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THE WISDOM OF SOLITUDE.

Mr. Harding's evident relief in retiring to a remote part of Florida for rest isolation is shared by the public. The public and leading to which the President-elect was subjected by "heat waves" and office-seekers had begun to get on the nation's nerves as well as on his own.

In solitude of counsel there is wisdom, but in the end it tends to confusion. The man who listens to too many people gets nowhere. The man who listens to no one gets nowhere. It is necessary for a statesman to get away from the clamorous, many-voiced mob of courtiers occasionally and retire into himself, to sift and assimilate the advice given and bring forth some definite conclusion.

Mr. Harding is looked to as the Moses of a great political party and of a great nation, in a time of peculiar trial and perplexity. He may decide, as Moses himself did, that it is not necessarily in the market place, nor even in the council of the elders, that wisdom appears. Like that great ruler, he may find what he seeks in a quiet place, alone, in the searching of his own heart.

After the storm and the whirl comes the still, small voice. Then the leader is ready to go forth and lead his people.

BUYING CLOTHES.

It is said that the heavy phoning of orders for wearing apparel in New York and other clothing centers is based less on the present public demand for clothing than on the belief of designers that demand is bound to come soon because the whole nation needs clothes.

It is a reasonable expectation. The American people, a New York paper remarks, "are unconsciously under-dressed, and shabby clothed at that." It might almost be said that a new lower standard of dress has developed, particularly for men. People seem to care less for sartorial elegance than they used to, and are less ashamed of shabbiness. Hats that were designed three or four years ago are often worn without a qualm, though they are generally more threadbare than ever.

The people have had the money to buy, but lately they have refused to buy because they believed that clothes were not worth the prices asked. They are still buying, but they are buying more cheaply than ever. There is no great lack of money in spite of present business. The public has saved money, and saved a good deal of it by this very process of wearing its old clothes. The conclusion seems incomparable that the public is bound to start buying clothing in larger quantities very soon, and to keep it up until the national appetite is re-satisfied. That will take quite a while.

It is likely, however, that when this anticipated buying does start, it will not be the lavish, take anything regardless of price sort of shopping that prevailed within recent memory. People will buy more carefully, scrutinizing alike the quality and price of the goods. And if there is any attempt to take advantage of them by jacking up the prices again as soon as the buying movement is under way, they will probably stop. The market for clothing is for other commodities, is ready waiting, but it is a "shrewd" market.

EXPENSIVE CHEAPNESS.

Another significant sign of government's disapproval of the serious loss to personnel an account of low salaries. The United States Commissioner of Patents told an audience at the University of Chicago that 77 expert examiners resigned in 1920, and 20 more in the first six months of 1921. At the same time the number of applications for patents and trade marks is increasing, the very year. In the year ending June 30, 1920, there were 42,753 applications for patents, an increase of 22 per cent.

The fact of a reduced and under-paid staff. That in turn is due to the fact that debts for past wars and preparedness for future ones require the biggest part of every dollar spent on national affairs. Everything connected with military expenditures must necessarily be gotten as cheaply as possible, regardless of impaired efficiency and detriment to the present and future of the country.

THE "LITTLE GRAND-MOTHER"

Catherine Brashkovskaya, the "little grandmother" of the Russian revolution, is very ill at the Russian hospital at Boulogne, France. Because of her advanced age, 76 years, her condition causes great anxiety. Few details of her illness are given, but doubtless grief over conditions in Russia and over-exertion in relief work have played their part.

Bolshevism is farthest from the thing Catherine Brashkovskaya had in mind when as a young girl she began urging her countrymen to revolution against the Czar, and paid for her efforts with bitter years in Siberia. It is the farthest thing from what she means by "free Russia" now. Her mission in Paris when she was taken ill was attending at a meeting of loyal Russians who hope to establish effective opposition to Bolshevism both within and without Russia and so within its borders a true democracy.

It will be one of the great tragedies of history if this brave soldier of freedom should die without seeing her country finally rid of the yoke which she saw it in the "freedom of the Czarism." She saw instead the prompt establishment of an oppressive rule deadly still, all America will join in the hope that she may be spared to see this sunny day, also, and to return to her native land a free citizen in a country as free as she dreamed it.

Professor Neat of Princeton says he relies on some method of utilizing the earth's interior heat to preserve the civilization of the temperate zones. "Bahaw" professor. The preachers have been utilizing it for years and years and doing a lot to preserve civilization with it in every zone, too.

Scientists predict mild winters in the north for some years to come. It's plainly the result of prohibition. The mercury is about to drop.

It is the stern irony of fate that there should be five months with five pay days in each of these in a year when unemployment is so prevalent.

The Senate committee on immigration fails to find any "emergency" calling for the curtailment of immigration, as proposed by the measure sponsored by the House. Ten million workers out of work and 10,000,000 more trying to get into the country, and no emergency.

It is no business to doubt, selling the souls to the Russians and violating their status the payment and up to their guarantee.

Another shoe that about having "immigration" parole that it will have a 100% door closed from making contributions of thousands.

THE OFFICE CAT



—By JUNIUS—

THE BOY'S PRAYER.
If I only owned a motor car,
I'd know just what I'd do;
I'd pick out all the road I could,
And then go splashing through.

The average woman is suspicious of everything a man says. Not at the same time, she will let a demure milliner talk her into buying a hat which she knows isn't becoming to her.

And, for Pat's gift
I got a couple of shirts and new pair of curtains.
"Lovingly,
"Ma."

SUBMITTED TOUS NOW.
"What was he punched for?"
"His father let him lose the auto for an hour."
"Well?"
"He tried to ride an hour in 15 minutes."

HOW THE FOX SHOULD WEAR HIS TAIL.

Dear Office Cat:
I know why preachers wear white neckties and why the barber who has a superior hair-growth is always bald-headed.

But the thing that perplexes me is this: How the Holy Bible does a "hot" know when the price of eggs advances, so she can quit laying?

Yours Conspicuously,
J. ROBINSON.

The longer you've had what you have, according to F. E. Meyers, the less thankful you are that you have it.
For sheer boneheadedness, consider the La Grande man who saw a bed room suite advertised in the Observer by the Carl Furniture Co. and when he entered the store asked to be shown the pajamas.

WELL, IT'S NEAR ENOUGH, ANYHOW.

Dear Mr. Junius:
I never was graduated from college, but isn't this a subjective clause? I always enjoy the Observer better if I read the column, "The Office Cat."

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE.

A motorist was stopped by a policeman for speeding, whereupon he became angry and called the policeman an ass. After he had paid his fine, the Judge reproved him for what he had said to the officer. "Then I must not call a policeman an ass?" he said. "Certainly not," said the judge. "You must not insult the police." "But you wouldn't mind if I called an ass a policeman, would you?" "Why, no, if it gives you any satisfaction," answered his honor with a smile. The motorist turned to the man who arrested him: "Good-bye, policeman," he said and immediately left the court room.

DISMISSING FOR LIFE.

"What little boy can tell me the difference between the 'quick' and the 'dead'?" asked the "Sunday school" teacher.

While asked his head frantically, "Well, Willie?"
"The 'quick' ones are the ones that get out of the way of automobiles; the ones that don't are dead!"

VOICES FROM THE PAST.

"Please, sir, I want a penny's worth of candy."

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