

### FOR SYSTEM ON WATERWAYS

Railway Trustee of Opinion That an Inland Marine Could Be Made Highly Profitable.

The establishment of an inland waterways merchant marine under government control is suggested in a letter to Mayor Galvin from John Weld Peck, Cincinnati Southern railway trustee. The letter in part is as follows: "Individual steamboat or lines owned by comparative small companies, reaching but few points and without systematic interchange, have proven, in modern times, generally speaking, unprofitable and unable to maintain themselves.

"The secret of successful operation upon these rivers lies in a unified system reaching all ports under the many navigable tributaries of the Mississippi river, with a systematic interchange of freight at modern docks located at convenient ports of interchange, regularity of sailings, a modern type of vessel designed exclusively for the transportation of freight and the same measure of responsibility upon the part of the carrier for the safe carriage of goods as is now in force as to railroads. Marine ways and shipping yards exist at many points along all of these streams, and with a comparatively moderate capitalization, possibly \$5,000,000, such a system could be installed by the government."—Cincinnati Times-Star.

### MUSICAL REPARTEE



Violin—The professor has no heart, he has taken my heart.  
Banjo—Yes, and he's always picking on me, too.

### GRAPHITE'S RISE IN PRICE.

In the year before the war the market value of graphite was about \$430 a ton, and in the latter part of 1915 the price had risen to about \$1,000 a ton. Its price has increased since then. While the demand for graphite has vastly increased in this country, England and France, the production has been also very much increased. In 1915 there were produced in the United States about 8,000 tons and in 1916 12,000 tons. It is believed that the production this year stands at about 20,000 tons. This does not nearly meet the American demand, for in 1916 the United States imported more than 42,000 tons. Notwithstanding the great increase in the production of American-made graphite and American-made artificial graphite, the amount imported is steadily increasing.

### HEAVY FOOD.

Flatbush—Your dinner table doesn't groan as it used to, I suppose?

Bensonhurst—Oh, yes, it does. "But haven't you had to cut out the luxuries?"

"Oh, yes; but wife's biscuit are just as heavy as ever."

### PERFECTLY PLEASED.

"My husband really likes this Hoover program," commented Mrs. Cumrox.

"Why?"

"He says it gives him a chance to eat the plain food he most enjoys without exciting comment."

### BEEN PICKED.

Mrs. Bacon—They say that company of soldiers they've sent "over there" from our old town is made up of picked men.

Mr. Bacon—Yes, dear, they're all married men, I believe.

"Oh, well; close it up again."

### MONOTONOUS EXISTENCE.

"And your daughter has left her husband?"

"Yes. He had no consideration whatever for the dear girl. He neither smokes nor plays cards, and he always wants to stay home at night."

"You should not engage in con-

### PUT UP JOB ON PROFESSOR

Little Trick Goes to Show That School-boys Are Much the Same All the World Over.

The crown prince of Japan is being educated in what is known as the peers' school at Tokyo. The other day he broke a pane of glass in one of the classrooms.

Not wishing to pay for it out of his modest allowance of pocket money, the youthful scholar repaired the damage by pasting a sheet of stiff paper over the aperture.

When, however, the professor whose room it was, next entered it he thrust his cane through the makeshift and, turning to the assembled class, remarked sententiously, "He that breaks pays."

The heir to the Japanese imperial throne declined to take the hint, and next morning another sheet of paper appeared with the same fate, and so on the next day, and so on the fourth.

On the fifth day when the professor came down there was the paper as before. Fire flashed from his eyes, and roaring, "He that breaks pays!" he drove his cane through the paper—and through the pane of glass behind it that had been put in by the crown prince, with the help of other students, and then artfully pasted over with paper!

### GETS GAS FROM WASTE WOOD

Chemist at University of Oregon Claims to Have Made Most Important Discovery.

Prof. Orin F. Stafford, a University of Kansas graduate, who is now at the head of the department of chemistry at the University of Oregon, has discovered a way in which waste wood may be utilized and gas made from it.

Because of the scarcity of coal Professor Stafford believed if wood could be substituted so as to produce gas it should be made to do so. His experiments show how it can be done.

