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The K. K. K.

The Ku Klux Klan is on the defensive. It has been vigorously assailed by newspapers in all sections of the country, and the attack has culminated in a vigorous and comprehensive exposure made by the New York World. Washington is interested and Congress is talking of investigation. Evidently the public is destined to hear a good deal of this mysterious organization before the dust settles.

If the charges made by the World and other critics are true, the Klan bears little resemblance except superficially to the celebrated order of that name which flourished during reconstruction days, and for the services of which a large part of the South still has a warm regard. It is also said to bear little resemblance to the "legitimate" fraternal orders with which this country abounds. Its salient characteristic is declared to be irresponsible terrorism, perpetrated under the guise of patriotic service. Numerous "outrages" committed by groups of men wearing the Klan regalia and aided in support of this accusation.

Possibly this phase of the order's activity has been exaggerated. Lawless characters may have operated, in many cases, in the guise of Klansmen without authority, for their own evil purposes. It is also possible that the finances of the order have been mismanaged—that the money paid to organizers is legitimate, and that the large sums flowing into the headquarters are likewise legitimate, and properly used.

It is difficult, though, to see how this "modern" Klan can harmonize its openly professed principles with traditional American ideals, in spite of its claim to 100 per cent Americanism. Its appeals show it as frankly anti-Semitic, anti-Catholic, anti-negro and anti-immigrant. That means intolerance, and intolerance, as most Americans understand it, is based on religious and racial tolerance.

"Parties"

Frank Irvine in the Portland Journal deals with the Arbuckle case in the following forcible manner:

"It all happened at a 'party.' Rosecoe Arbuckle gave it. Beautiful Virginia Rappe attended. After the liquor, the music came off and the room that were the setting for the innocent 'party' became the lair of the beast. 'Men talk of parties.' Girls talk of 'parties.' Some 'parties' are highly enjoyable and eminently respectable. Some are merely cloaks, masking the black intentions of a man of the jungle. 'Virginia Rappe went to a party.' The mask came off and Virginia Rappe, a few hours later, was in the morgue, the victim of a brutal attack. Other girls have faced the same subtle danger under the same subterfuge—a 'party.' Some have escaped. Many have not. But the 'parties' go on, and other innocent girls are lured to the den of the beast."

"The San Francisco affair is among the most vicious and appalling of recent events. But from it come the warnings. Arbuckle's fate, convicted or not convicted, should stand as a warning to other men. Virginia Rappe's fate should be a warning to other girls. And the fate of both should stand as a warning to men and women alike who dare to tamper with 'parties' which are set in a background of insidious and destructive ruin."

Swat the Weeds!

Why do cities and towns which have arisen and swelled the fly wheel of omnibused post, actually require in numbers still admit today to the weed nuisance, when it is so much easier to get rid of weeds?

In spite of campaigns for civic beauty, gardening and general improvement, there is hardly a town to be found without weeds here and there, growing rank along the sidewalks, flourishing in vacant lots and encroaching on their careless proprietors to nullify the efforts of every citizen who plants or plants.

Aside from their unsightly appearance, weeds had used weather, drying in the late summer weather, constitute a fire menace of no small degree. They provide unlimited grazing space which all sorts of insect pests find hard to leave as their eyes for the winter. They contribute to the ill-health and discomfort of the community, holding vermin and dust for the first breath in every wind, they stimulate, and probably cause, by hay fever and allied ills.

A steady campaign right now for cutting down all weeds and turning

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



MISS BIRDIE GREEN OF HOOTSTOWN CAME OVER AND INTERVIEWED MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD ABOUT A POSITION AS TEACHER.

THE OFFICE CAT



—BY JUNIOR—

them, so that neither used nor great mischief-makers are left to spread trouble, will both solve this year's problem and diminish next year's labors. The weed and the insect know nothing of race hatred, and without some outward check their tribes increase with a rapidly worthy of a finer strain.

The Echoing Feet

When the Y. W. C. A. started out upon its campaign to induce young women to develop feet "fit for feet," as one secretary puts it, who would have supposed that among those to follow the banner most promptly would be Chinese maidens by the hundred? Yet recently at the Far East Olympic games, held in Shanghai, 1,200 girls from Oriental countries took part. Of these 200 were from the Philippines and Japan, and the rest from the land of bound feet.

The political emancipation of women has been the subject of much discussion. Their physical emancipation is no less striking or important. Who can feel very pessimistic about the future of a world in which the coming mothers are turning to so much that is sane, healthful and of common interest?

Lucie Mammotte, sitting with her father and Sydney Carton, under the plane tree in the little garden in the quiet back court in Paris, heard there the echoes of feet she never saw, and fancied prophetically that they were the echoes of feet which would come into her life some day.

So the echoing feet of the young Chinese girls, running their races, participating in their new-found sports, sound around the corners of the world, prophetic of a day when the echoes of marching armies shall grow dim, and people of all lands shall come into another's lives in mutual understanding of what is worthy and worthwhile.

Understanding Immigration

It is easy for the average citizen to talk about immigration as being one of the nation's big problems. Sometimes he demands that all foreigners be kept out of the country hereafter. Again—if he belongs to another group—he wants aliens let in and less fuss made about them. In both cases he has usually made little attempt to study the problem or to seek, even in his own mind, a real solution to it.

