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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE.

In view of the widespread attention which has been given unemployment in Europe it is a wonder that the United States has not attacked the problem in a big way. A start is to be made by the new industrial relations commission, formed for the purpose of making a searching and nationwide investigation into the relations of labor and capital.

In a country which has so many industries that are seasonal in character unemployment may be inevitable unless means are devised for making the labor force mobile, that is, making it possible for men out of work in one place to move on to another where there is work. Every harvest season the farmers of the west call for men and at the same time men walk the streets of the big cities looking for work. Harvesting is not the only occupation which provides work for many men at certain seasons of the year. Dozens of our leading industries cannot keep men employed all the year round. The dull season comes in midwinter, just at the time when being out of work means great distress and often the keenest kind of suffering to those who have not saved in their days of employment.

It is not likely that this country will come to unemployment insurance for many years to come, although this is one of the remedies which will be considered by the commission. Americans are still individual enough to look on unemployment insurance as savoring of encouragement to the wasteful. They figure that the keen edge of poverty is needed at times to force on the improvident the necessity of saving some part of what they earn when they have work. As a generous and a kindly people we don't like to see anybody suffer. Still, at the same time, we have enough of the pioneer instinct to believe that every man who has health and strength should be his own unemployment insurance policy.

Whether the industrial relations commission's inquiry develops a specific remedy or only induces a general discussion of the problem of unemployment it will prove worth while by the impetus it will give to answering a question which is growing more serious as the population grows larger.

What a relief it will be to get fresh, homegrown baseball done right fresh from our own garden after being confined all winter to this canned goods diet.

Among the men who have got along without monuments to perpetuate their memory is the one who invented the hook and eye.

The Japanese parliament is lucky at that. With all its troubles, there is no Japanese Mrs. Pankhurst.

Speaking of Adam's Apple: Livy Adam married Miss Ethyl Apple down in Indiana, recently.

Besides, many a first violinist in his business plays second fiddle at home.

Compliments Cove Cherry.

La Grande, Feb. 28.—(To the Editor.)—I notice in your issue of Feb. 25, a letter from Mr. Logan E. Anderson, of Cove, Ore., and with reference to same would like to make a few remarks:

Mr. Anderson.—The arguments which you have placed in your letter

are absolutely indisputable with any man who has ever studied the subject and I certainly admire you for your courage in coming to the front, but let me remind you of the fact that your little town of Cove, Ore., is gaining quite an advertising through this little incident which will undoubtedly be adjusted satisfactory to all concerned.

In the meantime pick the grains of gold and remember that some of us have learned what we didn't know before—that you have the most beautiful "Cherry Country" in the Pacific Northwest.

Yours respectfully,
 W. H. HUDSON.

ROUND THE WORLD

Venice has a newspaper founded 813 years ago.

Bombay has 37,032 occupied and 7,784 unoccupied houses.

Cleveland in 1913 gave nearly \$3,000,000 to charities.

Since 1909 Japan has more than doubled its exports of toys.

Panama sends about 5,000,000 coconuts a year to the United States.

More than 12,000,000 American women are affiliated with mission work in foreign fields.

X ray apparatus has been invented for killing the tiny parasites that eat small holes in leaf tobacco.

By the addition of magnesia and an oxide an extremely elastic glass has been brought out in France.

The ameer of Afghanistan receives from the government of India an annual subsidy of about \$600,000.

Since 1857 there have been sixty disasters in the collieries of south Wales, with a total loss of life of 2,908.

It is said that Chinese girls take more interest in American life and politics than their American sisters.

The population of Manchuria is variously estimated between 15,000,000 and 19,200,000, the latter being the customs figures.

New York legal aid bureau for a fee of 10 cents furnishes a lawyer to assist immigrants and poor persons in obtaining justice.

Women are to be admitted to the faculty of theology, the synd of the canton of Neuchâtel, in Switzerland, has just decided.

The new civil code has introduced important reforms in Switzerland since it gives both parents equal rights over their children.

It is remarkable to what extent Sweden exports butter. After iron ore it is the second article of importance in the export trade.

Chinese in the Hongkong district have recently taken to ice cream. There is a tremendous sale of American ice cream freezers.

The foreign commerce of the United States in the calendar year 1913 approximated \$1,750,000,000 of imports and \$2,500,000,000 of exports.

Chicago leads the largest twenty-two cities in the United States in the percentage of increase in automobile accidents in the last five years.

The postoffice department of India maintains a life insurance branch, which has over 23,000 active policies, with an aggregate insurance of \$10,000,000.

