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THE LEGAL CONTRACT MARRIAGE

Those contemplating marriage or in that advanced beatific stage known as "engaged" will watch with interest the outcome of the marriage-legal contract scheme which New York City sponsors.

all the duties and obligations necessary to its welfare.

Why make the pledge in behalf of the community? If each lives up to his or her individual responsibility and obligations the community will have every reason to be satisfied.

Married happiness depends more on the disposition of the contracting parties than on the form of the contract. It is founded on a rock set deeper than man's laws, and that rock is mutual devotion.

One of the great things in marriage is a sense of proportion. The pathetic might-have-beens in the lives of men and women are due to a lack of this sense, which makes them struggle for and insist upon little things.

The presidential dark horse of olden times has given way to a Ford roadster.

POVERTY.

Side by side with American prosperity goes American poverty. It is present even after the last available

man is employed. The United States health bureau's report, just issued, gives us a shock with its picture of the extent of this poverty.

Poverty one would define as an economic condition, wherein the family, even if the bread-winner or bread-winners be employed, has not sufficient income to furnish itself with nutritious food, a habitable home, sanitary clothing and the fundamentals of education.

This federal report tells us that poverty, because of the inability of the poor to conserve their health, blights 4,700,000 people in the United States and is the direct cause of 250,000 deaths annually.

Bulletin No. 76 rather takes the wind out of the political platitudes. The wage statistics show that a very large number of people have not a sufficient income to maintain their health, and that inadequate diet over-shadows all other causes of diseases and deaths arising from poverty conditions.

Perhaps Dr. B. S. Warren, United States surgeon, and Edgar Sydenstricker, federal statistician, the authors of this depressing bulletin, aim to prod us a bit on domestic preparedness, lest the Germans may think it necessary to come over and shoot some food into our deserving poor.

Somebody has said that if Shakespeare were living now he would be writing moving picture scenarios.

Colonel Roosevelt says he will not pussyfoot for a nomination. F. T. R. ever tried to pussyfoot he'd have to walk on his hands.

Verdun is the scene of the longest battle in history. This is an honor that Verdun had thrust upon it, however.

There are 800,000 orphans in France. The tragedies of war remain long after peace has been declared.

England will fully realize that the war is on now that Ireland is taking a hand.

WOOD FLOUR USED MUCH.

Ingredient Vital to Manufacture of Dynamite and Linoleum.

More than 20,000 tons of wood flour, valued at \$30,000, are used annually in the United States in two widely different industries, the manufacture of dynamite and the manufacture of in-laid linoleum.

Wood flour is also used in making composition flooring, oatmeal paper, and in several other industries. It forms one of the means by which the huge waste product of the lumber mills is beginning to find some better means of disposal than the burner.

For use in dynamite, the trade demands are said to require a white wood flour, since the freshness of dynamite stock is indicated by a light color.

In the manufacture of linoleum, either wood or cork flour is used. The flour is mixed with a cementing material, spread out on burlap and rolled or pressed to a uniform thickness.

Two methods of producing wood flour are practical; one using millstones, the other steel burr rollers to pulverize the wood.

Wood flour mills are scattered over the country from Maine to California wherever the proper combination of wood and water power is available.

Our Want Ads bring results.

First Showing of the NEW SUMMER PARASOLS

Choose Now and Have 1st Choice

We show a large line of these beautiful Summer Parasols in a wonderful array of colors and color combinations, and popular styles—everyone fresh and new and no two alike in the entire line.

Now Here Lots of NEW HOUSE DRESSES

The good around-the-house dresses which housewifely women buy supplies of in the Spring just as inevitably as they buy a Spring Hat.

Bungalow House Aprons \$1.00 UP 50c UP

In all the Popular Shades

Women's Silk Boot Hose - 50c

All sizes and all the most wanted shades, also black or white in splendid silk hose for summer wear.

Warmer Days Remind You That It's Time to Buy That

SPRING UNDERWEAR

Our stocks are most complete for Men, Women and Children. Many new styles are here to select from.

Munsing-Wear Union Suits for Women

Spring Weight Union Suits in all styles—low neck, V-neck, Dutch neck, wing sleeves, no sleeves, elbow sleeves, knee length, lace knee, ankle length.

Women's Munsing Union Suits, priced 50c
Women's Cotton Knit Union Suits, tight, or lace knee 25c
Women's Finest Mercerized Lisle Union Suits 75c, \$1.25, \$1.50
Women's Summer Vests 10c, 12 1-2c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 35c, 50c

Kenosha Klosed Krotch Union Suits for Men

Here in all wanted weights and styles—Kenosha Klosed Krotch Unions for men are famous the world over because they do not bind or gap at the crotch.

Men's Athletic Loose or B. V. D. styles priced 50c, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.50, \$5.00
Men's Chalmers Genuine Porisknit Union Suits \$1.00
Men's Cooper's Light Weight Union Suits, knit of fine Egyptian Cotton \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50

N. K. West & Co. THE QUALITY STORE

WARM ONE UP AND SEE!

