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ALL THINGS POSSIBLE: Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.—Mark 9:23.

## Don't You Remember

Back in the days of youth—back there when all the world looked bright; when footsteps were light and you smiled and whistled and sang and danced along a primrose pathway—don't you remember the boy or girl of your choice—remember how you loved him or her and promised that when your school days were over some day you should come back and—well, don't you remember? If you do not, you were out of the ordinary, for such is the life of youth.

The words "puppy love" were then unknown. They had not as yet come to make light of your dearest hopes for the unknown future. It was real love to you, one for the other, in those happy old days. They have changed that youthful admiration or love, and the parting of the ways was on the day on which the school term closed—or you may have followed on, year after year, as many have done, and today may be happy and contented in the love of the white-haired man or woman whom you first learned to love.

The Chicago board of education doesn't think much of what it terms "puppy love." It has adopted a resolution providing for an extra course of study in morals and civics for the elementary grades of the public schools, which is intended to prevent heart attachments between boy and girl pupils. But if you will remember—it can't be done.

## That Millionaire Feeling

The luxury of the feeling of being a millionaire has now been placed within the reach of the common people, thanks to the printing press of the Imperial Bank of Germany. Prior to the war the owner of a German mark could exchange it on his arrival in this country for 23.8 cents. For easy figuring it used to be calculated that four German marks were worth \$1.00 in purchasing value. Today anyone owning \$50 real money could exchange it for more than 1,000,000 marks, and enjoy the millionaire feeling until he began to spend the money.

To put it another way, the owner of a \$50 baby bond of the Liberty loan issue is better off today financially, than the owner of a million-mark bank account in Germany the day before William let loose the dogs of war. The mark is not worth the paper it is printed on, and the wonder is that the banks of Germany continue to issue them, or that American bankers continue to quote them. In the language of the cartoonist, "they don't mean anything," and we would not advise anyone to exchange 50 American dollars for 1,000,000 German marks, because the feeling of riches would be fleeting.

## "Columnitis" and Good Taste

American architecture, according to a leading architect, is suffering from a disease which may be called "Columnitis." Rows and rows of columns, particularly in Washington, he says, are camouflage for hideous buildings. Common sense, he adds, is the secret of success in all the arts.

Lasting beauty is characterized by simplicity, and good taste always avoids the ornate and extravagant. The most attractive homes are those so skillfully designed that they fit in natural surroundings as though the whole were made in one piece. There is little that is ornate or extravagant in nature.

Simplicity as a symbol of good taste, however, is not monopolized by the arts. It is applicable to dress, manners and language. The extravagantly dressed person usually attracts attention but makes a bad impression. Compare the officious politeness of a moving picture Spaniard with the unassuming conduct of a well-bred friend. Orators and poets understand that things are said best briefly in words all understand. Good taste is a valuable possession.

By the time the average person has reached the age of discretion a lot of things fail to provide interest.

The public ties to the merchants who advertise to the public.

To most persons a fanatical reformer is one who wants to abolish what they like to do.

Edison says there are loads of \$10,000 jobs, and they seem to be in search of \$10,000 men.

There are said to be 100 master artists in the United States, not including girls who paint.

What makes J. Barleycorn so long-lived is that he never has to worry about paying an income tax.

In Ireland "at peace" is always an epitaph.

France has changed Germany's collapse into a relapse.

## Editorials From Over the Nation

### LABOR AS RAW MATERIAL.

New York World: The principle on which all American immigration laws have been based is that every immigrant admitted should be considered as a prospective citizen. This principle the National Association of Manufacturers proposes to destroy by an amendment which would pass workers fit for "rough labor" but not for naturalization. It would admit a laboring class to factories and mines which it would not admit to citizenship. The object is frankly to increase the supply of common labor in order to keep down the wages of common labor. It is a plea for the treatment of labor as a commodity used in manufacturing. It is an argument that labor is one of the raw materials of industry and should be put on a free-trade basis. It proposes, therefore, to create in these United States a class of proletarian robots who are to be registered, distributed, educated and otherwise supervised by the government.

The proposers of the scheme have wandered very far from the ideas on which this republic was founded. Congress has not, we trust, wandered quite so far into the jungle of class-government as to adopt any such principle as this.

For no matter whether the present quota law is wise or unwise, one thing is certain: the test of an immigration policy is the citizens it produces and not the convenience or the profits of the employers of unskilled labor.

### UNFORTUNATE DOG

Washington Star: A recent news story in the Star probably did an injustice. It was headed "Watch-dog Lets Thief Get \$4,465." It related that a shopkeeper left his watch-dog on guard and a thief entered the house, tied up the dog in the cellar and looted the place.

A dishonest dog is very rare. Probably there never was a dog faithful to his master or obedient to him; trust when he thoroughly knew what was expected of him.

The poorest dog never has been bribed by the brightest bone to betray his home and go back on his master. There is a chance that the dog in this case was deceived by some one who spoke flattering words to him and represented himself to be a friend of the family. If that dog could be understood, he would furnish the police a more valuable clue than they usually get, but it is probable that what the dog has to say about his case will never be accurately translated. Man's understanding of the language of dogs has not progressed far. He understands when Rollo, Gypsy or Spunk says "Let us go for a walk," "Let me in the house," "I would thank you for my supper," or "I'll also take a bite of that which you are eating," and a few other phrases in dogese, but when this poor dog seeks to explain the robbery there will be none to interpret his tale.

