

close the account of the funded debt. These certificates drew interest at 5½ and 4½ per cent, and were paid in full with interest, making a total payment to France of \$9,176,796.

If Mr. Cannon is correct it is certain that those who claim that the United States owes it to France to cancel the debt France now owes this country, as a result of the recent war, should begin to revise their opinion.

America's claim against France is just and right. America did not evade its financial obligations to France and there is no good reason why France should evade its honest debt to America at this time, now that the position of debtor and creditor has been reversed.

The penalty of war rests today as heavily upon the victor as upon the vanquished. France must learn this little lesson as well as all other nations have had to learn it.

If France can get rid of its war malady, pay more attention to its domestic peace and prosperity, which is conducive to happiness and individual and national ability to pay honest debts, and become less interested in the Riffs and its present policy of foreign aggression, then, and then alone, will French thrift again be able to cope with the retirement of the obligations of the nation. The French war lords should be due for retirement pretty soon or they will stir up more trouble and—more debt.

While some people are developing a taste for extreme make-ups in uniforms or garments others are finding it to their liking to discard every vestige of covering. Members of the "Society of Eden," men and women who believe in "the simple life," recently offended the inhabitants of the neighborhood of Rapperswill forest, near Zurich in Switzerland, because of their indifference to the conventional customs of our day. In this forest they were seen walking nude among the trees. For this unseemly conduct they were arrested and brought into court. Defending their simple and clothesless mode of life in the forest these men and women of many nationalities and social stations claimed "the earth" as their home. The judge who fined them for their conduct, warned them against "playing Adam and Eve in public" around Rapperswill. Mentally the members of the Eden Society and the members of the KKK Society have much in common—they don't give a tinkers d.... for propriety or the feelings of the rest of the human family.

If the gullible Ford fans are ready to make Henry Ford, or his son Edsel, their banker they have now the opportunity, for Ford et al is back of the Guardian Trust Company of Detroit which opened its doors in July. A Branch bank of the same name was opened simultaneously in New York. Ford's face on the American dollar should improve the coin and if the government could be persuaded to change the timeworn inscription "In God we Trust" to read "In Ford we Trust" it would help to remind us of Ford long after we have forgotten the tin-can rattles that are housed behind a certain radiator crown bearing the imposing imprint "Ford."

The French are keen for penetrating the veil of the future. They established the first national forecasting service in France in 1855 and have ever since been giving altogether too much time to the doping out of future possibilities. Much of the post-war forecasting of the "frenchies" has been inflated and shown them to be in a highly nervous state more influenced by superstition and fear than by cold logic and calm reason.

Thirteen million gold marks (about \$3,000,000) flow into the coffers of the German post office, annually, in the form of radio license fees. Practical people find

sources of revenue where those of less practical perspicacity are missing many a golden opportunity.

#### EVERYWHERE BEAUTY

By Martin F. Tupper

There is beauty in the rolling clouds, and placid shingle beach,  
In feathery snows, and whistling winds, and dun electric skies:  
There is beauty in the rounded woods, dank with heavy foliage,  
In laughing fields, and dinted hills, the valley and its lake:  
There is beauty in the gullies, beauty on the cliffs, beauty in the  
sun and shade,  
In rocks and rivers, seas and plains—the earth is droned in  
beauty.

#### RADIANCE OF THOUGHT

A dreamer dropped a random thought; 'twas old and yet  
'twas new;  
A simple fancy of the brain, but strong in being true.  
It shone upon the genial mind, and lo! its light became  
A lamp of life, a beacon ray, a monitory flame;  
The thought was small! its issue great! a watch-fire on the hill;  
It sheds its radiance far adown and cheers the valley still.  
— Clarence Mackey.

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