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KEEP ON THE HEAVIES.

Nineteen hundred and fourteen lamb chops are with us, oysters are on their last lap, the English topcoat has appeared on the avenue, the robin has begun to pipe his merry lay, careful diners are eating eggs fried on one side only, low necked clams are numerous, thousands of verdant young couples are running away and being married, new potatoes are on the bill of fare, April magazines greet the eye, geese are flying north and umpires are flying south, spring poets are meandering toward newspaper offices hopefully, the corcuses, the trailing arbutus and the modest violet are about to shed their fragrance upon the air, and verily, the vernal impulse stirs the mind made sluggish by winter. It is safe to say that Gentle Annie is at hand.

However, that may be and, though all signs seem to be propitious, it may be well to pause in our mad flight toward the perfect contentment of spring days and consider history. History is ever a mocking old cat, ready to tear down ideals and make the fondest hopes look like last year's birds' nests. It may be well to remember that history tells us of April blizzards and there are some oldest inhabitants like Dr. Bacon who can remember three or four inches of snow in May. While it is good to think of spring and all of her myriad charms and graces, her balmy breezes and her budding flowers, there is such a thing as being over-optimistic.

Be not beguiled, oh dreamer. Leave the heavy ones on awhile and order another ton or so of coal, if you need it. It is a long, weary journey yet to the day of heat prostrations and melting asphalt pavement.

New York Salvation Army singers

plan to raid the restaurants in an effort to check the tango. It ought to be easy for some of those S. A. amateur trombone players to put the kibosh on any kind of tango music.

The United States is investigating the plumbers. Now the plumbers will start investigating the guy who thaws out his own pipes so that this can be prohibited by an amendment to the fire ordinance.

A Los Angeles youth shot himself to death because he thought his fiancée was too good for him. With such an absence of conceit this young man ought to draw something pretty good from St. Peter.

A Washington scientist now claims there are no naughty children, what is termed "naughtiness" being merely a symptom of physical ailment. But it is noticeable, that those naughty children are generally healthy enough to want a little snack now and then between regular meals.

Parisians declare that while they may initiate a mode, the American woman degrades it. It doesn't seem possible, however, that a little ocean trip would convert what the French call a "daring" gown into a "degraded dud."

Royalist crowds have been dispersed in Paris streets. Royalists are the French unemployed who don't want work.

There is no occasion for worry over the strike of 2,000 dressmakers in New York. American women have already demonstrated that they can get along with very little to wear.

The fashion news from Paris says gowns are more décolleté than ever, but it is pleasant to learn that clothing has not been entirely abandoned.

There is again talk about reducing the size of United States paper money, but as it would save a million, Congress may not look on the idea with favor.

Another cathedral in England has been painted by the suffragets with "Votes for Women" signs. That about completes the job except for several excellent bishops.

A Brooklyn physician has asked permission to carry a gun. Medical science is making rapid advances these days.

Agents Wanted. To handle patented household article. Ready seller and money maker for right person—Phone Black 362—or call at 1508 4th, this week.—Adv. 3-31-5t.

BREAKING ICE BARRIERS.

Dynamite and Little Tugs Lead the Assault on the Great Lakes.

Up on our great lakes winter holds those waters in a stiffened grip for several months, substantially putting an end to well nigh all traffic, but even so, it is the mission of certain of the big car ferry steamers to maintain something of an approximate schedule. However, every now and then the athering ice packs catch and hold them despite the best the steamers can do, and it is only by using dynamite that they then succeed in breaking through these frigid barriers. Occasionally it is a veritable battle between Titanic forces, and it takes courage for officers and crew to maintain the struggle. Success is not always the fruit of these strenuous efforts, because it is still fresh in the minds of many how gallant Captain McLeod and thirty others perished aboard the Marquette when that ship foundered in December, 1903.

