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HASTENING OLD AGE.

In this day and age "old age" is generally nothing more or less than "poor health" or better still "wrecked health."

It is another name for the falling due of the debts of youth—over-eating, over-drinking and over-playing. Few people nowadays live to a "ripe old age" because they do not know the meaning of the word, "moderation."

For instance, it is recorded that in Yorkshire, England, in 1501, one Henry Jenkins was born. He died in 1670, cut off at the age of 169.

He remembered well the battle of Flodden Field which occurred in 1513 when he was 12 years old. Records show he gave deposition as a witness when he was 157.

Nor was he but a mere doddering shell of a human. In his young manhood, when he was a little over 100, he was a remarkable swimmer.

Had he left his rule of living, which he didn't, it would have had for a keynote—moderation.

People born with good bodies which they treat well will live a long time, barring accidents, and so will some people born with poor bodies which they treat well.

But people born with good bodies which they treat badly or people born with poor bodies which they treat badly—they don't live long.

THE ENGLISH REPUBLIC.

Leading men of England are beginning to take seriously the talk about a republic, to succeed the monarchy when the war shall have ended and Great Britain begins to clean house.

Probably never in her history has England been brought to a realization that there has been such a wide gulf between the common people and the nobility, despite the fact that the people enjoy as much personal liberty as the Americans. The caste system in the tight little island has ever been inexplicable to the Yankee visitor.

The American, no matter what his position at home, fears not to go anywhere or to do anything in London, yet the native-born Londoner feels himself shut off unless he happens to be to the manor born.

During the progress of the present

war the common people have realized more than ever that they are the real bulwark of the nation. It is up to them to fight to maintain Britain's supremacy. The nobility has found it necessary to appeal to the common people. An intermingling of people from all walks of life has resulted, with an increasing respect for the commoners by the nobility and an increased feeling of self-respect on the part of everybody. There is no doubt that there will be a complete social and economic upheaval after the war.

A recent letter from London says that the prince of Wales is not at all alarmed over the growing demand for a republic. He is quoted as saying that if the monarchy went by the board, he would enter the motor business and suggested that his brother Henry, should become a carpenter. It is even said that the king, discussing the republic, declared that in case the people asked him for his throne, he would ask Sir Thomas Lipton to take him into partnership.

THE END OF VILLA.

Francisco Villa, former bandit and for five years a leading insurgent in Mexico, has notified his army that it will be disbanded and that he, personally, will escape to the United States or Europe. He will settle in the United States if permitted to do so by the government authorities.

This marks the end of a pyrotechnic career of this man as a revolutionist. His retirement at this time is very wise, as the de facto Carranza government, recently recognized by President Wilson, promises to be in control of all Mexico within a few months. Villa was on his last legs when he decided to quit.

Villa lost much public sympathy when he broke with Carranza and sought to grasp the dictatorship of Mexico after Huerta had been driven from the country by their combined forces. Since then he has been waging a guerilla warfare with, apparently, no definite policy for the future of Mexico.

The retirement of Villa should be a happy omen, for the unhappy Villa's power is broken forever and for the first time in years peace is in sight for the southern republic.

The next presidential message probably will contain a demand for "safety first" measures on the sea of matrimony.

Once in Greece, the kaiser will be treading on slippery ground.

No man has yet invented an excuse worth patenting.

War News of One Year Ago

London heard that Germany would annex Belgium at once and refuse to recognize Minister Brand Whitlock. A Copenhagen correspondent estimated German casualties at 2,000,000 and Austrian casualties at 1,500,000. The Allies made some gains through dense fogs in Flanders.

FOUR LEGGED GIRL DEAD.

Little Virginia McDonald of Virginia Had Four Arms Also.

Harrisonburg, Va.—Virginia McDonald, a little girl with four legs and four arms, who for four years has been exhibited at fairs and other public places all over the eastern part of the United States, died recently at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon McDonald, near Lebanon church, Shenandoah county. The child was five years one month and nineteen days old. She was sick just two days with tonsillitis and membranous croup.

When several months old she was taken to Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, where physicians and medical scientists examined her. They decided that it would be impossible to operate on the child without causing death. There have been other persons born with four legs and four arms, but they did not live as long as the little Shenandoah girl. They died either at birth or soon thereafter, according to reports.

She leaves her parents and three little brothers, and also a large sum of money. Her father is a farmer.

CONFUSED BY FINAL "E."

Notified Her Brother Joined Marine Corps, She Thought He Was Dead.

Portland, Ore.—Never having used the final "e" in her own spelling of the word "corpse," Mrs. Marceline Germain of Donaldson, Mich., was prostrated with grief upon receipt of an official communication announcing the fact that her brother, Joseph Ell Jollicoeur, had joined the United States marine corps and had named her as next of kin to be notified in case of death.

"If my brother is a corps of what did he die?" she wrote to Captain H. T. Swain, in charge of the local recruiting station of the United States marine corps, who had enlisted the man and was responsible for the notification.

The recruiting officer by return mail bade the sorrowing sister cease mourning and assured her that the "corps" to which her brother had lately attached himself was the "livest" kind of an organization.

ONCE BANKER, FULLER IS NOW DAY LABORER

When Bank Failed He Was Glad to Get Strenuous Job.

Winslow, Ill.—From a well dressed banker to a day laborer in overalls is the transition of J. Bradley Fuller, who, with his sisters owned and operated the private bank of Fuller & Son at Winslow. Necessity forced the former banker to obtain means of support.

