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MICKIE SAYS

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LEARNING AND CULTURE.

A remarkable number of persons cherish the notion that readiness in answering categorically a set of miscellaneous questions is a test of learning and culture, when it really proves nothing more than the possession of a retentive memory, a useful but not the highest intellectual quality. As a matter of fact, as many persons will testify, a fairly trustworthy memory on ordinary occasions will refuse to act when confronted by sudden imperative demands upon its powers, says *Indianapolis Star*. All knowledge of the subjects presented seems instantly to vanish. The world is large and the field of learning wide. The best man of greatest information can do is to cover but a small part of it. The rest of us must be content with the fragments of learning we can gather up and assimilate as we go along the years and be satisfied if we know where to find a missing and necessary fact when we need it. Also we may feel sure that the man fond of springing test questions in order to prove the ignorance of his fellow beings can be as easily disconcerted by a series of different questions, for he is not more infallible than the rest.

Heretofore the American people have been led to believe that the employers alone are responsible for the high cost of commodities, says *New York Mail*. Labor demands since the war have tended to show unmistakably that labor has something to do with piling up the costs of production, which increase the price of the product to the consumer. Now comes a new light on the question from the action of a jury in Indianapolis, which has indicted 125 coal operators and labor leaders on the charge that they had conspired by mutual manipulation, to limit the production of coal and boost its price to the man or corporation that burns it in order to produce the energy that keeps the country's industries going. The trial of the operators and operatives indicted in Indianapolis promises to furnish valuable information on an obscure but acutely felt phase of our industrial problem.

A tiny transgression—meaningless, purposeless—and the all-guiding hand of fate rests in its upward swing, hesitates a moment, and again takes movement upward or downward. Upward, if conscience pricks and leads to better things. Downward if transgression's joys open vistas of richer and more pleasurable fields. A greater transgression—careless, indifferent—and the yawning precipice, far on the horizon, displays its blackish blot. Again the hand of fate hesitates for a bit and moves on—upward or downward. A transgression—mortal venomed—and the soul totters on the brink of obliterating blackness, says *Milwaukee Journal*, hesitates, recovers for an instant—and goes hurtling into the great, uncertain Beyond. Such is fate for them that play with fire.

The invention of cheap insecticides is going to reduce the cost of food by millions of dollars, according to the American Chemical society. The best insecticides and the cheapest are the birds, and yet we allow them to be slaughtered by thousands just to prove that boys can hit a mark. The farmer pays the cost and then passes it on to the rest of us.

GIVE THE BOY A CHANCE.

The boy who at fifteen or sixteen must give up his regular schooling and go to work needs all the help and encouragement that his employer can give him. His mind is untrained. His will is undeveloped. His power of self-dependence is weak. His ability to plan for himself and direct his efforts is poor. And yet he is confronted with a man's problems, he must compete with mature minds, he must take care of himself in a new world where clear thinking, earnest endeavor and self-control are the determining factors. The hope, therefore, of the fifteen-year-old working boy is his boss—the man who can either make him or ruin him. Each boy presents to his employer a wonderful opportunity. Every young worker is a challenge to the man over him, for there before him is the material out of which can be molded an efficient and faithful employee—writes William Marvin Jackson in *Forbes Magazine*. The boy is there with his latent powers and energy; all he needs is a boss of the right kind; a boss who will consider him not as a piece of machinery, not as a cog in the wheel, but as a human being—a young fellow in whose veins flows red blood, whose possibilities are unlimited!

German marks are quoted at \$0.214 francs at \$0.097 and pounds sterling at \$4.0375. There is more or less fluctuation. Our good old American dollar is wobbling round some itself, purchasing from 15 to 30 cents worth of things to wear or eat.

An English soldier who is blind and minus both hands and two ribs, to say nothing of 20 minor wounds, says he finds happiness in trying to help others less fortunate than himself. Gee he must have lots of time on his hands.

Children are said to be dying of hunger and cold in Vienna, and 86 per cent of the babies are suffering with rickets. These are the most pitiful victims of the mad ambition which plunged the nation into an iniquitous war.

Unfortunately Uncle Sam cannot deport undesirable natives along with undesirable aliens, but it is satisfying to know that there are not so many of the former that he cannot spank them thoroughly.

The United States has a much larger population than Germany, but we fancy Germany has a great many more people who work than we have. We Americans run largely to oratory, riding and rest.

A divorce was refused to a woman in London who for four years had not spoken a word to her husband. The court evidently did not want to break up the peace and quiet of his home.

The trial of the ex-kaiser has now been set for early in 1920, in London, when the jurors will be asked, we suppose, whether they have read the case in the newspapers.

Some men are born profiteers, some have usurious gains thrust upon them by temptation, and some will just naturally steal anything they can get their hands on.

We are glad the prince of Wales had a chance to see our little canal down in Panama. It speaks for itself and America.

There is something in diet. Fill a man up on salt pork and boiled cabbage and his muscles will tingle for action.

The world's airplane altitude record of 5.4 miles has been homologated by the American Flying club. It's natural to use altitudinous words for high stunts.

The claim is now made that America leads the world in shipbuilding. The next thing is to lead in shipping, which is something else again.

"Poland looks to the United States for financial aid," says a dispatch, and the natural remark is that everybody is doing it.

STRANGE LAD



The Doctor—You say your little boy has an abnormal appetite. In what way is it manifested?
The Mother—He's lost all desire for things that make him sick.

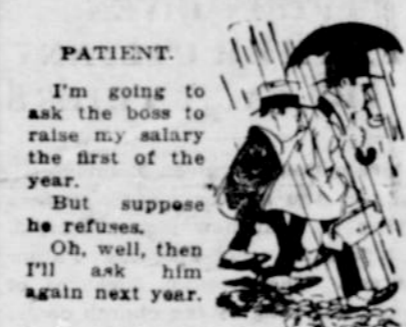
QUITE THE CONTRARY.

Young Dentist—Yes, I suppose those teeth could be improved some. They're the first set I ever made. But then they won't look so bad if you don't smile much.
Vic—I smile! What d'ye think I've got to smile about? It's the guys that look at me that'll do the grinning.



MISSILES.

The Salesperson—Wooden shoes, number 12, with iron heel plates? Yes, we have them. Here you are. Going to a masquerade?
The Customer—No, I'm going to the wedding of the man that stole my best girl and chuck these at the happy bridegroom.



PATIENT.

I'm going to ask the boss to raise my salary the first of the year.
But suppose he refuses.
Oh, well, then I'll ask him again next year.

AN EXPERT.

Is that new chauffeur of yours a skilled mechanic?
You bet he is. He can find more things that car than I ever dreamed of.

Scientists are developing the common cat as a food. As soon as they get it perfected the price will go up.

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