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## BETTER HOUSES

Anyone who habitually casts an eye, however casual, over the house plans and pictures in the magazines cannot but be pleased with what he finds. They grow more artistic and more sensible all the time.

The architect writing in Good Housekeeping this month has much to say on the sentimental side of good housebuilding. He says good building has a very great influence on the family life. If there are leaks and damp cellars and bad chimneys, there is going to be friction. If the house is cozy, comfortable and friendly, the members of the family will love to stay in it, and friends will love to drop in. There is, he says, "all the success of marriage built into the structure of a house."

He wisely advises, moreover, that money be put into a sound building rather than into furniture. "Correctly proportioned rooms are attractive with practically no furniture, and the desired pieces may be added year after year. But there is no such thing as adding a foot to your rooms year after year. Once built, the house is almost irrevocable."

Houses are better chiefly as a matter of taking thought before they are built. In reaction from great, wasteful halls, for a time there was a fad of building with no halls. But it was proved that a living room into which the front door opened, and out of which the stairs led, could never be a restful room. So the halls have come back, but with a difference. The best ones are simple, well-proportioned entries. Kitchens are considered as modern workshops, properly routed, not as mere places to stick in a sink and stove regardless of comfort or efficiency.

Architecture is looking up—and building costs are going down. The combination is an attractive one.

## THE IMMIGRATION BILL

There are in the United States at present 10,000,000 un-naturalized aliens. From them and their recently naturalized relatives come most of the protests against immigration restriction. From present indications, the total immigration for the year ending next June 30 will be over 800,000. Millions more are eager to come. Less than three per cent of the immigrants that have been coming since the war are farmers. Nearly all of them are flocking to the already over-crowded industrial cities, joining the alien population and threatening the national health, ideals, institutions and standards of living more than ever.

In these circumstances it is easy to understand the insistent demands for haste in tightening the immigration laws, and the general approval given by native Americans to the pending restriction bill. That bill would hold European immigration from May 10 of this year, to June 30, 1922, down to 3 per cent of the number from any particular country who were already here in 1910. Chairman Johnson of the House immigration committee estimates that this would let in a possible total of 355,000. That is plenty. If such action is to be criticized at all, it is because of the liberality.

If the government ever succeeds in operating on a scientific basis, we may attain to an immigration system whereby all our adopted citizens will be hand-picked by American representatives in their native land, and allowed to come to America only at such times and in such quantities as they are wanted, and will be assigned and distributed, on their arrival, to the particular sections and industries that can use them. Canada already has made a good beginning at such a plan.

## THE COMING FARM WIFE

It was estimated that the farm wife earned something over \$4,000 a year if her labors were translated into terms of town industry and wages. An activity for commercializing her arts and crafts increase, she bids fair to make it in actual cash. The Women's National Farm and Garden association offers the hope of such a contingency. The objects of the association are illuminating:

- To stimulate and encourage farming and gardening activities among women.
- To act as a bureau of information and a clearing house for all women's agricultural interests.
- To prepare women for agricultural work by offering scholarships at state colleges and other horticultural schools.
- To help women in securing positions for farm and gardening work.
- To furnish all possible means for the successful marketing of women's produce and set forces in motion which, by common discussion, shall bring consumer and producer together.

While the primary object of the association is to help the woman who takes up farming as an independent venture, it holds out encouragement also to the one who must assist with it. Even the vegetable garden, always the farm wife's portion and generally her burden, offers new possibilities in the light of education and helpful exploitation.

The coming generation of farm wives technically educated and in touch with the markets through their own associations will earn what they get with an ease unknown to an earlier generation, and they will get what they earn—which is a reform far more startling.

## A BLIND MAN'S AIRPLANE

One of the most interesting incidents in aviation development is the invention by a blind man of an aircraft which he predicts will revolutionize aerial warfare. It is said the plane will rise almost perpendicularly, land in a spot little larger than its own base and, what is perhaps most important, hover in the air like an eagle. The advantage of this feature in bombing is obvious.

An early model was tested out by an army flyer during the war, and while not wholly successful, it proved the practicability of the idea. The inventor is now busy with improvements.

Inventors have been trying for years to fashion a plane which shall do the things claimed for this model. If a blind man succeeds where others have failed, it will be both marvelous and touching. Perhaps in permitting the glory of the accomplishment to a sightless man, God finds his way of giving consolation to the millions of the blind who may never know what it is to see. He is actually mounting up the wings of eagles.

And what of the fortunate mortals who have unlimited use of sight and hearing and other senses? How far short of their possibilities most of them fall when a blind man fashions a thing like this!

## THE OFFICE CAT



WANTED—A job in my own home town.

His, not to be had and I wonder why. The reason is plain, why bluff it off? The jobs all go to the foreign guy? You eat de points de fine macarons. You yest ban over for vos hat year. You speaks da good Italiane. You name is Ole, why, have no fear. If you talk by signs, sign your name with a cross.

