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FREEDOM.

Two ideals of freedom are deadlocked in this war. The ideal of modern monarchialism stands for a perfected state, in which the outward lives of subjects are strictly regulated, their wants provided for, their daily actions supervised in detail. Democracy gives to the individual his voice in the management of the state and subordinates the purposes of the state to the will of the individual. In a monarchy personal freedom is supposed to exist after the demands of the state have been satisfied. In a democracy, the state itself is supposed to be controlled by the will of free men.

There is no question which form of government produces the most effective state. A civilized monarchy experiences none of the difficulties and failures that beset democracies. Subjects are completely in the grasp of a superior will, so far as public matters are concerned. Factions, divisions of opinion and experiments in reform mark the progress of a democracy. Folly has as strong a voice as wisdom, but wisdom and folly spring alike from the people and are not bestowed or inflicted by hereditary rulers.

The troubles of a republic, its growing pains and its halting development, are the direct penalties of freedom. The more freedom, the more struggle. An oyster, with scant powers of initiative, its career sharply conditioned at every point, has no problems. A man, who thinks and aspires and gropes in a field of liberty, runs continually into disappointments and adversity.

Prof. Richard Ely, of Wisconsin university, says that man is most independent "when he wants least, cares least, has least, knows least and is least."

This circles back to the oyster stage. Complete freedom becomes no freedom at all. There would be no consciousness of independence in the condition described by Prof. Ely, and no yearning for independence. Freedom invariably brings the hunger for freedom. It is a habit. A free state no sooner disposes of one perplexity than a fresh horde arises.

A smooth-running, self-satisfied democracy is a paradox. There never will be any such thing.

The problems that Lincoln faced are solved. Today's problems will be tomorrow's victories, and we will be hurrying into a fresh batch of them.

THE HEALTH OF SOLDIERS.

Out of every 1,000 enlisted men in the United States army, 629 report on the sick list during a year. In spite of the best sanitation and prompt medical treatment, the standard of health is low. Men cannot be maintained in barracks, without purposeful employment and without the normal restraints of home, without deteriorating, physically and morally.

There is nothing unpatriotic or scandalous or overdrawn in that statement. Nature never intended that tens of thousands of men in the prime of life should be isolated from community life and confined, under wearisome discipline, in an organization which can look forward only to bloodshed as a means of escape from wholesale tedium.

For the welfare of the man, and of society, marriage and a job are essential. Being a soldier is only training for a job, in times of peace; the soldier's real job is killing and in a life-time the summons to heroic action comes seldom.

When a large standing army is contemplated, these facts should be gravely considered. The enlisted man is in an intrinsically unwholesome situation. No wonder that he, and his superiors, come to yearn for war as a relief.

The McArthur damage suit against R. A. Hutton has established one thing at least. Attorney Jay Bowerman in cross-examining Mr. Hutton on the point of using the word "we" in the alleged libelous circular said: "Don't you know that Justice Mc Bride has defined the word 'we' in that sense as applicable only to an editor, an emperor, or a man with a tape-worm?" We are surely glad that we are an editor, for emperors are now having their troubles, to say nothing of the man with a tape-worm.

A reform of the Chinese language is contemplated. So long as the English language retains its present spelling, we have no cause to feel superior.

Possibly you are not so unfortunate after all. You're in your home country, while some Americans abroad wish they were, and can't get here.

A fight between an aeroplane and a dirigible has occurred, two miles above the earth. That's a long way to fall when whipped.

To Rid Child of Worms.

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Science and Nations.

True revolutionists, believe me, the real men of action, who are promoting truth and justice for the morrow, are scientists. Governments fall and pass away; nations grow, shine with splendor and decay. But what matter? The discoveries of science will go on, will increase, will give mankind more and more light and certainty. The close of a century is a small matter; the march of human progress will always be resumed; human nature will insist on having knowledge, whatever may be the obstacles. It is foolish to object that we can never know anything; we have got to know all we can that we may attain the greatest happiness. And therefore I say, How foolish are all the political disputes that excite nations! While the salvation of progress is supposed to be involved in the fate of a ministry, it is really the scientist—the man of learning—who will be the master of the future when he shall be able to enlighten men with a new spark of truth. All injustice shall cease when truth shall reign.—Emile Zola.