It should be proved that this dog is really dishonest or faithless to his trust it would be another bit of evidence to what a low state of morals the world has fallen. There is probably some mistake or misrepresentation about the matter. A dog may be yellow dog in his ambition, but he is always true blue to his master.

## FORUM

La Grande, Ore., Feb. 12.  
To the Editor of the Observer: Dear Sir: In a recent number of your paper, I noticed a very interesting article. Something about Canada receiving stations, two or more, ten miles apart in that cold region, Labrador, for the investigation of the laws of electricity as it passes through our earth and around our earth.

These Canadian scientists we presume, are on the trail of wireless light, power and heat.

Their aim is or ought to be to solve the mysteries of the ages, so far as these mysteries concern this earth.

We need less power. We need wireless light and heat. (I use the word "wireless" for lack of a better word) and the scientists will find the key to the discovery of these essentials at the top of the world. When the Aurora Borealis have been tantalizing man for ages past with glimpses of wireless light around the magnetic pole, that great center of the power of attraction.

Wireless light should not be considered as a fantastical dream. It was the nightly experience of millions of people for forty years, as they traveled through an unknown desert three thousand years ago.

And the doubt of the possibility of applying wireless power will only be a display of lack of knowledge on our part.

This world of ours is more than a lump of dead matter. Inherent in this earth is a power propelling it through space at the enormous speed of approximately twelve hundred miles a minute.

We only need to know how to connect with that power to make us quite indifferent to the price of gas. And as power is convertible into heat it follows that Coal Barons will soon be a thing of the past.

When our airships, no longer require to carry tons of gas and hundreds of pounds of machinery to prop-

pell them; when our ships no longer require to be loaded with thousands of tons of coal to cross the Atlantic ocean; when the farmer can play his land without the need of oil, grease and gas for his Fordson and never find his car stuck halfway to town for lack of gas. Then we will begin to flatter ourselves that we are advancing a little and advancing in spite of colleges and cathedrals. Just one more look at Canada, she seems to be taking the lead in a struggle with nature for the solution of her mysteries for the benefit of the race.

Canada's last proposition was to change the climatic conditions of North America and Western Europe by plugging the Straits of Bering, perhaps she did not foresee the full consequences of the gigantic undertaking.

Be that as it may, her scientists are giving ample proof that their brains are not muddled by nightly attendance at the movies.

Respectfully,  
L. GARRICK.

## THE OFFICE CAT

SO, THERE  
He—"Why, do they call them clocks? I don't see any hands on them."  
She—"No, and there aren't supposed to be any hands on them."

An applicant for a position of salesmen in a La Grande store was canned last week merely because he said that he knew "Babe" Ruth when she was a chorus girl.

Geraldine Farrar has made another start for a divorce. She had previously made three false starts in the same direction. Evidently what the prima donna needs is an orchestra and a good conductor.

Hose is partly responsible for the feminine unrest.

The man we feel sorry for sometimes is the man who has to wear a home made shirt.

Most women exposed to town gossip catch it.

With one end of the rope tied about his waist, little Willie Willis made a successful effort to lasso a Ford delivery truck Saturday afternoon. He has decided that he would rather be a missionary than a cowboy.

Amos Tash says these rushin' boots don't seem to make the gals any faster.

MAKE IT WIDE!  
It's best to keep a smilin' for a smile's a kind o' net that catches by beguillin' Just the thing it wants to get.

So keep your smile a spreadin' Crack a jolly joke or two And you'll find that things come headin' Straight for smilin' folks like you.

You will usually find more men trying to live down a bad reputation than are trying to live up to a good one.

Statisticians say there were three million accidents last year, but this does not include the two cases where the telephone operator got the right number at the first attempt.

CONSIDERING HEALTH  
"You insist on shaking hands with as many of your constituents as possible?"  
"Yes," answered Senator Sorghum. "Campaigning interrupts my golf and I need the physical exercise."

Mother—"Don't ask so many questions, Katie. Don't you know that curiosity killed a cat?"  
Katie—"What did the cat want to know, mother?"

Go often to the house of thy friend; for weeds soon choke up the unused path.—Scandinavian Proverb.

SELDOM IS  
A particularly small but very dapper man was walking between two fashionably attired girls along Adams avenue.

At the corner of a side street they happened to pass two news boys who looked at them sharply and grinned. To the obvious embarrassment of the girls' escort, one of the boys said: "Ain't much ham in the sand wich is there, Bill?"

Another thing we can imagine is growing better and better day by day, and that is Dr. Coue's bank account.

Recently the Office Fitten heard the following conversation on the street corner: Two Irish women were discussing a railroad accident. One asked the other if any were

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killed in the terrible crash. She replied, "Shure, twenty-six. Oltalian and wan Irishman," whereupon the other lady, with a long sigh, came back with "Oh, the pore feller."

Another Good Excuse Gone Wrong  
Prohibition has resulted in at least one thing—the obliteration of he who would have conquered the world had he not been a drunkard.

ADVICE TO HUBBIES  
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Charles King, instructor in manual training and coach of the boys' basketball team at Sheridan, has resigned to resume his studies at the University of Oregon.

## Brighten Up

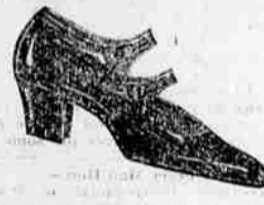
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