You may be sure that a job you'll land. If your name is Killisnoy, Scrapall-the-timevitch, You will get all that you may demand. If you want a job in your own home town, Its the very plain truth, why need I lie?

You must not belong to the U. S. A., 'Tis better to be a foreign guy.

### Upside Down.

Two piles of apples on the floor in the back room of a grocery store. "Large on the top, sir, and small at the bottom?" inquired the foreign clerk as he prepared to fill a barrel. "Certainly not," replied Joe, virtuously. "Honesty is the little apple, my boy. Put the little apples at the top and the large ones at the bottom."

The assistant complied. "It the barrel full, my lad?" asked the grocer. "Yes," answered the clerk. "Good" said Joe. "Now turn it upside down and label it."

### English A La Boston.

Do you know "Smithy" Smith? "Sure, I soaked that boneheaded shrimp on the breezer the last time I seen him."

"What awful language. You should say: 'I soaked that bone-headed shrimp on the breezer the last time I saw him.'"

Less than a decade ago our chief ambition was to leave school. After lamping some of the comely pedagogues of today, however, we decided that going back wouldn't be so bad.

(Note to the composing room foreman: Please set the foregoing in agate; our wife can't read fine print without getting a headache.)

Our Tabloid Educational Series. Shark fins are highly prized as an article of food in the Orient.

The nickel-plated castor oil spoon, offered for the best example of base ingratitude, is hereby awarded to a New York World reporter, who was invited to a banquet by Mayor Hylan and then "played up" in his story the fact that booze was served. The city editor, we felt, should be held as an accessory before the fact.

When a woman gets sick and has to go to bed she arranges the scenery so that she looks pathetic and interesting. But let a man get sick and he usually looks like something the cat brought in.

### Sea-Sick.

It is unnecessary to go to Atlantic City to get sea-sick. Just stand around and listen to some sixteen-year-old girl shoot the hot-air over the telephone to some candy-legged kid for an hour or two.

### Ode To An Auto.

My Bonnie bent over the gas tank, The height of the contents to see; He lighted a match to assist him, (Oh, bring back my Bonnie to me!)

### High Cost of Pleasure.

"Look here, Malina," cried the farmer, shaking the bills the R. F. D. carrier had just left. "You must think I'm made of money! Mustard plasters from Lee Dickerson's, fifty cents; six teeth pulled at Russell Swindler's, three dollars. There's three dollars and a half spent in one week for your own private pleasure."

### BABY GIRL PASSES AWAY

SUNDAY AT PARENTS' HOME  
Betty Lee Baum, seven-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Baum, passed away late yesterday afternoon. The funeral was held this afternoon at three o'clock at Bishop J. J. Blake of the L. D. S. church officiating. Interment was in the L. D. S. cemetery.

Resolving Luster of Pearls  
Although there is no method known, we positively guarantee the restoration of the luster of a pearl which has become dull through careless handling. Our customers are said to have a novel way of trying to restore it. They only feed high pearls to chickens. The pearls remain in the chickens' crops and the bones are killed and the pearls removed. The light friction which they have been subjected to in the crops of the chickens is supposed to restore the luster, at least to some extent.

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Mey's New

Brown Calf

## Oxfords

\$6.25

Of heavy dark Mahogany Brown Calf-skin, with heavy wet soles and rubber heels attached—made on a medium narrow last and rounder toe. An exceptional value at this price—just in. All sizes, while they last at \$6.25

## SEES RELIEF FINANCIALLY

### FARM LAND BANK LOANS TO START SOON.

Farmers Who Are in Greatest Need of Money Will Probably Be Favored By Bank.

The re-opening of the federal land banks will materially relieve the financial situation in the United States before the end of summer, according to George A. Z. Harris, examining officer of the national farm loan associations with headquarters in the federal land bank at Spokane, who was in this city Saturday on business with the local association, of which Chas. H. Reynolds is secretary.

At present a \$40,000,000 bond issue is being placed on the market to provide funds for the associations. This money will place several million dollars at the disposal of Oregon farmers, but it will be some time before the actual loans can be made.

In discussing the financial situation Mr. Harris said: "Every dollar that is loaned to the farmers will mean that the farmer is relieved and indirectly the bankers and business men in general will be benefited because of the fact that so many farmers are in such dire need of the loans to pay off obligations. It will be several weeks before loans can be made, but by August I think that the land banks will again be operating normally. As soon as the present bond issue has been disposed of, I expect to see another of equal size placed on the market to continue the work."

At present Mr. Reynolds is receiving applications for loans. All loans on which money is loaned must be appraised and therefore it will be some time before loans can be made. The merits of each applicant will also be taken into consideration by the federal land bank at Spokane, and there are so many more applications than can be granted. Preference will be given to loans that will prevent foreclosure on mortgages or in case of dire financial need.