The ultra violet ray is being introduced by Paris dentists for whitening discolored teeth and sterilizing them in such a way that they are less liable to decay.

In Argentina it is possible to lease not more than 40,421 acres of public land and to buy directly 6,178 acres of pasture land, or 404 acres of agricultural land.

In Guinea there is a tree which yields a peculiar kind of fruit—a huge fruit resembling in size a cannon ball and which makes a tremendous noise when it pops.

In proportion to its weight California redwood is the strongest conifer so far tested at the United States forest products laboratory. This strength is due to its long fibers.

Frightful conditions among the poor were revealed by the Dublin strike. It is said that there are over 12,000 one room tenements which house from three to twelve people each.

Three airship trips across the unexplored region of the island of New Guinea are planned by German scientists to make observations to aid men who plan to traverse it on foot.

It is said that the Paris Academy of Science has offered a prize of \$2,000 to the person who devises a means for domesticating the heron in order to obtain algaes without killing the birds.

The nizam of Hyderabad is reputed to be the wealthiest individual in India and one of the wealthiest persons in the world, with a personal income said to amount to \$2,500,000 a year.

After twelve years of experience of girl messengers in Europe, Ruter's Telegram company declare boys to be better, as girls are not at all adaptable to the work, are slower and more expensive.

THE NEST.

I found a bird's nest in a tree. Now, what was that to you or me—
 A last year's bird's nest in a tree?

And yet I marveled when I saw The tiny nest of hair and straw. Designed and built by nature's law—

A vacant home and lovely still, Though buffeted by winds at will. A finished work of wondrous skill;

A thing of beauty to conceive. With only beak to form and weave. A dream of art, so soon to leave.

The little nest that pleased and thrilled My soul with reverence had filled—
 God taught the robin how to build.
 —S. Minerva Boyce in Farm Journal.

POVERTY.

It is wonderful what Tolstoy has done. He could do no more. For a nobleman, with the most aristocratic ancestry, to refuse to be supported in idleness, to insist upon working with his own hands and to share as much as possible the hardship and toil of a peasant class which but recently was a slave class is the greatest thing he could do. But it is impossible for him to share their poverty, for poverty is not the lack of things; it is the fear and the dread of want.—W. D. Howells.

AMBITION.

Ambition is inspiration.—Horace Davis.

If I shoot at the sun I may hit a star.—P. T. Barnum.

There is nothing noble in being superior to some other man.

The true nobility is in being superior to your previous self.—Hindu Saying.

Earnestness is the path to immortality, thoughtlessness the path to death.—Buddha.

Scarcely any attempt is entirely a failure; scarcely any theory, the result of a steady thought, is altogether false, and no tempting form of error is without some charm of truth. Not only so, but every failure is a step to success. Every detection of what is false directs to the truth, and every trial abates some tempting form of error.—Mary A. Livermore.

BROOK AND LIFE.

As brooks sing on beneath the winter snow
 The same sweet song that gladdens summer days
 And makes melodious the meadow ways,
 So human lives there are that, singing, go
 Their cheery ways though days of life be drear.
 Though hidden is their song that might ring clear.
 While season's changes bring no spring's warm glow.

Brook and life alike—how much they teach!
 That darkest days have themes for sweetest song.
 That pilgrim lips that sing the way along
 By happy miles the land Contentment reach.
 —Arthur W. Peach.

LITTLE BITS OF PHILOSOPHY.

The comfort derived from the misery of others is slight.—Cicero.

That man lives happy and in command of himself, who from day to day can say, I have lived. Whether clouds obscure, or the sun illumines the following day, that which is past is beyond recall.—Horace.

Since you cannot have what you wish wish for what you can have.—Terence.

Be happy ye whose fortunes are already completed.—Vergil.

The circumstances of others seem good to us, while ours seem good to others.—Cyrus.

FOR THE CHILDREN

For a Washington Party.

There are so many lovely things to use as decorations and souvenirs that it is a pleasure to give a Washington birthday party. Games for the occasion are numerous. The "historical game" is lots of fun. Arrange some of vance by pictures or articles some of the Revolutionary events. For instance, a few carpet tacks on a package of tea would represent "tax on tea."

A tea table arranged with cups of tea and a sign, "This Tea Came From Boston," would stand for "the Boston tea party."

A picture of Washington's head cut in quarters and pasted on paper would be "Washington's headquarters."

A card bearing a picture of a soldier's bunk, a letter "H" and "H" lying in bed ill would stand for Bunker Hill.

