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## HERMIT'S LIFE HIS CHOICE

### Man Who Has "Flocked by Himself" for Twenty-Five Years Will Have No Other.

A hermit leads a fascinating life. So W. D. Clark says, and he ought to know, for he has been a hermit in the arctic wilderness nearly a quarter of a century.

"Once a hermit, always a hermit," says Mr. Clark. "A hermit wants nobody's pity. He enjoys his solitude and wouldn't trade it for the pleasures and excitement of cities. I have been in civilization a year now and I am going back home to the wilderness as quickly as I can. There are no fakirs, swindlers and thieves there."

Mr. Clark's home cabin is on the headwaters of the Peel river, 180 miles from Herschel Island and 110 miles from Fort McPherson. His nearest neighbor is 56 miles away. They see each other once a year. With the exception of this man, Abe Schafer, Mr. Clark is the only human being in a thousand square miles of country. The Indians do not go that far north and the Eskimos do not come that far south.

"I have seen 10,000 caribou in a herd," Mr. Clark said. "They go to the arctic coast in the spring to have their young and in September they return south to the edge of the timber, where they can find shelter and moss on which they live."

The mercury goes 75 degrees below in winter. Mr. Clark says, but it is the most beautiful climate in the world. Old-timers up there, he declares, do not know what sickness means.

## WORD HAS MANY MEANINGS

### When One Mentions "Fish," the Syllable is Susceptible of More Than One Construction.

"All is not fish that swims" reflected the sapient philosopher as he beheld a summer girl taking to the ocean. The sapient philosopher was formulating a great truth when he came to that conclusion.

The whale, for instance, although it unquestionably swims, is more closely related to the cow than to the minnow. The seal is closer kin to the dog than to the fluke.

"To a great many fishermen the word 'fish'—see Latin 'piscis' and Dutch 'visch' (the same word)—possesses only the verb form, 'to fish.' Catching fish is not a necessary part of the process of fishing. The thing is 'to fish,' and is not primarily to catch fish. (See fishermen on the banks of the Seine in Paris, 'fishing' all day without even getting a bite from a minnow.)

A famous Englishman by the name of Isaac Walton was one of the most persistent patrons of the verb 'to fish.' The word 'fish' was also extensively used during the war in an effort to save meat for the fighters.—Exchange.

**Bigamy for a Lodging.**  
A Le Mans signman has just been condemned to two years' imprisonment for bigamy, which he avers, he committed in order to find in the present 'crise de Logement' somewhere to lay his head.

He is a man of fifty-five and he recently married a widow of seventy-five who offered him a room in her cottage on the firm condition that he should marry her. This he did, declaring that his wife was dead. One of his wives was dead, but the police tracked down another, who deserted him some time ago. The unfortunate man has now had 'crise de Logement' solved for some time, at least.—Paris Figaro.

**Blackbird Fed Thrush.**  
A lady of Penzance who is a great lover of birds, says Mr. W. H. Hudson in his recently published book, "Adventures Among Birds," noticed that a blackbird and a thrush always came together to her lawn where she was in the habit of placing food for the birds. Then she noticed that the blackbird fed the thrush, picking up the crumbs of bread and putting them into its mouth. Looking more closely, she discovered that the thrush's beak had been cut off close to the head, probably by a steel trap or a sudden-death spring trap, such as the children in Cornwall commonly use to catch or kill small birds. The thrush was incapable of feeding itself.

**Osmiridium in Tasmania.**  
Recent exploration and development have revealed enormous deposits of osmiridium and gold-bearing gravels in the valleys of the large rivers of the western division of Tasmania, which is the sole producer on a large scale of point metal osmiridium. For the first half of 1920 the production was 1,003 ounces, valued at \$41,042. In March, 1920, the local price reached \$42 10c. per ounce, states the London Times Trade Supplement.

**A Super-Hero.**  
"Anything unusual in the court of domestic relations this morning?"  
"A young woman who married a bogus war hero wants a divorce."  
"That has happened before."  
"But this fellow has large ideas. He claims to have won the battle of the Marne."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

**Reward of Merit.**  
"What's the most attractive feature of farm life?" asked the city dweller.  
"Knocking off work on Saturday and going to town in the flivver," said the truthful agriculturist.—Birmingham Age-Herald.

## FORD'S OFFER NOT FAIR TO PUBLIC---GIFFORD PINCHOT

Former Progressive Leader Writes Mt. Scott Herald, Urging That People's Interests Be Protected—Muscle Shoals Nitrate Plant Project Meritorious, He Says, but Government Would Not Derive Revenue Equivalent to Liberty Loan Interest Rate and Ford Would Have \$50,000 H.P. Waterpower Free—Offer Should Be Modified, Correspondent Says

Mr. George A. McArthur, Editor, The Mt. Scott Herald, Lents, Ore.

