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**EASILY LOST.**  
 When a person sails into the realm of hypercriticism it does not take long to get away from the initial starting point and become hopelessly lost.

In Portland the other day they had a drawing for Oregon and California land grant lands. There were about four times as many persons to share in the drawings as there were claims to be awarded. In this procedure some drew capital prizes while others necessarily got left, and it was on a game of chance.

Hypercriticism says that this is wrong and the Portland newspapers which have been publishing the list of the prize-winners in the lottery are going up against a federal regulation that forbids such publicity.

About a year ago a big drawing took place in the city of Washington to determine what lot of men out of a given number would be required to take the first chance in the battle fields in France. All wrong—dead wrong—the interests and even the lives of many are jeopardized by the mere turn of chance—that is to say, it is wrong in the view of the hypercritical.

Who would presume to suppose that there are those who can see no difference in the old Louisiana lottery, which deliberately robbed thousands under the plan of a lottery, and which was finally put out of business through statutory enactment—and that kind of a pool issue which everyone knows beforehand goes to a beneficiary fund?

Who is there, outside of the extremely hypercritical, who does not know that the gambling or trust-to-luck instinct is wholly eliminated in all these plans to raise funds for the Red Cross, whether in the raffling of a piece of fancy work or in the paying of an exorbitant price for a pig?

### ARE "HARD" LOSERS.

The Berlin press and the German war office are compelled to resort to the very highest type of strategy to make the German populace believe that the retreat from the Marne was pre-arranged and that the attempt of the "allied forces to pierce the German lines was a failure."

The Cologne Gazette says: "The object which the forcing of the Marne had in view was attained. Therefore it did not appear dangerous to retreat locally in order to save unnecessary losses."

It would have been a far different story had the German forces been able to continue the advance that was attempted a week ago. There was not then the apprehension later evident as to unnecessary losses.

It is a hard pill to take, but there is no other way out of it. There are several thousands of the German troops who know a great

deal more than is pretended to be known in Berlin as to how far the objects were attained.

### CROP OUTLOOK BRIGHTER.

As the harvest proceeds it becomes more evident that the estimates of the grain yield in Grande Ronde were placed too low. In many localities there will be fall grain fields that will show the old standard of forty-five and fifty bushels to the acre. But these instances are by no means numerous. The main peculiarity of the present season is that conditions have been more nearly a balance as between fall and spring grain than has been known in many years. While the hot dry period of the growing season was damaging to the fall sown fields the rains later brought out the spring wheat to an extent that will very nearly off-set the loss of the other fields. In one way and another there will be a grain yield largely in excess of that which was counted on only a few weeks ago.

### NEW IN SCIENCE REALM

Tokyo has about 45,000 telephones and 60,000 persons are said to be seeking the service.

An imitation wool for filling mattresses and pillows is being made from cork in Spain.

By treating eggs with certain gases a Frenchman has succeeded in keeping them fresh for ten months.

Japan is now producing about 6,000,000 pounds of camphor annually, a little more than half the world's supply.

Peaches are ripened by high tension electricity, discharged directly upon the fruit, by a process invented in England.

More small towns in Norway use electricity than in any other country, owing to the abundance of water power.

### PRACTICAL THRIFT

Milk is the best source of calcium.

New knitting bags are made of raffia.

Raisins have in them much nourishment.

Use a clothespin for scraping pans, etc.

The simplest meals are the best for health.

Never waste even the smallest amount of milk.

String beans and corn make delicious succotash.

Honey is one of the best kinds of sweets for children.

### FLASHLIGHTS

Tradition is the finest of a fine race that is past, that the youth of the present struggles ever to be worthy of.

Philosophy, as a general rule, is just a fine sounding statement of how a man wishes he could bear his troubles.

We can understand a lot of things, but the seemingly perpetual grinch of the railroad ticket agent is not one of them.

The best kind of an optimist is the fellow who hustles to get as much hay in the barn as possible before the storm strikes.

An American flag flying over a German-language newspaper building is the best definition of camouflage we can think of.

About the best praise that a man can get is to come to the end of his life and still be the man his wife is glad that she married.

### WORDS OF WISE MEN

Presence of the farmerettes may end the problem of boys leaving the old farm.

Your success is but a place where you stop for one night. When morning comes, march on.

Faith stimulates duty, but duty, rightly performed, strengthens faith. They react upon each other.

For everything you have missed you have gained something else, and for everything you gain you lose something.

What may be termed a one-man submarine has been invented to aid in searches for underwater objects, especially vessels that have sunk.

If you are thinking about a pretty hand purse, or a small shopping bag, that is just the very latest made and for really reasonable prices, and of good leather, you will be pleased with the new line of these goods that are arriving at Silverthorn's Drug Store.

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## CONVALESCING AT 'SOUTHPORT, ENGLAND



Southport, England, has inaugurated a scheme to provide holidays and recreation for the convalescent American soldiers. The first contingent of Americans who had been wounded and were sent to Southport to convalesce are having good times and at no expense, for everything is free to them. A pair of them is shown riding burros on the sands.

### POPULACE JOINS IN FAREWELL

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cheerfulness and the train pulled out with shouts of good-luck and good cheer to all.