In view of the anticipated legislation by Congress at its next session, it would be well for thoughtful citizens to delve a little deeper than usual into the sources of information on all phases of immigration—its economic and industrial aspects and its ultimate effect upon the United States racially and culturally.

Frances Kellor, the author of a new book, "Immigration and the Future," sums up her own volume with a series of questions which could serve as an excellent outline for a study of the problem. She asks:

"Is America irrevocably an immigration country?"
"Is immigration essential to our economic development?"
"Is America a necessary asylum for the foreign-born?"
"Should the basis for assimilation be Anglo-Saxon?"
"Should America become a one-lan, quasi-country?"
"What shall be done with the foreign-language press?"
"Should American citizenship be compulsory?"
"What is to be the status abroad of naturalized citizens?"
"Should aliens be registered?"
"Should the troubles of Europe be solved in America?"

These questions cannot be answered offhand. Much of the nation's future development and happiness is dependent upon the way Congress answers these or similar questions, and the answer of the nation's legislative body will be shaped in part by the answer, intelligent or otherwise, of the nation's citizens.

The Key That Unlocks the Door to Long Living.

The men of eighty-five and ninety years of age are not the robust, well-fed, but thin, spare men, who live on a slender diet. Be as careful as he will, however a man past middle age will occasionally eat too much, or of some article of food not suited to his constitution, causing indigestion or constipation, and will need a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets to move his bowels, and invigorate his stomach. When this is done there is no reason why the average man should not live to a ripe old age. —Abe.



—BY JUNIOR—

A Cove married lady of a few months, called at the meat market and asked the butcher for some Bull Durham. She was politely referred to the grocery store next door, where she sat down and waited. She did not know they kept meat.

A good Starkey mother was stirring a cake and her two sons began fighting over who would lick the pan. The mother made a mark on the pan permitting each boy to lick up to the mark. She turned about her work but was attracted by a ferocious fight between the brothers. Tom was over Bert's side of the pan. She said: "Tom, why did you not stay on your own side of the pan?" And Tom replied, "Because Bert ate the mark up."

THE STENO.

She has a wistful and seeing eye, And has a hunch and tells the bunch of bones and peels long on requests. For him to munch with them at lunch.

She knows all his goings and sowings And in wise to his career and little affairs.

She never tries to show how much that she knows And the man himself would pay over just a few cents.

To let him know just how much she knows Just one little know of the wise steno.

Some smart London restaurants are now providing special crisscross-tipped cigarettes for women smokers so that any complexion that may happen to be removed from their lips will not be visible on their cigarettes. Probably the next reform will be the giving of smoking dresses for men smokers who are becoming a little tired of wearing the "flour" of civility upon their expensive dress suits.

Right along side of an article about Harding's accomplishments in his months as president, we find an account of his latest golf triumph. Why two stories?

FOOTING THE MEDICOS.
(The doctors' Fair States Press.)
"The brothers are Jimmy drivers at Morgan City and the younger of the two, say physicians cannot live, owing to severe fractures of the front and base of the skull. The older brother, DEAD in a cornfield WILL RECOVER."

HANDICAPPED.
"I don't hear from my girl at the shore."
"Why doesn't she write?"
"I suppose some other fellow is finding her hand."

THE SIGN OF A SERVICE
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A. W. Nelson says a postmist is like a blind man in a dark room, looking for a black hat that isn't there.

As a matter of fact, rolled stockings may not have a thing in the world to do with the early appearance of the augmented mosquito army. What is a thin layer of silk more or less to a mosquito armed for action at three hundred yards? Anyhow, we hope it's true that the rolled stocking is responsible. Make it's to keep 'em from singing in a fellow's ears.

POME.

What is home without a mother?
Dad is mad and fury as
He has had no lunch today—
Mother's on the jury.

The people of the famous belt of the near east report having seen a serpent 200 feet long in the Black Sea. Those folks may be hungry, but we will bet they aren't thirsty.

THIS IS TOO MUCH.

Somebody's always taking the joy out of life. Right on top of when we've almost forgotten the high-ball, comes Helen Sweeney of the New York tribe of dancing masters, with the following enticing directions about the newest popular dance, Culture Walk:

"Keep the body line back and the forward leg straight. Bend the back leg, take a long, stretching slide, and FORGET ABOUT THE BALL OF THE FOOT."

The sheriff has a dog which barks every time he smells a still. When does the poor dog rest?—Philadelphia Record.

When a wise man gets home late he tells the truth and lets his wife wonder where he has been.



When Troops of Snowflakes March A'down

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is also a great favorite for this purpose. It is figured, floral patterns, and a great variety of colorings. It is 36 inches wide, and priced at 20c yd.

Bugle Beads

Dressmakers who have been inquiring for these will find ample selection now. Bronze, Blue, Copper, Black and Green. These are the long tubular shaped beads—used in trimming. In skeins—Priced at 30c skein.

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New arrivals of this popular material for aprons, house dresses and Misses school dresses—contain all the wanted bright shades that we have been out of for some time. Included are green, rose, pink, yellow and orange. Price, 40c yd.

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