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SEEDS AND ADVICE.

In spite of pleas for economy and the need of curtailing many important items of expenditure, congress has sent out \$400,000 worth of free seeds. The only way the people can get even is to use the seeds.

There may not be the same incentives to inspire the gardener this year as in the years just past, but gardening is always good fun and healthful exercise. The home-grown stuff is fresher and better than any that can be bought, and there is a peculiar and personal joy coming to those who plant and tend, when the fruit of their labors appear.

If the gardener needs information he can get that free from Uncle Sam, as well as the seeds, by writing to the Secretary of Agriculture at Washington and asking for any of these bulletins which may seem to suit his case:

Farmers' Bulletin 1044, The City Home Garden; Farmers' Bulletin 937, The Farm Garden in the North; Farmers' Bulletin 856, The Control of Diseases and Insect Enemies of the Home Vegetable Garden. And there are many others.

With a plot of ground, a packet of free government seeds, which he can secure from the Observer office, and a free book of rules, why be unemployed?

GLADDEN SON'S HEART.

It may be that your relations with the boy are not on that plane of comradeship that would make it easy for him to say, "Dad, are we going to the Father and Son banquet at the Y on Thursday evening?" So it may be up to you, Dad, to take the initiative and say, "Son, we have a date together for Thursday evening." That will make his heart glad and set you way up in his estimation.

ANOTHER VICTORIOUS RETREAT.

Gen. Von Hindenburg has been heard from again. He comes forth from his retirement to advise the German government not to yield to the reparation demands of the Allies.

This takes one's thought back to the time when Hindenburg was holding the military line against the allied forces, as the new German government is now holding the diplomatic line. After all Hindenburg's warlike achievements—and it should be admitted that many of them command respect—he is remembered by Americans chiefly for what one of George W. Cable's Creole characters calls "progressing backwardly."

It was long Hindenburg's custom, in his daily communiques, to make no mention of retreats. The reader had to figure them out for himself. If he was very discerning, and had a good map, he could see that every little while the German front line was represented as fighting a victorious engagement some distance back of the line where it last fought a victorious engagement. How it happened to get there remained a mystery.

Finally that procedure became too tame for Hindenburg, and he coined that matchless phrase of Prussian militarism, "victorious retreat." Wherever his line was driven back by the steady battering of the Allies, Iron Hindenburg would trumpet forth to his people and all the world what a great victory the German army had won, and how utterly it had foiled the Allies and confounded their plan of campaign, by giving them their objective without letting them fight for it.

All of which is history, and of no special importance at this time. One wonders, though, whether Hindenburg's present advice means another of those triumphant retreats. Will Germany, after all, surrender this Hindenburg line of reparation, and throw the Allies into confusion by victoriously giving them what they want?

There might be victory in it, at that, if the Allies got to fighting over their gains. They are held together now chiefly by the hope of gain.

WORKING FOR UNCLE SAM.

It is reported that in one year recently John D. Rockefeller's income was about \$43,000,000, indicating a fortune of nearly \$1,000,000,000. Not the least interesting phase of the matter is its bearing on the income tax.

A billionaire, or for that matter even a mere multi-millionaire, if he does not sink the bulk of his capital in tax-free bonds, may be working more for Uncle Sam than for himself. If the government at present is not getting the bulk of Mr. Rockefeller's income because of such exemptions, it is certainly getting a far larger share than it would if the same earnings were distributed among many men, because of the heavy surtax imposed as income mount. Thus, the New York World remarks, the income referred to is "the equivalent of more than 20,000 individual incomes of \$2,000 each, and unfortunately \$2,000 income does not figure in the

THE OFFICE CAT



USE YOUR HEAD.
A woodpecker pecks
Out a great many pecks
Of sawdust.
When building a hat.
He works like a nigger.
To make the hole bigger—
He's sore if
His cutter won't cut.
He don't bother with plans
Of cheap artisans.
But there's one thing
Can rightly be said:
The whole excavation
Has this explanation—
He builds it
By
Using
His
Head.

NOT SO BAD, AFTER ALL.
Zionists up near Chicago are dispatching couriers to the country's most wicked cities to reform them. It must be discouraging to local reformers to find that La Grande was not included in the Zionists' list.

Lloyd Serber claims to have heard a red bird singing last week. We thought the same thing, but discovered the neighbor's phonograph caused the whole darned disturbance.

Our idea of futile effort is for a rheumatic man to enjoy rainy weather.

THE WISE YOUTH.
The youth who does his own thinking, eats fried chicken with his fingers.

When they are dressed for the market, you can't tell a chicken from an old hen. We are writing of poultry, you understand.

The brilliant wit of the bar looked at the moon-faced laborer, winked at his friends and whispered, "Now we'll have some fun."
"Have you been married?" he asked.
"Yes-s-s," stammered the laborer.
"Once."
"Whom did you marry?"
"A w-w-woman, sir."
"Come, my rood man, of course it was a woman. Did you ever hear of anyone marrying a man?"
"Yes, sir, my sister did."

NOT EVEN THEN.
A woman says her husband never told the truth in his life. Not even when he told her that he loved her.

THE AVERAGE PAPA.
Ever notice a fond papa after the first baby is born. The papa after the dude walks down the street, one would think he owned the world and was the whole show himself.

Boy—Are you and sis going on a long bike this afternoon?
Sister—Yes, Jimmy, why do you ask?
Jimmy—Cause she had the corn doctor here this afternoon.

Statisticians say a housewife walks two miles while preparing a meal, but Hill Templeton says he knows a good many who walk only two blocks—to the delicatessen store.

SUMMONS.
In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Union County:
James N. McClure, plaintiff, vs. William M. White, Mrs. William M. White, Bank County National Bank and all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate or interest on, then upon the real estate described in the amended complaint in this suit, defendants.
You and each of you are hereby required and notified to be and appear in the above entitled court and answer the amended complaint therein filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before the 7th day of April, 1921, and you and each of you are hereby notified that if you fail so to appear and answer the plaintiff will, for want thereof, apply to the court for the relief demanded in the said amended complaint, to-wit, that plaintiff be decreed to be the owner in fee of the real estate described in said amended complaint, to-wit, the west half of southeast quarter of section 36 in Township three south, and west half of northeast quarter of Section 1 in Township four south, of Range 38, E. W. M., in Union County, Oregon, and that plaintiff's title thereto be quieted as against defendants and each thereof.
This summons is published by order of Hon. J. F. Phy, County Judge of Union County, Oregon, made and entered on the 18th day of November, A. D. 1920, directing publication thereof once each week for six consecutive weeks in the La Grande, Evening Observer, published at La Grande, Oregon, and the first publication of this summons is made on February 23rd, 1921.

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Hick Humor Humbles Human Hounds, and Bay Runs Riot—see "Peaceful Valley." Arcade starting Thursday. 2-22-21.

MONEY.
Easy payments on improved property. See J. R. OLIVER. 2-18-307

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