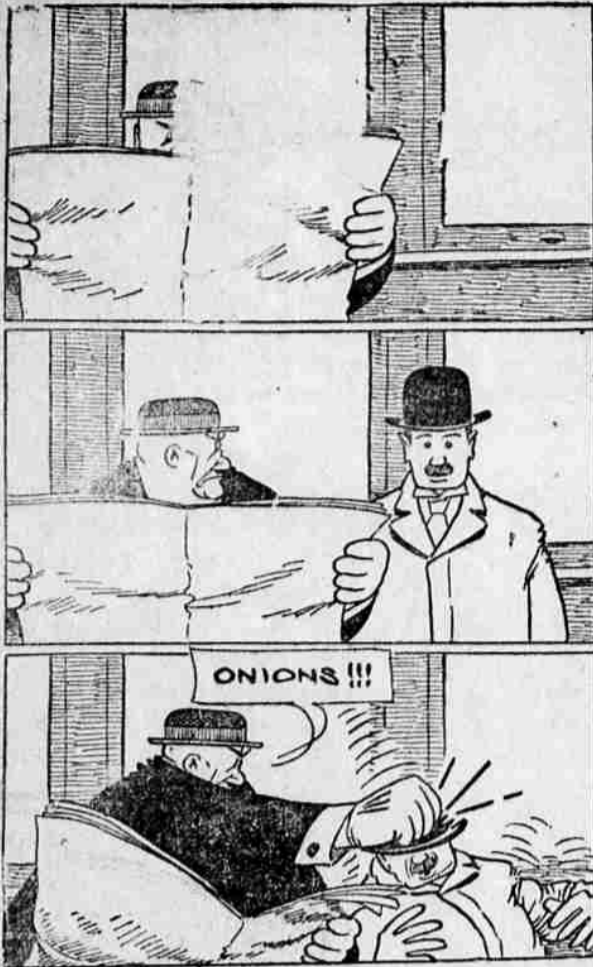


OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE



'White' a Misnomer. The fallacy of the average Englishman who regards black as white has been noted by G. K. Chesterton, the English writer. 'People,' he writes, 'ask whether the current color language is always correct. Ordinary middle phraseology sometimes calls black white; it certainly calls yellow white and green white and reddish brown white. We call white wine white which is as yellow as a school boy's legs. We call white grapes which are nearly pale green. We give to the European, whose complexion is a sort of pink drab, the horrible title of 'white man'—a picture more bloodcurdling than any specter in Poe.'

Peppermint. The preparation of peppermint is especially an American industry. The peppermint is cut when in bloom, like hay, dried, placed in close wooden vats and steamed. The oil boils, and the oil passes upward with the steam, which is condensed and conducted into a receiver, where the oil rises and is piped off. It takes about 350 pounds of dry peppermint to produce one pound of oil. An acre of land yields from six to ten pounds of oil, often more, even as high as fifty pounds.

THE PAST.

We do not understand the meaning of our youth, our joys or sorrows till we look at them from a distance. We lose them to get them back again in a deeper way. The past is our true inheritance. Its sacred lessons, its pure affections, are ours forever.—Frederick W. Robertson.

All the Same to Him. Provoked to an impatience that was little less than monumental because of the ceaseless reports of unimportant news of the enemy's doings, an army officer could restrain himself no longer. 'The enemy is continuing to fortify the coast, sir,' said the sergeant. 'I don't care if they fortify it,' roared the officer; 'it'll make no difference!'—Exchange.



WHAT CAN WE DO?

In a recent article it was recommended that women who wish to sew for the Red Cross should choose one or two kinds of garments and confine themselves to making them, rather than try to make many different garments. Often women who are willing to give time to sewing or knitting cannot afford to buy all the materials they need. In this case they can arrange to do the work for other women who are willing to buy materials but haven't time for the work. In some places the Red Cross chapters furnish the goods and give out work to volunteers who make up needed garments. Patterns for garments are all issued free of charge, medium and large sizes. The Red Cross instructions for preparing needed garments should be made to every one of the Red Cross chapters for American hospitals. The Red Cross is also issuing according to the instructions of the Red Cross by standard pattern companies.

the corners, and should be lined with heavy water-proof paper, which must extend over the top of the contents after the box is filled. When possible each box should be filled with only one kind of garments or supplies. Marking of Boxes. Boxes should be marked on top—'American Red Cross Division Supply Depot,' with the address to which the box is to be sent. The name and address of shipper, the serial number of the box, and a statement (stenciled on the wood) of the contents of the box should be given. A red cross 4 1/2 inches high and wide, should be painted on each end of the box. Express companies will accept gifts to the Red Cross, for shipment at two-thirds their regular rate, when prepaid and addressed as above. Chapters should ship to their division supply depot in one of the following cities: Boston, Atlanta, Chicago, Seattle, New York, New Orleans, Minneapolis, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Denver, Washington, Cleveland, San Francisco. An invoice or notice of shipment, giving the serial number of the box, or boxes, sent and duplicate copies of their inventories, should be mailed by all shippers to the chapter or division supply depot to which the shipment is being forwarded.

