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My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty.

Putting English Girls Back in Their Old Places.

They are having strenuous times in England demobilizing their 1,000,000 or so female munitions workers, and all because the girls who have been working for from \$18 to \$29 a week in the factories do not take kindly to the suggestion that they return to their old positions as domestic servants at \$3 or \$3.50 per week.

They do not like the prospect even though their government reminds them that times are trying, and urges them to show the same noble spirit of sacrifice now that they did in war time.

It is very true that wherever the problem of demobilization looms large the labor situation is extremely difficult, and every one will have to do his share of sacrificing.

But for any government or private individual to urge that any girl work as a domestic servant at a wage of \$3 to \$3.50 a week is all wrong.

This is not a living wage in England or in any other civilized country, even if the maida do "get their board and rooms, too."

The value represented by that same room and board in the average household does not equal by a good deal what the girl would earn in over time in any factory if she were on duty as many hours as she is when employed in the household, and any girl would prefer any day a job with hours and wages permitting her to live and play among her own kind.

Conditions being just what they are, undoubtedly it is desirable for women everywhere to turn as far as is possible to those kinds of employment which will interfere the least with the employment of men.

Housework belongs in this class, and offers a large field. Nevertheless, it is shameful to ask the girl to take any job at starvation wages. She will not do it; or if forced into it by want she will become a dissatisfied, ugly, menacing member of society, bitter with a sense of wrong.

This is not the way to solve the problem. The way to solve it is by raising domestic service and other characteristically feminine occupations to a point where because of the fairness of the wages and hours they attain a dignity commensurate with the factory job.

Until this is done England and America both will suffer from a surplus of empty kitchens and a surplus of idle girls, and of men idle because the girls would not give up good jobs for him.

Funeral Obsequies of 'J. B.' in Four Months

The country is now definitely voted dry. More than the requisite three-fourths of the states have ratified the federal prohibition amendment.

Others will ratify it during the next few weeks for good measure. It is not likely that more than half a dozen will withhold their approval.

The amendment does not become immediately operative. It is to go into effect one year after ratification. That means a little more than one year from the present time, because the ratification is officially dated at the time the secretary of state receives formal notice from the state governments.

The constitutional amendment, therefore, must wait until February or March, 1920, for fulfillment.

Actually, though, the whole country will be dry long before that, as a result of the congressional act which became effective July 1, 1919.

That act prohibits only the prohibition until the army is demobilized. It is hard to believe that the demobiliza-

tion will be completed before the amendment is effective. Actually, then, the liquor traffic has only a little more than four months to lease of life.

Wet states and wet communities will probably make the most of it. The more they make of it, the gladder most people will be when it is all over and the nation can settle down to a period of permanent sobriety.

Restricting Publicity Concerning Peace Meeting.

There seems to have been considerable misunderstanding as to the nature of the "open diplomacy" expected at Versailles by all Americans.

Some of the newspaper correspondents have been pained to discover that they will not be admitted freely to the daily sessions and allowed to report the deliberations in full.

It develops that nothing of the sort was ever contemplated by any of the statesmen concerned, and that indeed a policy of unrestricted publicity would be dangerous and possibly disastrous.

It is something like the executive sessions of the United States senate or house of representatives, as compared, with the usual open sessions. The press is not admitted, but the results of the proceedings, when in proper shape, are given to the press.

There is to be a diplomatic communique every day, like the army communique that gave the official news while the fighting was in progress.

This method, restricted as it is, represents a gain over previous peace conferences. The public will be taken into the diplomats' confidence more than ever before.

News will be held up only as long as its publication would serve to make trouble and interfere with the success of delicate measures.

There may not be so much publicity from day to day as the newspapers and the public would like.

But assurance is given that there will be no possibility of betrayal, because nothing final will be done without informing the public.

There will be no "secret treaties," made and filed away in government archives without public knowledge.

And this, experts say, is the real meaning of the phrase, "no secret diplomacy." The diplomacy of the big conference will be "open" because it will all be placed on public record and submitted to public approval before the nations concerned are finally committed to it.

European Immigrants May Still Be Needed.

In 1914 our country absorbed 1,200,000 immigrants.

For ten years previous to 1914 we absorbed over a million a year.

The returning armies are not going to disturb labor conditions as much as many imagine.

Wars make individuals restless, discontented and hence there is an enormous labor turnover.

There is no normal labor supply possible in times of normal prosperity without a large foreign immigration.

The first generation born of immigrant parents under the transforming power of the Melting Pot are unwilling to do hard work as common laborers.

Our country will always need some immigrants from crowded countries to supply the demand for labor on the farms, in the mines, and in conducting all the raw material industries.

There is no question about that. The only question is how many do we need and of what character?

For certain sections the industries prefer northern Europeans, others demand Mexicans, others Italians and southern Europeans, and other sections prefer Orientals.

Those who would exclude all immigration take a narrow view of national traditions and national needs for development.

All the world's a stage, and the movie camera is filming every act. Pictures were taken the other day in Berlin of the Red battle. Well, there is nothing like the pictures to show up bad actors.

When the country goes dry will automobile tourists have to run their cars with steam, or can they get "it" at the druggist's if they have a physician's prescription?

WITH THE SAGES

There is nothing little to the really great in spirit.—Dickens.

Each of our life is spent in marring our own inducements.—George Eliot.

Excellence is never granted to a man, but as the result of labor.—Sir Joshua Reynolds.

Individuality is everywhere to be spared and respected as the root of everything good.—Richter.

