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THE "JOY OF WORKING."

One of the phases of the labor problem of today getting considerable attention has to do with the interest the worker takes in his task.

In the days of hand work, or when handicraft yet was predominant in industrial processes, the artisan was essentially a creator.

In modern factories the only skill now called for is manual expertness in carrying on a single process, and often one of such tedium that the mind is deadened rather than inspired by the toil.

Changing the Label.

The current Saturday Evening Post, in a political article by Irvin Cobb, has a picture of a beautiful young lady leading the democratic donkey into the St. Louis convention of 1916.

A Cause for Gratulation.

The public is heartily glad the wage differences of the street car men and the company are to be settled on a fair basis to both sides.

Coal Needed at Home Going Abroad.

In March more than 1,000,000 tons of coal were exported from Hampton Roads. In April 2,200,000 tons went overseas.

Envy's Mischievous Influence.

A very large percentage of the discontent in the world, and there seems to be an unusually large amount of it just now, is due to envy.

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Frank L. Stanton sings in the Atlanta Constitution:

El I war dur— War Amn uster be, De ole High Cost Would never hit me!

But right there was where the original high cost of living started, according to the Oriental Biblical traditional allegory of the origin of man.

Under a change of administration what cabinet officer will have the greatest opportunity to improve the work of his department? Say it one at a time or all together; the answer will be the same.

It must be a hard task to make a Memorial Day address at Gettysburg, and face the comparison that cannot be escaped.

One of the things republicans view with displeasure is eleven southern states with a total of 168 delegates coming to Chicago with more than a hundred contests.

"Gas" up another cent. But what's 10 cents on ten gallons?

The republican party, it appears, is to treat the matter of prohibition as legally settled by the adoption of the amendment.

There is every indication that the man who raises ten or fifteen bushels of potatoes this season for the use of his family next winter will be glad he did it, and more than glad if circumstances permit him to raise a hog or two for his table use.

Of the making of books there is no end, but the quality of the paper therein and of the covers thereon remind one of the 28-cent editions of 1914.

The president has not yet sent any message to Oregon thanking the democrats there for following his orders.

It may be constitutionally correct to exempt the salaries of federal judges from taxation, but the decision to that effect is likely to be unpopular.

How the Wilsonian influence has waned was shown by the senate vote on the Armenia mandate. His appeal was rejected, 62 to 12.

The United States supreme court decided that when the constitution said amendments must be ratified by the legislatures of the states, or by conventions, it meant what it said and not a referendum.

Packers' profits are about 50 cents for each person or \$2.50 a family, per year. That has no excessive appearance when we consider our expenditures for meat during twelve months.

"What will the harvest be" is a popular air on presidential row just now.

An Atlantic City cop actually has compelled a beautiful maiden on the beach to cover her bare and dimpled knees. The vain thing had rolled her stockings down to sock height, and when the stern custodian of Atlantic City morals pulled the law on her, she just unrolled them upward until they reached her skirt.

The Wealth of the Mind.

When all is done and said, In life's end shall you find; He most of all doth bathe in bliss, That hath a quiet mind; And clear from worldly cares, To deem can be content The sweetest time in all his life In thinking to be spent.

Our wealth leaves us at death; Our kinsmen at the grave; But virtues of the mind unto The heavens with us have. Wherefore, for virtue's sake I can be well content, The sweetest time of all my life To deem in thinking spent. —Lord Vaux.

Studied Comparative Values.

We know a good story on an Irishman. We cannot tell it, because it is the type of story we find great difficulty in elucidating. But we can indicate it and assume the liberty of doing so.

Editor Gets and Sees.

We went to Friend the 16th and got a good big dinner and saw the finest prospect for a big crop of wheat, the grass could not be better, the oats is doing well, but the corn is not planted except in a few fields, too wet.—Tete Democrat.

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A Line O' Type or Two

Now to the line, let the sales fall where they may.

GENERAL WOOD estimated conservatively that to print and mail a campaign letter cost about five cents; and this very quickly ran into money. But we clutch from the testimony respecting the delegates from Missouri that you could put in your eye all the money squandered on campaign "literature."

A Few Rare Business Opportunities.

(From the Tampa Tribune.) Widow, 42, worth \$30,000, would marry. C. Box 100, Monroe, Mich.

Young maiden, refined and wealthy, would marry good, neat, and kind gentleman. Write Miss, Box 100, Los Angeles, Cal.

Lonely widow, age 22, worth \$25,000, wishes to hear from honorable gentlemen under 60; object matrimony. Send stamped envelope. P. O. Box 100, Montgomery, Ala.

Pretty country girl wishes to correspond with gentleman able to handle \$12,000 estate to object matrimony. Enclose stamp for reply. Cor. Box 100, Ocala, Fla.

