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### JUST A LITTLE TRUTH.

America is suffering from what might be termed our national ailment—an almost universal desire to obtain something for as near nothing as possible.

The manufacturer is not content with a moderate profit. He hungers for a continuance of the rich dividends that accrued during the war.

Railroad and corporation officials would no doubt feel tremendously peeved if one were to suggest that they accept a reduction in their own salaries, although they are keen on cutting down the wages of their own employees.

The employees themselves aspire to the maximum wage, but are seldom averse to reducing the amount of work performed.

It's the same in every line of business, in every walk of life.

Throw a scrap of meat into the henyard and the spryest of them will grab it and duck for safety. It wants to hog the whole thing.

Human beings are much the same as chickens.

Each one wants to grab as much as possible of everything in sight and let the other fellow be content with what is left.

We are eternally emitting roars of protest over the continued high prices. But we are like nations that advocate disarmament—we wait for the other fellow to step down first.

Everybody admits that something must be done, but nobody feels that he is the one to do it.

We are inconsistent and illogical, but no worse than the rest of the world.

As an illustration of the truth of this statement, how many of you are willing to admit that our remarks are true insofar as other people are concerned, but that you can not see where they apply to you?

But cheer up—let your virtuous indignation cool off and ooze out. Perhaps the editor is as deep in the mud as you are in the mire, for we frankly own to a hankering for more than we get.

This ailment is not confined to Americans alone. The whole human race is afflicted with it. It began when Adam plucked the forbidden fruit, and has been growing upon us ever since. It will end only when human life ceases to exist.

Everybody knows it, and many admit it.

Truth is stranger than fiction, sometimes, and life is the greatest story of all.

That's what it is.

### THE JAPANESE SOLUTION.

The Japanese quarrel has really been between the Japs and the people of our Pacific Coast states, rather than between Japan and America as a whole, with the United States government trying to find some means of satisfying both sides. The Coast people, particularly the Californians, are determined to stop the influx of yellow competitors and also to keep the latter from gobbling up the choicest farms and city lots. To accomplish the latter purpose California has enacted a law forbidding the Japanese to own land. It is this prohibition that is particularly objected to by Japan.

Japan, however, does not insist on its nationals being allowed to own land in California or elsewhere in this country. It merely insists that there shall be no special discrimination against them. It is a matter of racial pride rather than a desire for colonization. It is arranged, therefore, in the Morris-Shidehara treaty agreement, that land ownership shall be forbidden to all aliens residing in this country. This would bar the Japanese from such ownership because our laws forbid the naturalization of the yellow race. It would not work more than a temporary hardship on acceptable aliens from Europe or elsewhere, because all they have to do in order to qualify for land-ownership is to take out naturalization papers. This is practically the same policy adopted by Canada and other British dominions, and by a few of our own states, and found to work satisfactorily for them.

The pact proposes to continue and strengthen the "gentlemen's agreement" regarding the immigration of Japanese. Students, merchants and other unobjectionable classes are to be admitted as before. Coolies or laborers, are to be barred, as well as the "picture brides" who came in such numbers until recently.

This is granting Japan nothing substantial, but merely saving her face by avoiding the appearance of racial discrimination. It gives the Californians and other Pacific Coast residents the substance of their demands. As it appears to the treaty commissioners have found a solution.

### EXPENSIVE HIRED MAN.

"We will farm what we can with our own labor and let the rest go." This is the answer of the farmers of Ohio to a questionnaire sent out recently. As they farmed under the same slogan last year, this should mean little reduction in crop area.

Two reasons are given for their decision, the high cost of farm help and the high cost of farm machinery. Both, they say, must come down before they will indulge. In this they seem to voice a national sentiment.

Farm labor a year ago was scarce and high. This year it is plentiful, but still high. The farm hand, apparently, has taken as little notice of the downward-pointing thumb of industry as employees in some other lines. However, if the farm hand wants a job, like some others, he will have to come down.

