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An Automatic Adjustment.

There is a good deal of theorizing indulged in at the present time as to what will be done with the returning soldiers. The conditions are subject to many changes, but in the main the situation will take care of itself. One of the "bank" propositions is to put the fighting bids on some huge brush plain or among some denuded timber and let them fight against the stumps till they have figuratively made the "desert bloom." How ever well meaning such proposals may be there is probably not one soldier in a thousand who would take up with such a proposition as a gift. It would be the same as facing a long and almost life-time job if they die. Such lands that do not appeal to those who did not go to the war and who have had years of chance to do something with them, will not be much of an attraction to the boys who come back from France or from the American incursions. But this is nothing to worry over. There is a great opening on the farms already in tillable condition and no doubt large numbers of them will find places which they vacated when they left for the service. There is little need to worry about them because there is room for all such without displacing any one else. A great many others, who were not engaged in farm work, left positions which is a general way, are still open. All of them lived and had in practically all instances places before they left and there will be just as many places to be filled after they return.

The whole proposition of "taking care of the returning soldiers" will to a very large extent take care of itself. It is reasonable to expect that the young "veterans" will have the first call to places where they can be of useful service and the country, in any case, is not yet to that extremity that requires a plan of colonizing them on some out-of-the-way corner of the public domain which nobody else wants.

STATEMENTS ON WHO WON WAR

Arthur Brisbane: "Woodrow Wilson won the war. He also started the revolution in Germany."
Joseph Daniels, secretary of the navy: "Admiral Wilson, with the more or less conspicuous help of the United Press, won the war on Thursday, November 7, 1918."
Newton D. Baker, secretary of war: "I don't make that last trip to France for nothing, although I must confess I was 800 miles away when the terms were signed."
Herb Hoover: "I said food would win the war, and it did."
Gerald Stanley Lee: "My articles on how to win the war by advertising won the war by reason of the 2,000,000 weekly circulation of the Saturday Evening Post."
George Harvey: "God be praised, Albert H. Lindner, the labor boss, has been told that I had been in the United States. I should worry about getting the credit."
It was such a big piece of news when it finally broke, that most of the war reporters gave up in despair, their efforts to win an original angle being simply . . .



Christmas Gifts and Good Will

YOU KNOW the value of a gift isn't in what it costs, but in the good will it represents. Just now, when the world needs it more than anything else, it is a good idea to put extra emphasis on the **GOOD WILL**. For reasons of economy all gifts this year should be useful gifts—find out what your friends and loved ones need—something he or she will have to buy anyway—sooner or later—give something like that. There are plenty of such gifts. You'll find lots of them here in our store—gifts suitable for men, women, children.

Here are Some Suggestions:

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| SHIRTS | SHOES | SILK KIMONAS | INDIAN BLANKETS |
| GLOVES | SLIPPERS | BATH ROBES | WOOL BLANKETS |
| UNDERWEAR | MOCCASINS | SILK UNDERWEAR | TRUNKS |
| PAJAMAS | CARRIAGE BOOTS | WAISTS | HANDBAGS |
| UMBRELLAS | SILK HOSE | DRESSES | SUIT CASES |
| HATS | WOOL HOSE | COATS | HOUSE COATS |
| NECKWEAR | HANDKERCHIEFS | SUITS | MACKINAW |

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DON'T WASTE WHAT YOU'VE CANNED.

This was recently on the pantry shelves of a patriotic but thoughtless woman: One quart can with about a cupful of chow chow in it, no longer fit to eat, and one jelly glass with a few slices of jelly left to dry up and be "wasted." Are they on your pantry shelf?
This may have been a common sight a few years ago when all ate what we wanted and threw the rest out, but now when every spoonful of food may be put to use to have the benefit of a dinner of jelly can be wasted. The housekeeper argues that she cannot so much fruit and vegetables, but just couldn't find enough strawberries and small jelly and jam glasses. Her family is so small they grow tired of one kind of chow chow, or sauce or vegetables, before the can is used up, and just a little—a very little—is wasted each year.
Here are a few hints that will help because your family is small you will undoubtedly open the pint cans first. This will leave small empty jars in which you can cook any left-over fruit or vegetables you think your family will first of all use. Or you might carry over a quart or pint of jam to your neighbor when you have to open a two quart can. Some day she will return, perhaps, with a bowl of jam which she is not anxious to use at all.
Under the conditions you should use small fruit or vegetable cans.

You would better say nothing complimentary of a man than to tickle the end of the compliment, "but I wish you wouldn't."
First number N. M. C. A. High School Lyceum course, Tuesday, Dec. 10th. It will be treat. Don't miss it. 12-5-18 pd.

Helping Farmers With Their Grain

The Federal Reserve Banking System established by the government stands back of the farmer from the time he breaks ground till his crop is harvested. Special facilities are provided for carrying grain in elevator.
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SNOW FLAKES

Luncheon Suggestions
Serve Snow Flakes—the dainty salted cracker with bouillon—sardines, creamed fish, salads, Welsh rarebit, etc.
Don't ask for Crackers, say Snow Flakes.
Your grocer can supply you.

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