

Don't let the moths have last winter's overcoat when the Belgians need it.

Wouldn't being a policeman come under the nonessential classification after July 1?

Who remembers when a lot of people couldn't afford to wear anything but gingham?

With an advance of \$4 in hay, what effect will it have on the rest of breakfast foods?

All would enjoy the Balkan offensive more if the names were not so hard to spell and pronounce.

Spanish influenza is also neutral. Both the entente nations and the central empires have it.

In the annual controversy between the advocates of tomatoes and turnips, it is wise to take no part.

So far, investigations of why prices go up have served only to disclose the fact that they are still doing so.

The old grads wonder what the colleges are coming to when even a freshman can play on the varsity.

Admitting that, as an eastern clergyman says, blessing is a relic of the dark ages, we submit that eating is also.

That half pound of food each of us saves a week will help feed our allies and also will pay for a thrift stamp.

Remember the Belgians have other things to worry about and will not mind if that suit is last year's style.

One almost fears now that the war will end before economy becomes securely re-established among the virtues.

To do unto others as you would be done by may sound a good motto—but, how if you feel you ought to be kicked?

Romance so takes possession of the soldier's soul that when he ceases to live it he takes his pen in hand and writes it.

One of the worst slackers is the man who sits down and criticizes his wife for the way she looks in farmerette toms.

Candy may be taboo, but the young man who goes a-wooing can carry a turnip in one pocket and an onion in the other.

Although there's an acute shortage of white paper, books that nobody will ever read continue to make their appearance.

So many things are happening along the front that apparently the German press has given up trying to tell about any of them.

Do not permit to hang idly in the closets any slacker old clothes that should do duty this winter in northern France and Belgium.

Stefansson has discovered an arctic island as big as Ireland. But are there materials on this island for making an Irish stew? That's an important question.

When the frost is on the pumpkin and the fodder in the shock sounds cheerful—but—when the wood is in the cellar and the coal is in the bin sounds much more cheerful.

Officials of Wilmington, N. C., and Charleston, S. C., during bombardment of those cities by Prussian submarines implored Mr. Wilson to protect them—in the Cologne Gazette.

Probably the cutties, like the tactics, are much the same in any war. An eastern Yank writes home that he knows now why Napoleon always had his picture taken with his hand inside his shirt.

It's the habit formed in youth that sticks. The Yanks, when they start after the Hun, go through the line just as they used to go through a new pair of stockings at the knees when they were in the primary grades.

To prove that there is a race of blond Eskimos, Explorer Stefansson is bringing back some of their blond hair. This, to a person trained and accustomed to the vagaries of fashion, is pretty poor proof. However, the Eskimos have not yet learned the uses of peroxide of hydrogen.

The Mollie Militaire is almost always won by enlisted men. But Joffre and Foch have been awarded this honor. To be worthy of what a Polu is worthy of is the greatest ambition of French generals.

Millions of men and women in Europe have given everything, even the clothes off their backs, for our cause, and the only fair thing for us is to divide our clothes with them, even the old ones that we are wearing.

The Cologne Gazette prints a story telling how Wilmington, N. C., Charleston, S. C., and other cities have been shelled by U-boats and are imploring the government to protect them, but absolutely ignores those nightly air raids on Indianapolis, Denver, Winnipeg and other nearby cities.

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What is there worth saying that can't be said in English?

In the fall the good man's fancies heavily turn to thoughts of coal.

When in doubt about what to do with those coupons buy Thrift stamps.

Metz is supposed to be well sealed, but the Yanks are expert can openers.

Fighting with speed, skill and force is the straightest road to a just peace.

The war is not being fought, however, to make the world safe for profiteers.

This Spanish influenza should be deported straightway as an undesirable citizen.

When the war needed a little more ginger, American soldier boys provided it.

Health note—Not one of the Kaiser's six sons is suffering from shell shock.

Not a few persons might conserve sugar by developing a little sweeter disposition.

At last accounts the squash pie advance was being maintained on all fronts.

News that there is no shortage of ice cream may be depressing to some men with small children.

Most people are wearing their old clothes this year, but the more fortunate should remember the Belgians.

"Potatoes are going up," according to a news headline which is as enlightening as saying "water is wet."

People along the German border are beginning to realize that a long-range gun has two ends.

Adverting to epidemics, German Junkers are suffering from shooting pains around the heart.

As soon as a man achieves fame, some former friend digs up a boyhood photograph.

The army also is teaching some young men that they do not have to wait until Saturday night to bathe.

The only fellows who really complain about the autoless Sunday are the ones who do not own cars.

