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### Bible Thought. For Today

PEACE WITH ALL MEN.—Follow peace with all men, and hostility, without which no man shall see the Lord.—Hebrews 12:14.

### THE ICE MAN.

Most of the time of the ice man is not spent in delivering ice, says a reporter who tried the job. He doesn't spend it loitering on the way or figuring how to give short weight or anything else the housewife may think either.

He spends it lifting milk bottles, ginger ale, lettuce, berries, watermelons and cucumbers from the top compartment of family ice boxes. A week's supply of papers, a section of carpet or a grain sack are some of the non-edible things he may find.

A housewife for whom "inside delivery" must be made hates the muddy feet of the ice man. Yet when he is delayed on a very hot day she is tempted to paraphrase, "How beautiful upon the mountain are the feet of them that bring good tidings." The housewife with an ice box door through the wall is saved the mud. The one with electric refrigeration is still better off, and growing in numbers.

But while ice must come in at the kitchen door, why do not housewives learn something about ice? The cardinal sin against efficiency and economy is to keep anything but ice in the ice chamber. Not more than half a dozen times a year does the good house manager permit that chamber to be opened for anything but the admission of ice. Milk, lettuce, ginger ale and the rest will keep just as well in their proper places if the ice chamber be kept well-filled with ice and nothing else—nothing else at all—is allowed to get into it. The old carpet and newspaper pad to retard melting are signs of bad management of the ice chamber, not good. What the ice is for is to melt, and it produces no coolness unless it does melt.

Besides, if there is nothing to be lifted out, the ice man will be quicker coming and shorter staying, and less dripping and far more friendly.

### FRENCH-AMERICAN EDUCATION

Good results ought to come from the exchange of college students between the United States and France. According to an arrangement newly made, 40 annual scholarships have been awarded to Americans in French universities. The exchange begins next fall. France and America, in spite of the revolutionary tradition and in spite of all the fine things said during the war, have a great deal of trouble understanding each other. There is a gulf between the two nations, due to language and divergent ideals and manner of life, which does not exist between America and England.

The American students who go to Oxford, under the Rhodes scholarship plan, have little trouble in fitting into English life. American students in France may learn, in time, to do the same; likewise with the French students who come over here. France, even more than America, needs to go abroad and get the viewpoints of other countries.

Incidentally these French scholarships will do something for American education that the Rhodes scholarships cannot do. The latter are confined to men. The majority of students going to France happen to be women. And that is well. Women, no less than men, are necessary in any scheme to promote international understanding and friendship.

### Radio Hash.

Naval holdings and talk of disarmament do not stop naval experts from inventing things to make navies more effective. And the latest invention of this kind is the radio scrambling device.

It goes without saying that wireless telegraphy has vastly increased the efficiency of navies. In the old days ship commanders received their orders by flag and rockets; today they get them in detail in secret code by wireless. And so much done that modern maneuvering depend upon wireless in spite of the fact that they still have signal men and equipment available for emergency flag and rocket work that anything which will render wireless communication impossible, handicaps a navy.

The new "radio scrambler" sends out radio waves of varying wavelengths in such a jumble that they make "hash" of all the messages operators may be trying to receive within the circle of their range. Our navy men say that such equipment in the hands of our navy would be able practically to erase the air service and navy of an enemy.

But, of course, the enemy can devise a scrambler of his own. As a matter of fact, Germany used this idea effectively during the World War when two of her cruisers were picked up in the Aegean by the British fleet and a British cruiser, far in advance of the main fleet, was "kicking an ear" on them, ready to wireless the news if they attempted any "comp." Suddenly they got under way and headed for the Dardanelles, theoretically closed to all combatants. The British ship made effort to send back the news, but the wireless men on the German ships poured forth such a mass of interference or "radio hash" that the advance cruiser was true

man had forgotten till the blood-fever swept over Europe and America. With the fever in his veins the white man danced—like the savage arrayed in his war-paint.

That may explain part of the craze, but hardly all of it. As the writer realizes, there are two great incentives to the dance—war and love. War may have started the swarming; but the war dance, in America, at least, in its later stages has visibly changed into a love dance—something not at all unusual, after war. And since this latter phase is, if possible, worse than the former, there is all the more rejoicing among normal human beings that its fury is dying out.

### What's a Flapper?

Since the "flapper" has become of general interest, let us consider flappers. And since, as Socrates taught, the first requisite of philosophy is discussion is to define terms, let us consider definitions. What, then, is a flapper? A newspaper questionnaire has brought forth these suggestions:

"Flapper is the modern term for a pretty young girl."

"A flapper is a cute, frivolous girl in the latest clothes."

"A flapper is a frivolous young person whose galoshes flap as she walks."

"I should think the term would be applied not to our attractive young girls, but to the old ones who are trying to look young."

"A flapper is a cute young thing with short skirts, bobbed hair and spurs on her heels."

"A flapper is a girl making herself as attractive as possible so she can catch a bump."

