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GOD SEES AND CARES—"And she called the name of the Lord that spake unto her, Thou God sees me."—Gen. 16:13.

Pessimists are hard to endure sometimes but they will live a long time. They might be induced to commit suicide but they know it would end their misery.

Judging from divorces, it's a wonder someone doesn't start a movement to fire Cupid. As a salesman, he is losing just about as many customers as he gains.

After Chas. G. Dawes advised senate pages against smoking and swearing, he received a note from the secretary of the No-Tobacco league asking him to be a proper example and "swear off" tobacco for the new year. The narrow-mindedness evidenced by such a note is probably one reason why the secretary's league is accomplishing so little.

### ANOTHER TRY AT DISARMAMENT.

There has been much talk in executive and legislative circles during the past year for another disarmament conference and the United States is going to participate in a preliminary meeting at Geneva next month—the invitation having been received from that much opposed and rapidly strengthening body known as the League of Nations. Of course, Borah objected. He always objects to anything that can be imagined to look like a foreign entanglement, but his objections are gradually being overruled as his following along that particular line diminishes. He is soothed somewhat by the statement of the position of the United States in accepting the invitation, which really amount to reservations that will exist in case we take part in the formal disarmament conference:

1.—That the U. S. would participate in such a conference only as regards limitation on naval armament, but not as regards reduction of armies, since the U. S. army is already reduced to a skeleton. (2)—That the U. S. would not become a party to any security pact guaranteeing the boundaries or rights of any European country. (3)—That any treaties arising out of the conference must be so far as the U. S. is concerned, purely mutual obligations, not statutes to be enforced or interpreted by the League of Nations.

Surely participation of this country is a very sensible thing. No great saving to the people in taxes can be effected by further reduction of navy or army here, but perhaps we can aid greatly in removing some of the burden of armed forces from other countries and we may save much in the future that would be required of us by strong international competition. If all navies can be practically eliminated, no nation will have any sensible reason for wanting a strong navy with which there will be nothing to compete. In the past we have built warships for national defense because everybody else had them, not because we anticipated a war. So in the future we can save that money if disarmament really comes into being, and spend it for education, or agricultural development, or child welfare, or something else worth while. The saving per individual taxpayer would be small, but considering what it might accomplish in other work it would be tremendous.



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By Junius

There are 57 varieties of Democrats, the defeated kind being the most numerous.

Many a girl is so clever that she can get so close to a man that when he attempts to steal a kiss she just can't get away from him.

THE REASON  
Her beauty fades, but, ah, we know  
It will come back again,  
Its loss is not now due to age,  
But merely to the rain.

He was buying some lettuce.  
"Don't give me any of those withered heads," he cautioned the grocery clerk.  
"Oh, no, sir," replied the clerk.  
"We keep those for our telephone orders."

COMPLAINT ADJUSTED  
Little Girl—Mother says she found a fly in the cake you sold her.

Greener—I'm sorry. Tell her to send the fly back and I'll give her a raisin in place of it.

What is natural gas?  
Natural gas is the result of the meeting of a hole-in-one golfer and a man with a perfect radio.

In the dim, dark picture palace, Jim gets mushy,—so does Alice. For they haven't any place at home to smooch. So they take some awful chances. While they're watching screen romances. And wish that they were on their honeymoon.

"O-o-h, Jimmy! Isn't it dark here? Honestly I can't see a thing! Is that your hand, Jimmy? Now you stop or I'll go straight home! Good if I'd come out with you tonight! Now stop, I won't kiss you stop or I'll go straight home! Say do you think I look like Lala Lee? Well, perhaps, I do have more expression. My forehead is higher than hers is what makes the difference. I wish I had a Spanish comb like hers.—No, I wasn't hitting Jimmy? Now you believe! I just know that someone saw you there! Oh, Jimmy, you're killing! You ought to be in the movies yourself. Why you're perfectly scandalous! If you don't stop I'll say those people are getting up! Let's go over there where it's darker!"

Who would imagine that youngsters were thrilled by holding hands in prayer meeting?

A credit investigator says that 89 per cent of Americans live beyond their means. The other 11 per cent over your shoulder at the newspaper you are reading.

She—A kiss speaks volumes, my dear.

He—Isn't you think it would be sporting to start a library?

"Did you enjoy the bachelor dinner last night, dear?"  
"Oh, yes; rather slow affair, though!"

"And who were the bachelors named Maud and Beatrice who wrote their names on your card book?"

The mosquito has a faculty of always biting where it will show the most. Ask the girls.

### Northwest Washington Is Home of Upper Set

(By Charles P. Stewart)  
WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—Most towns have two "sides," a side where all the busy people hang out and a side where nobody can live and amount to much socially.

Washington is emphatically this way. Your address must read "Washington Northwest" or you don't "belong." A trip to Washington Northwest or Southeast is like

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### Wants to Learn



Herbert Weiskopf traveled 14,000 miles to get a job as dishwasher in a Los Angeles hotel. He came from South Africa to learn the hotel business he declared, and was started out at the bottom.

Why Washington Southeast doesn't class with the northwest-ern district is easy to understand. It's the industrial section so far as the capitol that has one and naturally isn't so pleasant to live in. But accounting for the eastern half of town's social disrepute, except for a little stretch along the railroad yards, isn't so easy. It's true that the houses there obviously and practically without exception are those of people in very modest circumstances, but why? Washington's crowded for room. Why hasn't the classy part of it spread over into this perfectly available area?

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