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REMOVE PAIR FROM ME vanity and lies; give me neither
 poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me.
 —Proverbs 30:25.

All After Him Now

When old John Barleycorn, who had held his throne ever since our Pilgrim fathers took a nip from a bottle the morning they landed on the Mayflower, began to slip, the old rule of kick him while he goes down worked well. And it is still working. One La Grande man recently said he never knew of anything that had as many friends in private and enemies in public as John Barleycorn. Very true, but just the same the kicking process continues.

Pall-bearers of delusions are requested to step forward and help bury another generally accepted idea, now exploded as false. Whisky is not good for snake bite, announces Dr. Gilbert Vander Smissen, specialist in treating gentlemen who have thoughtlessly stepped on rattlers, copperheads, water moccasins and other loveable pets. In fact, says Dr. Smissen, a quart of rye or Scotch is apt to lessen rather than promote the victim's chances of recovery. Other scientists back up Dr. Smissen's views. They have been carrying on investigations started by the Brazilian institute of serum therapy.

Science thus vindicates the legal ruling, a few months ago, by Judge J. C. Mutcherson of the federal court in session at Corpus Christi, Texas. A gentleman on trial for violating the Volstead act had explained that snakes were numerous and active in his community, and that it was considered necessary to have a bottle of hooch on hand. The judge said he, too, had been brought up on the theory that whisky was good for snake bite, but that the idea has no longer any standing. A heart stimulant hastens circulation of poison through the body. He added: "Two hundred and fifty dollars and costs!"

Like many other evils, snake bite is not as dangerous as generally believed. The average mortality from American venomous serpents is only a little more than 10 out of 100 persons bitten, according to the government's biological survey. Most snakes, the survey adds, skeedaddle at the approach of man. And their striking distance is only about three-fourths of their length. Good-bye, oldest of John Barleycorn's alibis!

Make 'Em Over

In these quiet August days occasionally men talk who seldom talk during any other part of the year. He was a window dresser in a La Grande department store who delivered this lecture on the wax figure the other day:

The haughty stare from the wax figure in the dry goods store window has a purpose. Milady must look solemnly proud, that the gorgeous gown or smart frock that graces her superb lines may not be out of harmony. But all the short-sighted men who have tried to flirt with the wax model will enjoy this one comforting bit of news: The cold but alluring beauty is a slave of fashion, and with the advent of longer skirts she is due to pass, only to be replaced by wax models of newer lines.

Every spring and every fall the wax models go forth from the fashion centers, to be garbed in stores like the local ones with all that is latest and daintiest in the way of personal adornment.

A New York designer has given out the secret. The mannequins have but a brief day of glory. Their unfaded tints, their shapely shoulders, will be sacrificed. Frigid half-smiles on their lips, eyes still frostily gazing to the beyond, they will go into the melting pot, to be made into creatures yet more fair for another fashionable season.

Editorials From Over the Nation

THE TOLL OF THE WATERS
 (Detroit News): This is the season when the waters, both great and small, take their toll of human life. Many a group of young people go out for a swim only to return heavily-laden with one of their number a victim of drowning. Most of these drownings are avoidable and might have been prevented by the exercise of caution and common sense. The lure of the old swimming hole is natural and the boy who has no memory of such spots has missed something fine. But danger lurks in the waters, wheth-

ers creek or river or lake. Everybody ought to learn to swim. Parents who neglect to see to it that their children know how to take care of themselves in the water are negligent to a serious degree. Boys and girls who are taught the rudiments of swimming and have conquered their fears in the water are measurably prepared to meet emergencies, but not even an experienced swimmer can afford to run foolish risks. Precautions are necessary; safeguards are the part of common sense.

CHEATING STILL BAD FORM
 (Detroit Free Press): A discovery that there is a concern in Chicago which offers to write essays on any subject for university students at \$10 per essay, and guarantees their acceptance by the examiners, has naturally grieved school authorities to action.

They do not intend that young men whose education is in their charge shall get away with any such labor saving device. Perhaps the boys may undertake to reply that learning how to do literary work vicariously is part of their training for success. They may offer the practice of many successful men.

Mr. Henry Irving is reputed to have assumed the authorship of a book that was written by his secretary. Passing along to prima donnas, prize fighters, ball players, movie stars and others in the high salary list, it is notorious that very many of their published works are written for them by hard working literary hacks and is it not also a fact that many a congressman has acquired a reputation in literature and economics because his speeches he found in the leave-to-print section of the Congressional Record, were written by his private secretary?

With such a mass of precedents at his command, some of the young men at the University of Chicago may feel that they are on firm ground when they buy literary productions on which they hope to get "A" or at least "B" markings. Nevertheless we are afraid they will fail to win any argument they may put up.

For professors are notoriously an abstruse class, with a concentrated hatred for cheats and cheating, and they have the whip hand.