Dear Mr. McArthur:  
The recent offer of Mr. Henry Ford to take over government property at Muscle Shoals on the Tennessee river is so important that I take the liberty of laying certain essential facts before you.

The first part of the Ford offer is to lease the Wilson dam and Dam No. 3 for 100 years, with indefinite renewals, provided the government will complete them and install machinery to produce 850,000 horsepower. Mr. Ford offers to pay 6 per cent on the \$28,000,000 which he estimates will be necessary to complete this work, or 3.4 per cent on \$45,000,000. Mr. Ford's own estimate of the whole government investment in dams, locks, and power houses. Even if we add all other annual payments (the so-called amortization payments, and payments for the repair, maintenance and operation of dams, gates and locks), the total would be equivalent to interest at the rate of only 3.5 per cent. Mr. Ford offers also to give the government 300 horsepower to operate the locks.

Please note that for the waterpower itself Mr. Ford would pay nothing, and that he would be free from all taxes on the property. Other lessees of waterpower rights from the government not only bear the total cost of building their own dams and powerhouses and pay taxes on them, but they also pay for the waterpower in addition. The Ford offer is like offering a man 3.5 per cent on the cost of his factory as rent, and then asking him to throw in a coal mine to supply fuel for the engines for nothing.

There is no allowance for depreciation and the government would be beyond question have to pay the cost of injury to the dams or locks from floods or other causes. Moreover, there is nothing in the offer to indicate that the government, in order to protect its own property, would not have to bear the expense of replacing enormously costly machinery when it had been worn out in Mr. Ford's service.

The second part of the Ford offer is to buy Nitrate Plant No. 1, which cost the government in round numbers \$13,000,000, Nitrate Plant No. 2, which cost the government in round numbers \$70,000,000, and other property which brings the total cost to \$85,000,000, and to pay \$5,000,000 for it all. The property for which this offer is made includes steam machinery to produce 160,000 horsepower, which alone is worth far more than Mr. Ford's offer for the whole. In addition, the government is to buy from the Alabama Power Co. the land upon which certain of the foregoing structures were built, and to turn that over to Mr. Ford also.

In return for the lease, for the purchased property, and for the waterpower without charge, Mr. Ford offers in addition to the payments mentioned above, to do three principal things:

First, to "maintain Nitrate Plant No. 2 ready to be operated" \* in time of war for the production of explosives, and in the event of war to turn it over to the government for that purpose.

Second, "to operate Nitrate Plant No. 2 to approximate present capacity in the production of nitrogen and other fertilizer compounds," and in this business to limit his net profit from the manufacture and sale of fertilizer products to eight per cent.

Third, the offer as written suggests producing, but contains no direct proposal to produce, fertilizer for the benefit of American farmers. That could, of course, be corrected in the final contract, for I have no doubt that Mr. Ford desires to make fertilizer.

## BUSINESS MEN WANT MUCH

### Some Qualities That Applicant for a Job Had to Show in a Character Test.

A New Yorker who, for reasons of delicacy, must be nameless, was recently gratified with a tempting offer of employment.

The firm which sought his services required from him a scientific character reading by an expert. He was referred to a local psycho-analyst retained by the concern.

The expert rated him high on latent ability, but deficient in the essential business qualities of "self-esteem and selfishness."

He did not get the job, says Leslie's. "Sorry," he was told, "but your character shows there isn't enough iron in your makeup."  
Ho, for the good old days when a man was a man and an "ornery cuss" and generosity was yet respectable. Time was when a man's kindness recommended him for a job and gave him reasonable hopes of advancement. Now, a growing number of employers insist that his worth be weighed in advance with a pair of apothecary's scales and gauged with a machinist's micrometer. And woe to him if the acute psycho-detective discerns in him a tendency to meekness or human sympathy! He suffers the besetting business vices of modesty and unselfishness!

How deeply, we wonder, have the doctrines of these latter-day prophets penetrated the collective business

mind of the country at large! Must the model citizen who listens dutifully on a Sunday morning to a sermon on the brotherhood of man hurry home to a learned treatise on how to despise his neighbor?

What a theme for G. K. Chesterton—or Nietzsche!

