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

High Prices That Are An Incentive to Live.

It develops that the cost of living has kept pace with the cost of living, and even outdistanced it. An inquiry in New York City shows that even a "modest" funeral may cost nearly \$1000. What an elaborate funeral costs is not revealed. Burial expenses in general are 50 to 100 per cent higher than before the war. The same situation would probably be found in almost any city.

Undertakers, while referring to the increased cost of nearly everything that enters into a funeral, lay emphasis on two factors: first, the "casket trust," which they say charges exorbitant prices for its product, and second, the "vanity" of the contracting parties.

The exactions of the "trust" referred to are said to be facilitated by an actual shortage of caskets, due to lack of materials and the abnormal demand caused by influenza deaths. The casket-makers charge all the traf-

fic will bear; and the traffic, in this case, is of such an unusual character and the question of price and quality involves so much family pride and sootiveness, that it is no wonder the prices soar.

Sheer "vanity," no doubt, often enters into the matter. But in general, it is rather a natural desire to honor to the dead, and an indisposition to haggle over trifles in time of sorrow, that makes the ordinary funeral elaborate and costly out of all proportion to the resources of those who pay for it. It is recognized that it would be a blessing if a more modest standard could be established, but that is a difficult matter.

There is one way out. Cremation, though it has risen 150 per cent, is still amazingly cheap compared with interment. Preliminary ceremonies, of course, may cost almost any amount, but no casket is required, and the actual cremation in New York and some other cities is said to be only \$25. That fact, added to the various practical arguments against the old method, is likely to increase the popularity of cremation.

American Movie Films to Go to Germany.

Some Germans are highly indignant over the discovery that a contract has been made with an American film company calling for the importation into Germany of \$5,000,000 worth of Yankee films a year.

The indignation, however, seems to emanate mostly from the German film interests. They insist that Germany ought to be exporting films instead of importing them. The German press is said to show little enthusiasm for their point of view. One German paper tells the blunt truth about the matter, explaining that "German films have become unsalable anywhere outside of Germany, because of their unappealing filthiness." Another paper corroborates this, saying that "under the pretense of enlightening the public, the German film producers cater to the most debased human instincts."

All this is true enough, as anyone familiar with Germany knows. It is the same trait that has long been familiar in other forms of German art. Anyone who has ever looked over a copy of such representative German publications as "Simplicissimus," "Jugend," and "Meggendorfer Blätter" will recognize the family likeness of these smutty movies which even a hardened German press cannot approve.

Germany is therefore to be congratulated on the importation of American films. The clean, wholesome movies to which the American public is accustomed will be a revelation to the German public, and would be well worth the price for the sake of German morale, even if they had to be paid for out of the public treasury.

The Short Skirts Going Out of Style.

"Skirts will be much longer," said Lady Duff Gordon, fashion authority, as she sailed away for gay Paris to study the latest necessities.

Fashion designers took advantage of woman's exultation and patriotism during the war, "according to Lady Duff Gordon, and made her believe that the short skirt was a necessity for the war worker, and an economy, since it required less goods; but hence and plenty will recreate the demand for longer dresses."

Since her ladyship, commonly known as Lucile, is an authority, only a brave soul would question her wisdom. But most Americans, male and female, will hope that she is wrong.

It is true that there have been skirts too short; but the smart, snappy skirt, clearing the floor by a generous margin, is a delight to the eye and a safeguard to the health.

Of course, the short skirts made it a little hard for father to tell whether it is his son or daughter ahead of him on the street. But who cares? Somebody told me so once, and she perked up and began to walk like a girl and feel like a girl, and before long to look so much like a girl that now the difference is little more noticeable from front than rear.

Perhaps sister's skirt does need to be lengthened a little, just enough so that she is entirely within the bounds of modesty, and acquires a bit of ma's dignity. But short skirts mean freedom and a swinging stride, and women who are good out-of-doors companions.

Yes, we hope Lady D. G. is wrong.

VON HINDENBURG GIVEN HOUSE IN HANOVER.

HANOVER. (Correspondence of The Associated Press)—Fran Hindenburg arrived in Hanover recently and is making her home in the home donated by the people in Hanover, who was expected several weeks ago to have made arrangements to retire from the command of German troops on the eastern front, is expected in Hanover in the near future.

BERLIN'S MILK SUPPLY FAR SHORT OF NEEDS.

BERLIN. (Correspondence of the Associated Press)—Authorities of Greater Berlin entrusted with the distribution of fats and milk declare, in a communication to the Imperial Food Minister, that Berlin is now receiving only 200,000 quanta of milk daily, which is 150 quanta less than the city had a year ago. This, it is said, is sufficient only for children and the sick.

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Monday, June 30th

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J. F. PARR, Administrator of the Estate of Thomas Wade, deceased.

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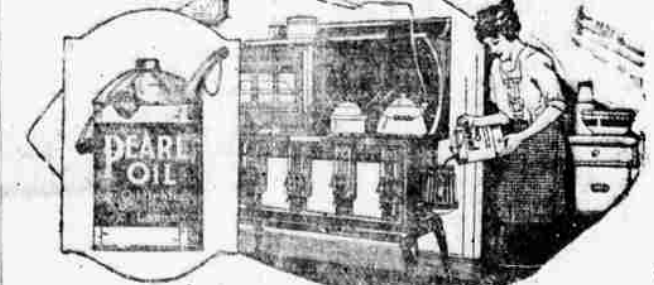
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