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BUT, BE RIGHT.

In a pinch all will repeat stoutly the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country; may she always be right, but our country right or wrong." Short of the emergency, however, the slogan leaves something to be desired.

Patriotism, in common with the other passions of mankind, frequently is used as a screen to hide ignoble deeds. In this as in other countries, venal statesmen wave the flag to distract attention from their sins of omission and commission.

The invasion of Texas by southern slave owners had its root in a detestable motive, the desire to add the union territory south of the line agreed upon in the Missouri compromise, in order that the admission of free states should unsettle the balance of power in the senate.

Clearly that is not the brand of patriotism we have been taught to extol. Virtues carried to extremes have a trick of becoming vices. Against their swift development from moderation or insanity we must raise the defenses of reason, justice, probity and hard commonsense.

MORE INSTRUCTION ON TUBERCULOSIS.

For the purpose of securing more co-operation from physicians and nurses in the anti-tuberculosis campaign, the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis has inaugurated a movement to bring the importance of this subject to the attention of these two groups.

An effort will be made also to reach the individual practitioners and nurses by special booklets prepared for this



"Little Johnny" Clem, the littlest hero of the civil war, as it was 51 years ago, and Col. John L. Clem, U. S. A., as he is today.

purpose. The clinical and other facilities of the various organizations affiliated with the national association will so far as possible be made available for the widest possible use in training doctors and nurses in tuberculosis work.

"The object of this campaign," said Dr. Charles J. Hatfield, executive secretary of the national association, "is primarily to secure more accurate and earlier diagnosis of tuberculosis on the part of physicians and to show nurses the great opportunities of service in the home care of consumptives."

While the medical profession generally has unselfishly assisted the nation-wide campaign against this disease, it is felt that because of its prevalence, tuberculosis should be given special attention by medical students and practicing physicians everywhere.

A New York woman used an axe, an ice pick and a butcher knife on her husband. This may or may not be carrying militancy too far, depending of course upon the point of view.

When a French soldier receives the

cross of the Legion of Honor he has to be kissed by the general. Wouldn't the soldiers fight harder if the kisses were omitted.

It is a long road that has no turn. Down in Kentucky a man has been arrested for kicking a mule.

Spring Wheat Successful
Washington, D. C. May 28.—At the 10 more northern field stations of the great plains area spring wheat has been grown at a profit by at least one method of cultivation, but has shown an actual loss at the four southern field stations located at Hays and Garden City, Kansas; Dalhart and Amarillo, Texas. Spring wheat as a commercial crop is important in the states of North Dakota, Minnesota, South Dakota, Washington, Nebraska, Montana, Iowa, Colorado, Idaho, Oregon, Wisconsin, Utah, Kansas, New Mexico and Nevada, in the order named.

Extensive tests comparing the average yields at 14 stations for the same year show that there was practically no gain in yield on the ground that was fall plowed, following corn and oats, over ground which was plowed in the spring.

The greatest profit per acre at those stations where it has been possible to raise wheat at a profit was made on disked corn ground. This was made possible by the consistently high yields together with the low cost of preparing the land for wheat.

Subsoiling has proved of doubtful utility as a means of increase in yields. Although summer tillage has given the highest average yields of any method under trial, it requires the use of land two years to produce a crop, and an extra amount of cultivation to keep it free from weeds in the following year.

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pense of seed and seeding. There is a saving in cultivation, however, during the spring while the green manuring crop is growing, but this is offset by the necessity of plowing to turn the crop under, and is not sufficient to make up the cost of seed and seeding. It was found that the yields of spring wheat grown on green manure land were not commensurate with increased cost of producing them.

Some soils even in regions where spring wheat has been produced with a profit, show little response to cultural methods. It has been only in those seasons when the rainfall deficit is so small that it can be overcome by the moisture stored in the soil, that the cultural methods under investigation have showed important effects upon the yields.

The experimental work with spring wheat was uniform at each of the 11 stations. The wheat was drilled in rows from 6 to 8 inches apart, and in the more humid sections the seeding was lighter than in the more arid regions. The rate of seeding varied from 2 to 4 pecks per acre, although at Edgeley, N. Dakota where summer rains are more frequent and weeds more troublesome, the seeding rate was 6 pecks.

In current issue of Farm and Fireside a woman, living in a Gulf coast state, describes as follows how farmers in her part of the country are swindled: "A few weeks ago our community and in fact the whole rural population of the county was convassed by two men who claimed to be noted opticians. They sold one or more pairs of glasses at every house where one of the inmates wears glasses. The price was: Cheap glasses, \$10; best glasses, \$20."

"These glasses are just as a local optician sells for \$2.50 to \$5 a pair. Although the cry of hard times is in the mouth of every farmer, these doctors carried off enough cash to keep themselves in first-class style for many months."

"In the spring an agent traversed the county selling patent medicines, salves, liniments, etc. He told his customers he would notify them by

post what day to meet him in town the following November for their goods. "Strange to say that although our little town can boast of our three hundred inhabitants and the surrounding country is settled up by "one-horse" farmers, that patent medicine man stood on the station platform that November day and collected \$1,000 at a moderate estimate. He stopped in every little town on the railroad for collections, and must have relieved our county alone of \$10,000. These are only two instances, but there are many others."

SHILOH AND GETTYSBURG
Shiloh and Gettysburg! How far away And infant they echo to us! Yet today We view the marching ranks of blue-clad men And seem to see those storied scenes again.

Blare of the strident trumpet, roll of

drum! The while we listen stirring visions come: We see the glinting bayonet's cold flash And hear the armies meet in cosmic clash.

Cased colors—muffled drums—the solemn dirge! Across our souls the floods of sorrow surge; We see as in a dream, the battle dead And God's stars, smiling softly overhead!

Shiloh and Gettysburg—how far away! The "boys in blue" are wearing Time's own gray The remnant marches now—the hosts are gone; But evermore their glory marches on!

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