**COMING EVENTS**  
Lane County Fair, Eugene, September 13 to 16.  
Clackamas County Fair, Canby, September 14 to 16.  
Northwest Hay and Grain Show, Pendleton, September 19 to 24.  
September 22, 23 and 24, Pendleton Roundup; fast relay strings, lively young steers, bucking "bronks" whose deviltries will try the mettle of the cowboy.  
Multnomah County Fair, Gresham, September 19 to 25.  
Columbia County Fair, St. Helens, September 21 to 23.  
Oregon State Fair, Salem, Sept. 26 to October 1.  
Linn County Fair, Albany, October 3 to 8.  
Wasco County Fair, The Dalles, October 4 to 7.  
Oregon Methodist conference, Forest Grove, October 5.  
Polk County Fair, Dallas, October 6 to 8.  
Royal Arcanum, grand council, Portland, October 13.  
Knights Templar, grand commandery, La Grande, October 13.  
National Grange, meeting, Portland, November 8-13.  
Pacific International Livestock exposition, Portland, November 25, 26.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
No. 19881  
In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Multnomah, Probate Department.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Max Bergner, has been appointed by Honorable John McCourt, Judge of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Multnomah, Probate Department, as the administrator of the estate of William W. Riggs, deceased, and that he has duly qualified as such.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present the same under oath with proper vouchers therefor attached, within six months from the date of this notice, to the undersigned at the office of H. P. Arnest, 1210 Yeon Building, Portland, Oregon.

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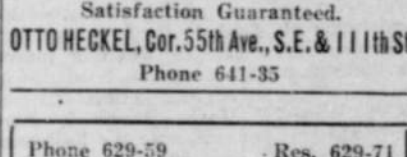
**AMERICAN FOOD SHIP**  
SAVES 18,000 BABES FROM STARVATION

**Heroic Yankee Women Risk Lives to Rescue Children in Service of Near East Relief**

Constantinople.—How the prompt action of Charles V. Vickrey, General Secretary of the Near East Relief, and Harold C. Jaquith, representative of that American relief organization in Constantinople, saved the lives of 18,000 orphan children and seven American relief workers in Alexandropol, Armenia, is what all the representatives of the Allied nations in Constantinople are applauding today.

For five years the Near East Relief organization has built up a work of mercy throughout the former Turkish Empire and Transcaucasia, to a point where 54,600 little children were being housed, clothed, fed, given medical attendance and taught, and over 56,000 others being supplied with food. Then suddenly, on February 5, last, there came hurried cable reports of renewed fighting in Armenia and Transcaucasia, where 75,818 of these little ones were located under the protection of the Near

**HELP!**



East Relief. Consular representatives left the country. All foreigners piled onto ships and fled. War threatened to scatter the work and render vain the long, patient efforts of the Near East Relief to salvage a whole nation's children.

But the American men and women who had cared for these little ones were undismayed. They refused to leave under bombardment, with hostile armies sweeping through the streets where the Near East Relief's great orphanages had been established, with all supplies cut off and no communication with the outside world, or with that far American homeland whose representatives these heroic men and women are, they stuck to their posts. The last food from America had come in on November 6, 1920.

It was not until four months later that the new governments of the Transcaucasian states were established on a solid basis. But famine threatened. An appeal was made to American philanthropy: "Critical need for food products in Caucasus," the cable read. "No limit to need in Armenia. New government promises better facilities for relief activity than former government." A few days later, a further piteous plea followed: "Total supplies in Alexandropol, 18,000. Supplies from Alexandropol allow half-rations, April 3rd to 30th. After May 1st, nothing."

But this splendid American relief organization had not waited. Food was already on the way. On April 22, Charles V. Vickrey, general secretary of the Near East Relief, cabled: "Expect ship first week in May; 1,000 tons rice; 1,000 tons wheat flour; 600 tons cornmeal, corn flour, hominy; 30 tons sugar; 500 tons beans; 5,000 cases corn syrup, from New York and New Orleans direct to Batum. Additional 1,000 tons wheat flour from Pacific Coast June 1st."

The seven American relief workers in charge of the 18,000 little ones in Alexandropol cabled a last appeal: "No food at any price. Four days more and we are finished." But when the first relief ship "Queen" entered the deserted harbor of Batum on May 1, there were just ten bags of flour left. The food ship had come in time. America had saved the day—and the 18,000 little orphan children, who had suffered so much and lost so much in their short, war-clouded lives, never knew that gaudy hunger in the robes of death had knocked at the door of the orphanage at Alexandropol—and that America had thrust the bony hand away.

"It is the great heart of America that made this work of salvation possible," Mr. Vickrey declared. "The money that sends the bread to these children comes from ten million homes throughout the United States. It comes from the hearts of the most generous people in the world, who cannot bear to know that half a world away, little children are facing hunger and death, without helping them to life and happiness."

Mr. Vickrey is making a nationwide appeal to the people of the United States to keep this great work going. Contributions may be sent to Cleveland H. Dodge, Treasurer, 1 Madison Avenue, New York City.

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