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THE CHRISTIAN'S MISSION:—Preach, saying, The Kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils; freely ye have received, freely give.—Matthew 10: 7, 8.

The Saturday Evening Post has passed its fellow Curtis publication, the Ladies' Home Journal, in total circulation during the last year and now holds the world's record. It's the Ford of the publishing business.

England is going to have a chance to vote on local-option before long and thereby take one more step toward national prohibition. It's only a question of time until strict regulation will be the rule throughout the British Isles—that is, with the exception of Scotland.

"Ma" Ferguson, governor of Texas, offers a reward for the conviction of prohibition violators who are wealthy and who are therefore considered responsible for constant activity of the liquor trade. Maybe she has a suspicion that some of them are members of the legislature that now wants to start impeachment proceedings.

There is much merit in the objection of Representative Rainey, of Illinois, to the present tax bill which is to be put before congress next Monday. As a member of the ways and means committee he voted to report the bill but is of the opinion that too much has been lopped off both ends and too little has been done to help the middle of the schedule. According to the provisions of the measure to be considered, a saving is made to about two million small income tax payers of about $5 or $6 and less than four thousand tax payers are relieved of paying $100,000,000. Those who really carry on the business of the nation, according to Mr. Rainey, and who deserve most consideration in planning relief, are men who have to pay on incomes of $25,000 to $70,000 a year. For these there is very little reduction. It's true that the man who pays five or six dollars income tax a year is perfectly willing to do so—he hasn't asked for relief from this: But it is a tax reduction that touches the greatest number of people—and that is an item always carefully considered by good politicians.

INDIRECT TAXATION.

When the Italian government went about to raise the $5,000,000 down payment on its war debt to the United States it capitalized one of the idiosyncrasies of human nature.

Italy has not escaped the high taxes made necessary in Europe and here by the war and her government was wise enough to know that another tax jump for payment of war debts would be resented, if not forcibly opposed by the public.

It was nothing short of a stroke of genius that the Roman treasury undertook the raising of the needed fund by a direct appeal to the patriotism and national pride of the people. That the money would be over-subscribed was assured from the first. Taxpayers cheerfully gave dollars which they would have surrendered reluctantly as taxes.

A dollar is a dollar whether it is assessed as a tax or collected as a contribution, but with most people there is a wide difference between "taking" and "asking" for that dollar.

This same human trait explains the relative popularity of indirect taxes in comparison with direct taxes. The income tax is unpopular with those who pay it directly and is innocuous to the exempt, and yet it not infrequently happens that the man who makes the return ultimately collects the tax from the fellow with the exempt income. The tenant seldom protests against high property taxes, and yet his rent pays that tax for the landlord who constantly storms against this tax.

As governments by the majority strive to please the majority it is not surprising that indirect methods of taxation so often are adopted in preference to more logical and effective direct taxes.

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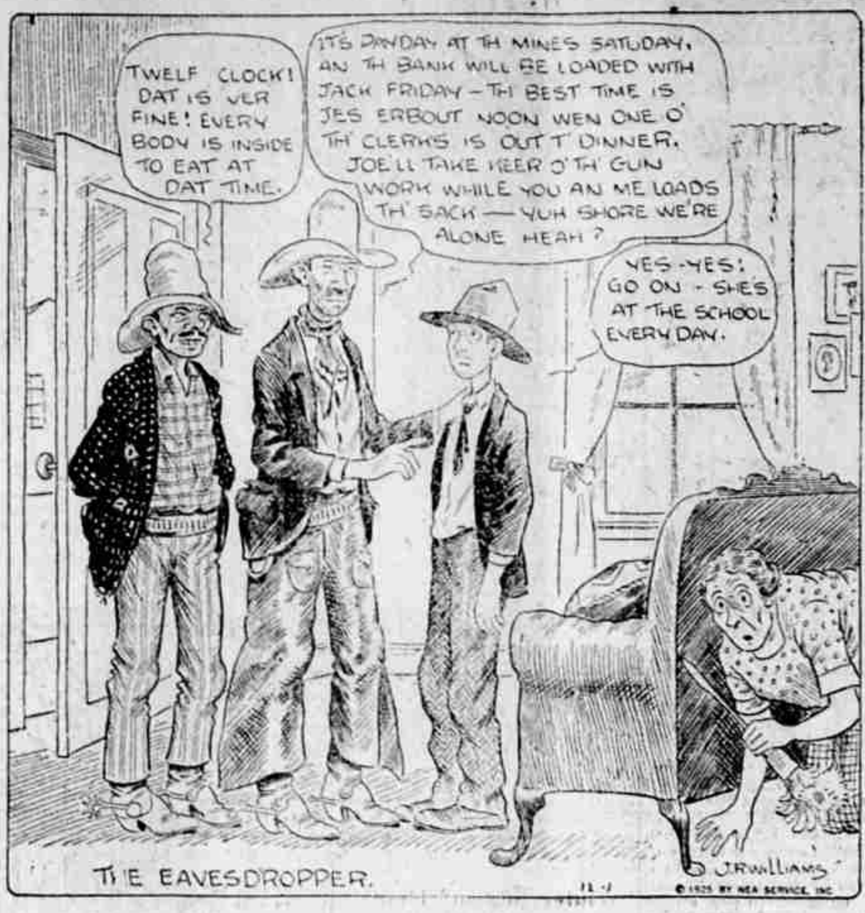