"A flapper is a girl who is getting anywhere."

Socrates may have been justified in his famous quest for definitions, because in his day there were no dictionaries. A lexicon is always a short cut to knowledge. Looking the word up in the dictionary, we find this explicit and succinct statement:

"Flapper—a young girl when first trying to flapper, especially a wild duck when it cannot fly."

What more could anyone ask? And don't despair of the poor little flapper; her feathers grow and her wings strengthen and the poor little duck does learn to fly, after all, you know, and eventually we find her a state another screeching about a new generation of flappers.

### Immigration Stopped.

Immigration in this country is virtually at a standstill, and it is estimated to remain so for another year or two, at least.

The new immigration bill, which proposes to cut the quota of eligible aliens from 1 per cent to 2 per cent of each nationality on the basis of the 1910 census, would reduce the admissible total from 225,000 to 129,000.

Billions of these numbers is small compared with the total customer before the war. And both of them are equally theoretical. The actual net immigration for the fiscal year just ended is believed to be not more than 100,000, and which all are nearly all are women.

Men come, but more men depart than women.

If this be true, there may be a still smaller number of immigrants when the new law goes into effect. It is possible, however, for someone in this country to have perceptible and strong disposition to relax the pressure against aliens.

### Matured War Bonds.

The present situation regarding government bonds of the Victory 3-1-4 per cent issue shows how unappreciated the American public is to bond investments. This issue matured on June 15. It has not drawn any interest since that date and no interest will be paid on it hereafter. Consequently every dollar tied up in such bonds is left in the hands of the government, is left there as the bondholder's property. Yet at the end of June there were said to be over \$200,000,000 worth of these bonds still outstanding.

It is safe to say that thousands of owners never paid any attention to the time their bonds had to run. Many owners, no doubt, believe that the government will keep on paying in respect to these investments. Others who are fortunate enough to have some stored away had better have a look at the clock on their wall and find out if the time mentioned, and then get out.

Those expeditious that are going to the Congo, Liberia and Man hunt in search of gold should find it right at home if they dig for it—and plant those seeds where they dig.

Your little white business man is great, but before breakfast and after supper, he is a hundred dollars of loss to his law.

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### THE OFFICE CAT

—BY JUNIUS—



Mother (reprovingly)—"When I was young, girls never thought of doing the things they do today."

Daughter—"Well, that's why they didn't do them."

SOMEbody IS MISTAKEN. Cooperatively few of the young people are playing the manifold novelties. Yet we are being assured that the world grows wiser.

AFTER all you do not see as many respectable looking old plugs on the highways as in the days of yore.

QUESTION MARK. "Let me see your candy, saying sweets to the street."

"A pretty sentiment. What of it?" "But now he sends me an ivory hair brush."

And now we hear that Columbus was a humbug, according to reports now. How foolish to go so far back in the search for humbugs when there are so many here right now.

It is said that radium gives off particles of itself and yet never grows less. We know men who are like that spiritually.

MIGHT LEAVE SOMETHING. Bedouine (complaining to her wife)—"What's that you say, a burglar?" Mrs. Bedouine—"Yes, fancy a burglar calling on us."

Dodderke—Let him climb in; then I'll give a yell and it may make him drop something that he has stolen elsewhere.

HIS FINISH. Gothamite—"I understand the three you came from figures in a recent novel. Was the author born there?" Visitor—"Yes; and if he ever shows up again, he'll die there."

An Iowa woman got angry and went to bed and stayed there for thirty-eight years. However, think how much worse it would have been if she had been angry for thirty-eight years and stayed up.

A certain government clerk got a raise in his salary some months ago. He rushed to the telephone office when his day's work was over and dispatched a message to the girl of his choice in his home town, apprising her of his new good fortune and asking her to become his life-partner, a step he had long contemplated, but which his former limited salary had deterred him from taking.

He prepared the reply at the minimum for and her answer, therefore, had to be limited to ten words. The young fellow's suspense of waiting was intense, but very brief; the girl's message came in a few minutes: "Yes, I'll marry you."

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Every week we read of trains knocking the tar out of buses that stop on the tracks, but never have read of an auto knocking a train off the tracks. This ought to be conclusive evidence that it can't be done. Better wait and let the trains go by.

OR WORDS TO THAT EFFECT. "Ethel," said the bishop, "you seem to be a bright little girl, can you recite a verse from the Bible?" "I'll say I can."

"Well, my dear, let us have it." "The Lord is my shepherd—I should worry."

### SPECULATION IS UNRIVALLED

(By Associated Press.) KREUZBERG, July 10.—A wild world of speculation, recalling the days of the California gold fever, already has appeared in connection with the partition of Upper Silesia. The danger of losing certain established trade connections through such a stampede, however, is preventing some German traders from entering new combinations, the purpose of which is the promotion of common interests on either side of the boundary. But there is a tendency among German firms whose connections do not make it necessary for them to remain in the territory now acquired by Po-

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