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NOISE.

Spasmodic attempts to curtail noise, are being made from time to time all over the country, while some cities have anti-noise associations with more or less influence. Physicians insist that noise has disastrous effects on the nervous system. "Hospital zones of quiet" have long been established in large cities. But we still have with us many sources of noise which are unnecessary, annoying and destructive.

Among these are the horn of the lazy automobilist who will not leave his car long enough to ring a doorbell, but warns the family of his presence by repeated honking; the cry of the vegetable vender; factory whistles which violate the law, motorcycle maniacs, whose engines can make more noise than a freight train; and the man who plays ball with an excited dog at 6 o'clock in the morning, before going to work.

The amount of temper which has been lost by these annoyances would be sufficient to keep the nation out of war for a thousand years. Thoughtlessness is behind some of this noise; carelessness of the feelings of others, indifference, selfishness are also factors. Noise is a relic of barbarism; quiet, the sign of achieved culture.

THE LAWYER'S FUTURE.

Dean Henry M. Bates of the University of Michigan law school recently outlined for "The Michigan Alumnus" the changing character of a lawyer's calling. Opportunities for the successful practice of law have become less, Dean Bates explains, through the working of new institutions, such as public commissions, the evolution of industrial and commercial combinations, a distrust which business men have acquired for the law as a means of settling their differences and through the legal services rendered by banks and trust companies.

To offset these factors, Dean Bates refers to the newer functions of the lawyer and mentions the specialization of Louis D. Brandeis in illustration. New questions are arising out of the conflict between police power and the constitutional rights of individuals and the dean makes it clearly

understood that the class struggle is at the basis of a growing demand for the services of lawyers of power and vision.

Other influences which will create a field for the exercise of legal talent are the war, which promises to bring up many issues of international law and connect this country with the problems of Europe, and the rights of the people in natural resources.

The law is often looked upon as merely an accumulation of precedence. Tradition and established formality are regarded as its mainstays. The modern spirit at work in this profession is expressed by Dean Bates' closing suggestion:

We have entered upon a period of social reconstruction perhaps unequalled in the extent, variety and fundamental character of the changes taking place. In the constructive and reconstructive processes of society, the lawyer always has been and always will be a peculiarly necessary factor, but to realize fully his great opportunity he must properly train and equip his mind and carefully guard the purity of his motive and conduct.

REDUCING WAR TO MECHANICS.

"The war of the future will not be a war of soldiers but a war of machines. The new soldier will not be a soldier but a machinist; he will not shed his blood but will perspire in the factory of death at the battle line." So says Thomas Edison. The master inventor bases his claims on the developments of the European war and adds that America is the greatest machine country in the world.

The soldier then, will never see the man he kills. Great guns that will not look like guns, but like machine shops, will be surrounded by mechanics who at a given order will press a button, pull a lever and—20, 30 miles away hundreds, maybe thousands of men, will be torn to pieces.

All the glamor and glory of war gone, no longer the clash of plumed knights, no longer such charges as gave Pickett immortality—merely a question of mathematics and machinery. Perhaps then a sense of humor will save the world. A commander will wireless his opponent:

"I have such and such a machine as against your dinky contraption. I have you checkmated. Will I press the button and send your mechanics to oblivion or will you surrender?"

A board of efficiency experts, working as neutrals could then compare rival machine shops and decide which one would blow the other up first if the battle went on. Dummies could take the place of the machinists if they wanted to try out the machines to test the rival claims. The silliness of it all would finally appeal to someone and the machinists and master mechanics would be sent to the factories to make lawn mowers, tractors, rocking chairs and baby cribs and other things worth while.

WASTING A SHEET OF PAPER.

"In the practice of economy there must be reason and due regard to rel-

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The Biggest and Greatest Saving Opportunity of Many a Season

The prices of woollens, trimmings, silks, etc. are swiftly mounting skyward. To buy the material alone today would cost more than the sale prices on these fine men's and women's garments.