What strikes one most forcibly, if he has seen winter conditions upon the great lakes, is the manner in which little tugs are used to break a passage clear for large steamers when their big fun are quite incapable of working their own way through the ice, notwithstanding their greater bulk and far more powerful engines. The secret lies in the fact that the tugs are able to roll about after poking their noses into the floe, and in this manner they attack the ice in a direction where it is least capable of offering effective resistance. Instead of assaulting the ice edge on where it is supported by hundreds of yards—if not, indeed, by several miles of solid pack—the small craft bear down upon a thickness of so many inches, and by sheer weight and the rapid shifting of this by a rocking motion, they force it asunder.

The big steamers upon the great lakes, especially the large car ferries, could do this very thing for themselves, and do it upon a greater scale, if they could be given the needful rolling motion, but the difficulty lies in finding a way to effect this.—Technical World Magazine.

FICKLE FORTUNE.

Romance of a Discredited Gold and Copper Mine.

When the great mineral wealth of this nation has been finally developed a chronicler will write the "American Arabian Nights of Mining." One of the tales, all of which will be true, will run somewhat as follows:

Once upon a time there was a poor man of the name of Billy Harris, who lived at Spokane, Wash. He was a horseman, among other miscellaneous activities, and had acquired a considerable block of stock in a certain Lerol Mining company, having taken most of it in payment from those who owed him money and who had no other assets more tangible. This stock had kicked about without a sponsor for two years and was nominally quoted at around 10 cents a share.

One day a friend came along with a handsome stallion, and Billy looked upon the animal with covetous eyes. Dickering began and ended by his paying over \$5,000 of the stock for the stallion. The seller, on sober reflection, became dissatisfied with his bargain and brought suit to recover the horse. He won, and Billy, with a sigh, took back his stock and bade the animal a fond farewell.

Eighteen months later Billy sold the same stock for \$250,000 and the remainder of his holdings for as much again. The Lerol mine was taken over by Whitaker Wright and an English syndicate and produced \$10,000,000 in gold and copper. It is not on record what the original owner of the stallion said or thought—and perhaps it is just as well.—Wall Street Journal.

Example of British Humor.

The late Lord Salisbury had a pretty wit. At the beginning of the South African war both his private secretaries volunteered, and they were followed, says the London Express, by the Duke of Norfolk, who asked to be allowed to resign his post of postmaster general and go to the front. "I suppose you may," said Lord Salisbury, "but I do hope Cross won't want to go." Lord Cross was then lord privy seal and was nearly eighty!

They Learn Early.

Bessie was sitting on the hotel veranda one afternoon when another child, gaudily dressed, began to parade up and down before her, dirting her fan and swishing her skirts airily. Bessie stood it as long as she could, but finally burst out: "Dresses an' fans does not make ladies."

"But they helps," the other flung back over her shoulder as she sauntered away.—Delinquent.

Source of His Love.

"Do you like your new mamma, Harry?" "Yes; I like her awful much." "That is nice. Do you like her because she is pretty?" "No. I like her 'cause I broke her nicest vase yesterday and she blamed it on the maid."—Judge.



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BETRAYAL GRAPHICALLY TOLD.

Was Caused by Weakness in Character of Judas That Led to Crime.

Betrayal by Judas was the subject for the noon day services today. In handling this subject Rev. Fyke described fittingly and graphically the betrayal by one who was considered a friend of Christ, and that it was therefore not an ordinary betrayal. He referred to the fact that the betrayal was caused by a kiss of supposed friendship, showing that it was the cause of some weak trait in the character of the man, namely that of covetousness.

Tomorrow Rev. F. Bussard of Bellingham, Washington, will be the speaker. The program for the rest of the week follows:

Tuesday, March 31.—He endured the agony and bloody sweat.

Wednesday, April 1.—He was betrayed.

Thursday, April 2.—He was denied.

Friday, April 3.—He was mocked, despised, rejected.

Saturday, April 4.—He drank the cup of sorrow.

Holy Week.

Monday, April 6.—The Cross, the revelation of man's sin.

Tuesday, April 7.—The Cross the revelation of God's love.

Wednesday, April 8.—The Cross our assurance of pardon.

Thursday, April 9.—The Cross our assurance of peace.

Good Friday, 12:05-1 P. M.

I.—"Behold the Lamb of God."

II.—"In the Cross of Christ I Glory."

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