A Doctor of the Old School.

Doc Robinson never looked wise and kept things to himself about a case. He'd let me tell him every little symptom and listen respectfully, and he'd never go and whip out one of those surveying instruments and go all over a patient as if he were laying out a new state road. No! He'd crack jokes, gossip delightfully and suddenly turn around and ask Margaret if that wasn't a brand new dress she had on, feed little peppermint candies to the children and sit with several on his knees while he talked. He made his call a pleasant affair. Every one in the house enjoyed it and got the benefit of it—even the invalid. "Well," he'd say reluctantly, "Kit and I've got to jog along, though it's mighty comfortable sitting here by your fire. We gotta go 'way out on the Cider Mill road."—Helena Smith-Dayton in Cartoons Magazine.

The Habit of Saving.

The United States is thrifter than it is commonly given credit for being because statisticians most frequently quoted do not give all savings deposits and because a vast deal of savings goes on outside of savings institutions. Yet it does not live up to its opportunities by a long way. One of the country's ablest business men said not long ago that any one could tell whether he was going to succeed or fail by his ability to save. If he could not save he could not succeed. At any rate, inability to save for a man with an income above the bread line and no unusual ill luck implies a lack of self control that is not conducive to success.

Like nearly everything else, it is a matter of habit, and with a little determination to begin with the right habit is as easily formed as the wrong one. Try it.—Saturday Evening Post.

Gladstone Never Prime Minister.

Gladstone would probably have protested if any official document had described him as one of the principal secretaries of state, for he was keen on correctness in such matters. When giving evidence in a trial he was asked whether he was first lord of the treasury. He demurred at once to this description and explained that he was one of the commission for executing the office of lord high treasurer, "and I believe my name stands first on the list." In the same way it could be argued that Gladstone was never prime minister, for that post was first recognized officially eight years after his death. Sir Robert Walpole told the house of commons that he claimed no such title, and Lord North would not permit its use even in his own family.—London Spectator.

Where Van Tromp Died.

Texel, the low lying island at the entrance to the Zuyder Zee, was the scene of much fierce fighting between Dutch and English in the seventeenth century. It was off Texel that one of the greatest of Dutch admirals, Van Tromp, lost his life in 1653 in an engagement with the British under Blake, and near the same spot, almost exactly twenty years after, De Ruyter was defeated in a desperate conflict with the British and French under Rupert and D'Estrees. On Oct. 11, 1707, Texel again witnessed a heavy defeat of the Dutch, this time by Admiral Duncan.—London Mail.

Brier is Really Heath.

Brier pipes are not made from the wild rose brier. The name is a corruption of the French word bryere (death). The earliest brier pipes were introduced into England in 1859 and were made from the roots of the French white leath (Erica arborea).—New York World.

Good Likeness.

"Did Miss Sourgril have her photographs taken yesterday?"

"Yes."
 "Good likeness?"
 "Yes, must have been, for she refused to have them and demanded another sitting."—London Globe.

Suitable.

"What kind of an apartment did the singer get?"
 "I suppose nothing less would satisfy her than a suite thing in A flat."—Baltimore American.

Wise Girl.

Maud—Would you object to a husband who smoked in the house? Marie—Most decidedly. But I shall keep quiet about it until I get one.—Boston Transcript.

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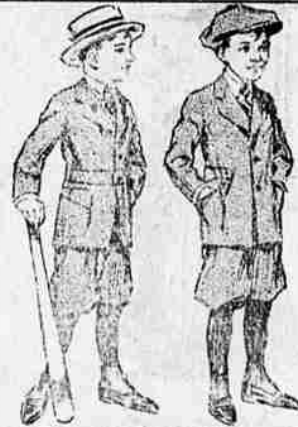
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