OLD JIM SPINKS SAYS YOU CAN'T ALWAYS PICK THE WINNER BY WATCHING A TRY OUT. MAYBE YOU CAN'T PICK THE PONIES THAT WAY — BUT HOW ABOUT

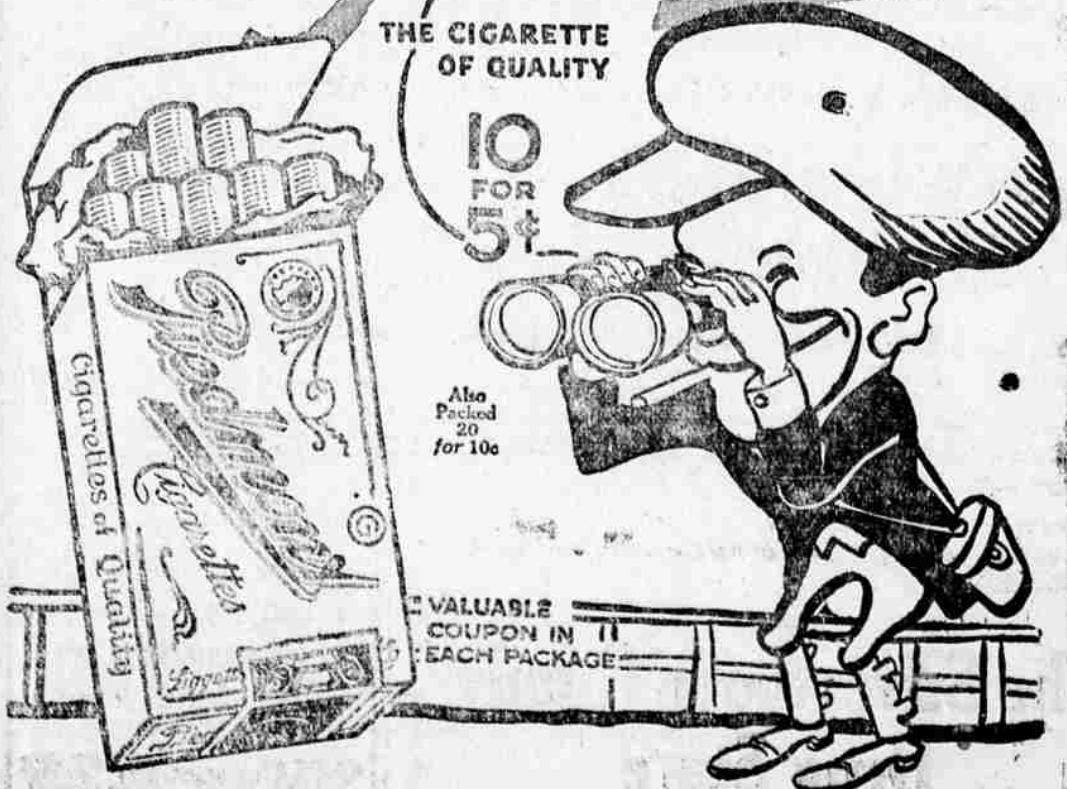


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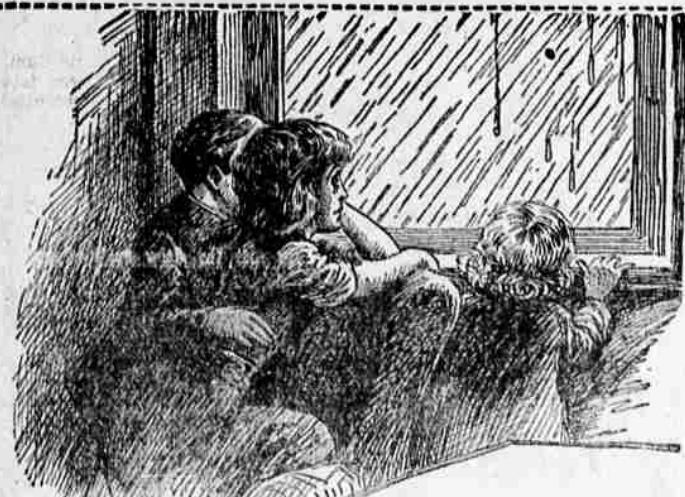
THE LUXURIOUS SENSATION YOU HAVE, THAT DELIGHTFUL ODOR YOU ENJOY, WHEN YOU USE OUR SWEETLY-SCENTED SOAPS ARE WORTH MORE THAN THE DIFFERENCE IN THE COST OF IT AND "CHEAP" SOAP.

SO OF ALL OF OUR TOILET PREPARATIONS. THEY WILL DELIGHT YOU.

WHEN YOU WASH TOILET ARTICLES OR MEDICINES OR "DRUG STORE THINGS" OF ANY KIND BUY THEM FROM US—YOU CAN "RELY" ON THEM.

Levy-Vogel Drug Co.

PRESCRIPTION SPECIALISTS. USE OUR REST ROOM AND PUBLIC PHONE.



The careful man puts his money in the bank. If he dies he won't leave helpless children.

ARE YOU A DADDY? YOU LOVE YOUR FAMILY; PERHAPS YOU WASTE A LOT OF MONEY IN "DRIBS AND DRABS" THAT IF PUT INTO THE BANK NOW WOULD GROW TO A BIG SUM.

IF YOU LIVE "YOU" CAN ENJOY YOUR MONEY, IF YOU DON'T IT WILL PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN.

YOU ARE SETTING YOUR BOYS A GOOD EXAMPLE WHEN YOU PUT MONEY IN THE BANK.

BANK WITH US. WE PAY 4 PER CENT INTEREST

La Grande National Bank

Capital \$200,000.00, Surplus \$50,000.00, Resources \$1,000,000.00
Fred J. Holmes, President; C. C. Penington, Vice President; F. L. Meyers, Cashier; E. Zundel and H. E. Coolidge, Assistant Cashiers.