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SEEK YE THE LORD while he may be found, call ye
 upon him while he is near.—Isaiah 55:6.

The Average Man

From statistics, reports and investigations of all kinds
 all are fairly familiar with the statistical personage known
 as the average man. But our knowledge of him is vague
 and shadowy, and the more we try to make such knowledge
 definite the more we are baffled.

In the abstract we know what his feelings are. He is
 in favor of upholding the constitution; of giving everybody
 a square deal, and of acting pretty much as he ought to.
 We could recommend him as a thoroughly good fellow;
 five years ago he wasn't averse to taking a drink now
 and then—not too much, just enough to keep him an
 average man. Today he doesn't drink at all. He is law-
 abiding and loyal to his family and community.

But all this is abstract, and does little more than in-
 duce a desire for closer acquaintance with him. We should
 like to know, for instance, how long he can make a \$30
 suit of clothes last, or doesn't he even wear anything so
 cheap as that? It may seem a trifling thing but isn't it
 reasonable to want to know whether the average man
 sleeps on his right side or his left?

We may not grieve to know precisely what he works at;
 he probably works at whatever he can find to do, but the
 question remains—"what time in the morning does he get
 up?" And this one suggests the further query as to whether
 he awakes with joy in his heart, and greets his alarm clock
 as his best long-lost friend or whether in anger he snatches
 up his mechanical dispeller of dreams and chuck it under
 the covers before it has finished its matutinal hymn.

Then there is the matter of shaving. Does the average
 man shave, and how often, and when? It is strange that
 we do not know these things about one with whom we are
 as familiar as we are with the average man from the vol-
 umes of literature about him put out every year. We are
 not much concerned with what he eats; he probably eats
 whatever the market affords. But does he really eat as
 they say he should in books on etiquette—some kind of
 spoon with a motion away from him, and others with the
 spoon coming towards him?

Despite assurances from statisticians and investigators
 to the contrary, our knowledge of the average man is very
 limited. He could do a great deal for social uplift and
 education if he were less secretive and exclusive than his
 actions seem to make him.

By Comparison

The present generation has been branded as immoral;
 but a less superficial survey will reveal the fact, farther,
 that it is increasingly critical. "We are living in lax times."
 "Our country is on the way to perdition." "A wave of
 immorality has swept over us." These are expressions
 often at the present time in all parts of the United States.

The plays which are drawing the largest crowds, it is
 true, may contain problems heretofore considered too in-
 timate for discussion. The jokes in other successful produc-
 tions may strike harshly upon sensitive ears. The books
 of the day may dwell too liberally upon the principles of
 life. Even the young people, who have not had the ad-
 vantage of their elders' restrictive training and censored
 reading, are the targets for much indignant criticism. They
 are not modest; they have no reserve!

But a true critic should be also a close student of his-
 tory. Have these who made these judgments studied simi-
 lar conditions in other periods? The original reading of
 Shakespeare's plays has no rival among the most sugges-
 tive plays of today. Life appeared to have little value as
 upon it, let alone rules regarding the conduct of that life.
 The crude lack of restraining laws relative to the personal
 safety of women set another seal upon the degeneracy of
 the old times. If men are opening their eyes wide today,
 it is surely true that their vision is growing correspond-
 ingly clearer and more discriminating.

Samuel Gompers, head of the Federation of Labor, asked
 the congressional committee a few days ago to bring back
 two and three-quarters per cent beer. Sam knew that the
 hot days of summer are nearly upon us.

The bobbed hair girl bandit has left Florida and is com-
 ing this way. Won't our officers and special officers have
 a fine time telling which one of the bobbed hair girls
 she is?

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



THE PORTER AT THE CENTRAL HOTEL HAS
 FOUND ANOTHER USE FOR THE UNUSUALLY LONG
 ROLLER TOWEL RECENTLY INSTALLED AT THAT
 POPULAR HOTEL.

OFFICE CAT



BY JUNIUS

It takes twenty years for a num-
 ber to make a man out of her
 son and twenty minutes for an-
 other woman to make a fool out
 of him.

Since Turkish ladies got so brave
 And cast their veils aside,
 They say it's very rarely now,
 That one becomes a bride.

Comfort is the prevailing note of
 the spring fashions, notes our jour-
 nalist. The younger generation must
 be getting old.

"I see," said the flapper's father,
 "that a foreign pattern is com-
 ing here to rival the fifteen most
 beautiful women."
 "He won't need to paint Laura,"
 said the flapper's mother. "She can
 do it herself."

Curiosity.
 Mother—Why are you going to
 all that trouble to open that letter
 so carefully, Maud?
 Maud—"Oh, I had a quarrel with
 George, and intend to send his let-
 ter back unopened. I thought I
 would just see what he said before
 I returned it."

The Editor used
 This in a pinch—
 He needed exactly
 Another inch.

The difference between the har-
 mon system and our divorce system
 is that the barren keeper has to
 support them all at once.

One of the pathetic scenes of
 life is that of a reformed flapper
 trying to persuade her mother to
 stop smoking.