We wonder what the more or less late John Marshall, Chief Justice, would have thought of the Eighteenth Amendment. Do you remember the yarn which went the rounds during and after his life? Mr. Beveridge quotes it in his biography:

"We are great ascetics, and even deny ourselves the pleasures of wet weather." Story dutifully informed his wife: "What I say about the wine gives you our rule; but it does sometimes happen that the Chief Justice will say to me, when the cloth is removed, 'Brother Story, step to the window and see if it does not look like rain.' And if I tell him that the sun is shining brightly, Judge Marshall will sometimes reply, 'All the better, for our jurisdiction extends so large a territory that the doctrine of chances makes it certain that it must be raining somewhere.'"

THEY say the present Chief Justice is human, but not exactly bubbling with geniality. Any humor exchanged by the present group is necessarily of the variety.

TO ANCHUSA.

O fairest Anchusa, I knew that you could use a Most unmanageable meter in a most engaging way.

But your feet have never pattered (This is maybe 'cause I'm flattered) So airily as in the verse you sent me today.

Yof warm my heart, Anchusa, (So different from Medusa, Wasn't she the petrifier by the blue Aegean sea, Who was brilliant, cold, and sneaky, Not unlike and demure?)

But I wonder, Let me send my thanks, Sincerely yours, P. B.

MR. HUGHES is mentioned as a dark horse. Dark sun perhaps describes him better. A violent collision between him and Beveridge might set both of them alight again.

THE LOGICAL SUCCESSOR.

Sir: While traveling in the south, I heard a Bryan man saying in the Pullman smoker that the foremost W. J. B. would be the Democratic nominee. I allowed that he should have no trouble in being elected. A Wilson man asked how I figured that. I replied that he could have his pictures pasted on all the billboards of the country with the slogan, "Keep us out of liquor."

GREAT preparations are making to toss Bill Bryan overboard, but when the democratic chorus begins singing, "And now the sky is all serene," you will see old Dick Dead-Eye prowling around with his chat a neat queue.

The Magic Veil.

(From Letters of John Butler Yeats.) The benignity and majesty of Goethe's countenance may have been because he was always in love. The sculptor of the Venus de Milo probably never saw a woman without finding in her some curve or hollow or line, some fragment of his great conception, and by an easy and an inevitable transition he would deliciously acquire the art of discovering everywhere, in the hills and valleys and in the clouds, the same curves and hollows and lines which are in his statue. The creative artist that is in every man, for it is his soul, out of his sensibility with its mingled audacity and timidities and out of his cunning, is continually engaged in weaving for himself a magic veil, through which he may look and see only what he wants to see and be blind to the rest of the world.

Yet different men make different veils. Iago was not as Hamlet who could not hate except in fits and starts and this only in words, and Goethe told us was a fault, he thought, in his own character that he could not hate. Goethe had a benign and angelic countenance, so we are told; was it not of that perennial freshness because of which he was always "in love" from youth to age?

"IN England the railway cars are divided up for first, second and third-class passengers. In America only the first-class people travel."—From an interview with E. V. Lucas.

What the gentleman wishes to say, perhaps, is that in America everybody travels first class. PETRARCHINO ON THE LOSS OF HIS SMALL ABILITY TO WRITE SONNETS.

Sonnets I wrote, pedantic and precise, Which somehow pleased you: So I tried again, But now that real have grown love's joy and pain.

I find less easy the compact device; Tumultuous thoughts burst the conventional vice; That should their lawless errantry constrain; Each day, as I love more, become more vain My efforts to be elegant, concise.

I send this song, not that it's worthy writ For such bright eyes; but praying you may see, In just the labored awkwardness of it, The utter starkness of sincerity.

Affection's warmth has cracked the thin veneer That hid true love 'neath your sonneteer.

PETRARCHINO. MR. WALPOLE may be shocked to find in "The Rescue" the phrase, "except you and I." It quite spoiled our evening.

"Shoes Repaired While You Wait." Sir: I'm sure that other gadders, like myself, have been obliged to wait while their shoes were repaired. There used to be a second-floor shop on Van Buren where you could sit in slippers furnished by the management, and watch the "L" trains go by. The alternative was forced seclusion in your hotel room while the bellhop had the shoes done for you. Your half bottle of Burnett won't go far with all the traveling men who will confirm me in this. L. R. M.

Sir: I've just put in the morning at the shoeman's sitting around in a pair of too big slippers wondering where I will get touching Vermont. If you will plot a similar contest around a "Suits Pressed While You Wait" emporium, making the price about one-quarter bottle of French Vermouth, I'll wear the barrel.

D. B. A. Sir: About three years ago I cooled my heels in a repair-wholeyout for forty-five minutes while a genial cousin of Gabe Danunz leisurely pasted and tacked a pair of shock absorbers on one of the pair of kickers. MAC.

FOR the information of W. F. Y., who desired a name for a publication issuing every four months, Dr. Shorey supplies "Tetrametean." Concerning "Olympiad," he advises us that its meaning in English ought to be its normal Greek meaning—the four-year period, but in Greek it can also mean the Olympic festival or even the victory won thereat. It would seem, then, that writers who wish to use it in the second sense must write it in Greek.

PROPERLY encouraged you no doubt would be willing to tell the world that Babler is an ideal name for a national committee.

