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"AND ON EARTH PEACE."

This part of the message from Heaven to Earth on that first Christmas morning is yet to be realized, but who will say it is not nearer at hand? Because of the Babe that lay with His mother in the manger at Bethlehem...

Into a world whose gods were fierce and vengeful, who imposed severe and eternal punishment on those who offended them; where might made right, and the weak lifted their hands in vain to the strong for mercy and succor...

Nineteen hundred and twenty-one times has the sun risen on Christmas morning since the shepherds were aroused by the appearance of the angel, who brought that comforting word from Heaven...

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A Line O' Type or Two

How to the Line, let the quips fall where they may.

FINALE... If I had sought to praise some other face, Not perfect so nor with Love conspiring...

But I have striven to plier from the birds Their lit, from Heaven's star-buried citadel Its sympathy, hoping with these to tell...

IT is chiefly a matter of temperament. And more insurance and assurance is required to crack a safe or burglarize a dwelling than to cancel a shipment of goods in order to avoid a loss...

IN view of the almost total absence of crime and the well-nigh idolatrous respect for law and order which prevails in Chicago, it seems unfortunate that an unfavorable impression of our city should have been created in the minds of outsiders...

"NO," remarked an opera lover, after the performance of "Edipo Re," "I don't care for the modern decadent Russian school."

POETIC LICENSE... Sir: S. P. B. is a taxidermist who is orange, but brown. I have been trying for two weeks to knock some kind of wheeze out of it...

NEW YORK has two detectives, Birmingham and England. Mr. Holmes would agree that they belong in Scotland Yard.

THE day is dark and dreary and gloomy. I am so tired of the treadmill quickstep Enforced by household tasks.

A Moral Breakdown... Some will explain the floodtide of crime that is surging about New York, Chicago and Detroit by the fact that unemployment also is rife there...

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How to Keep Well

By DR. W. A. EVANS

Questions concerning hygiene, sanitation and prevention of disease, submitted to Dr. Evans by readers of The Bee, will be answered personally, subject to space, in this column...

AT THE SURGEON GENERAL'S... Walking along B street S. W. in Washington I came within hearing distance of two ladies just as they approached the library and museum...

"Library and museum of the surgeon general," read one. "A regular museum of horrors," the other commented. The first lady was not certain she had been in there since before she was married, and that was 25 years ago...

There are authorities who hold that a great middle class is necessary for the salvation of society. Some of these authorities hold that certain nations are in trouble because they have no great middle class to act as a balance between the aristocrats and the hoi polloi...

Next I found a very scientific study which proved that there can never be an inherited aristocracy of brains. The strength of the stock must be repeatedly recruited by marriage between the English middle classes...

Having roamed around on the top shelf for a while, I concluded to drop down to the waist line. Here I found very definite scientific proof that we should eat more vegetables in our diet...

We are getting to be so crowded and artificial in the cities that we cannot even raise our own food. Many of us still have room for few rows of vegetables. I learned, furthermore, that this growth principle is not destroyed by heating and drying...

I learned that it is not necessary to take an iron toner through a quill or to swallow a bitter iron potion. Good meat and good vegetables are when fed dried fruit and vegetables. Nor is it destroyed by cooking...

I think these ladies ought to turn in to this building some time. Twenty-five years ago, when I was a young man, there is plenty of helpful, hopeful stuff there. Of course, any person with a chamber of horrors mind could find what he was looking for.

Clean Soap Helps Most... W. A. L. writes: "I note that Dr. Wiley, of pure food fame, says tight pants and disease-sealy (presumably meant dandruff) are the cause of baldness..."

Safe for Players... T. I. writes: "I am in it for a group of folks to go to a hospital where there are only patients who have tuberculosis and give entertainments?"

Better Let Moles Alone... H. P. writes: "Several days ago I wrote you for a formula that could be used for treating moles, but have not seen an answer."

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They Said "A Little"... Dietitians advise people: "Always leave the table a little hungry." In other words: "Eat in restaurants."—Syracuse Post-Standard.

From the Farmer's Viewpoint

Laurel, Neb., Dec. 20.—The Editor of The Bee:—Being a farmer of long experience and having read the many and various articles and addresses of those who really know what is wrong with the farmer, and what he should do to better his condition...

But we will proceed to "save the business and agricultural interests by an orderly sale." Mr. Tenant sells 20 per cent of this crop and receives \$62 and continues in an orderly manner as the market develops...

Now, the landlord has received 1,280 bushels of corn worth \$550.40 and 400 bushels of oats worth \$132.00. The tenant still owes him \$200 as rent for the pasture and hayland...

On December 15, 1920, Mr. Corey states in part: The farmer should sell a small part of his products now, pay a small part of his debt; he should do the same next month and the succeeding months. A partial and general liquidation during the next three months will save the business and agricultural interests of this country...

For example, I will take a good improved 150-acre farm in Cedar county, Nebraska, rented for the year 1920, on the basis of two-fifth share of crops delivered to landlord at local market, this being as fair a rental as can be had...

The tenant, therefore, produces a total of 3,200 bushels of corn. He deducts from this entire crop of corn at \$20.00 per bushel at 10 cents per bushel, leaving him 1,000 bushels of oats from his 40 acres and delivers to his land lord 400 bushels of this, leaving him 600 bushels. He deducts 300 bushel from this for seed and feed for horses, leaving him 300 bushels to sell and for which he received \$99.00...

I have deducted up to this time nothing for taxes, depreciation of farm equipment, interest on money borrowed, marketing of crops, tenant's labor or even his breakfast. But notwithstanding this, Mr. Farmer still has the \$310.

Now this is certainly a frank statement and an am wondering, after it is submitted to the banker, just how such banker is going to take care of this tenant's "present needs" and "requirements for another year."

I am very ignorant of the workings of the great financial system of our nation. I had foolishly gathered the idea that our federal reserve bank was created to prevent panics. But someone, notwithstanding, it is said it has worked "admirably to prevent a panic." If this is not one, kindly let me what it is. I would also like to have explained to me this state of facts; I recently read that the total loans of the federal reserve bank was the sum of \$17,000,000,000. This article appeared in a recent issue of the Independent and had the earmarks of being inspired.

Now in another article I saw that the loans of the Kansas City district, which I believe includes Nebraska, Kansas, part of Colorado, Wyoming and Oklahoma, were the sum of \$146,000,000 in round numbers. If those figures are true, the Kansas City bank should insist on prompt payment for it amounts to eight-tenths of 1 per cent of the total of all loans and would pay interest thereon when collected for about two months. I am wondering also if it is the idea to reduce the amount of such loans, why it would not also be well to collect from the large borrowers or large borrowing districts.

I also saw that this country exported in October 40,000,000 bushels of wheat and the price declined about 50 cents per bushel during that time. We are told that this was due to international conditions. But the government report also showed that we exported millions of dollars worth of manufactured goods during the same period. Will someone kindly tell me why international conditions did not prevent this at prevailing prices?

I would further like to suggest that our honorable secretary of agriculture be selected to take over the matter of provisioning the starving children of Europe and Asia. Surely when we can find 29,000,000 bushels of fall wheat and 70,000,000 bushels of oats three months after threshing is done and reported would be a very valuable official "over the top."

Now, in conclusion, this whole question is one of existing debt, national, state and local or individual. How is this debt and the interest going to be met by buying cheap? It is perfectly plain to everyone that we must either get a fair price for what we sell, be that labor, farm produce or manufactured goods or we are all broke. Why not take this view and get out of this hole.

WILLIAM MACKLEM.

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