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TEACH ME.—Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God; thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.—Psalms 143:10.

THE OFFICE CAT

EGOTISM
A kind of ego-sickness, induced by looking at things too much through one's eyes, and which often causes the victim to throw up his job.

It is unfortunate for humanity in general that advice is not heeded.

It used to be women were the only egotists we had. Now we have the auto kind also.

Remember this! If what you did yesterday still looks big to you, you haven't done much today.

There is always something. If you are riding on the train just about when you get to a place where you think you are going, you see something interesting, you pass a string of box cars a mile long. If it is an open air meeting, about the time you think the speaker is going to say something a fool passes with the out-of-air open. We insist, there is always something.

The bungalow type of architecture is now quite prominent among statesmen. A bungalow is a house without an attic.

There was one test to which the patience of Job was never subjected. He didn't have to teach his wife to run his automobile.

Have you not often wondered what has become of the ragged boys who used to offer to carry your grip up from the station for a nickel?

"Can I be of any assistance?" asked the sympathetic motorist of a man who was looking unutterable thoughts at a disabled car.

"How is your vocabulary?"

"I'm a minister, sir."

"Drive on."

Amos Tash says the clinging-vine type sometimes turns out to be poison ivy.

The optimist hopes to inherit a million; the pessimist starts a savings account.

If the crusade to prevent the tipping of hats during cold weather succeeds it will be the first anti-tipping campaign that ever did.

CARFARE
For hours they had been together in her parlor. The moon cast its tender gleam thru the window on the young and handsome couple who sat strangely far apart. He sighed, she sighed. Finally:

"I wish I had money, dear," he said. "I'd travel."

Impulsively, she slipped her hand into his; then, rising swiftly, she sped out of the room. Against, he looked at his hand. In his palm lay a nickel.

The leading bone of contention in the law boys. The next is the trombone.

The paragrapher with one wife who criticizes doubtless wonders how Solomon managed his writing.

It is hard to tell what and when the world is coming to.

No wonder the bride's mother weeps. She better than any other, knows what is going to happen to the groom.

It is rumored about the city office that "Nuisance," the fellow member of the city police force, played a most unattractive trick on her chief, A. C. Hayes recently. Clint will not divulge any further particulars of the incident.

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FORUM

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB WORK

(By R. G. Dykstra, Imbler)

It is no longer denied by thinking people that Boys and Girls Club Work is of fundamental importance to the future of agriculture; that it is an organization, rural leadership and better farm and home practice. Since civilization is founded upon the home, the school must be a real helper to the home, in order that these two great forces may be coordinated. Club work is a unifying factor in bringing the school and the home together. At the same time the studies are correlated with the ordinary duties of life. It dignifies the labor of the land. It creates respect for those who prepare the daily meal—it gives respect to the one who contributes to the world's wealth from his garden.

The age and conditions that have birth to the odd-time ways of living—These days is gone forever. The old motto: "Let Father Be He," has been forgotten and the youth of today are assimilating the best methods known to agricultural science and by proving their skill have brought the methods to the attention of their parents, thus improving the standards of agriculture in those communities where boys' and girls' clubs are organized. It is fitting and proper that children be prepared in the fullest manner for life and for service. If they are taught at school some of the things that they must do in every-day life, labor itself will be dignified through education. The neighborhood environment of the school furnishes a fine laboratory for practical educational purposes and promises to vitalize the work of the pupil who is pursuing his studies.

Club work is a story of individual achievement, of financial success, of response to a great national need. Of the clubs themselves, with their program of work and learning and fun, of the qualifying and educative force that is teaching out into the isolated regions many volumes might be written. Over 100,000 boys and girls have joined the line of club workers in our land and there will soon be a million. The slogan of the National Committee on Boys' and Girls' Club Work is "Three Million Club Members by 1925." Some one has well said, "Club work is absolutely vital, if agriculture is to continue and civilization is to endure. Club work is a necessity, if homes are to remain and like is to be built on manhood and womanhood. Club work teaches not alone breeding, feeding and care of livestock, growing food plants, cooking, sewing and the like, but it furnishes fine lessons in thrift, independence and honesty."