Spanish influenza is bad enough, but it is better than German measles, at that, being a neutral disease.

Film comedy should not suffer on account of war demands, no sugar being required for comedy pies.

American football players in France are showing all their old skill in bucking the Hindenburg line.

War conditions have discouraged the confident claims, usually due this season, as to who will take next year's pennant.

Have you noticed that just as soon as the gasless Sunday rolls around the weather reforms and puts out its brightest sun?

When a man celebrates his birthday he takes a day off. When a woman experiences a similar happening she takes a year off—her age.

Now the forty-five-year old patriot begins to realize the deep, boundless enthusiasm of the revived cab horse on a gasless Sunday.

Now that the government has undertaken to fix a maximum price for butter the flapjack is able to sit up and take a little nourishment.

American soldiers are said by the Australians to be "too rough." That's what comes from permitting the boys to play football.

It may be hard, however, for the government to be very severe with able-bodied fellows who fail to apply for exemption when they are entitled to it.

Since people with colds are unwelcome at the picture theaters, many persons are going to take measures to improve their health.

One slight element of expense is the heavy cost of widely circulated explanations of why food cannot be cheaper.

The laws enacted in the last few years have established a fine alibi for the old-fashioned common drinking cup in the present influenza epidemic.

"Crooking the elbow" now has a different significance. Ask the army or navy officer who must salute some one every other minute.

It may just be a coincidence that "Spanish" influenza is so much more prevalent in army camps than elsewhere, and it also might be that some enemy agents have been busy.

Japan has made a proclamation to the people of a Siberian district that anybody who causes disorder is promptly punished. This is the only peace note that comes from the East.

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Thanksgiving Proclamations That Have Come From Occupants of the White House.

PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S last Thanksgiving proclamation, set for the last Thursday in November, 1864, expresses his thankfulness for the vision of victory which is in view, but still contains a humble supplication for peace. What a glorious Thanksgiving he would have sent over the land had he been spared to issue that which begged a nation's thank-offerings for peace!

This privilege denied the great Lincoln was granted to the aggressive Andrew Johnson and the somewhat cold and hackneyed message he issued upon an occasion so full of cause for gratitude is characteristic of the man. In that message he said:

"Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God during the year which is now coming to an end to relieve our beloved country from the fearful scourge of civil war, and, to permit us to secure the blessings of peace, unity and harmony, with a great enlargement of civil liberty. . . . Now, therefore, be it known that I, Andrew Johnson, president of the United States, do hereby recommend to the people thereof that they do set apart and observe the first Thursday in December next as a day of national thanksgiving to the Creator of the universe for these great deliverances and blessings."

"The Spanish-American war was of such short duration that it resulted in few proclamations," said a librarian at Washington, as he turned the pages of one of his big red volumes to the year 1918. "Here is President McKinley's proclamation dated April 29, bearing the simple statement that war exists." The Thanksgiving proclamation for the same year recommended the giving of thanks in the following words:

"The skies have been for a time darkened by the cloud of war, but as we were compelled to take up the sword in the cause of humanity, we are permitted to rejoice that the conflict has been of short duration. . . . We may lead and magnify his holy name that the cessation of hostilities came so soon, so as to spare both sides the countless sorrows and disasters that attend protracted war.

"I do, therefore, invite all my fellow-citizens, also those who may be at sea or sojourning in foreign lands as those at home, to set apart and observe Thursday, the 24th day of November, as a day of national Thanksgiving."

Thanksgiving, 1918



Common Cause

Howdy Thankgivin'! Here you is again! You comes a-interruptin' when I's ready to complain. I's thankful foh a pork chop an' I's thankful foh a bean; I's thankful foh each lump o' coal dis neighborhood has seen.

Now folks is helpin' other folks to see de winter through, 'Cause all de folks is kickin' jes de same as me an' you. Howdy, Thankgivin'! As I looks along de line I's thankful foh de comp'ny, 'cause de comp'ny's mighty fine!

Turkey in American History.
The turkey was domesticated by the aborigines of the Southwest and by the Aztecs of Mexico, centuries before the white man ever set foot in America. The Yucatan variety was the one tamed by the Indians, and from it most of the varieties now under domestication are supposed to have been derived, although it is possible that there has been a large admixture of the blood of the Northern wild turkeys. The famous "feather cloth" woven by the Aztecs in days before the conquest, specimens of which are still preserved in the royal palace at Madrid, was woven of ocellated turkey feathers. This feather cloth was also known to the prehistoric cliff dwellers of the Mesa Verde, Canon de Chelly and other regions of Arizona and New Mexico, and is occasionally found when excavations are made.

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