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## WAR RELIEF AND EDUCATION

So thrifty are the Belgians and so prompt were they in getting back to constructive work after the war that the Commission for Relief in Belgium and the Comité National found their work drawing to a close with a large unexpended surplus of funds.

Herbert Hoover, formerly head of the Commission for Relief in Belgium, was asked to suggest a fitting use for this money. In 1919 he wrote the Belgian government, saying:

"During the last four years of association with the Belgians, and from the discussions with my colleagues in the Comité National, with the members of the government and the universities and the public, it has become evident that no more democratic service could be rendered to the Belgian people than that these funds should be applied to the extension of higher education in Belgium. The war and the recent economic situation have demonstrated the extreme importance of the widest distribution of higher education amongst all classes, especially those of limited means. In order to make this end necessary.

"1 To undertake such measures as will open the institutions of higher learning to the sons and daughters of those who have not the means to undertake the expense of such higher training, and

"2 To strengthen the financial resources of the institutions themselves not only so that they may render more efficient service to the community as a whole, but also that they may undertake the additional burden of this increased attendance."

The practical arrangements made to carry out this program provide loans for 2,000 Belgian boys and girls annually. Ten years after leaving college are allowed for repayment. In addition there are 48 exchange fellowships available each year, 24 for American students in Belgium and 24 for Belgian students in the United States. At present there are 24 Belgian students—one young woman and 23 young men—studying in 11 universities in this country.

Surplus war relief funds in this country have been much discussed and various proposals as to wise use of them have been made. It would be fine if some plan as simple and as valuable as the Belgian educational program could be settled upon.

## THE PRINCE OF GAMBLERS

To the long procession of distinguished foreigners visiting this country will soon be added the most celebrated master-gambler of this or any other time. He is Albert, Prince of Monaco, whose entire principality—a town of eight square miles is one great gambling institution.

Albert is no gambler personally—only in a business way. Neither are his people. He takes good care of that, in the paternalistic fashion that royalty still has in some corners of the world. There is a law in Monaco forbidding citizens to gamble, and it is strictly enforced.

Albert uses a large part of the proceeds of his princely gambling joint in paying the expenses of the realm and keeping his people free from taxation. The rest he spends in scientific research of a peculiarly useful and picturesque sort.

The thing that really interests this master-gambler is oceanography. He has a big yacht fitted out with all sorts of scientific apparatus, and spends most of his time studying the various seas and collecting valuable and interesting facts about their depth, currents and tides and the life that inhabits them. His contributions have added greatly to human knowledge and done much to advance practical navigation.

He is an odd mixture, this little old man who combines one of the most perilous institutions on earth with an important philanthropic service. Americans will greet him, accordingly, with a two-fold interest and appreciation.

## TRAINING AIR PILOTS

The British Air Ministry requires that all pilots licensed to carry passengers must pass an examination in aerial navigation. To do this requires a fair amount of study and some special study. In addition to this, it is said to require a certain amount of physical strength which must be met, air transport managers not connected with the government in any way are adding a character test for their pilots.

It has been recognized from the first that one of the chief handicaps of aviation was the inability to cope with all sorts of weather. Accurate weather forecasts are essential to safe commercial flying, yet those who are studying this phase of aviation declare that so far meteorological knowledge is very meager indeed. The usual method of taking observations requires a large number of stations, delicate instruments, constant effort, large personnel and considerable expense. It has been sug-

gested that if pilots were trained in this work, every flight, of great or little importance, could serve for collecting necessary data and compiling useful observations. Hence meteorology bids fair to be added to the list of the pilot's accomplishments.

All this specialization will mean longer and more expensive training for the airman, but it will also mean greater safety in flying and steady advancement of the science of aerial navigation.

The postal savings banks of the country are becoming quite a healthy institution, the small deposits now aggregating the sum of \$161,000,000. There is no fear of a run on Uncle's bank.

As one of the first moves toward patching up the torn world, we would suggest mending the rents.

Massachusetts has denounced high heels but continues to root for high brows.

Congress is being urged to adopt a new coin of the value of half a nickel. Good idea, provided there's anything you can buy with it.

The American railroads rank next to the U. S. government as money-lovers.

"We can give just one puff, and blow Mustapha Kemal off the map," said King Constantine not long ago. But King Tino seems to have done the puffing on a bubble pipe.

If steel prices don't drop pretty soon, they'll be termed steel profits.

After all, as Congress is beginning to see, an income tax isn't much unless there are incomes to tax.

