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GIDDY GIRLS GETTING SENSE.

Girls to the number of about 1000 in the high school of commerce in San Francisco have voted to discard silk stockings, transparent waists, fancy frocks and pyramid hair dressing, which would leave the girls in a rather destitute condition for facing a hard winter were it not that they at the same time voted to substitute cotton stockings, middy blouses and wash dresses for the discarded articles.

Oregon Agricultural college girls also have voted to do away with full dress costumes at their functions.

All of which shows that just when we think there is no hope for the girls they begin to develop a little sense. It is but natural that girls in a high school of commerce and in a great state college should first discard their giddy ways.

It may be but natural that parents should wish their girls to appear as well as other girls and that such parents are willing to make many sacrifices to make it possible for their children to have things the parents never even dreamed of having.

It is but natural for devoted parents to want their children to enjoy school life and not have to go through the things that the parents went through.

It should be equally true that parents want their children to have a better chance in life than the parents had. It is to such an end that the children of today are given a better school education than the parents had, but if with that school and book education develops an insatiable desire for fancy clothes and to be on the go and jazzing here and there every moment not spent in school, for the two seem always to go together, the better chance being given by a better school education is being more than minimized by the development of extravagant habits and a dislike for attention to duty that will really make their chances less than were the chances for the young person in the days of those who are now parents.

The girls of the San Francisco high school of commerce and of Oregon Agricultural college evidently have been doing some sober thinking—and in every high school and college there is opportunity for the same kind of sober thinking.

WEEKS TEARS THINGS LOOSE.

Secretary of War Weeks is getting himself in bad.

The democrats are going to be real peeved at him.

What the dickens has Secretary Weeks done?

In the first place, he is showing up the extravagance of the department once managed by son-in-law McAdoodle-doo by cutting expenses some $300,000,000, thereby assisting in carrying out the economy pledges of the republican platform upon which Harding was elected, which was something the democrats knew would be impossible when son-in-law McAdoodle-doo couldn't do it. That is going to make the next democratic campaign a much harder one.

In the second place, thousand of useless employes are being turned out to earn an honest living, literally an army of them. This is adding seriously to the unemployment situation, and the democrats will make the most of that. The late administration had a most convenient way of keeping everybody on a job. Not much longer and new buildings would have been necessary in Washington to be used as lounging rooms for the great army of unemployed whose names appeared on the government pay rolls.

In the third place, Secretary Weeks has with reckless abandon cut and slashed claims presented to the government for materials furnished by order of the late administration, settling something like $200,000,000 in claims at a paltry $13,000,000. Quite naturally Secretary Weeks will be in very bad with these poor contractors who have mulcted out of the great profits for which they had made arrangements with a more hospitable administration.

President Harding is said to be a party to this proceeding—unheard of before in official Washington.

Isn't it terrible?

JOBS FOR AMERICANS.

America for Americans!

When there is a job to give out, give it to an American.

Citizens who support this government are first entitled to the jobs in times when jobs are scarce.

The citizen is the homebuilder, the head of a family, the taxpayer, the bulwark civically and financially of this great land of the free and home of the brave.

He is first entitled to the jobs which our form of government makes possible.

Charity begins at home and we should first look to our own.

America for America! Jobs for Americans!

THINGS WE THINK

Things Others Think and What We Think of the Things Others Think

It always seems to parents that their children have about three times as much enjoyment as they did as children.

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When the babies get to squalling the man of the house likes to storm off down town.

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If a wife had as much influence as a sweetheart this would be a world of model men.

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Three Wyoming men have died from the bite of a woodtick. Think of the wonderful resisting power of the genuine old-time lumberjack who slept with graybacks and grew fat.

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The merchant's ship will never come in unless he keeps making sales.

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We don't feel nearly as badly about things we can't have if our friends don't have them.

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There are too many people who use their hammer where it doesn't do any good.

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If beauty were much more than skin deep we fear that some people would suffer from shooting pains most of the time.

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We holler about the foreigner who comes here to earn money to send back to Europe or Asia—but we keep right on making millionaires who spend more in foreign countries every year than foreign-born people send home in a dozen years.

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Someone has said: "It is just as easy to make resolutions as to set the alarm." It might be added that one is as useless as the other if the time for them to take effect is set too far ahead.

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We know a man who said he felt incapable of filling the position of secretary of the merchants' association in a small town. Six years later he was in congress. Either congress got stung, or else some people grow very rapidly.

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It doesn't please very many people to see someone make good on a proposition where they had predicted he would fall down.

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The way some folks burden their first baby with a name makes it appear as if they never expected to need any left over for any others.

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The inner thoughts and feelings are reflected in the face. Some folks must feel dreadfully out of whack inside.

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The hobble skirt was originally made for a joke. It's getting to be a chestnut now and that's one time man put it over on woman.

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It is better to be a little slow in thinking and speaking than to be so everlastingly bright and witty that you offend everyone you talk to.

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A pretty, musical voice hides a multitude of sins.

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A cat will be right under your feet any time except when you want to catch it.

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An empty compliment is about as near less than nothing as it is possible to get.

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A California judge has rendered a decision that people need not dodge autos. Of course, it's not compulsory to do so, but doing shows wisdom and discretion.

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Everything comes to him who goes after it.

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In the days of Ponce de Leon great explorers spent years in searching for the fountain that would make old people young again. Nowadays if a man should start on an expedition of that sort people would believe that he had already reached his second childhood.

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The girl who purrs the lovingest can also scratch the hardest.

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Dr. Osler's chloroforming idea seems far less popular than it should be.

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If reducing the size of paper money will enable us to get hold of a proportionately larger number of pieces, we are for the innovation.

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A California potato found a ring that had been lost in a field, after continued fruitless search had been made by the owner. That's one potato that used its eyes.

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Five thousand dollars has been paid for a rare flea in Chicago. Considering the time required in catching one of these animals, the price is not exhorbitant.

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If you want to spoil a boy, give him unearned money and turn him loose with temptation.

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Guide posts to glory are so numerous that we would bump into them if sin didn't have such a well beaten trail around them.

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Someone has complained that the nose has not been immortalized in poetry. Poets probably think it couldn't stand the smell of the feet.

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It's easy to convince a man that a woman's in love with, and easy to make the woman believe it too.

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Eight Chicago business men recently passed a $1000 bill for $100. None of them were newspaper men, however. No one ever heard of a newspaper man making a mistake like that.

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An exchange says that ultra violet rays can do anything from exploding torpedoes to lighting lamps. Can they make a diaphanous gown so it can't be seen through?

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The woman who never cries hasn't the necessary qualifications of a good wife.

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It's never too late to mend—to the woman with a family of seven boys.