The Ungrateful Beggars! (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 casks out of the way. Retailers have much more than they want, for there are few purchasers of rum at 10s 6d. per bottle. The pre-war price was about 2s. 6d.

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

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 THERE are constant readers and contributors. The latter read when they expect a contribution to appear. Take Sib, frinstance. He comes along at this date with the suggestion that Capt. Diaper of Shamrock III, is qualified to navigate a triangular course.

"A RAINBOW." Last Saturday I went Unto my 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 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 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

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

Israel. DOUBLE BARREL.

"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 sub-jected—to our unspeakable 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 whole producing an effect of hell broke loose, in the midst of which forth deprecating hands and finally vanished t 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 summer, The summery days of June When the cows can moo so lightly Up at the silver moon. It's gettin' on towards winter,

When two years tots are growing To be three years old FRANK BURROUGHS. LOW and lean as is our ability to dig up a

The December days of the cold,

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.

As the lady in the Punch wheeze said, "The good uns are dull JUDGE LANDIS will hear the case against the See-Moon Grocery Company. It may see

"SUPREME COURT of Iowa. Dull vs. Dull

a few stars as well. The Ineffable Amelita. (From the Salt Lake Telegram.) With a limpid stream of song as pure as

the crystalline waters of a Bandusian foun-Discontinued to save white paper.) LOOKS a little more like Wood. B. L. T.

## How to Keep Well By Dr. W. A. EVANS

essary.

Embalming is done by the injec-

tion of a solution of formaldehyde

into the vessels and cavities. When well done it causes the body to

ers of the days of the Pharaohs.

#### H. C. L. AND BURIAL RITES. "Will you kindly give us one or well done it causes the more articles on cremation?" "Three mummify. Resolution into the Score and Ten" writes. "Many in ments occurs with exceeding slow-Chicago and elsewhere are nearing the strength of the formaldehyde the end of life, and the last ex and by adding some preservative pense troubles them. They are with-out friends and not money sufficient the best work done by the embalmto meet the ordinary charges of bur-

minds must turn to cremation as the only way. that mothers may know to what argry and became blue in the face, dower has my wife? Can I force a they submit their children when put If the mother of that child would sale, and if so, what are the legal

ial spot, casket, hearse, etc. Our

in the embalmers' hands.' originally upon the kind and abundance of wild animals, the fighting cured of holding her breath."

was almost 'smothered,' but was a one-half interest in all your property in event she survives you. You

customs of the peoples.

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. Incidentally, burial customs have contributed to the art of sculpture They have contributed to stability, governmental, racial and family. We have the custom of burying, just as other races have other customs. Our custom is hedged about with traditions, memories, sentiments and religious observances. That also can be said of the customs of other peoples. This is the strongest argument for the custom.

Burying contributes to stability. The desire to stay by "the graves of our dead" does operate to keep down wandering, floating from place to place, emigrating; does serve to keep some individuals and families stable, self-respecting, upright and energetic.

The common argument, namely, that burying returns fertility to the soil, possesses no merit. We are so wasteful in other ways that no one is swayed by the comparatively in-significant return of soil fertility which human bodies make. gard cemeteries as sacred ground and cover the ground there with stone and brick, proving our disregard of this argument.

Henri Febre, a great French na-turalist, cites numberless evidences of the Scotch thrift of nature in its boundless provision of bacteria, in-sects and chemical forces for the purpose of returning to the soil the dies 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 not valid. Cemeteries are not sources of disease. The disease producing bacteria in bodies dead from yellow fever, smallpox, diphtheria, typhoid fever are speedily killed by other bacteria and what is left of these bodies is not infective. A cemetery in the midst of a city is not a source of harm, the opinion of Chicago's justly famous sanitarium of 1869, Dr. John H. Rauch, to the contrary notwithstanding. The only objection to the presence of a cemetery within a city is the space it ocdupies and the lack of harmony in

Intrinsically, cremation is less disturbing to the sensibilities as a method of destruction than is the low 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.

There is nothing to be said against cremation except that it may be

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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 homesfead. We have children, Can Anon. writes: "I have just read my wife of a child who held his breath while dren's my wife bring a bill for the chil-dren's support? What right of

throw water on him it would effect steps to take? G. A. L. Our burial customs originate from necessities or advantages. Whether our dead are exposed to insects, the bacteria, the sun and the elements on an elevated platform, or buried ing. One day she poured a bucket, an elevated platform, or buried ing. One day she poured a bucket right of dower has been ableshed in the sun and the elements of the control in the ground or burned depended ful of water on the child. The child in Wyoming. Your wife will have erty in event she survives you. You

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# Typography Talk

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without your wife's signature, and

you have no legal means to compel

her to sign a decd if she does not

Especially American Citizens.

The dry law has produced a nev 'great white way' in Havana, with stores, shops and scores of American

itizens all brilliantly lit up.-Wash-

wish to do so.

ngton Star.

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 typo-graphical artists.



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