Sign in a Baker music store:
 "My Love is All for You" and sev-
 eral others. (This isn't verified, but
 is just a report.)

She—"There's a little bit of fat
 in every little girl."
 He—"Yes, I date only the big
 ones."

The way some girls drive a car
 makes me think that most of the
 horse sense displayed in the olden
 days was possessed by the horse.

An Band—"Shay, is this a hand
 laundry?"
 Manager—"Yes."
 A. C.—"Wash my hands, will
 you?"

AIN'T IT SO?
 Some married men are quite stupid.
 And often become the goat,
 Simply because they don't remove
 The hair wavy from the coat.

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THE OPEN COURT

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 SUBMIT THEIR NAMES TO
 THE EDITOR IF THEY DE-
 SIRE LETTERS PRINTED.**

LETTER FROM GEORGE BALL.
 4623 Seehold Avenue,
 Detroit, Michigan.

To the Editor:
 I was thinking you would like
 to know what had become of us,
 so will send you a few lines. We
 left La Grande Oct. 8, 1923 with
 round trip tickets good for nine
 months and our destination Kan-
 sas City. We visited at Pella City
 three weeks, Sacramento three
 weeks and Los Angeles six days.
 We then left California for Thai-
 cher, Ariz., where we arrived Nov.
 25, visiting our son J. C. Ball and
 family three months and enjoying
 the mild winter climate very much.
 When we left home Mrs. Ball was
 quite feeble, but before leaving
 Arizona she could walk half a
 mile.

On February 24 we left Arizona
 stopping over one day at El Paso,
 Tex., to go over the international
 bridge with a reliable driver, who
 took us all over the city, showing
 us the Bull Pen, where they had
 held a bull fight the day before.
 The driver also took us through
 one of the notorious gambling dens
 where men and women were
 throwing their money away in most
 all kinds of games. It is not a
 very safe place for Americans but
 our cabman kept right by us and
 took care of us and I thought we
 breathed a little easier when we
 got out. That city (Phoenix) is
 the dirtiest old decayed, run down,
 degraded city I ever saw and the
 people look the same way.

Leaving El Paso February 25
 we arrived home February 28 and
 found our son, H. P. Ball waiting
 for us at the Washburn station. We
 have been busy most of the time,
 during good weather, visiting. On
 March 28 our son W. P. Ball and
 wife gave me a party honoring my 59th
 birthday anniversary. Twenty-
 seven people were in attendance at each
 of these parties, all being relatives.
 We then visited Pontiac a few
 days, and the old farm where I
 was born at Oak Hill, there our
 niece and her husband, Mr. and
 Mrs. William Brandt reside. While
 here a family reunion was ar-
 ranged for April 13, when forty
 people, all relatives, gathered and
 enjoyed a banquet banquet. Some
 of the relatives in attendance were
 my brother, James Ball, 58 years
 old and his wife, of Mackinac
 City, Michigan; my sister, Mrs.
 Lucy Kitchell, aged 54 years, of
 Pontiac, myself, 59 and my wife,
 52, and others from Holly, Pontiac,
 Okemville and Detroit, Michigan.

We most visited relatives at Ok-
 emville, where I lived for twenty
 years and left 22 years ago for
 Oregon and I am glad I went.
 Now we are in Detroit again and
 will be here until May 5, when we
 shall leave for Marion, Indiana
 and Hepburn, Iowa, and will be
 home by July 1.

Yours sincerely,
 GEORGE BALL.

Obituary
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 BAKER, Ore. (Special)—Death

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late Saturday evening removed
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 neers, Mrs. Sarah M. Haines, well
 known and highly respected pi-
 oneer lady of Baker, who died at
 her home, 1903 Third street after
 an illness extending over a period
 of several months.
 Mrs. Haines was born in Quinn,
 Ore., December 29, 1855 and
 came with her parents located in
 Auburn when that town was then
 the leading city of the county and
 eastern Oregon. Later the family
 removed to Baker. In 1871 the
 deceased was married to the late
 Judge I. D. Haines, during his life-
 time one of the leading and out-
 standing lawyers of eastern Ore-
 gon. The present town of Haines
 was named for Judge Haines,
 which he founded.
 Mrs. Haines was the last surviv-
 ing charter member of the Baker
 lodge of Rebekahs and was for
 many years an active member of
 this fraternal order.
 Mrs. Haines is survived by two
 daughters, Mrs. J. B. Mosick and
 Mrs. W. J. Book of Baker, two
 sons, Robert W. Haines of Baker,
 and J. David Haines of Emery-
 prine.
 Linn Lasse Landmark,
 ALBANY, Ore. One of the old-
 est landmarks in the Willamette
 valley, particularly in this section,
 and one that has watched this city
 spring from the wilderness, is be-
 ing torn down to make way for a
 new monument to public welfare.
 It is the old Walter Montelch
 home in the western end of Albany,
 built 45 years ago. Much of the
 wood that went into its construc-
 tion was hand-hewn, a noticeable
 quality in the old home being its
 stability. Except for a slight sink-
 ing of the foundations, the three of
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 than one inch in the 45 years that
 it has stood.

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