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THE EVER WELCOME MESSENGER.
How beautiful upon the mountains arer the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!—Isaiah 52:7.

Editorials From Over the Nation

FIDGET BEADS.

New Bedford Standard: Some one writing from Lausanne, where the Near East conference is being held, has been greatly impressed with "fidget beads" used by Oriental statesmen. The Turkish delegates, he says, have strings of beads with which they play while their minds are busy on affairs of state. Forced to sit still while matters are being discussed, they vent their nervous energy by fiddling with the little glass balls strung upon a wire or cord.

There is nothing new in this. The men of the west do not run to strings of beads, but they have watch chains and chains and rings to help them fidget, or they can twiddle the coins in their pockets, or twist their mustaches—assuming they have them—or do any of the other things by which men manifest their nervousness. Our women, of course, have beads for purposes of adornment, but are not above using them as fidget beads. They are the best safe things to fiddle with. American women in particular ought to be able to understand how much comfort the Turkish diplomats derive from their beads, although it is a curious fact that the fidgeting of other people is usually a source of great annoyance. The woman who is rocking on a loose board will ask her husband for heaven's sake to stop twiddling his watch chain, and the man who is incessantly tapping the table with his pencil is greatly aggrieved if his spouse clicks her glass beads. Fidget and let fidget is a motto that few of us respect.

THEOLOGY AND RELIGION.

From the Christian Register: And what? That is a question. As soon as you use your intellect, you define and confine yourself to limits. Religion is spirit, and as such it is illimitable. Theology, in the statement of religious belief, must put in words that leave one some degree of faith, established, confined, bound in. And there you are. No one can think in perfect spiritual terms. The great religious leaders of the ages have been men whose theology has separated them into their several churches and schools of doctrine. At the same time their religion, love, good will, justice, righteous acts, holy aspirations and services to mankind have united them. Phillips Brooks and Cardinal Gibbons were theologians far apart, but as spiritual giants and saviors of their generation they walked arm in arm, winning the praise of men and the blessing of God.

THE OFFICE CAT

A GOOD CREED

More faith in ourselves we need; More faith in the other man; More faith in the friendly deed; More faith in the helping hand; More faith in our nation's glory; More faith in the men who lead; More faith in love's old story; Let's take that for our creed.

No Fun in It For Them
Some of the crusaders are threatening to start a crusade to stop flirring. Evidently they find the flirring poor.

Quite frequently the man who wants what he wants when he wants it doesn't get it at all.

"Can a poet make a living?" asks the editor of an Ohio paper. Yes. He can get a job hauling coal.

In the opinion of Amos Tash Dr. Coue might better have it this way: Day by day, in every way, taxes are getting higher and higher.

The fact that she happens to think as he does won't keep a man's wife from contradicting him.

It is all right to profit by the mistakes of others, but a wise man will not forget his own.

The Americans are becoming a pessimistic people, unable to view an altruistic act on the part of a public man without suspecting him of a selfish motive. And they are right, just about often enough to keep them suspicious permanently.

The following tale is told on a prominent shoe man: "An unusually amusing incident was witnessed by a customer in a prominent shoe store the other day. A lady of stupendous dimensions, stylishly attired, entered the store and seated herself to be waited upon. Soon a bald headed clerk came up to serve her. After rejecting this pair and that, she decided on some brown oxfords. The clerk knelt down to lace them, and she looked down and saw the bald head. Thinking that was her rolled topped knee, she modestly drew her skirt over it."

BUT WHY THUS APPEAR
In olden days you could appear Out on the porch at night In scant attire and never fear About an auto light.

God created the women beautiful and foolish—beautiful so the men would love them, foolish so they would love the men.

A pessimist's life is usually a greater burden to his neighbors than to himself.

You can be a bluffer only as long as your money holds out.

Judge: "You are sentenced to hang by the neck until dead."
Prisoner: "Judge, I believe you are stringing me."

"Which Served Very Well"
"This check is doubtless all right," said the bank cashier politely, "but, have you anything about you by which you could be identified?"
The pretty young thing faltered: "I have a mole on my left elbow."

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Books for a Desert Isle

There has been a great todo among literateurs and near-literateurs on the question of what book or books each in case of shipwreck, would salvage to bear him company on the desert isle on which, putatively, he would be cast. Naturally the divergence of opinion was great, for there is scarcely any subject regarding which tastes differ so much as they do about books. While many agreed on the Bible and Shakespeare as indispensable, the choice in other respects took a wide range. Homer, Sophocles, Plutarch, Aristotle, Plato, Horace and other classic writers were often mentioned, and there was a great run on moderns like Scott, Kingsley, Kant, Dickens, Thackeray and Victor Hugo.

The neo-Olympians are, however, dissatisfied because of the paucity of selections among the very moderns. Outside Kipling, whom the new generation of critics holds in such scorn, and one or two others of still more recent fame there was a significant dearth of reference to any present cultivators of the of authorship, and not one of the alleged best-sellers had a single champion.