The only occupation available was that of helping manufacture concrete blocks. He is paid \$2 a day for ten hours and is docked for every hour in which he is not occupied.

Upon the recent return of Fuller from the east, his departure taking place just one week prior to the failure of the bank, he was on the verge of nervous prostration. The sympathy of his friends assisted in restoring his nerves to their normal condition, and he announced his willingness to take any kind of work which afforded himself and his family a living.

After seeking in vain for some occupation more remunerative and with less physical labor involved, he went to work with the concrete firm and expects to remain there until something more inviting develops. His family take their reduced circumstances philosophically, all seeking employment in order to contribute to the common fund.

The report of the auditing board, of which D. E. Graham, president of the First National bank of Freeport is chairman, shows that the liabilities of the Winslow bank are \$168,647, while the assets are \$120,935. On this basis depositors will receive about 70 cents on the dollar. The auditor assumed that the assets credited to a furniture manufacturing company of Manitowoc, Wis., amounting to \$20,000, would not depreciate.

WIFE SAVED HIM.

Rode 300 Miles With Baby on Pony to Plead For Her Husband.

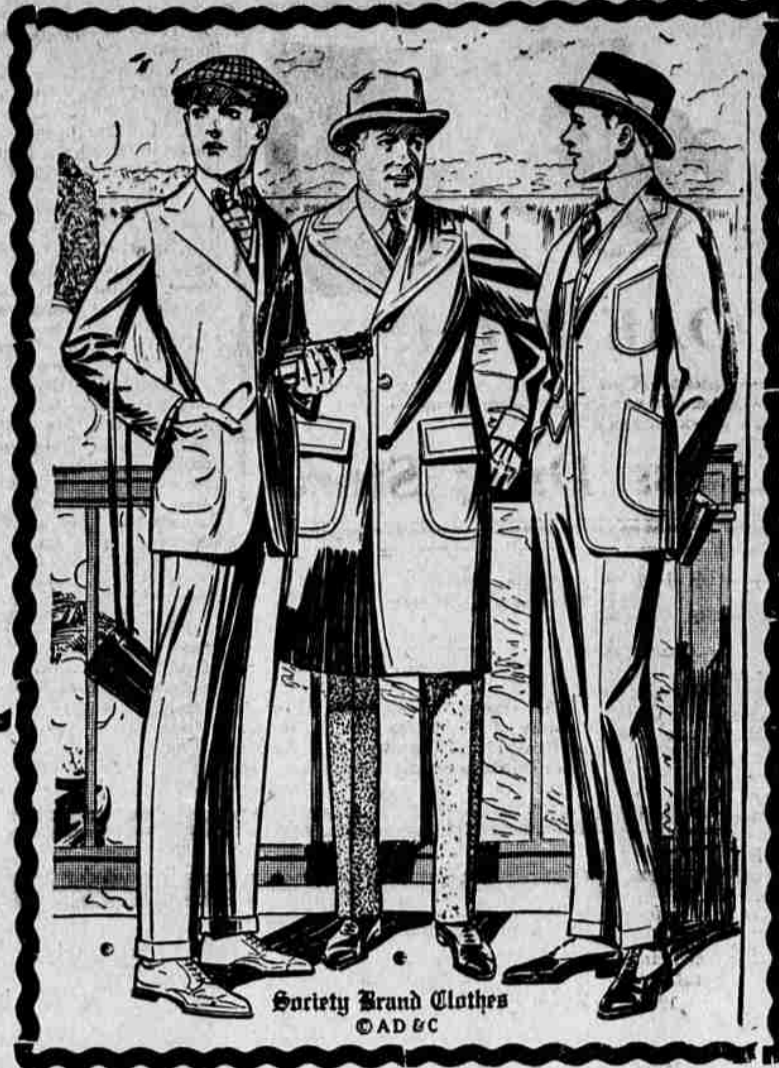
Salem, Ore.—The hardships of a 300 mile horseback trip made by Mrs. Walter Quick and baby of Lakeview over mountainous trails to plead for the release of her husband from the state prison were not without avail, the state parole board deciding to recommend to the government that Quick be paroled.

Quick will be confronted with the problem of reaching his home when Governor Withycombe orders his release. He has a homestead near Lakeview, 300 miles from Salem, and his only means of transportation is the pony on which his wife and baby made the long trip here.

Quick was sent to prison for the theft of a sack of oats and a box of shotgun shells.

Anti-girl Club Formed.

Kendallville, Ind.—Thirty-five young bachelors of this city have organized the Anti-girl club. To be caught taking a young woman to a theater, dance or other social function or home from church or even to make a social call will cost the member \$5. The "high cost of entertainment" is given as the cause for organizing.



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Recipe for making Dinner Rolls.

DINNER ROLLS.

Dissolve 1 cake FLEISCHMANN'S YEAST and 1 tablespoonful sugar in 1 cup milk, scalded and cooled. Add 1 1-2 cups sifted flour. Beat until smooth, add white of 1 egg well beaten, 2 tablespoonfuls lard or butter, melted, and 1 1-2 cups flour, or enough to make moderately firm dough. Add 1-2 teaspoonful salt with last of flour. Knead lightly, place in greased bowl. Cover, let rise in warm place until double in bulk, about 2 hours.

Mould into rolls size of walnuts. Place in greased pans, let rise in warm place 1-2 hour, or until light. Brush top of rolls with white of egg, diluted with water. Bake 10 minutes in a hot oven.

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