The following is a list of the names of the boys who left this morning for Camp Lewis:

- Alexander Dee Davis.
- Theron Spiker Maxwell.
- Wilfred Alfred Fuller.
- Walter Leslie Bellus.
- Keene Gekeler.
- Lyman Aaron Behneknapp.
- Thomas Jacob Lovely.
- James Earl O'Bryant.
- George C. Cross.
- George A. Chadwick.
- Bernard Orton.
- Frederick Groul.
- Oliver McCabe.
- Joe Walmer.
- Arthur Vard Olson.
- Richard Henry Roberts.
- Leo Joseph Meler.
- Lee Cross.
- Harvey R. Oswald.
- Leland T. Beem.
- John F. Williams.
- John S. Morris.
- Rufus R. Keefer.
- Aldon L. Parsons.
- John G. Traverso.
- Willie L. Sargent.
- James W. Titus.
- Charles Frederick Beldin.
- John B. Masten.
- Wade Francis Shelton.
- John N. Young.
- Leroy Ross Jones.
- Ernest Vehrs.
- Guy Virgil Church.
- Clifton Alroy Phillips.
- Edwin Hartman.
- William Monroe Wiese.
- Albert C. Peterson.
- Clarence A. Becker.
- Clyde Owen Bloom.
- Victor Eckley.
- Benjamin Ray Kight.
- Raymond William Barker.
- William Winn.
- Raymond Waeltly.
- Scott A. Wheatley.
- Till Oliver Traverso.
- James A. Arnoldus.
- Ered James Wells.
- J. T. Roe.
- Ernest F. Organ.
- Leo Fred Roulet.
- Spencer D. Burch.
- Clarence Lee Moore.
- John C. Tally.
- Walter Hartley.
- George C. Brown.
- George T. Mangera.
- Joseph E. Anson.
- Mark Turner Oliver.
- James M. McNeill.
- Peter O'Rourke.
- Heber James Fox.
- Frank Merrill Childers.
- Clint Hartness.
- Roy Milton Bell.
- Harry Simeon Rood.
- Lynn Edward Hill.
- George T. Gettle.
- Alva Lee Clark.
- William Parks.
- Ben Robert Duffey.
- John H. Shields.
- Wallace Anderson.
- Niel Price Kight.
- Francis Edward Herr.
- Jack Bayless.
- Owen Scott.
- Guy Parker.
- Leroy Cecil Keagle.
- James M. Burnett.
- Joseph Stephen Grant.
- Roy Alexander.
- Henry Lewis McCallum.
- Cecil Bates.
- Earl Monroe Rand.
- Harry E. Banton.
- Glen Lawrence Atchison.
- Burr Meyers Controd.
- Roy Vandermulen.
- Owen Taylor Chilton.
- Frank Elmer.
- Earl Edward Chandler.
- Edward Van Scott.

The following men have been transferred from other boards to this county for entrapment:

- Everett Ray Keagle, Wallawa Co.
- Earl J. Woods, Wallawa Co.
- William P. Shaw, Weiser, Idaho.
- Ernest M. Fisher, Cody, Wyo.

"French English and English-French Dictionary, also 'The French One Wants to Know,' at Newlin Book and Stationery Co. 7-29,31

House Many Centuries Old.

What is believed to be the oldest inhabited residence in the world is a mansion in Gerwang that was built in 700.

### JAP AGREES TO ENTER RUSSIA

Will Co-operate With United States "With No Designs."

LONDON, July 23.—(By United Press.)—Information has been received here that Japan will agree to the American proposal for joint intervention in Siberia. Russia is to be assured that the entente has no aggressive designs in intervening in Siberia, in fact, is only taking action for the ultimate benefit of the Russians themselves.

It is stated that the Seiyukai, the leading party in Japan, which has long opposed intervention in Siberia has now decided to abandon its hostile stand.

The censorship is already on in Japan and the newspapers have been warned against publishing any news of troop movements.

### Fighting Doors.

All the doors should swing high enough from the floor to clear any rugs placed near them. And they should be placed so that they will not jam against one another. I know of two doors in a house that persist in locking knobs just as two angry bulls lock horns in mortal combat—or is it clear that do this? And when these doors are in that position, you can't get out, but have to buck out, go around another way and separate them. We don't intend having any doors like that in this house.—Harry F. Shumway, in House Beautiful.

### Much Different.

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### BATTLE FRONT ETIQUETTE

Steel trench hats should not be raised upon the arrival of a big Bertha.

Arriving German shells have the right of way. Always stand aside for them.

Spats are no longer de rigueur in trench service, and may be done away with altogether.

It is considered a serious social error to ask for a fingerbowl when dining on chow in the trench.

Loud and boisterous comments are considered bad form when out on listening post at night.

It is not necessary to have a formal introduction to a Boche before transacting war business with him.

It is not necessary to purchase a hatbox for your steel helmet, and in place of a hatbrush carry a cake of sand soap.

Calling cards are seldom used at the front. It is much better form to engrave one's name on the bayonet and present it to the Hun in the customary manner when visiting in No Man's Land.

Week-end parties are practically abolished at the front. When the enemy accosts you with the cheerful greeting, "kamerad," make it plain to him that he must remain your guest for the duration of the war.

Need You Worry About This?  
 The edges on the \$20 gold pieces wear holes in your pocket.

### Soldier's Cough Is Cured.

Private Harold Hamel, 66th Regt. ment, Ft. Adams, R. I., writes: "I was troubled with a bad cough for three months. I used a sample of Foley's Honey and Tar and felt greatly relieved. I have since used two five bottles and I recommend Foley's

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