Our regular high grade Spring and Summer stock—Garments which are of the best sort materials; every one new this season. The big reductions on them will be the greatest kind of inducements to all women because of the fast advancing prices. The clean-up prices on these Suits, Coats, and Dresses will by no means pay for the materials alone. Not one single Suit, Coat or Silk Dress Reserved—all go at just one-half price.

HALF PRICE

the Grand Big Cut which the July Clean-up Sale Brings on our Entire Stock Women's and Misses'

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Woollens and other materials are way up in Price. All the stores that have placed their orders for Fall Clothing have invariably paid a big advance. This means that suits next Fall will cost nearly double these sale prices. We would never do this if we didn't have to clear our stock—for every man's suit in the store is worth more than its original price—but then even if we do make this big sacrifice, you will become a steady customer of this store if you get a bargain like this from us.

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ative values, for in the saving of a little there may be the wasting of much. For instance," says the American Bankers Association in one of its talks on Thrift, "a certain bank president drawing a goodly salary, spends a great deal of time cutting envelopes for use as scratch paper. He is wasting his time, for if he is worthy of being president of a bank, his brain value is of so much greater worth than the paper value he is trying to save, that he is penny wise and pound foolish. He should be thinking out the problems of his bank, not trying to save it a few sheets of paper. On the other hand, it would be good economy for a large department store, burning hundreds of lights daily, to pay a man ten dollars a week to watch for needless waste of light and turn out those not in use." The same authority says:

A certain man dropped a nickel at a railroad station. In his endeavor to find it, he lost his train, lost his tem-

per, missed a business engagement that held up four other men, and caused confusion all round, and had to spend a quarter for a telegram to hold the engagement for his late arrival. That was poor economy. The point to be emphasized in all such endeavors is to impress upon the individual who wastes that if all were to do as he does, the loss would be enormous; and if all were to do as he should, the saving would be great. We are both careless and thoughtless. We leave our lights burning when they do no one any good. We leave the water running, forgetting that the meter is on its job all the time, and every turn of the wheel means money to some one, if not us. It is all very well to say: 'It's included in the rent,—yes, but the landlord has probably figured that out when he fixed the rental. You pay, not he, for every hour you burn a useless light, or let the water run to waste. "A certain school teacher, wide awake to impress these things upon her pupils, got her great chance one day. A little girl made a few figures on a sheet of paper and threw it away. The teacher asked why she wasted that sheet of paper, and the

pupil replied that it was only a sheet of paper, and besides, it was furnished by the board of education free.' Calling the class to order, she asked them to take out their pads and count the number of sheets. Then she told them what the pad cost and asked them to calculate the cost of one sheet—a fraction of a cent. She then told them how many pupils attended the schools of the city on an average of 180 days a year, and asked them to figure the cost if each pupil wasted but one sheet a day. The total was a surprise. "It's not the cost of a single sheet of paper, a single hour of useless light, a match, a cent or two, that counts—it's the cumulative totals that make the astounding losses. "There is such a thing as being mean and niggardly with yourself, eating only enough to keep body and soul together, wearing clothes until they are a mass of patches, and living a life of strict denial to all the bodily comforts. That is not the decently, you ought to live well, dress decently, and have wholesome pleasures, but be careful in your wasting, lest you be one of a great army, wasting maybe but a match a day, but

if a million others are doing the same thing, we burn up a lot of wood to no useful purpose."

TERSE SENTIMENTS.

W. H. Taft—I shrink from seeing my views in print.

King Constantine—I have always played safe.

Colonel House—President Wilson is a great man.

Clark Howell—Bryan will not work in double harness.

Lindley M. Garrison—I shall not make myself vocal.

Lillian Russell—Life is one long round of masquerading.

Henry Holt—It takes at least a year to write a good novel.

Edward P. Mitchell—The dodunk is not extinct like the dodo.

Congressman Cary—A "dry" national capital would be a menace to society.

George Ade—You can lead a boy to college, but you can't make him think.

Woodrow Wilson—I hope every man in public life will get what is coming to him.