The farmers cannot be blamed for their stand. Present prices of farm produce are not encouraging to increased investment in production. The situation will right itself after a bit. The farmer and the farm hand need one another, and as they find the purchasing power of the dollar ascending slowly but surely, wage adjustment will follow.

As for machinery, that will have to follow the general trend.

One of the first acts of the new congress should be a revision of our immigration laws. With more than three million men now out of employment in this country one begins to wonder how the hundreds of thousands pouring in from Europe are going to earn an honest living. There is nothing to be gained by turning America into an international poor farm.

The heartlessness of some judges is beyond belief. A California woman who was bequeathed a hundred thousand dollars worth of stock was ordered by the court to wear it thirty days of each year.

It is a thing that can be said in favor of American profiteers. They are experts in their line.

### THE OFFICE CAT



—By JUNIUS—

### RAISINS.

You've heard about the raisin. With the kick of ten per cent. But the raisin with the wallop is the raisin of the rat.

### PERSONAL PREJUDICES.

I am always sure any scoundrel will never get out when only fifteen or twenty of us know it.

I never eat eggs. I don't like them when they are plentiful and I can't afford them when they are not.

I do not care for the blue laws, nor for anyone who does care for them.

I never have accepted any graft but, like a lot of other honest men, I don't know exactly what I would do if any were ever offered me.

I always read the advertisements in a magazine and thereby manage to have quite a pleasant and instructive evening.

I don't know what John Drew is playing in now, but I'll bet it's a dress suit.

### TO A BOW-LEGGED VIOLINIST.

When William plays the violin He stands like one on eggs; And has a bow within his hands— One also in his legs.

A law making high heels a crime is urged by Massachusetts doctors. The law won't go over. All those other prohibitions that have recently been voted were laws that took something away from the men. But when it comes to taking privileges away from the women, then look out for the women's vote.

Jack Oliver says that those 20 would-be postmasters at least can thank President Wilson for the compliment.

### RURAL SARCASM.

Not much cider is manufactured in Westchester for sale, nearly all of it being consumed at home. Two farmers were comparing notes.

"How many barrels have you put up this year, Joel?" said one.

"Only seven, Silas," was the reply.

"Got any handy?"

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big on display. "There," said he. "Try that." And Silas signed. "Well, what do you think of it?" Joel inquired. Silas shook his head dubiously. "Don't you like it, Silas?" was the anxious reply. "How many barrels did you say you made, Joel?" asked Silas. "Seven." "Well, Joel, if you had had another apple, you might have made eight."

### JAIL-LESS CRIMES.

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—But the most pleasing feature of this whole display is the fact that good old-fashioned prices prevail.

—SEE OUR WINDOWS. VISIT THE STORE!

THE QUALITY STORE

### DEAR OLD PETE:

Winston-Salem, N. C. Friday p. m.

Just wound up the one swellest day of my life! Since early this morning, when I got an invitation to visit R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. factories, I've been in the midst of millions of Camel cigarettes.

Man—the happiest idea you or I ever had as to the size of this Reynolds enterprise, or the number of Camels manufactured daily, is simply piker-stuff! Wipe off the slate and start fresh! Why—Pete, it seemed to me like a couple of those cigarette-making machines could keep half the nation smoking Camels steadily—BUT—honest to goodness, there are hundreds of these machines batting out Camels at the rate of 27,000 an hour—EACH!

Pete, you wouldn't have to consult a guide book to know you were in the Camel factories! The atmosphere is charged with that wonderful aroma you get when you open up a deck of Camels! And, you know, old elephant—you've had a trunk full!

As the Camels dropped into the containers I figured the delight each one would supply! And, how Camels mellow, mild body would hit the right spot and how Camels refreshing flavor would cheer up some smoker's jaded appetite! And, each Camel free from any unpleasant cigarettey aftertaste or unpleasant cigarettey odor! And—

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