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PERSONAL SELF GOVERNMENT—He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls.
—Proverbs 25:28.

Kick and Kickers

A recent published dictionary boasts of having 400,000 words between A and Z of its alphabetical order. A tremendous number of words, indeed, each word possibly in use day in and day out and each word enjoying the acquaintanceship of some companionable human. But how many of these 400,000 words are universally or anywhere near universally known? An astonishing few in these enlightened United States, but if no other there is one that can truthfully lay claim to universality.

It is the word "kicks," a diminutive word indeed. Of four letters by actual count unless in the prevalent plural. Like most English words, its uses and definitions are many and diversified but its universality extends to only one of these, i. e. to "object strenuously, to raise a howl, to complain, protest and vociferate against," and so on ad infinitum.

In other and fewer words "kicking" is about the only thing humanity is unanimous in. Every last animal vocally equipped to distinguish itself from other animals by the word "dumb" is inoculated with some pet kick or a dozen of them, more probably. Everybody, barring dead ones, is kicking in slumber, before, after and during each meal, while at play and while shirking more useful and fruitful work. In other words, the United States has gone to the "kickers" and their ubiquitous "kicks." (Note the prevalent plural).

The divine pessimist, Arthur Schopenhauer, once said that optimism is the last stage of insanity, but it has never been found where he ever said or wrote that it is the bounden duty of every pessimist (kicker) to proclaim his pessimism (kicks) to the world.

The illimitable kicks forbid enumeration or classification but picked at random a few of the most fashionable and popular are those of capital against the shackles of labor and labor against slavery and iron heel of capital, of the landlord against the food profiteer, of the reformers and calamity howlers against licentiousness, immorality and new thought and of the wine-weaned and "rail-birds" against the reformers, the prohibitionists, the shunt-notters in general, of the political party out of power against the malfeasance and incompetency of the party in power. Kicks are one thing found without seeking.

Humble and abject apologies for this "kick" against the "kickers."

Buying Clothes

A man selects a blue necktie for the same reason that he orders a chocolate soda. It is the first thing that comes into his mind. He usually walks away with the second hat the salesman shows him, and he can easily be argued into a pair of shoes that don't fit, and that he doesn't really want.

But does a woman ever act like that? Well, just ask the girl at the soda fountain or the young man in the gent's furnishing store about their women customers.

Women pick out things for their men folk with taste and discrimination; that is, everything except cigars. No woman has any license to buy cigars for any man, unless he has hitherto specified the brand. But in the clothing line they know what they are doing.

It would surprise you to know how many women in this town make purchases for their husbands and grown sons. It bespeaks a pride that all concerned justly may be thankful for, and there is nothing in it to make the man ashamed. He will be better dressed for it.

True, once in a while one meets some old crocodile who has always been slouchy, and when he first appears in a neat and natty outfit that his wife picked out we are surprised, and we laugh. But would his own selection have been better? Remember the derby hat! What an outrage upon intelligence it was. Now, they say, derbies are returning to fashion. Women have more sense than men. They won't allow a general return of the iron hat, we are sure.

He Chops Wood

One of our citizens, who amounts to something measured in worldly goods, but who so far has generally refrained from patting other folk on the back and handing them free advice on how to get rich, let slip a hint as to his method of success the other day, in a casual conversation.

"I'm not greatly worried over the lack of coal, selfishly speaking," he said. "You see, I have several cords of wood piled up in my shed, and although we haven't burned wood in the furnace for many years, I'm sure I can fall back on it in an emergency."

"Chopping wood is a sort of hobby of mine. The exercise beats golf all hollow. There is delight in the flash of the axe blade, and satisfaction when you have made a clean, true cut. When I have a hard business problem that refuses to be solved at the office, I go out to the woodshed of an evening—there's an electric light strung out there for my convenience—and I chop those logs with all my might. I don't mean that solves the problem for me, but it rouses the determination in me. I never leave a piece half chopped. When I am finished in the woodshed, my brain is ready to function, my confidence and will power are restored. Then the business problem takes care of itself."

"To tell you the truth, I never thought of practical use for this wood. Chopping was a boyhood duty of mine on the farm, and it's one of the thousand things that I thank my parents for. I learned to chop wood."

