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DESIRABLES AND UNDESIRABLES

"Who's 'undesirable'?" asks the Boston Globe, reminding its readers that the Irish were considered undesirable 70 years ago, and that the Germans, now subject to such unfriendliness in this country, were regarded as highly desirable before 1914. The Globe concludes that "the undesirables of one generation is the desirable of the next."

If there is any answer, it is that an undesirable immigrant is one who is so considered at the time by the majority of Americans. Every generation must judge for itself, and every decade must judge for itself.

The 1920 census report indicates that of the more than 13,000,000 foreign-born now in this country, the Germans hold first place, owing to the huge German immigration before the World War. Next come the Italians. Following in order of diminution, come Russians, Poles, British, Canadians, Irish, Swedes, Austrians, Mexicans, Hungarians, Norwegians, Danes and Greeks.

The new alien and anti-dumping bill now pending in Congress, providing that only three per cent of nationals living in this country in 1910 shall be admitted in the next 14 months, will make various changes in this line-up, because the proportions were different a decade ago. The most pronounced change will be the dropping of Italy to fifth place. The United Kingdom (Great Britain and Ireland) would be a little ahead of Germany, with Russia (including Finland) third, Austria-Hungary fourth, Scandinavia sixth, France seventh, Greece eighth and the rest of not much importance.

It is an interesting occupation to figure out in what order of precedence aliens ought to be admitted, according to the present preference. A national plebiscite on that point would be interesting.

IMMIGRATION FRAUDS

Forgery on a vast scale has played a part in recent immigration history. Since the beginning of the recent war immigrants have been obliged to have passports, signed by American consular officers in the countries from which they come. There has grown up a regular business of forging these papers.

Announcement was made recently by the State Department at Washington that gangs had been discovered on the Continent with large quantities of counterfeit passports in their possession, and along with them rubber stamps with forged signatures of American consuls and counterfeit stamps and seals. At one point it was proved that 330 forged passports had been put in circulation in a single month. The evil has been found in Poland, Germany, France, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Italy and Greece, and doubtless exists in other countries. It is difficult to detect such forgeries when the new-comer presents them at an American port.

The situation has been bad enough even without this cheating of the American passport system. In friendly countries it has been all too easy to obtain genuine passports direct from the American officials. Under the present ruling they are allowed very little discretion, and have been obliged to issue the papers to virtually all who applied, even though an applicant was obviously disqualified by the immigration laws. They could warn the foreigner that he was ineligible, but he could insist on the passport, and take his chance on passing inspection at this end of the trip. And in 50 per cent of cases, according to a recent magazine article, the technically ineligible and plainly undesirable immigrant has got through somehow, through official carelessness or through fraud on the part of relatives already in this country.

Certainly it is high time that the

POLITICAL HISTORY

May 22, 1807. Trial of Aaron Burr begins. Charged with treason.
May 22, 1865. Last blood shed in Civil War.

May 23, 1830. Henry M. Teller born. Was Secretary of the Interior under President Arthur.
May 23, 1862. Battle of Port Royal, Virginia.

The Free Soil Party
The Free Soil Party was organized in 1848, carrying a platform of opposing the extension of slavery into the new territory obtained by means of the Mexican war. Van Buren and Charles F. Adams were nominated at a convention held in Buffalo, August 1848. A very substantial popular vote was cast for these candidates, but electoral votes were lacking.

Grant at his second term, after the oath touched with his hands, XI, 2 and 3.

THE OFFICE CAT



—By JUNIUS—

The Dentist
I felt his soft breath on my cheek. And the gentle touch of his hand. His very presence near me. Seemed a breeze on the desert sand. He deftly sought my lips. My head he did enfold. Then he broke the silence with "Shall the fillin be silver or gold?"

The Tired Business Man Telephones
"Miss Blinks, get me Mr. Hoozle."

Miss Blinks looks up Turnem and Patten's number, then: "Glumme 9291 please. No. not 9391; 9291. Thank you."

"Is this 9291? Is this Trunem and Patten? Mr. Thasso is on the wire. He wants to speak to Mr. Hoozle."

"(Mr. Hoozle is in Mr. Worrit's private office telling him how he won forty cents in syndicate golf.) Mr. Hoozle's private secretary says:

"Mr. Hoozle is in conference now. He will call Mr. Thasso in thirty minutes." In thirty minutes the intricate road is backtracked from Mr. Hoozle to Mr. Thasso, five people being engaged in the simple transaction. Mr. Thasso is out. When he returns Miss Blinks tells him that Mr. Hoozle called, but by that time he had forgotten what he wanted to talk about. Ain't business wonderful?

A localite says that if the first kiss makes her weep, the second will console her. Presuming, of course, that he knows, whereof he speaks.

Another localite says that in his opinion some preachers would be a heap more popular, if their sermons were only as broad as they are long.

Boston

Is the center of gravity completely surrounded by Newtons.

It is also the center of the universe. The great poet Anonymous has immortalized Boston as the home of the Bean and the Cod. Where Lowells speak only to Cabots.

And Cabots speak only to God.

Conserving, Possibly

"Brown isn't a brilliant man," said his friend, "but he seems to have a whole lot of common sense."

"He ought to have," replied A. Synic, "for he never uses any."

A man darns his socks before marriage; thereafter he darns marriage.

Even when they are in straightened circumstances same men are crooked.

Knocks from man or motor usually means there's something wrong inside.

Very Few

"Think it over at your leisure. Then you will agree," said Hess.

"There ain't many rounds of pleasure."

In the ladder of success."

Rather late to call your attention to it, but a Colyum is only a colyum, and we can't publish everything in a day.

But what we started out to say was that last Saturday while it was raining and the streets were rather sloppy, we observed two girls cross the street. One of them rushed boldly across, while the other hesitated. One was silk hose. The other one did not. Guess which one hesitated.

You are right.

It Orta Be There, Anyhow. The modest pussy willer. Nods by the babbling brook; We say so just for a filler— We haven't been down to look.

Every small town has a genius who imagines he can repair his own watch with a pocket-knife.

One of our townsmen says that a man likes to act bossy with his wife when they have company because he'll talk a roll over and play dead as soon as the aforesaid company leaves.

The average man's idea of home is a nice big easy chair, where he can sit with his feet on the library table and smoke, while his wife keeps an eye on the furnace and carries out the ashes.

A Little River Too Fast. Near Office: "What is the proper length of a dress?"

Various Notes. Judging by the hours of the men on the street, the only thing that is not going on is the war.

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HILGARD, May 20.—(Special.)—Mrs. Marion Jordan, nee Maude Hooper, left Monday for her new home in Enterprise.

H. F. Stairer went back on the job as "second trick" operator here Sunday. Miss Elvira Arnoldus, who had been "relieving" for him, left Monday morning for La Grande.

Athor Saylor left last night for Umatilla. C. S. Wilson is filling the O. W. R. & N. depot agency, left vacant by Mrs. Hooper-Jordan.

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