Lives of good men oft remind us
So we too must try to climb;
By enrolling in some club work
Good records to leave behind.

Records complete, O ye members!
Be your best and fall in line,
It's not your start but your finish
That will be seen on the sands of Time.

ROAD TAX LEVY VALID
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Repudiation.

The gold standard of currency, values may be imperfect, but that it is a good thing to tie in the absence of a better system is impressed by a news item concerning a bit of current German financing. It is announced that on April 1 the Hamburg-American and the North German Lloyd Steamship companies will pay off all mark bonds outstanding against them. They will pay mark for mark, but in the paper marks current in Germany, not on the basis of the gold-valued marks they received. Their bond indebtedness to be thus retired amount to about \$32,500,000. But it will cost them in gold, at present rates of exchange, less than \$5,000 to discharge the debt.

Advocates of "commodity dollars" or "industry dollars" or any other substitute for the gold-backed dollar that would inevitably mean inflation and depreciation should ponder this. And all people making investments in securities would do well to stipulate for repayment in gold. The German steamship companies' plan may be legally valid, but that makes it all the worse morally since when they borrowed the \$32,500,000 they bound themselves to make return of an equivalent amount in value. Depreciation of currency makes for repudiation of just debts.

For Battle Monuments.

The bill to create a battle monuments commission, now pending in congress, will meet with general approval as a necessary step toward the raising of suitable markers commemorating the service of Americans in the World war. Backed by all the veteran organizations tracing back to the great war and supported by all who believe in proper recognition of patriotic and heroic achievement, the measure should be speeded on its passage.

Monuments commemorating the deeds and achievements of Americans in Europe are due those who served and those to whom heritage of their glory will descend. The bill provides for the raising of markers to the American forces as an organization. They would be commemorative of all who participated in the great conflict. And this is as it should be. The expenditure in money that would be as nothing to the expenditure in sacrifice by those who made the raising of them in order.

Why Are Fashions?

Man manages to get along with more or less standardized dress; why not women? Madame Paquin, the Paris authority, furnishes the answer from 33 years' experience with the foibles of fashion. "There can never be a set, uniform style for women so long as women wish to be beautiful and men wish to have them so." The great tragedy of a woman's life, she says "often is that she is not good-looking; the fear of not looking well has brought them to me in tears."

Of course, we all know that it did not require a generation of fashion making to discover the psychology of styles, but Madame Paquin has put it into epigrammatic brevity and pontificates with the air of authority. Women, especially, will stress the division of equal responsibility, that while women wish to be beautiful, men wish to have them so. The fashions cannot be blamed on either alone.

Playing At Being Grownups.

That Boston clergyman who publicly mourns that there are no more real children in the world and that Mother Goose melodies and Santa Clauses are being banished because they are not supported by scientific proof, has failed to take into account the inenarrable trustfulness of human nature.

When we contemplate the unquestioning faith of men and women in all manner of harmful as well as harmless fakes, it would seem nearer the truth to declare there are no grownups in the world; all are children and that all assumption of wisdom is but playing at being grownup. Delusions, fancies and fads may change from time to time as to subject matter, and may even assume aspects more dangerous than the innocent belief in Santa or Mother Goose, but they are just as absurd as ever, and all the wonderful discoveries in the scientific world which have marked the past 50 years have apparently in no wise discouraged the faith of human nature in the supernatural.

The income taxpayer who is on a payroll has a mighty good incentive to be honest in his report.

"Women," says a woman, "have put off all the old petty things." She probably means petticoats.

Violation of some of the laws of nature carries with it a life sentence.

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of posting of the notices. Judge Eukin decided that there were insufficient facts to invalidate the special tax levy and the road district will have about \$8000 of special tax money to expend upon the roads.

WATER MAIN REPAID
SHERIDAN, Ore., Jan. 30.—In order to combat slides in the mountain north of Sheridan that parted the water main and shut off the supply last week, extensive alterations have been made by raising the line 200 feet. The heavy rains of the last month, soaking naturally spongy earth, increased its pliancy and the

council and mayor, the water commission was authorized to relay the line to avoid this menace.

Following an inspection by the RAGS Wanted at The Observer.

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