One rather practical gentleman said he would be sure to take along a large unabridged dictionary and another voted for a good encyclopedia in 20 or 30 volumes. The former might find the stories rather short, but both, if conscientious readers, would find literary pabulum, of a sort, that would last a long time.

A perfectly Philistine suggestion, of course, is that, in the event of a real shipwreck, the victims, including the eminent authorities whose opinions were quoted would be so occupied with frenzied attempts to save their lives that they would have no thought to give to books.

Try Coue on the Weather

Even the climate can be Coueized, it is claimed by Disciples of the French chemist, and from reports of explorers it would seem that already much is being done in that line. It used to be thought that when we wished a change in climate we had to go get it, but now this has been made much more easy by the Nancy formula.

Preconceived notions of the climate of the Sahara have also been upset by the report of recent explorers, who say that instead of a region of dryness and intolerable heat they found their cool and even cold breezes from the North much of the time, and zero weather at night. Luxurious vegetation was also reported in many districts, and but one real waterless desert was found by these explorers.

For instance, the author of a popular book on the Arctic defines it as a "friendly" circle and says it has been basely slandered by other explorers, and instead of being cold and desolate is a land of plentiful vegetation, and even of balmy breezes in season.

It has long been an open secret that beauty is in the eye of the beholder, for the poets have said so, but it has remained for explorers to prove that heat and cold are in the tactile sense, and when that is properly Coueized, "December's as pleasant as May," a thought which helps much these cold mornings.

The Rubber Supply

The proposal to inquire into the world's production of crude rubber is one that opens the way to great possibilities. The consumption of rubber by the United States is becoming so great that additional sources of crude rubber should be made available. The Philliping Island and perhaps Hawaii are suitable for growing rubber. Possibly other regions under the American flag would be found suitable. At any rate, it is the duty of the government to extend the rubber resources of the nation, and this without delay.

Control of the present sources of crude rubber is not in the hands of Americans. The supply is virtually cornered, or at least, is so regulated as to become a club over the heads of American consumers. Inasmuch as rubber has become an indispensable material, whose use is rapidly increasing, it is proper that the United States should become independent of foreign control.

It is alleged that there are modern writers who are excelling Dickens, Scott and Thackeray, but since it is an author who says it perhaps the testimony is biased.

Another educator rises to sputter that the American schools are becoming hotbeds of socialism. Perhaps he fears socialism because it consists mainly of an idea.

Senator is accused of writing in "laughter" in revising a speech for the Congressional Record. Perhaps he should have provoked laughter if it didn't.

A man's sins stay around awaiting the opportunity of using a megaphone.

They call them filling stations because of what they do for hospitals.

Income Tax Facts

By Clyde G. Huntley Collector.

A person may receive for his services compensation other than money that is subject to the income tax. The fair market value of the thing taken in payment is the amount to be included as income. For example, if a clerk in a grocery store receives as part of his wages groceries or provisions the value of the merchandise must be reported by him as income. Compensation paid an employee of a corporation in shares of stock is to be treated as if the corporation sold the stock for its market value and paid him in cash.

Promissory notes received in payment for services and not merely as security for payment constitute income to the amount of their fair market value. A taxpayer receiving as compensation a note good for its face value at maturity, but not bearing interest may treat its income as of the time of receipt the fair discounted value of the note at such time. If the payments are met as they become due, there should be included as income in respect to each such payment so much thereof as represents recovery for the discount deducted.

Board and lodging when furnished as compensation for services must be reported as income. Thus, a hotel clerk who is given a room and meals as part payment for his services must report the fair value of such in his income tax return.

Under regulations of the Public Health Service officers are entitled to quarters, light, and heat, and employees such as attendants, dietitians, infernes, nurses, and reconstruction aides are entitled to quarters, subsistence and laundry. The value of such constitute income to the officers and employees, and must be returned by them as income for the year in which received.

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Shanghai Cops Look For Arson Gang Now

(By Associated Press)
SHANGHAI, Feb. 20.—Shanghai police are devoting their time to a search for members of an arson gang whose presence in the International Settlement, came to light when two trucking cases stored in the West

Hangkew police station burst into flames. Three packing cases were found near the Honan road bridge and were sent to the police station by a Chinese police constable. Several hours later, two of the boxes burst into flames and released quantities of oil which carried the fire in all directions. The third box was removed to an open area and in due time it, too, burst into flames.

Examination of the boxes revealed that they had been packed with oil soaked cotton waste containing lines filled with kerosene, to which was attached a clock-like mechanism to start the spark. Thirty more pack-

ing cases of this infernal machine variety have been found in obscure warehouses but no arrests that could lead to prosecutions have been made.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

(By Associated Press)
SAN, BENJAMINO, Calif., Feb. 20.—The California Citrus Institute will hold its annual meeting here Feb. 29, in conjunction with the 1923 National Orange show. Old grove deterioration will be the principal topic of discussion.

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