The test by Professor Stafford shows that eight cubic feet of gas of a heating value equal to 480 British thermal units a cubic foot may be obtained from one cubic foot of dry firewood. The cost of generating the gas is very low after the apparatus has been installed. It is hoped his experiments may solve the fuel problems of the whole Northwest.

### BOYS WANT READING MATTER.

A woman who is familiar with camp conditions and the wants of the soldiers, writes to the Woman's Home Companion of the hunger of the boys for books, and says: "Some of you think a book or a magazine is hardly worth giving. Every single piece of reading matter received in camp is worth while. It helps some soldier forget the discomforts inevitable to camp life. It urges another man who 'never cared about reading' to try it. It helps a third to think cleaner thoughts. It helps your government to build up an army of high ideals." She adds: "If you have neither library nor Y. M. C. A. building in your town, send your book to the public library in the city nearest you, marking it simply, 'For a Military Camp Library.' The librarian will do the rest."

### MATTER OF EXCHANGE.

"Why were you quarreling with that little German boy, Robbie?"

"We were exchanging marbles, and he got the most of them, mother."

"Was that right to quarrel?"

"Why, yes, mother; isn't father over there exchanging bullets with the Germans?"

"Yes, Robbie, he is; but you must remember that your father is perfectly satisfied to let the Germans have most of the bullets."

### AN ANTIDOTE.

Mr. Woodson—So your daughter has gone to indulge in the frivolities of the summer resort.

Mr. Bronson—Yes. After hearing her graduation essay I think it'll do her good to be kind o' frivolous for awhile.

### ONE ADVANTAGE.

"What do you hear from the boy?"

"Nothing much. He says the government has issued him one of those steel shrapnel helmets, and for the first time in his life he has a new hat he isn't afraid somebody is going to sit on."

### KNEW WHAT STONE WAS FOR

New York Policeman Recognized Preparation for Robbery, if the Visitor Did Not.

A stranger in New York was walking along Broadway in the Thirties and was on the point of asking a policeman the way to a hotel when the policeman suddenly swerved from the middle of the sidewalk to the building line, picked up a large stone wrapped in paper, took it to the curb and threw it into one of the many excavations along the thoroughfare.

The visitor was surprised that the members of the police force went so far to help make New York a "Spotless Town," but did not mention his surprise when he asked for and received the information he wanted. The next day he commented on the incident in the hotel and the house detective, who was near by, gave this explanation:

"That stone was probably laid there by a window thief, who would time himself to saunter by as a surface car rattled along or some other unusual noise was imminent, so that the window could be smashed with less likelihood of being heard and the culprit would make a quick getaway after looting the window."

### ON THE BLINK



Walt Worm—The potato bug appears grumpy.

Percy Riddle—He stepped in the eyes of one of the potatoes and the spud up and hit him.

### TRUE FAITH.

Faith—in her official character—is a white-winged seraph with heaven-lifted eyes. But she sometimes masquerades.

In one case she has for some years been impersonating a very old man who lives at one end of the city and works at the other. Midway between his home and his working place is an institution for the poor.

Having passed his Bible limit and started on a new record, one might consider the long car ride something of a tax. But the man does not ride.

He walks, so that he may stop at that midway place and drop a nickel in a box labeled "For the Poor."

His reason is that the people inside the institution pray for those who help them. And the old man believes in prayer.

And this is faith.—Washington Star.

### CONFIDENCE.

"Do you think Josh is learning first in the army?" said Mrs. Corn-tossed.

"I'm sure of it," replied her husband.

"You know he never stood at the head of his classes?"

"I'm not thinking about how he stood anywhere. I'm thinking about the way he always kept goin' in a football game."

### WAR IN THE GARDEN.

"Pop?"

"Yes, my son."

"What is a war garden we hear so much about nowadays?"

"Why, it's a garden where one is continually at war with the weeds, my boy. Anything else you'd like to know before I put on my overalls?"

### LIKED HIM SO WELL.

Uncle Joe—I hope, William, you are a favorite with your teacher.

William—I think I must be. She can't seem to get enough of me or she wouldn't keep me in after school so much.

### TAKING CARE OF HIM.

"Well they are taking good care of my boy, anyhow."

"That so?"

"Yes, he writes me that they're keeping him in the guardhouse for a month."

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