OFFICE CAT
TRADE MARK REG.
By Junius

They are now planning an old English alphabet with forty-eight letters.

The stenographers will then have to use both hands at their work instead of using one to powder their nose.

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Secretary New of the postoffice department defends the postoffice pen.

What the postoffice pen needs is a point.

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A COSTLY MISTAKE

"What ruined your business?"
"Advertising."
"How?"
"I let my competitors do it."

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Conan Doyle, spirit investigator, says he was heard singing "of an unearthly sort." Well, but we hear that right along.

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Most people are of the opinion that there is a lot of activity in a chorus girl's dressing room, but as a matter of fact there is not much going on there.

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If your lips would keep from slip,
Five things observe with care:
Of whom you speak,
To whom you speak,
And now and when and where.

If you your ears would keep from jeers,
These things keep mildly hid:
Myself and I,
And Mine and My,
And how I do or did.

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Mrs. Scales—Scientists say that we really laugh and grow fat.
Mrs. Lights—Of course! No one would grow fat and laugh.

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When President Kemal of Turkey got tired of his wife he told her she was divorced, but the funny part of the story is that she believed him.

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SHAVE, SIR?

The following advertisement appeared in an Indian paper:

Mahomedman, hair-cutter and clean shaver. Gentlemen's throats cut with sharp razors, with great care and skill. No irritating feeling afterward. A trial solicited.

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Even an optimist can't see much fun in missing a train.

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"Is that a bottle on Joe's hip?"
"Naw, that's just a warp in his wooden leg."

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Many a salesman has punctured himself fatally by pinning a medal on his own chest.

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WHEN I HAVE A CIRCUS

I am going to Put in My Side-shows:
The man who offers a lady his seat in the street car when he doesn't intend to get off at the next corner.
The maid who isn't called to the telephone twenty-seven times a day at least three of them during dinner.
The uncle who hasn't heaps of money and yet is treated royally.
The son who never asks his father for a check.
The man who never takes a drop—never took a drop, no, sir!
The chorus girl in a movie who doesn't chew gum or smoke.
The novelist who can write a story without a complex, or a single bad word!

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Girls who declare they wouldn't marry the best man in the world, sometimes marry one of the sorriest later on.

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Although a wife rarely notices any deterioration in her husband's clothes, she very quickly discovers any change in trousers.

So many whales inhabited the waters around the Revilla Gigedo Island off the coast of Mexico that the explorers called the place the "Cow Pasture."

Napoleon once said, "A great soldier like me does not care a tinker's damn for the lives of a million men."

Johan Turi, a venerable Lapp, is said to be the only man of his race who has ever written a book.

When we came to La Grande less than two years ago I went down to Pendleton to see Ben Burrows, a wealthy lumber man of that city, to see if he would stake us to $10,000 to start a lumber business in La Grande. Mr. Burrows politely refused us. He said, "Pratt, your ideas are too big and it would take $50,000 to start you into the lumber business." So we came back to La Grande with only $500 and a lot of sand and the good people of this valley have stuck with us like leaches. We have now taken in about $100,000. Anyone with good sense can see by our buildings and equipment that we have made good, or in other words, you have helped us to make good.

