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AN AMERICAN HYPHEN, TOO.

"There was not a drop of American blood in my veins when I landed in New York scarcely 30 years ago; yet I can say today without cant, that if you drained every drop of my blood—and I am willing to give the last drop, if thus my words might be proved—you would find in my veins American blood only."

Thus spoke Edward A. Steiner, a professor of sociology in Grinnell College—30 years ago an emigrant Austrian boy, later a mine laborer, and now one of the country's sound thinkers. He is also an authority on immigration, and he says that, having met Americans in the cabins of great steamships and immigrants in the steerage, it is always in the cabins that he has had to fight the battles of Americanism, and not in the steerage. He says that the "hyphen" is most prominent in Americans who live abroad most of the year "and show their patriotism by eating turkey in Paris at Thanksgiving," and not amongst those who come to America for refuge and opportunity.

"I have seen the children of our American merchant princes in English and Swiss schools passing through educational processes which were designed to sweat out of them their American blood—

"If government by the people, of the people and for the people perishes from the earth, it will be from the exclusive suburb, and not from the foreign quarter."
There is a great deal of truth in this. The "hyphenates" we have most to fear are those born and bred in America who think they have found out that America is not good enough for them, and American ideals not good enough for their children. The thing that America pre-eminently stands for is more vitally realized by those who have come newly into contact with it, than by those who have heard of it as the commonplace of all their days since birth. Israel Zangwill's play, "The Melting Pot,"

was a true report of the immigrant's feeling toward America. But America itself does all that it possibly can to mar this ready receptivity toward American ideals in the minds of her newly arrived children. Industrially, we oppress them. Politically, we allow ignorant ward heelers to round them up in race coteries for voting purposes. Socially, we keep them apart under national names they have foresworn. As if the name "American" signified birth at all. It signifies ideals. The name "American" took its rise and got its original grandeur from men who were not entitled to the name in the sense of their being born Americans.

"He's an American"—if he stands on American principles, no matter what the color of his skin or what his race derivation. "He is not an American"—no matter if his forebears came over in the Mayflower if he does not stand by and support American principles. That is all there is to it.

There may be racial hyphens and sympathetic hyphens—but there can be no principle hyphens. One's traditions, memories and sympathies may be overseas, as is natural; but one's political loyalty, one's belief in principle, cannot be partly Cis-Atlantic and partly Trans-Atlantic. American all or none. And this applies just as strictly to born American as to any others.

An English scientist says that subterranean stores of radium are gradually increasing the earth's temperature which helps to dispel the depression caused by the statement that in a million years or so, ice would cover the planet.

A Holland man stipulates in his will that his wife shall have none of his estate in event she re-marries. One way of having the last "say"

There are 20 miles of trenches to every line of front, so that between Switzerland and the North Sea the British and French armies have at least 10,000 miles of trenches to guard and keep in order.

Mush, town in Asiatic Turkey, has been captured by British. Ought to make an appetizing breakfast for the allies.

Harvard now has a "perfect man." Does that fit him for a ribbon clerk or a truck driver?

Shipping Wheat From Elgin.

The Elgin Forwarding Co., has been busy the last half of February shipping out wheat that had been stored in their warehouse from last fall's bumper crop, says the Recorder. They have averaged a car a day and would have sent out more only for the shortage of cars. From the 15th to the 29th of last month they sent out 14 cars.

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14-inch tops \$6.50
16-inch tops \$7.00



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YOU MUST HAVE MONEY IN THE BANK TO SUPPORT ANY ENTERPRISE YOU MAY UNDERTAKE. WE WILL KEEP YOUR MONEY SAFE FOR YOU.

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When the child is subject to attacks of croup, see to it that he eats a light evening meal, as an overloaded stomach may bring on an attack, also watch for the first symptom—hoarseness, and give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse. Obtainable everywhere.

Watch Child for Worms.

Worms sap child's strength, rob child of food and make child fretful, irritated, nervous. Watch stool and at first sign of suspicion of worms give one-half to one lozenge Kickapoo Worm Killer, a candy worm remover. Gives immediate results, is laxative. Paralyzes and removes the worms, improves digestion and general health of child. Continue giving Kickapoo Worm Killer until all signs of worms are gone. 25c at your Druggist.

No Trace of Rabies

Baker, March 3.—Dr. F. T. Notz, who recently sent to the state bacteriologist for examination the head of a hog from Lower Powder, received word yesterday that examination had been made and no traces of hydrophobia were discovered. It was believed the hog was infected and had infected many others on the ranch of Charles Dubby, but the report will dispel fear that an epidemic of the disease had started.

Sign of Good Digestion.

When you see a cheerful and happy old lady you may know that she has good digestion. If your digestion is impaired or if you do not relish your meals take a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets. They strengthen the stomach, improve the digestion and cause a gentle movement of the bowels. Obtainable everywhere.

Advertised Letters.

List of letters remaining in this office for the week ending March 3, 1916.

Ladies—Brooks, Mrs. Alma; Blattner, Mrs. R.; Compom, Miss W.; Coejan, Mrs. Iva; Grant, Mrs. Jack; Hamer, Mrs. Audrey; Johnson, Mrs. J. A.; Latty, Mrs. Martha; Nicholson, Mrs. M. A.
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These letters will be sent to the dead letter office on March 17, 1916, if not delivered before. In calling for the above please say advertised, giving date of list.

E. E. BRAGG, P. M.

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Spear Head is made exclusively of ripe, red Kentucky Burley—the most richly-flavored chewing tobacco that grows. Still more, only the very choicest red Burley leaf is used for Spear Head.

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ing, rasping, tissue-tearing cough, heals the inflammation, soothes the raw tubes. Easy to take, Antiseptic and Healing. Get a 50c bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery today.



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\$35.00 Universal Range...\$ 9.98
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\$60.00 Power Furn. Co. Ajax Steel Range \$30.00
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