SOMEHOW or other, we cannot imagine a man named Sproul being president, yet stranger things have happened.

MEANWHILE swat the fly. B. L. I.

How to Keep Well

By Dr. W. A. EVANS

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ROAD TO DEGENERACY.

H. H. writes: "Your article concerning the survey of defectives in a Minnesota district seems to me very instructive. Probably there is no such place which has not some defectives, at least some of the commoner kinds, but mixed in with a large majority of normal they are concealed from practically all observers. We have to observe a particularly bad district in order to get the full force of the situation and to understand degeneracy. When that bad district is a city slum we have largely erred in thinking that the bad surroundings account for the warped and twisted human. But in a country district there is little excuse for this deception.

"I think it should be held that the defectives were crowded into the mountains or sought them to escape the pressure of civilization. If they were normals and were forced into the hills they would build roads, however difficult, and would keep in touch with the world, have a commerce, schools, etc.

"It seems a fair assumption that (the sane) people of families moved to Minnesota they either settled in a place of average worth which became later a valley of little productivity because of their worthlessness, or (b) they deliberately settled in a poor country because they lacked the sense or the ambition to pick out good land.

In other words, it is, for the greater part, the defective who makes the slum, and when a normal is born in the slum district he escapes.

"I have been much impressed of late with the idea that under harsher conditions of life the mortality rate of the subnormal was high enough to prevent reproduction from living to the age of reproduction. But more and more in modern decades society has bent its energies to protect every flicker of human life regardless of its source. Environment has been put to the front as everything.

"Two dogmas are accepted: that the merest flicker of human life, regardless of everything else, and that, except in the case of idiots and imbeciles, every person is capable of unlimited development and advancement. The good of the race is lost sight of entirely in this alignment of dogma. Nearly all of our civilization is merely making life easier to live. In so far as it is that, it is distinctly decadent. It leads downward inevitably. A few more generations, perhaps on a few more decades, and the percentage of irresponsibles will become too great to permit of stabilizing a society which grants so much individual freedom, which depends so much on personal character and discipline, which creates such an involved mode of living that a little halting in the machinery imperils all.

"If for three generations more we make life faster and easier at the bill of present progress and permit the ready increase of the population, all responsible persons limit their offspring we will have a condition in which democratic society as we know it will be impossible. It is not possible actually to visage these conditions because, if degeneracy increases very much, the elaborate means for making life more complex and independent as a condition for greater ease and luxury will be the first to fall.

"Self-government, when it works well, is the best government, not because it governs better, but because it implies and must have a wonderfully high average of individual power. It means a lot of very capable folks. When they are less capable they cannot make the thing go and will, if they deteriorate enough, lose their self-governing estate. They will not even know they have lost it for a long time and a society ruined by the defectives will not know even that it has any except the outstanding. The fish cannot see the ocean."

When Buying an Icebox. E. J. writes: "I have been considering the purchase of an icebox and had nearly selected one in which of a given case depends on the cause. As a general rule it can be cured. You should discover the cause and correct it.

The part where the food is placed is covered with enamel, when a friend of mine warned me against that kind of an icebox, saying the paint is likely to affect milk and other foods. Will you tell me if it is dangerous?"

REPLY. There is no danger in keeping milk and other foods in an enameled

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Pleads for Ireland.

Omaha, June 1.—To the Editor of The Bee: Continually gathering strength, the storm clouds over Ireland are hanging low today. In the distance we hear the thundering cry of its people: Freedom for Ireland. We see the flash of lightnings. The breaking of the clouds is at hand.

The seeds of hatred were sown by the English king, Henry VIII, who nearly finished the subjugation of Ireland started back in the 12th century by Henry II, and completed in 1609-1693 by Lord Mountjoy during the reign of Henry's daughter, Queen Elizabeth. Ireland, then Protestant, was roughly forced to accept the Roman Catholic religion by Henry VIII, who accomplished his goal through exasperating cruel agencies never forgotten by the Irish people, and added to by cruelties of later years.

Bones have been laid to bones. Century to century. Yet the Irish blood could never blend with the English. And the English lion, arrayed in all its splendor, is now reaping the fruit of its toil.

The Irish spark of love for freedom, laying abeyance under smoldering ashes of centuries, could not be entirely extinguished, nor

icebox or refrigerator. In fact, such lining is advantageous in that it shows dirt easily and is nonabsorbent. The kind of lining is of secondary importance. The great question is what temperature is maintained in the food chamber and at what expense of ice. Do not buy a refrigerator or icebox which will not maintain a temperature of 50. Do not waste your money on an ice eater.

Many Things Affect Pulse. A. Z. writes: "Will you kindly tell me the cause of a skipping heart beat, one skip out of every five? Is it serious? Can it be cured, and what is your advice?"

REPLY. There are different causes for intermittent pulse. Among them are tobacco, heart disease, indigestion, nervousness. The seriousness

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could it be pacified by amended home rules, but rose high on holy aspirations, and on the strength of President Wilson's 14 points, which so completely covered the program of world peace that Germany was moved to accept peace and thus end war.

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