## MOST VISITED MAN AT HOSPITAL IS ACCIDENT VICTIM

About 64 weeks ago George Murray, of Spokane, fell off a freight train near this city when the train was going over thirty miles an hour. Both his feet were cut off. Lee Shaver, his pal, jumped off the fast moving train, risking his own life, bound the bleeding stumps of his pal's legs so that he would not bleed to death while aid was being summoned. Murray was taken to the Grande Ronde hospital and after reading of the accident in the paper most people forgot about it.

Shaver and Murray, both of whom were beating their way, were pals and the bond of friendship between the two suffered none because of the accident. Shaver is still in town waiting till his pal gets well enough to leave. Work he has none but passes the long days whittling the curiosities he makes. He is somewhat of an artist at this. He specializes in whittling away a pair of toes out of a piece of wood about an inch by half an inch thick and ten inches long. All the towns are connected and he takes some skill to do the job.

Murray in the meantime is able to be about in a wheel chair at the hospital. Thoma, a porter at the hospital authorities report that Murray has more visitors each day than any other patient. All the town comes through La Grande to see him. He has heard of their friend's accident and some of them call on Murray.

In America cat is king and but care if ever still child hunt by sense of smell.

## EPWORTH LEAGUE RALLY ENJOYED

The Epworth League Rally held yesterday afternoon and evening at the First Methodist Church was pronounced a decided success. On account of the condition of the roads, a large number of league members from the Union and Island City took part in the Rally. La Grande and Island City provided a splendid supper and it was a real supper say these in attendance.

The program was excellent. Each part showed careful preparation and was well rendered. Special mention should be made of the paper on "The Deeper Life," read by Miss Lois Bryant. Dr. E. C. Dewey's addresses were full of wise counsel and wholesome humor. Dr. Ira L. Aldrich made all feel that there was but one thing for the month of July, and that is the Willowa Institute. The musical numbers were: Violin solo by Floyd Smith; vocal solo by Paul Knautz; violin solo, by Lucile Dunbar, and the Ladies Quartet. All were beautifully rendered and well received.

## TED LARSEN A MOVIE STAR

"The Romance of La Grande," a moving picture with local setting and local cast, was filmed yesterday. Ted Larsen, as the hero, and Thelma Christie, as the heroine, made a decided hit, while Harry Snow, grass, as the villain, and Myrtle Harlan, as the neglected girl, also came out of their experience with flying colors.

The picture was taken by the San Joaquin Motion Picture company under the direction of Meyers and Ford, of the Arcade theatre, who will present it to their audience within a short time.

The plot of the story included a dramatic meeting of the hero and heroine, the interception of their love affair by the villain, the vanquishing of the villain by the hero and the "happy-ever-after" ending via the marriage route, as well as a scene proving that the future held happiness in store for the young couple.

G. A. Campbell, director and business manager of the producing company, filmed the scenes.

## True Humor.

In the end we find that the test of true humor is the reaction it makes to the depression, sorrow and sadness of life and its power to give brightness and courage in the midst of disaster. The joke is worth while that makes life more possible and sorrow a little less impossible—that brings a smile amid tears, as sunshine in the heart of clouds is seen cutting its way through the darkness. Yet, despite England's training in trouble, what is there finer than the delicate humor of Oliver Wendell Holmes?—Exchange.

## Then the Club Adjourned.

Some one told a good dog story and the inevitable better one followed. "We had a cat at home," related the quiet man in the corner, "which was fond of playing with the wife's ball of wool. One day the cat swallowed it, and some months later when kittens were born they were all wearing jumpers."

Names Derived From Cities.  
A milliner meant originally one from Milan—a milliner; just as a "cordwainer" or shoemaker was a worker of leather from Cordova.

## Finny Tribe in Cold Weather.

All fish do not hibernate during the winter. Some species find homes in holes or beneath rocks and roots and get along very well without food during the cold weather, but they are not torpid like the bears and groundhogs that hibernate. Most of the fish swim about in the cold water and gather a living in winter just as they do in summer, but none of them requires so much food when the water is cold.

## Pleasing Mouth.

The pleasing mouth has lips that curve from thin outer corners to a ripe fullness at the middle. The sweep should be upward to a fine cleft at the middle of the upper lip. A deep cleft just about the center of the upper lip is one of the recognized marks of beauty.

## Scent in Each Wood.

Were our sense of smell more highly developed and better trained, says the American Forestry Magazine, we should find that every wood has its own peculiar scent by which alone it could be distinguished from all the rest.

## Verse Writing Taught in School.

In Chinese schools, just before the noonday recess, the teacher writes a sentiment, a proverb, or a proposition upon a slip of red paper and pastes it upon the door. Each boy as he goes out reads the lines, and in the afternoon gives to the teacher another line which will, with the first, make a couplet.

## Epitaphs of Today

"A nepitaph To Squire Scott, The highway turned; His car did not."

—Moral— Was he prepared?

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LA GRANDE LODGE NO. 433

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Old Time

# DANCE

Tonight

Refreshments  
Social Committee