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BACK TO THE LAND IN B. C. 29.

We are mistaken who think that our 'back-to-the-land' movement is a new one, or that the Farmers' Congress Nearly 2000 years ago Rome found all more or less classical in licity agent in a movement designed for detecting it: to induce city dwellers to take greater But the cold ground is difficult to know; Interest in rural life. Those students, Yet this, the plants that prosper there, will even of the husbandry courses, who Black ivy, pitch trees and the baleful yew have not scorned the classics and who

not offer a word of counsel. the farmer of today calls "fitting the He urges no half-way measures in this regard, and his advice, given some 1945 years ago, is as good as it ever was. Read this in the Dryden

Then borrow part of Winter for thy corn;
And early with thy team, the globe in furrows turn;
That, while the turf lies open and unbound,
Succeeding suns may bake the mellow
ground.
But if the soil be barren, only scar
The surface, and but lightly print the share,
When cold Arcturus rises with the sun;
Lest wicked weeds the course should overrun

In wat'ry soils; or lest the barren sand Should suck the moisture from the thirst; Both these unhappy soils the swain forbears. And keeps a subbath of alternate years,

That the spent earth may gather heart again And, bettered by censation, bear the grain. It will be observed that there was a

sweet vicissitudes of rest and toil," observes the poet, in a phrase that familiar recommendations:, hardly is surpassed in all the literature on the subject, "make easy labor and renew the soil." And he goes on to add these words of good advice:

Yet sprinkle sordid ashes all around, And load with fatt'ning dung thy fallow ground.
Thus change of seeds for meager solls is The earth manur'd, not idle, though at rest.

It is counsel that cannot be made better or put in fewer words to make it fit the conditions of much of the

It seems that the Romans were not inclined to hold out false promises of an easy life in agriculture. This is a mistake that is being made too often nowadays. It would be interesting to know how many city folks have been tempted to try the "delights" of farming by attractive pictures of sulky plows and milking machines, and have eturned to their urban homes and factories and stores because it turned

out that there is so much about farming that cannot be done sitting down. In this respect, also, we have not changed in 2000 years, as we note by further reference to what Vergil says: Nor is the profit small the peasant makes. Who smooths with harrows, or who pounds with rakes. The crumbling clods—

we call tilth, but labor not without its

Nor Ceres from on high Regards his labors with a grudging eye bls, who ploughs across the furrow'd

Those who would not be reduced to shake for food the long-abandoned volved in all husbandry, of the pleas- Japanese arsenals. ures of being and doing on one's own acres, and all the rest of it. He was

Mark well the flow'ring almonds in the

straw and no grain, as the farmer

Some steep their seed and some in cauldren With vigirous nitre and with less of oil,
O'er gentle three th' expherant juice to drain,
And swell the flatt'ring hunks with fruitful supplies.

grain.
Yet is not the success for years assured,
Though chosen is the seed and fully cure
Unless the peasant, with his annual pain.

Tis usual now an inmate graft to see With insolence invade a foreign tree: Thus pears and quinces from the crab-tree

come.
And thus the ruddy cornel bears the plum.
Then let the learned gard'ner mark with care
The kinds of stock and what those kinds

will bear; Explore the nature of each several tree And, known, improve with artful indus And let no spot of litle earth be found: But cultivate the genius of the ground.

Which last in our day is translated into the command, "Plant a tree," And it is interesting, too, to know some-thing about the methods of determingood ing soils in the days before there were show willingness to receive them. in Revolutionary times; more recent-land show and chemical analysis. We read the of the entente allies that will make a Burr, of Jackson and Dickinson, of ing soils in the days before there were ur, express order or personal check on following counsel to farmers in do at sender's risk, Give postoffice address talk, including county and state.

Change first a place for such a purpose. following counsel to farmers in doubt

Choose first a place for such a purpose fit: There dig the solid earth and sink a pit; Next fill the pit with its own earth again. And trample with thy feet and tread it in: Then, if it rise not to its former height Of superfice, conclude that soil is light. A proper ground for pasturage and vines. But, if the sullen earth, so pressed, replines Within its native mannion to retire, Within its native mansion to retire, And stays without a heap of heavy mire, "The good for arable, a glebe that asks Tough teams of oxen and laborious tasks

Vergil explains that "salt earth and bitter are not fit to sow," and he tells how to detect these qualities, by filling with soil a wicker basket, through which water is poured, the taste of the percolating water betraying to the which is to meet in Corvallis this week He has other practical methods of farmer that which he wants to know. is attacking a problem just arisen, weighing the merits of various soils, itself in a situation in which a similar lore, and he guards cannily against the propaganda was deemed desirable, as too rich soil. "Let not my land so a result of which, we are told, the large a promise boast, lest the lank cars in length of stem be lost." It is Emperor Augustus engaged no less a easy to distinguish some by the sight, person than the poet, Vergil, for the he says, but he confesses difficulty as post of what we should now call pub- to cold ground, and gives this recipe

There is no doubt that farming as are so fortunate as to have read the a science has made some progress in "Georgics," either in Dryden's translation or in the original, will have fact that in many respects we are not been well rewarded for their pains, superior to the ancients in the general For Vergil was more than a poet; he principles we observe. While as to was an exceedingly practical man. the pains we take, if we were to follow There seem to have been few of the the advice of the real originator of situations that a farmer meets that the back-to-the-land movement, in he did not foresee or for which he did B. C. 29, with our improved machinery and our labor-saving devices of every Vergil knew, for example, the value kind, we would inevitably reap both of thorough and early tillage—or what pleasure and profit from the task.