Quite a sermon, eh? Yet the speaker had no idea that he was revealing his character, the strong personality for which he is known, when he told about his hobby.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



TWENTY PARSONS WAS SO NERVOUS WHEN HE SUBMITTED TO AN ELECTRIC BELT DEMONSTRATION THAT THE BELT TOOK EFFECT BEFORE DOCTOR BLUTZ GOT IT ON.



SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. (AP)—A total of 2,888 loans have been made on city property and 1,512 loans have been made on farm land. It is estimated that a total of 9,000 loans will be made before the expiration of the filing date, June 30, 1915.

A total of 56,743 war veterans of Washington have been paid \$12,499,944 in form of cash bonuses to date, state officials report. A total of 61,475 applications have been filed by ex-service men, of which 3,525 have been rejected, and 1,207 are pending. The state is credited with having had 63,775 men in service.

The Washington veterans' compensation act, or bonus law, provides for a total authorization of \$15,300,000 for bonus payments. This state officials assert, will pay each returned soldier, sailor or marine \$15 a month for the length of time he was in service from the date of the declaration of war up to November 11, 1918, a year after the signing of the armistice. This necessitated a tax levy of one mill.

In addition to cash bonuses, Washington has a land settlement law for which a total of \$200,000 has been appropriated. The state has acquired 1,160 acres in central Washington, and has divided the land in twenty-acre tracts.

To date, forty-five of the fifty-eight available tracts have been taken over by veterans. The twenty-acre tracts are valued at approximately \$5,000, and the ex-service men pay back the loan to the state over a twenty-year period plus four per cent interest.

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for the purchase of a large tract of land, which will be subdivided into small farms, made habitable and sold to veteran colonists. The farms comprising the colony will vary in price, according to size and adaptability of the land. At the present time, the board announces seven properties submitted to it for purchase under the act are being investigated. It is stated that a veterans' colony will be established at an early date.

Under the California farm and home purchase act, the board is empowered to purchase for veterans homes at maximum price of \$5,000 and farms at a maximum of \$7,500. Applicants under this act, in addition to being a California veteran, must meet certain other qualifications, such as making an initial payment, residing upon the property, etc. Contracts of purchase call for interest at five per cent, with repayment in forty years.

The board has enrolled in colleges and schools of California a total of 1,003 veterans under the state educational institute act. Of this number, 293 have already completed their courses of study. The veterans, under this act, have their tuition fee, other necessary fees, purchase of books and supplies paid, and receive a personal living allowance of \$40 a month. The people of California voted for a \$10,000,000 bond issue to cover the cost of ex-service men's legislation.

Idaho has seven laws for the benefit of service men of the World war. These include settlement of land, for which \$100,000 has been appropriated; relief of disabled and needy veterans, for which \$100,000 has been appropriated; and the state has appropriated \$50,000 to co-operate with the forty-four counties of the state in the construction of county memorials. Idaho has neither passed nor attempted to pass any bonus legislation.

Arizona's assistance to ex-service men of the World war was taken in the form of a land settlement program, and appropriations of approximately \$200,000 have been made for this purpose. Three tracts of land, totaling 945 acres, have been bought by the state at a cost of \$150,700. The three tracts, one near Phoenix, the second near Yuma, and the third near Safford, are all located under completed irrigation projects, and cost the state from \$190 to \$195 per acre.

The Arizona state land department is now engaged in making legal adjustments and perfecting plans under which ex-service men will be permitted to take over land. From advance indications, officials of the state land department predict they will have more than enough applications to take up the land purchased, which will be subdivided into tracts of twenty to forty acres.

New Mexico and Wyoming have passed legislation giving ex-service men tax exemption up to \$2,000. In Wyoming the law applies to all ex-soldiers, an state officials state, the law has been taken advantage of by nearly all property owners who served in Civil, Spanish-American, and World wars.

The Colorado legislature has passed a \$5,500,000 bonus bond issue, allowing ex-service men \$15 for each month in service. The people of Colorado will vote on the bond issue at the general election in November, 1924.

Utah has taken no action on bonus or land settlement laws for ex-service men but the state legislature passed two measures, one which permits the use of state buildings for ex-service men's meetings, and the other authorizing county recorders to record free of charge papers, citations, and orders which may have some value in courts.

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