President Harding has ordered a bed five feet wide and eight feet long. He doesn't play golf on his sleep, either.

One of these times the public will take a sober second thought about making a joke of prohibition.

Last year a dollar would buy 50 cents' worth. Today it is worth 70 cents. This is no reason for spending the dollar you expect to have.

They say that in Pendleton the only driver more dangerous than a pretentious woman is a man who is watching a city woman pedestrian. Pendleton East Oregon.

## THE OFFICE CAT



—BY JUNIUS—

New York hotels are said to have \$5,000,000 worth of whiskey left over; still, that isn't so much, when one stops to think it over.

That Hat!

Our Office Cat, the poor old dear, Some people think is awful queer, "Who writes it?" Yes, I think I'll tell, Though he won't like it very well. Now, in this office we are six, All steady, and not up to tricks: Our Editor, so dignified, He couldn't write it if he tried; With problems far more weighty, he Works daily, so that lets him free. Our Editress, calm and sedate, Works all day long, and often late, Her head is filled up with real news, She does not like our poor cat's views.

Our Advertising Man, oh, gee, He just knows ads from A to Z, An ad's an ad and is no joke, Unless the advertiser's broke. Our City Man is full of pep, He jizzes 'round the town, you bet, And gathers murders, scandals, too, And that's enough for him to do. Our bookkeeper would never write The Office Cat, so impolite, She is so quiet and serene She could not write those things so mean.

The Circulation Man's a she, She writes the Cat? That could not be For she's an old maid, sour and grim Who's busy looking for a him. My goodness, I'm sure glad I'm done, And now I hope you know the one Who writes the pesky Office Cat, And makes up jokes so nice and pat. I'll tell you ere you make a raid, Some of our jokes are ready-made. And, like the ready-mades you buy They make you cuss and make you sigh. So, if the writer is a he You see how foolish men can be And, if a female, to have peace They have the sense that God gives glee. I thank you folks, and lift my hat, To the one who writes the Office Cat.

Logical Deduction.  
"The good die young," so we are told, And if that stuff is on the level One must, perforce, conclude that old Methusalem was a regular devil!

Of course, there are exceptions, but one can usually spot an honest man by the fringe on his trousers.

To Kipling, an American wrote: "Hearing that you are retailing literature at \$1.00 a word, I enclose \$1.00 for a sample."

Kipling complied with "Thanks," and kept the dollar.

Two weeks later the American wrote, "Sold the 'Thanks' anecdote for \$2.00. Enclosed please find 46 cents in stamps, being half the profits on the transaction, less the postage."

From twenty-one on, we devote most of our time to unlearning what we thought we knew. We're in that class now.

J. L. Cramer says "Life's greatest benefactor is the chap who makes two grins grow where there was only a frown before."

Most of the people who would scrap the navy would be the last to scrap.

How To Live Forever.  
Eat nothing but stewed parsnips. Drink nothing but cold water. Go to bed at 8 every night. Get up at six every morning. Don't smoke, chew, or play poker. Go to church every Sunday. Split three cords of wood every day.

Walk nineteen miles before breakfast. Ride horseback two hours every afternoon. Play golf the remainder of the afternoon. Don't kiss the cook, or anybody else.

Shut public drinking cups. Keep out of crowded cars. Now comes the most important instruction if you would live forever: Don't die.

An American firm got a nice order for threaded pipe from Australia. It made application to Washington for permit to ship, but the permit was refused. Because we were still at war? Because we needed the pipe for home consumption? No! It was refused because "the application for permit did not state whether the pipe was to be of iron, steel, or cotton."

If the fellow who took our property away will return it, no questions will be asked.

Longshoe Point.  
At the turn of the fourteenth or fifteenth century people were the points of their shoes so long that they were in danger of tumbling over them when they walked. To overcome this inconvenience it became fashionable for both men and women to tie their shoe points to their knees by laces or chains.

# LIVE STOCK

## FEEDING AND CARE OF HOGS

Pedigree Alone is Not Sufficient to Make a Satisfactory Animal—Management Counts.

Two men attended a sale of pure-bred and one of those brought the top gilt for more than \$300. She was sold a year later for a little more than half of that amount. The other sold for \$100 for a gilt for which he refused \$300 a year later. The first gilt was worth the original price, but lack of development made the second price a fair one. The second gilt sold high enough in the judgment of the sale crowd; proper development during the second year of her life more than trebled her value. Any advantage in pedigree was in favor of the first gilt. One scored a loss and disappointment, the other a profit and enthusiasm. The difference represented the difference in feed.