Your imagination can help you work out many events of the Revolutionary times, and for the one guessing the most correct answers you give a toy cherry tree box filled with candy.

Another good game is to give in order the dates of the battles fought in Washington's time. The prize for the best answers can be a toy hatchet. At the table make each sing a patriotic song, awarding a flag as souvenir to the best singer.

Candy cherries hidden about the room create lots of fun. The object is to hunt for them and gather them in. The one who finds the most wins a prize.

Washington's Maxims.

Here are a few rules which were lived up to by George Washington:

"Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire called conscience."

"A good character is the first essential in man."

"Speak not ill of the absent. It is unjust."

"To persevere is one's duty, and to be silent is the best answer to calumny."

"Commerce and industry are best mines of a nation."

"Associate with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation."

"It is better to be alone than in bad company."

"I never wish to promise more than I have a moral certainty of performing."

Washington's Accuracy.

All schoolboys know something of Washington's adventures as a surveyor when he measured the great estates of Lord Fairfax, but perhaps few are aware of the painstaking accuracy with which he did his work. Many years afterward it was found that the surveys made by Washington when a youth were the only land measurements of that part of the country in colonial days that could be depended upon. Even after his death Washington's surveys passed unquestioned among lawyers.

Washington's Birthday.

Washington's birth is recorded in the family Bible as having taken place on "ye 11th day of February, 1732." This was before the adoption of the modern calendar by England, and this day was observed by Washington as his birthday until his twentieth year. The first known public celebration of Washington's birthday was on Feb. 11, 1784. The old style date was still adhered to. This was during the lifetime of the first president and completed his fifty-second year.

Mother Carey's Chickens.

Above is the name given by sailors to the stormy petrel, a small sea bird, the appearance of which is an unfailing sign of rough weather.

The expression Mother Carey is said to be a corruption of mater cara, dear mother, a phrase used by Italian sailors in speaking of the mother of Christ, patroness of seafaring men, to indicate their thankfulness to her for sending these, her chickens, to warn them of bad weather.

Washington's Youth.

Washington's proudest youthful possessions were a pony and a whip top. He was taught to ride the pony by Uncle Ben, one of his father's slaves, and on this humble animal he acquired that seat on the saddle that carried him through the dangers of two wars. The whip top probably was a toy imported from England. Even in the another country toys were few and crude in those days.

A Boy's Witty Remark.

A teacher said to a boy considered dull in mathematics: "You should be ashamed of yourself. Why, at your age George Washington was a surveyor."

"Yes, sir," was the response, "and at your age he was president of the United States."

Read the advertisements too.



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"We Are Sole Agents For The Famous" **Gage Pattern Hats**

We invite your inspection of these advance styles.

West
 THE QUALITY STORE

Celluloid Cement.

Celluloid articles can be mended with a cement made by dissolving bits of celluloid in acetone. It takes only a few minutes to make the cement, which is applied like glue. The broken edges are pressed together and in fifteen minutes the cement is hard.

Her Ears In Danger.

Susie had left her toys about the kitchen. Mother picking them up Susie, if you leave these things about the kitchen again I'll box your ears and throw them in the ash pit.

Satire.

Satire is a sort of glass wherein holders do generally discover every body's face but their own, which is the chief reason for that kind reception it meets with in the world.—Swift.

The world would be both better and brighter if we would dwell on the duty of happiness as well as on the happiness of duty.—Sir John Lubbock.

The Reason He Jokes.

When a man jokes about his wife being jealous you may depend upon it his wife has not a jealous bone in her body. Men with jealous wives do not joke about it.—Aitchison Globe.

Grief can take care of itself, but to get the full value of a joy you must have somebody to divide it with.—Mark Twain.

Won a Wife by His Skill.

Action was a Grecian painter about the time of Alexander, and won his wife by his great work. He painted a picture called "The Napht of Alexander and Roxane," which was exhibited at the Olympic games, created such a stir that one of the judges cried in admiration, "I reserve a crown for the victorious athletes, but I give my daughter in marriage to the painter Action as a recompense for his picture." Action was one of the artists who excelled in the art of mimic colors. He could not go to the nearest store and purchase them, as artists today.

The Waning Honeymoon.

"I forgot something," said the husband.

"Yes," pouted the wife, "you forgot to kiss me."

"That may be, but what I came for was my overshoes."—Kansas City Journal.

Not Deliberate.

Wife—I claim that the story you told me last night when you came home was a deliberate lie! Hub—And it wasn't. I never thought up more quickly in my life!

All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen. Emerson.

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