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Distinguishing Between Luxuries and Necessities

Thoughtful persons are beginning to consider how much the element of personal extravagance enters into their money difficulties, and more than one has discovered that the principal reason why the cost of living has bothered him is that he was giving an excellent illustration of the truth of that old saying about the fool and his money. For instance, one man whose family was out of town, and who was eating all his meals at stylish restaurants, told Mr. Lewis, director of savings at the treasury department, that he kept track one week of what his food cost him. The week's total, including waiters' tips and tribute to hat boys, was \$11.25.

The following week he tried eating at less fashionable places, but buying appetizing, nourishing food for each meal. The second week's toll was \$7. In other words, he found that during the first week he had added to the cost of wholesome food nearly 100

per cent for beer, fancy decorations and head waiters. He could doubtless do still better if he kept on.

There is no inherent sin in luxuries and one affords them in as entitled to enjoy them. But the man who finds himself hard pressed to meet his expenses might well take an inventory and see how much of his hard-earned coin is going for things which may add to the pleasure of life but are in no sense essential to its needs or even to its comfort.

What applies in the choice of places for dining can well be applied to all other expenditures. How much goes for the wholesome necessities? How much for the non-essentials, having to do only with extravagance and display? If extravagance and display are worth what they cost, all right. But the man who demands them must not complain of the cost of necessities. He is dealing in luxuries.

A Fight Ahead to Save the Schools.

Kansas club women are taking up the fight to save the schools from disaster. There is a shortage of over 2000 teachers in the state. Many schools will be unable to hold any sessions at all until something special has been done to meet the situation. The school funds now are barely sufficient to pay even reasonable salaries to the teachers now at work unless the school term is shortened.

The Kansas situation is fairly typical of the general condition in other sections. The women are demanding a more adequate taxing system for the schools, and asking for special levies to take care of the situation in existence right now. They intend to bring pressure to bear for the provision of more and better schools and for a guarantee that the school programs will be carried out fully.

Other women's clubs are taking up the same great task in their own localities and states. This is a problem in which the man should be just as vitally interested as the women. However, the task has been theirs in the past and they have let it slide until now the system seems to be breaking down under the greatest emergency the schools have ever faced.

There is scarcely a bigger job ahead of the women of the country today than this one of working to put the public schools upon a sound financial and educational footing. In the long run the solution to most of the problems troubling the public today lies in the enlightenment and training of the ignorant and unskilled.

Unnecessary Hardship on Public Will React.

For the coal miners to go on strike at the beginning of winter, tying up the mines, railroads and factories and leaving millions of homes without fuel, would be like the medical profession striking at the onset of an influenza epidemic.

The nation would have regarded such a strike last November with amazement, horror and boundless indignation. The fact of demonstrable grievances on the part of the doctors would not have been accepted as a sufficient reason for such calamitous action. The doctors, as the Saturday Evening Post points out, work on an average longer hours and receive less pay than many skilled labor occupations, but would they therefore be justified in "walking out" and leaving the public to perish from disease? Not by any recognized standards of human reason and decency.

A coal strike would mean industrial prostration, widespread idleness, loss of earning power by millions of families, famines from lack of purchasing power and lack of transportation, suffering from the cold and an opening of the flood gates of disease, discontent and lawlessness.

From all that society could defend itself. It would find the means, in time. But the process might be long and hard, and those responsible would not be forgiven.

No doubt the miners have grievances. But the way out of those grievances is not the way they have chosen. Their hope, like the hope of the public, lies in peaceful negotiations, not in ruthless and brainless industrial warfare.

Important Discoveries Made in Macedonia.

One usually thinks of the soldier as a rolicking realist, thinking no farther, either forward or backward, than today. And one's idea of an archaeologist is that of a spectacled high-brow who never knows what day in the week it is or whether he had luncheon or breakfast last.

In Macedonia, however, soldiers digging trenches and making other military excavations came upon treasure troves of ancient times. Vases, jewelry and ancient instruments of immense historical value were discovered, and the Greek archaeological service worked with the military division. Tombs of the fifth and sixth centuries before Christ were found, and the civilization of ancient Macedonia has been proved to be identical with that of Greece of the same era.

It is a strangely comforting and reassuring thought that this brings to a frenzied modern world. We think our troubles are the only ones since the world began. But civilization marched its steady way for thousands of years before the present sugar shortage and Bolshevik outbreaks and steel strike and senatorial indecision. It will be marching its slow and steady way thousands of years after the profiteers are dust and the last postal and telephone service of 1919 has been forgotten.