MRS.
 (Washington Star): An unmarried German woman who has come to this country to lecture on art, a woman's college uses the prefix "Mrs." when she signs her name. She says there is a new German law which authorizes this and she advocates that all young women assume the title of Mrs. on arriving at the age of 21.

Some women do not wait so long. There is no reason why a woman should not use the prefix "Mrs." if she wants to. It is human experience that most women adopt this prefix, and with more or less satisfaction to themselves. It is believed that any woman could enjoy the advantages of this prefix if she would say the word. And it is a short word, Grammatarians class it as an affirmative adverbial particles. Many men believe that almost any woman will pronounce that word if she has a chance. Some women seem obtuse but if they should ever come to a different and happier decision there are men who will cooperate with them and give them the advantage of their advice, consolation and salary.

This German lecturer says, "It is of great help to the unmarried woman in the business field to be known as 'Mrs.' There may be some advantages in this, but certainly not so many boxes of candy and bunches of flowers. There are too many women who have not seen the advantages of using the prefix 'Mrs.' but perhaps there is still hope for them. And for us.

AN AWFUL SHOCK.
 (Herald Pioneer): It must be an awful shock to some of the reform politicians to see the price of farm produce advancing before they have an opportunity to claim the credit.

Swiss Glaciers Now Receding
 (After Long Forward Movement)
 (BERNE, SAPS)—Scientific observations seem to show that the Swiss glaciers are receding. The advance during the last ten years has come to a stop. From 100 observations taken last year, 55 glaciers were found to be receding and only 25 advancing, whereas in 1919, 62 out of 100 were creeping forward.

The last great period of retrogression was between the years 1858 and 1903, but since 1903 the greater part of the glaciers appeared to be going forward until last year, when the new period of withdrawal set in.

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SOUTHARD & SHINN

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



OFFICE CAT



As far as a certain La Grande man is concerned the oil investigation was a failure. Nobody has named the party who sold him a lot of bogus oil stocks.

You can't arrest a safety pin, for holding up a skirt.
 You can't arrest a clothes-pin, for holding up a shirt.
 You can't arrest a garter, for holding up a sock.
 But you can arrest a gentleman for tampering with a lock.

At a big party in Chicago a woman of the newly rich and ostentatious class was sitting beside the wife of a prominent labor leader. The former began to talk about her jewelry. "I clean my diamonds with ammonia," she said, "my rubies with Bordeaux wine, my emeralds with Bangig brandy, and my sapphires with fresh milk. And you, Mrs. Blank?" she asked, turning to the labor leader's wife. "Oh, I don't clean mine," said the latter stiffly. "When they get dirty, I simply throw them away."

Every town has a few who delight in making speeches for charity and never see the collection plate.

Adjusted compensation for dollars-a-year men may mean giving them a few more years.

"Daddy was a cracker?"
 "No, old dear," replied the parrot. "I have dined copiously. Got a cigarette about you?"

One of the girls in the office stated once that she wouldn't wash dishes for \$10 a week that's pride. She now uses it for nothing. That's matrimony.

The most capable are the most modest.

HAL BOHNENKAMP
 Funeral Director
 FIFTH AT SPRING STREET
 Lady Attendant
 Main 42

Tom Sims Says

After everybody gets well educated there will be no one left to do our work for us.

You never can understand women. One had a man arrested for cruelty to a rat.

Some towns are so lucky. In St. Louis an insurance man is missing. Chicago bandits robbed a poker game and the winners lost heavily.

When a man tells a girl why his wife doesn't understand him it usually is because she does.

Mud baths are being used to make people beautiful, but you don't see very many pretty politicians.

Some of these stump speakers will be in a tree soon.

Georgia woman who wandered if thieves would get money hidden in a piano found they would.

People who live in rented houses should not write telephone numbers on the walls.

Every man is entitled to life, liberty and freedom in the pursuit of money.

Most people have to work. That is why they do it.

The man who doesn't know good manners frequently gets into the soup while eating it.

Me's become intoxicated with love. That is why it is bootlegged.

Truth is stranger than fiction. It doesn't come around as often.

Every man knows he will accidentally mail a letter in a trash can before he dies.

Only reliable thing about some people is their unreliability.

About the hardest thing to cure is injured feelings.

JINGLING SILVER COINS
 (VIENNA, AP)—The long reign of paper money in a number of European countries is coming to an end with the reappearance of the metal coins which various governments have introduced within the last few months. France led the way with a new franc, and a little later introduced smaller coins of nickel.

Germany some time ago issued one, two and three cent mark pieces in silver, as well as fragments of nickel, while Austria several months ago began the coinage of one shilling pieces of silver, worth about ten cents each, as well as nickel coins of various denominations.

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NORTON'S KIDDY SHOP
 "Better Togs for Little Tots"

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