There are many other instances that might be cited to show that pedigree alone is not sufficient to make a good hog. It also takes feed, and the kind of feed may make the difference between profit and loss. One would not expect to feed hogs at a profit on an exclusive diet of fishmeal costing \$100 per ton, or of corn at \$65, nor in a dry lot with just enough of either or both to maintain life without gain, nor on pasture alone, which constitutes simply a maintenance ration. It is the combination of these factors—excepting the dry lot—which makes for profit. We do not advocate the use of the dry lot for anything. It is a dusty or muddy abomination, and an incubator of disease germs. It is even worse than a pine woods or broom-edge "pasture." Green fields and live stock and nicely painted, convenient buildings have an affinity for each other.

The manufacturer is justified in "putting all of his eggs in one basket and then watching that basket," but in the case of the farmer there is no such justification. The "Buy-a-hale" cotton period failed to catch the farmer, who practiced diversification; the present and prospective slump in hog prices will not affect the man



Proper Feed and Management of Hogs Makes Most Profitable Animals.

with only enough hogs to consume the feed grown on the farm. He is the chap who will hang on and be in line to profit by the rebound after they strike bottom. Raising too many hogs is even worse than growing too much cotton.—W. W. Shay, North Carolina College of Agriculture.

## INSPECT STOCK FOR DISEASE

Federal Specialists at Various Markets Examine Many Head of Cattle, Sheep and Hogs.

In the course of supervising the interstate transportation of live stock to prevent the spread of animal diseases United States Department of Agriculture specialists at market centers during the last fiscal year inspected 22,000,000 cattle, of which 24,628 were dipped under the department's supervision, so they might continue in interstate commerce. Sheep to the number of 23,472,228 also were inspected for communicable diseases, and of these 274,481 were dipped to comply with the regulations of the department or of the states of destination. Swine inspected numbered 39,754,970, and 574,568 of these were vaccinated against hog cholera for distribution as feeding or breeding animals.

Upon request of transportation companies and shippers or to comply with laws of states to which shipments were destined, department veterinarians inspected 36,926 horses and mules, of which 23,742 were tested with mallein, 5 showing reactions.

## SHELTER NEEDED FOR SHEEP

Damp, Cold Weather is Especially Bad for Young Lambs and Does—serve Some Protection.

Sheep will, as a rule, require shelter in very bad weather. Damp, cold weather especially chilling to young lambs, and sheepmen always strive to have them sheltered. They will do well if given some green food in connection with roughage and grain.

## SUPERIOR FEED FOR STEERS

Wet Pulp or Corn Silage Go Long Way Toward Keeping Cattle Healthy and Healthy.

Wet pulp or corn silage should always be included in the ration for steers. The silage which is furnished by these appetizing feeds goes a long way toward keeping a flock healthy and hearty to full feed.

The First Fan.  
Who invented the fan? Eye and the essayist, Veres, declare the poet, Oliver Wendell Holmes, when he deeded off of her doves, a fan-tailed person, or his plumes. Whatever its origin, the fan has been used to keep a shop.

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### Sale of APRONS at \$1.00 each

Made of fine Percales in striped patterns bound with tape or trimmed with Rick Rack Braid—belt and pockets.

A special purchase ten days ago brought us these aprons and nearly all were sold at that time. We offer what few remain today at \$1.00 each.

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These are the blouses that have caused so much comment since their arrival Wednesday morning. They are of fine imported Voile and Batiste—hand made entirely by hand. Hand embroidery, open work, etc. Really artistic in the tailoring and beautiful in design and material.

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	Sale Price	Price Today
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1919 7 passenger Studebaker Six	\$550	\$535
1919 Chevrolet	\$600	\$585
1916 Chevrolet	\$275	\$260
1920 Ford Ton Truck	\$600	\$585
1918 Maxwell	\$350	\$335
1920 Ford Roadster with starter	\$450	Sold
1916 Ford Touring	\$250	\$235
1916 Ford Roadster	\$275	\$260
1915 Ford Touring	\$250	\$235
1915 Ford Touring	\$225	\$210
1912 Ford Touring	\$150	\$135
1914 Ford Touring	\$250	\$235
2 1913 Ford Touring	each \$240	\$225

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First number at 8:45 and one seated during rendition of any number. First number of about half hour duration, hence necessity of early seating.