It isn't troubles that really matter. It is how one takes them. If one meets them bravely and cheerily, at least one has the satisfaction that the serenity of one's own soul is undisturbed.

Allowing the mind to become confused by the present general bewilderment is only to add to the chaos of the world. If one can turn into the maze one day's clear thinking, one day's security of soul, one has bequeathed to future generations a bit of treasure greater than the gold and silver of ancient Macedonia.

A State Feature to Be Continued.

The Hall of States, which was located in old Trinity Parish house in New York City during the war, and operated as a branch of the war camp community service, is to be moved to the corner of Thirty-ninth street and



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Madison avenue, and carry on its activities at the Hall of States and Strangers' club.

In its war service the object of the organization was to give to the boys from every state a bit of local atmosphere which should make them feel that they were not only among friends but among home folks. Some part of the rooms was assigned to each state. There hung welcoming banners with state mottoes or greetings. There were pictures and photographs of familiar places, the big papers of the state and its leading magazines. The place was immensely popular and successful.

The same idea is to be carried out in the new quarters, but its hospitality is to be extended to any stranger coming to New York. The people having the club in charge are getting into touch with organizations such as the chambers of commerce in the various states, and asking for cooperation. Fourteen states already have arranged for desk room.

The club aims to be a home spot for the stranger, a bureau of information for his needs and a point of contact for the safe forming of acquaintance and friendship, a thing sorely needed in every town.

"Meet me at the Hall of States" will be the slogan for the visitor to New York, and it is to be hoped that the idea of some such welcoming place for strangers may spread to other cities.

reported 288,779 cases of smallpox with 77,415 deaths or a death rate of over 26 per cent. These official statistics show that smallpox epidemics progressively increased in Japan as the compulsory vaccination law was more and more enforced.

It is shown from the experience of England, India, Germany and other countries that vaccination has not been efficacious, in the prevention of smallpox; that where smallpox has decreased it has been due to improved sanitation, and that in England as a consequence of the report made by the British Royal Commission sitting for seven years, compulsory vaccination has been practically abandoned. Here is part of the report:

"The dangers, injuries and deaths following and caused by vaccination that have hitherto been spoken of in this report, are only those officially reported of seven, but the countless numbers of persons who are diseased by vaccination, whose cases do not get into official report, are still more impressive. The infliction of such known, and possible diseases as vaccine virus has been shown to produce, together with the unknown dangers admitted connected with vaccination, take away every 'justification' for any compulsory law for forcing it upon anyone, under any circumstances. Instead of compulsion for its enforcement, the conditions suggest its positive prohibition by the legislature."

I challenge any medical man in the city to truthfully deny this report.

E. W. EASTMAN.

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New and Used—Coal Small—Short and Tall

"Boaker Time" is Cheerful.

The term a "boaker time," which the Australians use to describe a risorful leave, comes home to its birthplace, little altered. "Boaky," with a similar meaning, was an English colloquialism in the eighteenth century. And "boaky" is still current slang with us, but implying too generous use of the wine cup. There is one phrase in the book of slang which is decidedly pleasing, "Australian grip." It stands for that best of greetings, the honest, hearty hand shake.—London Chronicle.

These Balance Men.

I profess no special partiality for any critic who, holding balance in hand, weighs eagerly whatsoever of learning comes to his computer. I question whether he is not taking less of the quality of the wares, than of the fashion of his scales, never questioning their accuracy nor his own levity. Still it must be admitted that these balance men are not without their usefulness, being convenient for appraising market values.—A. Bronson Abbott.

Fear in the Child

"There is a sort of faith in Prof. Angelo Mosso's sympathetic declaration: 'Every ugly thing told to the child, evokes shock, every fright even him, will remain like minute splinters in the flesh, to torture him all his life.'"
—"Pecuniary and Parenthood," by Addington Bruce.

A WANTED AD will do it.

SENATOR GRONNA ASSAILED TREATY

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—Senator Gronna, of North Dakota, Republican, assailed the peace treaty today as a violation of the president's fourteen points and as an "unholy alliance."

To Remove Ink Stains.

Ink stains on white fabrics can be removed with peroxide of hydrogen. Drop it on the stain with a medicine dropper or, if it is a large spot, pour it on slowly from a spoon. As this preparation has a bleaching effect, great care must be exercised if used on colored materials.

Possible Origin of "Loafer."

An old Dutchman in New York had the misfortune to have a shiftless young American fall in love with his daughter. He disapproved of this and used to say to her, "Here comes that loafer of yours, the idle good for nothing." How the "a" got into the word is not known, but an idle man laughing around came to be called a "loafer."

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