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It is in his assertion that the strength of the initiative and referendum depends not merely upon the participation of the people but upon intelligent participation. But even so, if the court should know as judges what they know as men, common sense would lead them to say that the people know that it is so important and vitally interesting a decision by the people as that involving the life or death of the liquor traffic, technical publication is not the essence of intelligent participation. It would seem to a layman that if a court is to take judicial knowledge of the commonly known fact that the technical letter of the law was not observed it should also take judicial knowledge of the commonly known fact that the people knew what they were doing when they voted on this measure.

Washington adopted prohibition by a substantial majority. The campaign over the issue was waged with persistence, agitation and full discussion of the details of the proposed law. It would be fanciful, indeed, to assume that the people in the State of Washington were not officially in the hands of the people at a certain time, although it is in their hands unofficially at that hour, they did not understand it, but they did vote intelligently. Laws adopted by a majority vote of the people are not lightly to be set aside. They should not be overturned by the courts except upon the profoundest exhibition of legal error—error that can conclusively be assumed to have affected the result of the plebiscite.

THE TIMID BUSINESS MAN.
"Far you will have to admit, gentlemen," said the President, in his usual exacting phrase, during his Columbus speech, "that the American business man has been timid. . . . There is genius enough in this country to master the enterprise of the world."
Thus the President butters the old parsnip with fine words. But what have the president and his Administration done for business except to intimidate and terrorize it and attempt the impossible task of putting salt on the tail of peaceful foreign trade?

THE AMERICAN BUSINESS MAN DOES NOT DESERVE THE REPROACH OF TIMIDITY. He has not failed to contribute to the demoralization of domestic industry through a disastrous tariff and has turned the entreprenerial seeker for trade and commerce in foreign fields over to the mercies of Mexican outlawry on the one hand and wholesale confiscation on the other.

THE NEW ART.
It does not matter that many, perhaps a majority, of the artists who do not study art will never become artists. The accomplishments of an art course provide sufficient reward for one, two, three or even five years spent in dabbling with pens and pigments. The time can never be considered wasted even when the student awakens to the fact that the painting did not plan to have him surpass Raphael or Velasquez. For he has not trained his eye and mind to perceive beauties in the world which the untrained never see.

TRAINING THE TONGUE.
A new responsibility in teaching children to speak the English language has been recognized by the New York Board of Education, and the innovation is one which should be adopted by the country over. A special "speech department" has been established, whose functions will consist of extirpating foreign accent and natural impediments such as stammering, stammering, mumbling and flapping. The instructors in this new department will be trained to observe the boy who stammers and stutters and will be required to put him right with himself and with the world.

A DUCHESSE WHO IS QUEEN.
Duchess Skylark Ormsby is only a cow, but among cows she is queen, because she is the best butter-producer in the world. In a test recently concluded at Minnesota Agricultural College, Duchess Skylark Ormsby produced 27,741.87 pounds of milk in 365 consecutive days. This was nearly fourteen tons, or twenty-three times her own weight. The butterfat contained in the milk weighed 1,295.69 pounds, an average percentage of 4.22.

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GLEAMS THROUGH THE MIST.
By Dean Collins.
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