How easily we accept fallacies, when we are looking for an excuse for not doing our full duty!—Augustus C. Foster.

An inquisitive man is a creature naturally very variant of thought. If, and therefore forced to apply to foreign assistance.—Biedle.

A WANT AD will do it.

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A man may know a dollar at eight and still not know its value.

It sometimes happens that a man's bluntness is due to his sharpness.

The trouble with most men is that they have to die to be appreciated.

Some presidential timber is unavailable because it is too stiff to bend.

There is electricity in a kiss, says a scientist. Certainly they can shock.

Even the man whose reputation for veracity is unimpeachable cannot afford to lie.

If a man draws a blank in a lottery he can tear up the ticket; but it's different in matrimony.

There is always a breath of suspicion about the man who carries clothes in his vest pocket.

Though a man may think himself popular with a widow, he must know that he isn't her first choice.

Only true friends stand by you when you are under a cloud. Swarms of insects surround you when the sun shines.

It's difficult to convince a man that his wife doesn't love him in the same old way as long as she continues to go through his pockets.

FAMOUS SAYINGS

Corn is the sinews of war.—Works.

He did not care a button for it.—Works.

Nothing is stronger than custom.—The Art of Love.

Subject to a kind of disease, which at that time they called lack of money.—Works.

They come to see; they come that they themselves may be seen.—The Art of Love.

It is the mind that makes the man, and our vigor is in our immortal soul.—Metamorphoses.

How shall I be able to rule over others, that have not full power and command of myself?—Works.

Then I began to think that it is very true which is commonly said, that the one-half of the world knoweth not how the other half liveth.—Works.

FLASHLIGHTS

After a man has been secretary of some organization he usually quits hungering for office.

The reason they say "a fool for luck" is because if a fool accomplishes anything he has to have luck.

The man who has been too busy to be a friend usually finds the world just as busy when he needs one.

Once in a while you run across a humble man who admits he would not make a good president of the United States.

The reason there are two sides to every question is because there are usually two or more people interested in it.

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Formal Suit in Rich Pile Fabric



Anyone who can remember all of the new names by which the various and beautiful new pile fabrics are called may go to the head of the class in memory culture. They are all plishes in reality, and they promise a season that will be memorable for the rich effects they make possible in formal suits and in afternoon and dinner gowns. No commonplace designer is worthy such fabrics, and they have inspired artists in woman's apparel to such efforts of elegance as appears in the costume pictured above. Among many handsome suits this was the star at the recent style show at Chicago.

This suit is made of a black fabric resembling panne velvet but having a longer nap and therefore a sturdier appearance. Black is never sadder in these brilliant surfaces, and this fabric is both brilliant and rich. Its designer has succeeded in the season's vogue for lengthened skirts, tunics, wide, soft, girdles, the straight-line silhouette, and incorporated all of them into an original model that handles them in a distinctive, individual manner.

The skirt in this suit has a tunic that is uneven in length and a straight line, except for a bit of drapery at the back. The coat is more accurately described as a jacket, with high muffled collar and fronts much longer than the sides or the back. The fabric is just the right background for very handsome cut steel buttons, used with just the right reserve, in two sizes, on the front of the coat. There are four of the smaller buttons at the back. Coat and skirt are wedded by the most clever of wide girdles, which loses itself in the novel back drapery. The lengthened skirt may not be accepted for practical cloth street suits, but it is most appropriate for this affair, with its air of limousines, conservatories, and grand opera.

Julius Bottomley

PLANNING FOR PLANTING

In planning for the planting of your crops you are very careful to put the right crops in the right place. You don't close your eyes and put any kind of old seed in any kind of old worn out soil. You get the best seed you can find and put them into the soil and have the soil in good condition—you try to get everything in shape for good results.

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PHYSICALLY FIT AT ANY AGE

It isn't age, it's careless living that puts men "down and out." Keep your internal organs in good condition and you will always be physically fit.

The kidneys are the most over-worked organs in the human body. When they break down under the strain and the deadly uric acid accumulates and crystallizes look out! These sharp crystals tear and scratch the delicate urinary channels causing excruciating pain and set up irritations which may cause premature degeneration and often do turn into deadly Bright's Disease.

One of the first warnings of sluggish kidney action is pain or stiffness in the small of the back, loss of appetite, indigestion or rheumatism.

Do not wait until the danger is upon you. At the first indication of trouble go after the cause at once. Get a trial box of GOLD MEDAL Hamlen Oil Capsules, imported direct from the laboratories in Holland. They will give almost immediate relief. If for any cause they should not, your money will be refunded. But be sure to get GOLD MEDAL. None other is genuine. It is sealed boxes, three sizes.

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ACQUIRING A PERFECT FIGURE



Most women who have perfect figures did not have them originally. They have acquired them. A woman gradually takes the shape of her corset so the corset produced by the most artistic designer is the right one to wear to secure a perfect figure.

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HAS ANYONE

- Died—
- Eloped—
- Divorced—
- Embezzled—
- Left Town—
- Come to Town—
- Had Twins or Colic—
- Sold a Cow or Lost an Auto—
- Laid in a Stock of Whisky—
- Stolen a Dog or His Friend's Wife—
- Committed Suicide, or Murder—
- Fallen From an Airplane or—
- Fallen Into a Coal Hole or—
- Fallen Into a Legacy?
- Had a Fire—
- Had a Baby—
- Had a Party—
- Sold a Farm—
- Been Arrested—

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