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CRITICISM

The American people are now approaching the period of war which results in a flood of criticism of public officers. Great Britain went through this period, so did France and Italy. War is such a stupendous task that all the weak spots in our machine come to public view. One of the weak spots of our national life is our eagerness to make money fast. In the Civil war this resulted in scandals over army contracts. It seems that we are to have scandals in this war, charges having been made in the United States Senate that army contracts were let to firms and corporations in which public officials were interested. The guilty rascals should be punished. But the people should be patient; we can't expect to build up a perfect war machine in one year. It will take time and great effort. We believe that everything is done that can be done. We believe that we will go through a period in which the deeds and mistakes of ignorant, incompetent and dishonest officials will be brought to light. We believe that they will be discharged or punished. Criticism should be constructive. Only a few serious mistakes have been brought to light. Many big things have been done in a short time.

FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS AND WAR LOANS

Representatives of fraternal insurance organizations and societies from every part of the United States, at a meeting in Washington called by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo on December 13, agreed to form War Savings associations and to conduct economy and savings campaigns all over the country and themselves invest and urge others to invest in Government War Loans.

A resolution was passed recommending to the respective organizations of the representatives present that they ratify and endorse the meeting in its purpose and co-operate in the campaigns for War Savings and Liberty Loans.

The enlistment of the united and active support of fraternal organizations in the campaign for economy and saving is a most hopeful sign. The fraternal societies of the United States wield a tremendous influence and form a body of citizens which is a great factor in our national life as well as in their respective localities. The value of their active co-operation and assistance in the War Savings campaign will be of incalculable value.

ON TRAINING OUR BOYS

It is easy to start our boys out wrong. Just now there is a great deal of talk about pacifism. The people of this country need to face some hard facts, they will face them. There is too much pacifism in the homes, in the schools. The American mothers and the school teachers who are really the mothers by proxy in this country, need to realize that this life is made up of many little wars, that it is full of hard knocks, that the beautiful idealism taught in schools and colleges is not of effect in the cold, cold world. School days are pleasant, but they should not result in taking the fight out of our boys. Boys should not be punished for fighting, for giving and taking blows in fair exchange. We hope that the women of our country will not turn out a race of mollycoddles. We are getting tired of some mothers who say that they would rather be dead than see their sons in the service of their country.

If this mild weather keeps up, Eastern Oregon will not fear a fuel famine.

The new British High Commissioner to the United States, Earl Reading, retires from the exalted office of Chief Justice to come to this country. He is a big man, a Jew who rose to the second highest position in England by dint of perseverance and brilliant intellect. He is coming to America, not only as a diplomat but also as a business man and executive. All of the British work in the United States, finance, purchases, etc., secret service, recruiting will be under his authority. We predict that his coming will be of benefit not only to Great Britain but to us. We need at this time the counsel and advice of big men.

It is now reported that the government is not to take over the meat industry. Perhaps the President thinks he has enough on his hands, running Congress, the war and the railroads, without taking on the trouble of all the village meat markets.

J. E. Reynolds is to be congratulated on his election to the vice-presidency of the State Fair Board. This means that in another year he will advance to the presidency, which we predict he will fill ably and acceptably.

No doubt the firemen think that automatic stokers are almost too good to be true. This labor saving device is one of a thousand others which are the marvel of their age.

Annual January Clearance Sale



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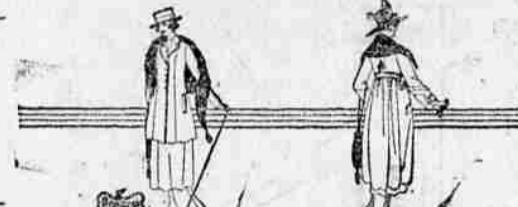
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RIPPLING RHYMES

By Walt Mason

The Safe Driver

Along the street I drive my car, my rate of speed is safe and slow. I pull up where the children are, and give pedestrians a show. Some day pedestrians will be, by statute, from our highways east, for any candid man must see that they're a nuisance, first and last. But since they are permitted here, in spite of motorists' appeals, I hold it wise my car to steer so they won't get beneath the wheels. I watch the street where'er I go, and dodge a livestock gone astray, and toot my horn that men may know my juggernaut is on the way. The road rules I have all by heart—I learned the whole blamed list, complete, and no man ever sees my cart upon the wrong side of the street. And while I exercise such care, while modesty my motor hums, along the teeming thoroughfare some bad, loosed speed fan comes. He knocks the sawdust from some gent who hasn't time to climb a tree, and then, without or with intent, he slams his car right into me. I say, when from the dismal wreck I climb, and realize the worst, 'The man who gets it in the neck is he who swears by Safety First!'

Was Feeling All Run Down. Symptoms of on-coming kidney trouble deserve prompt attention, for neglect invites serious illness. Louis Buckner, Somerset, Va., writes: 'I was feeling all run down; tired, with pains in my back. After taking Foley Kidney Pills I felt like a new man.' Backache, rheumatic pains, stiff joints, sore muscles, swollen ankles, puffiness under eyes, and sleep-disturbing bladder ailments quickly yield to this time-tried remedy. A boon to middle-aged men and women. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

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