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

Budget Clubs Prove to Be of Benefit.

The ability to spend wisely is not a natural gift or an instinct. It has to be learned by training or experience and developed with thought and common sense. A group of women in New York who had been active in Home Service, food conservation and settlement work found that there was an appalling lack of knowledge on this subject of wise spending among women who had to do the family buying and who were facing the unusual price conditions of the time.

With the help of some experienced workers they organized nineteen budget clubs. Their efforts were based on the belief that "economy no more means saving money than it means spending money. It means administration of the house, its stewardship, spending or saving, whether money, time or anything else, to the best possible advantage."

So their budget clubs studied the keeping of cash accounts and the making of personal and household budgets. They had textile and food demonstrations. They held debates on the

advantages of renting or buying homes. The courses lasted five months. At that time 460 women met regularly and profited much by the instruction and experience gained. There were very poor women studying along with the wives of successful business men. There were many young married women and wives of professors.

Some of these things ought to be taught in the schools. But there is a big field for this kind of thing in the meantime in practically every community. It takes purpose and perseverance to get the workers organized and the instructors or assistants on the job; but it is worth the effort.

No Reason to Quit At Forty-Five.

A recent editorial in the Country Gentleman advised farmers not to move to town, but to remain on the farm and keep it up.

In reply one farmer wrote that he had worked on the farm for 31 years, ever since he was 14, that he and his wife were "breaking" that a farmer is a prisoner at hard labor, and that rather than take frequent trips to town over eight miles of the "swart road in the world," they preferred to leave the farm and go to town to live.

Thirty-one and fourteen make 45. A man of 45 "breaking," leaving his business and moving away! The average city man of 45 is just getting his stride, looking forward to twenty years more, at least, and keen for the game.

It would be a sad indictment of the business of farming, were it not that modern farm machinery and the application of business methods to farming are making these years fewer year by year.

Farm work is hard, but the periods of over-activity are counterbalanced by times when there is comparatively little to do. And if the farmer will avail himself of all the aids that are accessible to men in his business, is there any more reason why he should be "breaking" at 45 than his city brother?

As for being separated from neighbors and town by eight miles, or eighty, of "the worst roads in the world," that is a matter the control of which lies largely in the hands of the farmers themselves.

Fortunes in Electrical Business For Europe.

That fortunes await Americans in the electrical business overseas is the statement of Lieut. Col. Ralph D. Cole,

an electrical man who has been seeing a dismal condition in Europe at close range for some time past.

"So far as the application of electricity to modern usage is concerned," said Lieut. Col. Cole, addressing an electric light association, "the United States is so far ahead that Europe will never be able to catch up."

Lighting, which to us now seems so primitive a use of electricity, is far behind in Europe. Even the largest cities have hardly begun to make the electric light as a matter of economy. As for labor-saving devices—picture the French peasant woman, who has always rubbed her laundry on stones at the neighboring brook, brought face to face with a modern electric washing-machine which does all the washing and wringing, not leaving her no work but hanging out the clothes!

The process of educating a people in the use of such devices is always slow. But in France and Belgium it has been hastened a little by the presence of our army.

Much of Europe must be rebuilt entire. There is no question of tearing out old walls and floors to install electric conduits, but of putting them in new buildings in the process of construction. The demand will be great, not only for electricians abroad to do the work, but for electrical workers at home to make the things to do the work with. There is a great future in the precious trade.

Back to the Home and Be Happy.

A certain man and his wife take their daughter, aged nine, and their son, aged three, get into the auto every night and go somewhere.

They go to his mother's or her's, to the movie or to market, or just to ride. These superficial objectives are harmless enough in themselves, but lack of them lies the true objective, which is one of the most harmful in the world. It is the desire to get away from home.

These are perfectly nice people. They do not realize, probably, that they are cultivating a bad habit and teaching it to their children.

The pity of it is that the country is full of people just like them. High-spirited, high-tensioned, they dash about in autos, crowd into movies or walk the streets, their destination immaterial just so it leads away from their own four walls.

This increasing restlessness is not a good thing. The love of home is the measure of society. While back-to-the-land campaign and the own-home campaigns doubtless are excellent, what the people of this country need most of all is a learn-to-stay-at-home movement.

Count von Bernstorff advises the Germans to cultivate the good will of Americans. Too late! The time for that was three or four years ago, when Bernstorff and the rest were betraying American good will!

According to the authorities, Dr. Karl Muck has not been deported, but still is interned at Fort Oglethorpe. No more running amuck for him.

These are boom times for wildcat oil and mining concerns. No wise man takes any stock in them.

FINED FOR LEAVING CAMP FIRMS BURN Intention of the Officials to Investigate Every Case of Carelessness in the Mountains.

For leaving an unextinguished campfire on the Oregon National Forest, R. P. Randall, of Waterville, Washington, was taken before Justice of the Peace Porter at Wenatchee on July 15 and fined ten dollars and costs. At the hearing it was shown that Mr. Randall permitted his fire to escape from the fire

pit when it was started. Fortunately the fire was discovered by Parkman Forest Ranger before it had spread over more than three square feet and extinguished. Forest Ranger James McLaughlin, after investigating the fire, requested Mr. Randall to go to Wenatchee and answer to a charge of fire trespass. The point was brought out at the hearing that while Mr. Randall had undoubtedly taken proper precautions than many other campers and received credit for that, he evidently had not been careful enough—as the fire had certainly escaped from his campfire. The forest officers recommended leniency on account of the evident good intentions.

Justice Porter stated that in all misdemeanors of this class, the defendant is always supplied with more or less valid excuse, but that even a good excuse would not be allowed to clear a man from a violation of the law. In view of the fact that considerable care had been taken, he imposed the minimum fine, but he warned it clearly understood that this was not the intention of the law as a general rule and that it should not be considered a precedent.

Convictions have been secured this season by the forest service for similar fires on the Grater and DeChutes National Forests. It is the District Forester's purpose to investigate every man-made fire occurring on or near the National Forests of the district and to convict the responsible person whenever possible. It is from these small unextinguished campfires that many of the largest and most destructive forest fires have sprung, according to forest officials.

WAS MISTAKE IN GEOGRAPHY German Paper Explains the Loss of West Prussia to Poland.

BERLIN, (Correspondence of the Associated Press)—The Boersen Zeitung asserts that West Prussia was ceded to Poland by the Peace Conference because of a mistake and incorrect scientific book published in 1917 by the American Geographic Society, containing an article entitled "The Boundaries of Language and Nationality" by Louis Dominikan.

The German newspaper avers that President Wilson was influenced by the "innocently false information of this article" which, it says, declared that Danzig was ten percent Polish and that the present Polish corridor and neighboring East Prussia was purely Polish.

The Boersen Zeitung declares that on the contrary, Danzig is less than five percent Polish. The newspaper disputes the Polish character of the corridor. It declares that it is certain that the article referred to was used in fixing the boundaries.

Fifty men were sent out of Pendleton Monday to fight the forest fires raging in Whitman National forest, in the vicinity of the north fork of the John Day river.

Perfect weather attended the twenty-fifth anniversary Mount Hood climb of the Mastons, Sunday, when 102 persons, assembled from the south and 25 from the north side of the mountain. In the party were four charter members, who assisted in the organization of the club on the

Advertisement for NANCETTE SATIN and Yarns. Includes text: 'New Yarns', 'Figured Georgette', 'Ladies' Canvas Leggings', 'New Flowered RIBBONS'. Features an illustration of a woman sewing and the NAC West & Co. logo.

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