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PERFECT SAFETY:—Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee, yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.—Isaiah 41: 10.

Relatives are often those people who wonder how you manage to fool the public.

Some day a great scientist will discover that the highest explosive on earth is made by uniting a selfish man with a quick-tempered woman.

"Gov. Jim" Ferguson is further useful in the Texas crisis in furnishing the strong language a lady governor couldn't be expected to use or even know.

The barkeeper was probably a very wicked fellow in the old days, much worse than the modern soda fountain clerk—but very few of them had to shake their hair back at frequent intervals.

Belgium plans to reduce her standing army to 77,000, which is over 5,000 less than last year. That seems like a small force in that tiny country, but over here a proportionate army would provide a soldier at everyone's elbow throughout the nation.

The Christmas peddler is already busy in La Grande—offering "better merchandise, more beautiful gifts at lower prices than you can find anywhere else in the world." Prospects who realize that he promises all these wonderful things—and then keeps from 40 to 65 per cent of the price as his own commission—won't ponder the problem very long before shutting the door with the bell-ringer on the outside. It's a good graft, as every college youth who has done house-to-house canvassing in summer vacation can tell you, but it suffers greatly as people become educated to the method.

"BEDROCK OF ECONOMY"

The budget report to congress by President Coolidge carries with it the opinion that governmental economy has about reached its lowest point and that the natural expansion of a growing country will produce the need for increased expenditures in the future. A surplus is indicated for this year and another for 1927, but cutting and slashing of operation costs cannot continue, according to the chief executive.

Coolidge is probably right, from a practical standpoint. Eliminating bureaus here and discharging officials there can go just so far for efficiency's sake, but no further. And new demands for government activity will constantly appear, "the natural expansion of a growing nation" prophesied by the president. Of course we can continue to cut government expense, without due regard for government efficiency and the nation's welfare, and see constant tax reduction. But that is not a condition sought by the average citizen. We want sensible economy and a business-like government. An extreme of economy is neither proper nor profitable as a permanent policy.

Announcing the probable future increase of expenses rather than a decrease, the president needs make but one pledge and issue but one warning to patronage seeking politicians—that the anticipated increases shall be used for the nation's welfare and progress, that no pork barrel appropriations will become the order of the day, and that expansion shall not be undertaken simply to pacify politicians who have predicted loss of votes as a result of the economy program. If care is thus exercised in the regulation of increased expenses, the expression of voters at the polls will not be unfavorable. Coolidge's administration has been marked for its conservatism—it has been criticized for many phases of that conservatism. Now he must guard against the loss of such approval as that characteristic has won. In so doing he will be guarding many of the best interests of the nation.



OFFICE CAT

TRADE MARK REG.
By Junius

"Don't you think, doctor, you've rather overcharged for attending Jimmy when he had the measles?"
"You must remember, Mrs. Brown, that includes twenty-two visits."
"Yes, but you forget he infected the whole school."

THE DAY'S WORST JOKE.
A New York girl tried suicide recently by drinking a bottle of gift paint. Now she feels guilty.

Why Not a Silence Dictator?
Effectually to silence the "tummy" teller.

Effectually to silence the fellow who tells you in on the ground floor.

Effectually to silence the "Life of the Party."

Effectually to silence the "hard luck" bird.

Effectually to silence the gloom brood.

Effectually to silence the "silver lining" propagandist.

Effectually to silence the one who "told you so."

Effectually to silence the club bore.

Effectually to silence the bridge wrangler.

Effectually to silence the spoony couple.

Effectually to silence the monopolist of the telephone.

Alcohol can be extracted from dough, a scientist has discovered. But a soul has to have lots of dough to get any alcohol these days.

"Is she really married?"
"Well, if she's not I am in a—"
—of a fix."

"How's that?"
"In her husband's."

Lady (to man in booth)—Look here, you've been in there thirty minutes and haven't said a word.

Man—I've been talking to my wife.

A man received the following note from his actor son, who had joined a touring company: "I have made a great success. Will you send me \$5 to pay landlady?"

Your devoted son, Aigy. "P. S. Since writing this letter am ashamed to ask you, so I ran after the postman and tried to get it back. I pray it does not reach you."

The son was surprised when he received this reply: "Dear Aigy, your prayer was answered. The letter did not reach me."

Lecturer: "Allow me to repeat the words of Webster."

Bored Listener (to wife): "Good gracious, Maria, let's go out. He's starting on the dictionary."

An inventor has produced a golf ball which speaks when it is lost. At present the golfer does that.

Poets' Corner

IN MEMORY OF OUR DEAR SISTER.

(By Edna Page)

You have left us, dear sister,
For that home beyond the skies;
Left this earthly home of sorrow,
But to bloom in paradise.

You have passed through death's
Dark valley, thy silent slumber,
Through its cold and chilly tide,
Now safe in the arms of Jesus,
We are sure you're satisfied.

Happy now in his sweet presence,
For us you'll watch and wait,
Through the darkness gently lead us
Straight to heaven's golden gate.

Forerun by thy silent slumber,
Laying in thy grave so low,
Though no more will join our number,
But we hope again to meet thee
When the day of life has fled,
And in heaven with joy to greet thee,
Where no farewell tears are shed.

Can you see us now, dear sister,
Through the veil we cannot pierce?
Will you guide us through life's journey,
Though its storms rage wild and fierce?

Yes, we almost see you beckon
Us to yonder shore,
We shall see you there dear sister,
As in the days of yore.

Happy then with your dear Savior
In his sweet redeeming grace,
Soon across the stream of Jordan
We shall see you face to face,
Pure to Face with you and Jesus.

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HEALTH

THE CHRISTMAS SEAL
(By Dr. Frederick Stricker)
"Christmas Seal Time" is here again, and you are already doubtless familiar with the design of the 1925 Seal. It shows two candlesticks in the traditional holly and mistletoe of the holiday season below a red double barred cross, the official emblem of the anti-tuberculosis crusade throughout the world.

"About 100 years ago Shakespear wrote in the Merchant of Venice about a candle its beams like a 'good deed in a naughty world.'" Many are the conditions that have changed since Shakespear wrote in 1598. Three hundred years ago good to profit by them. The average human life then was only 35 years. Scarcely long enough for that rare enjoyment of being a grandparent. Disease then raged in many forms and decimated humanity with terrifying epidemics. Modern medical science was unknown.

Since that time more than 21 years have been added to the duration of the average man's life. Think of it, twenty one years more to enjoy the increasing marvels of these modern days! Seven of these extended years, about one-third of the whole gain in human existence since Shakespear's time, have been added since the development of the Christmas Seal only 18 years ago.

The good deeds the Seal represents have done their share in lengthening human life by helping to abstract 100,000 names from the annual death roll of tuberculosis in the United States, for the death rate from that disease is now one half what it was twenty years ago.

The Oregon Tuberculosis Association finance its work almost entirely by yearly sale of Christmas Seals.

"Just how far this year depends on how many seals you and I and all of us buy and use on holiday letters and packages."

Isn't it strange how we postpone things. In Kansas a man needed a shave 22 years before he got one.

Only a few more months until we can have a good time cussing files.

Never to part again; In that sweet and heavenly mansion Free from sorrow, care or pain.

Happy then is his dear likeness. We shall tread the golden strand; And the sorrow left behind us Then, Oh then, we'll understand.

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It is said that boats cross the English channel every thirty minutes. Why, then, should any one want to swim it?

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