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The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.—Deuteronomy 33:27.

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TASK NOT EASY BUT SPLENDID

Omaha World Herald: A young woman, 25, when questioned by police concerning alleged activities in a shoplifting ring, said: "It was either steal or lead a life of shame in my case."

It seems not to have occurred to her that she might have done some work. From her reply, work was not in her category. Perhaps her earning capacity at a job was not more than \$15 or \$20 a week. And kille who have to support themselves know that they must deprive themselves of many little things they want in order to make ends meet on such an income.

And what a courageous lot they are in this grip, struggling to make their own way! Too often they are chided for putting a bit of rouge on their pallid cheeks. And perhaps they go hungry sometimes so that they can buy a bit of ribbon or something to add to their outfit. The road is pretty rocky for some of them. But they do not steal or turn to other disreputable ways of making "easy" money. They just plod along with the jolliest smile and the best appearance they can command.

And they are happier than those who think they can beat the game by traveling the primrose path in a compromise with their better selves. If it were only known, we might be surprised to find that many struggling working girls are sending money to help their parents or other members of their family.

Our sympathy cannot be too broad nor our understanding too deep to sense the real difficulties of the girl battling along in the world today. While we read of a few who jump the track, it is refreshing to think of a great number who uncompromisingly hold a course devoted to living life as fine as they can make it.

CHORES

Central Rapids Gazette: Many a man may look back on the days when he used to split wood and pile it in the lichen woodbox every evening after school and be thankful that in his youth he had chores to do. The child of today does not have this character-forming service instilling teacher that many dreaded rather than appreciated in the old-fashioned days.

The wood pile has been supplanted by the gas jet, the family cow by the milk delivered in clean bottles, the family horse by the automobile and the old well has been transformed into a plumber's faucet. The electric bulb has eradicated the old lamp with its sooty chimney.

The telephone has made unnecessary the notes that little boys used to carry to neighbors. The creamery has made the old washburn a relic. Today there are few chores for boys to do around home except shovel snow and mow the lawn.

Modern household appliances have deprived the girls of many of the chores they used to do for mother. Manufacturing has lightened mother's household cares. The home, once the center of industry and apprenticeship, has become a place where people sleep and eat and occasionally spend an evening in friendly groups reading the newspapers or enjoying the radio. The old-fashioned home pleasures have given place to new. Boys and girls must find their leisure today in community life or on the streets. The inspirational resources of family life have diminished with the passing of the old-fashioned home.

We have gained much but have lost in many ways. Not the least of these losses in our home life is the discipline of doing chores. With the passing of the many family chores, civilization lost one of its finest humanizing and socializing traditions. Those parents are wisest and those children happiest whose substitutes for the old-fashioned chores are devised in the program of the modern household.

CHOOSING A HUSBAND

San Francisco Bulletin: A young woman of Chicago tells how she rejected no less than a thousand suitors in the United States before meeting her fate in China in the person of a Philadelphia salesman.

There is nothing remarkable in that. Choosing a husband is for many women very much like choosing a hat. If they are shown too many hats they cannot decide which one to take, and if too many suitors show themselves the array is too bewildering for a choice. In the case of hats the problem may be simplified by buying two or more. But in the matrimonial market one may choose only one at a time. It is a wise outline that puts only one hat in a window. It stands out in all its beauty and with the full force of a non-competitive appeal.

Away in distant China that young Philadelphia salesman stood out in the young woman's fancy like a lone hat in a milliner's window.



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Put them together, they spell "Office Cat," you know. A cat you enjoyed wherever you go.

What this country needs isn't more liberty, but less people who take liberty with our liberty.

An inventor has patented a chain to be hooked around a suit button to prevent its being lost. A chain to prevent a collar button from slipping under the chin would be a welcome adjunct to a man's trunk or box.

Howse nowadays seem to have a monopoly on horse sense.

If it is anybody's business to look after the boosting of your community, it is yours. If you do not do your share of it, how will you have the nerve to profit by what others do?

Anna Tash says if woman had been born without a waist man might have been able to get along without an elbow.

You may have noticed that the new silver dollars have treads like unto tires. This makes it possible for them to travel fast without skidding.

"Man wants but little here below." We know damn well that isn't so. The vice grips now he likes to squeeze.

Please save on his friends to please. After nature grand? You bet.

Don't look for trouble unless you know what to do with it when you find it.

Henry Ford has written his autobiography. One critic suggests that when Henry can write his last air officers will run without gas.