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Contested

Gerald P. Nye, North Dakota editor, has been appointed to the U. S. Senate by Governor Sorlie to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Edwin F. Ladd. Non-Partisan senators claim Sorlie is not empowered to appoint him, and a contest over his right to enter the Senate is in prospect.

Farm Pointers

Oregon celery, if being blanched at this time of year, should not be allowed to stand between the boards long after it is fit for use, says the experiment station. After the chlorophyl of the stalk has been changed to a yellow or white, depending on the variety of color, the quality, brittleness and flavor begin to be lost. Three weeks are usually the length of time required to blanch the stalks, although this may be a shorter or longer depending on the weather.

Barnyard manure, particularly horse manure, heats up rapidly with a loss of the valuable plant food element nitrogen, in the form of ammonia. This loss can be prevented, says the O. A. C. experiment station, almost entirely by scattering a handful of land plaster or superphosphate in the gutter behind each animal, each day. Superphosphate in addition to preventing the loss of ammonia will enforce the manure with phosphorus in which it is low. Many soils are in need of available phosphorus.

The queen bee mates with the drone or male bee on the wing. Her matings are not under the control of the beekeeper except as he makes it possible to have a supply of good drones and limit the supply of poor ones, says the O. A. C. extension service. The queen bee apparently mates but once in her life time.

The success of any tile drainage system depends upon the outlets. During the summer months many of the outlets have been clogged by the growth of vegetation and by caving in of the sides of the outlet ditch. As the fall work slackens, the farmers find it pays to examine these outlets and clean them so they can work to their maximum capacity.

Protection against winter infection of Oregon loganberry canes with leaf anthracnose, bud blight and cane die back may be afforded to a considerable extent by spraying the canes at this time of year with bordeaux mixture, says the experiment station. The canes should be covered from base to tip.

We'd be afraid to wear these balloon trousers. Might get them on upside down some morning.

Twenty tons of water is a burden that hundreds of thousands of American farm women must carry from the well to the house every day.

The Boston church in which Edward Everett Hale preached for years is now the property of the Methodists.

Things could be worse. If this month was February you would have to pay a month's rent for 28 days.

A CONFESSION!

We've asked 27 males in the last 24 hours whether they liked HER hands to be soft or whether they preferred them to be red and calloused! As a result of this investigation we've made up a new batch of the famous "BLUE MOUNTAIN LOTION"

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At Last

Charles G. Conn of Los Angeles is 81. As a boy he served under Grant in the wilderness, and saved the lives of several other soldiers by his bravery. Now he has just been notified by the War Department that he has been officially cited for this heroism.

HEAVENS BEST IN DECEMBER

WASHINGTON (AP)—Winter is the best time for star-gazing, says the American Nature association describing the beauties of the heavens during December.

Five stars of the first magnitude will be visible in the eastern sky during the last month of the year, and Venus will appear at her best.

"We will find in the east Taurus, the Bull," says the association, with its well known groups of the Pliades and Hyades and the ruddy Aldebaran, that represents the Eye of the Bull, and there is the magnificent Orion with its many stars of first and second magnitude.

"To the north of Orion will be the brilliant Capella. The Goat, with her small kids of Hoedi close by forming a small triangular group that makes it easy for us to identify this brilliant star. Castor and Pollux the Twins, in Gemini, will be well in view in the northeast.

"Venus will be a magnificent object in the southwest for about three hours after sunset. All during December Venus will parade a brilliance that reaches a maximum January 2.

"Mercury passes from east to west of the sun on December 11 and after that will be in the morning sky and may possibly be seen in the southwest before sunrise the last few days of the month when it will be at its greatest distance west of the sun. Saturn and Mars will be in conjunction on December 15. In the north, Cassiopeia is passing to the west of the meridian and the Big Dipper is swinging over to the east of the meridian though it is still close to the northern horizon to be seen to advantage. The Great Square in Pegasus covers a large space in the western sky and will be found about halfway between the horizon and the zenith."

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