A La Grande man says the Grim Reaper has graded his course for an automobile.

"Will you be true to me when I am gone?" "Yes, but don't be gone long."

Did Will Send Him Her Duds? "To the unfortunate individual who can away with my wife last week, I wish to extend my sincere appreciation and sympathy. It will give me the greatest pleasure to see her and her children again. I am satisfied. "DUD BARNER" —Ad in Prices (Miami) Press.

If you would talk without interruption choose as your subject the man to whom you are talking.

It Still Looks Good. It appears that the French have begun to hate everything American except American money.

Everything that was ever accomplished in this world was achieved with the same equipment you possess.

NEW RIVERSIDE SCHOOL

The Associated Press: RIVERSIDE, Calif., Feb. 27.—Plans for a new Riverside Junior college and for another building to be added to the Polytechnic high school group here, have been accepted by the board of education and construction work is expected to begin soon.

The Kay Indians have granted equal suffrage to the women of their tribe, and it appears that the last vestige of the red man's once proud spirit is gone.

Retrospective Article II.

Much has been said about the organization of the two houses of the legislature, and without going into this subject, which is now not so interesting to the public, let us say that the senate, in electing Jay Upton president, made no mistake. We are all proud of him and his work. The bitter attack made upon him was unfortunate, but the session had not been running a week until animosities had died out and the boys were working under his direction in admirable manner and continued to do so throughout the session.

The house of representatives proved to be not so fortunate. Kubli was more or less of a disappointment, even to his first flush admirers. His stand on many measures failed to show the breadth of character which a Speaker of the House should possess, and his last fight against the income tax and for the Northwest Tourist Bureau convinced many that his idea of legislation still hinges greatly upon the olden days when special privileges were occasionally sought by the few.

The people heard a great deal about the session not getting down to work, charges being made that members were wasting time. Perhaps so, if passing laws means the only work of a legislative session, but we believe that the fore part of the session spent in adjusting one's work to his neighbor's desires as well as his own was intensely important at this time when the entire state is in the throes of a fever which might break forth at any moment.

Instead of intolerance in the senate we found the most profound consideration on the part of the great majority of the members of that body. There seemed to be an unspoken sentiment to be fair to all and not let the row of the last election enter into the lawmaking body, and it went through that way with possibly one or two small abrasions.

It happened that the writer was awarded the chairmanship of the assessment and taxation committee of the senate and around it swung the whirling ideas of thousands of people who with honest intent, but occasionally, with unworkable plans, would take up time explaining their notions of what should and should not be in the way of taxation.

While the house had some good men on its committee of assessment and taxation, it was unfortunately headed by a young man whose experience was slight and whose loyalty to a certain college seemed to prompt his actions. Thus we started. Our first consideration was the report of the standing committees which were appointed two years before. The committees had worked incessantly on the big problem of taxation in Oregon during that time, with the result that they had in hand the greatest fund of information possible to obtain. Out of this report grew a series of bills intended to correct and strengthen the general plan of levying and collecting taxes in Oregon.

The keystone bill of this series of bills was House Bill No. 141, for it carried the central assessing power and the power of general review and correction of county assessors' work by the tax commission of the state. We saw this bill defeated in the house because house members thought it was usurping a local right—the very thing that should be usurped if we are to have better methods in taxation.

All taxation measures were introduced first in the house, hence they carry house bill numbers. The legislature adopted House Bill No. 140 and it is now a law. It provides for a commission in each county appointed by the governor to sit as a board of directors and hold down the expenses. Multnomah county now has the law and it has worked very satisfactorily and with considerable saving to taxpayers. Each county in the state is to have that system in the future.

Without bewildering the reader on the subject of taxes in this one article, let us say that sometimes we questioned whether there was an earnest desire to reduce taxes. Everything else would get an excellent hearing except the vital subject of actual tax reduction, and when that was mentioned up would go the hands and the wail would begin that "it could not be done."

When Bob Carsner introduced the bill to cut the salaries of officials from the governor down the line, including the heads of the O. A. C. and state university, it was laid on the table, and whenever Bob would bring that bill off the table or threaten to do so there would be a scurry of house members leaving their seats so they would be absent if the roll was called, thus preventing them going on record. On one side was the people who had elected them, expecting a tax reduction, and on the other side were their friends holding office and the heads of colleges with untold political force behind them, arguing that the bill be killed.

Gradually the German mind may discover that it is Germany and not the United States which should pay the indemnity.

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