PERHAPS A MIRACLE.

prohibition tidal wave have at last public doesn't know it.

appointed's commission to devise ways ape. But, he says, this remark does and means to purify the saloon. The not imply that he believes that hucareful sort of husbandry in even that chairman was an Alderman, who is manity will never be able to rid itself ancient day, which we, except for the also a saloonkeeper, and it may be of war-or of the passion to prey. abor-saving devices that we employ, surmised that he did not go into the have not greatly improved upon. "But problem in the spirit of a crusader. ment in the fact that the duel has

The liquor business should be absolutely livorced from pernicious politics.

More care should be exercised in issuing icenses and repeated violations of the law should be followed by permanent revocation. Licenses should be revoked where saloon

process of tapping on the wrists. It would be well for the short-

sighted Chicago authorities to make an investigation of the progress of saloon reform elsewhere. They will saloon reform elsewhere. learn that the same old promises of saloon reform have been made and not kept; or, if kept, inadequately kept. The saloon has never been reformed, as an institution, by the men in the business. The public has done it, with a club-or a hatchet.

Perhaps there will be a miracle in Chicago; but the miracle-workers are not likely to be saloon-owning Alder-

JAPAN AS A PRACTICAL ALLY.

the highest possible condition of what tary forces on their way to the one matter of fact, an exceedingly influenfar from a negligible quantity. It is the duel, and only fifteen years ago probably true that Japan's participa- Lieutenant-Colonel the Marquis d'Eltion as a real belligerent ceased when bee refused to accept a challenge sent day playing a highly important role.

oak" while others reap the bountiful sent hardly the proverbial drop in the years immediately preceding the pres- industry and by a demand which has chant service. barvest of their toil are constantly reminded by the poet that farming is
no business for a lazy man. His candor is no less fascinating than the pic- probably would not cover the amount. dor is no less fascinating than the picture he draws of the round of the Just now Russia is the nation that is added weight to the conclusions of dented stocks, which have added furseasons, of the element of chance in- chiefly profiting by the activity of Mr. Brandes from the bearing of the ther to the railroad tonnage.

But it is not alone in arms that better," each farmer according to his own fancy, but no better way of inJapan has been able to be of material that the world has grown better. He it would not be used for many months. is true of Austria. France, Italy and developed, and clothing is being supthat the world has grown better. He is would not be used to have assistance to the allies. An imporregards these as links in a chain of by so doing they aggravated the car
tant cloth-making industry is being evolution sustaining the conclusion shortage and further reduced coal
developed, and clothing is being supthat we are progressing away from,
production by depriving the mines of that we are progressing away from,
production by depriving the mines of that the world has grown better. He is would not be used to make it plied in enormous quantities. The and not toward, war. Religious fa- cars and the miners of work. same is true of boots and shoes and naticism was once a scourge on the industry. All of the allies of the as a royal spectacle, a court diversion." another 2,600,000 have had more reg- offices and warehouses have

grafting in the propagation of fruit | capital is seeking an outlet. have made headway and are part of some day there will be no more war. the colonization schemes by which but it is said that other countries in of our most prominent men. South America are to receive their were Charles Lee and "ohn Laurens

> LONGER DAY FOR THE HEN. Use of electricity in the henhouse as

The suggestion sounds fantastic, and nations? would seem to have been made without due consideration of the fact that the poultry raiser has a good many bills to pay under present conditions, without adding electric lights to his burden, but the scientific authority in question has forestalled this objection with a discussion of the "off-peak load," which all lighting company soicitors are ever desirous of increasng. It is pointed out that light might be furnished at a special rate for the time specified, which is a time when ferior brains achieve distinction time specified, which is a time when few others are using either light or

As a substitute for better breeding and more careful feeding, however, the proposed method is likely not to make much headway, and electric light companies would do well not to count any increased dividends on achatched.

WAR AND DUELING.

Georg Brandes in an article in the current Vanity Fair writes in an optimistic vein of the prospect that there will come a day when war will have ceased. This, he admits, may not be in the immediate future, but he sees The lappings and surgings of the there is promise that the time will ceptions the men of large natural careached Chicago, the saloon Gibraltar. sense will really rule the world." He work, while the best results were To be sure, the "wets" do not distinctly recognize the preliminary mur- made by some of his critics that he were slow but determined and plodmurings of the flood. They are in- is a defender of war. This charge ding. He found a serious warning freshet. But there are, nevertheless, cently in a Norwegian magazine ex-many anxious lookings around by the pressing doubt that the present war lquor dealers, and they have hit upon would prove to be the last on earth. the ancient expedient of the model sa- He repudiates the view attributed to oon. It has not yet penetrated the him that he considers it hopeless to pidermis of the wet metropolis that struggle against war. What he really there is no such animal; or, if it has, said was that human nature evolves, the liquor men think the innocent but only very slowly, for the Better. He holds that man is by nature but a The Chicago City Council recently higher sort of beast of prey, an evolved

Mr. Brandes finds most encourage The commission made the following been abolished in some countries in which only a relatively few years ago it seemed to be an ineradicable vice. Few institutions were so soundly entrenched, says Mr. Brandes, in the Vanity Fair article. Dueling was 'founded on some of the finest instincts in humanity, on hatred of in-Heroic treatment, indeed; just about Slavs. He says it is still ineradias effective as the cruel and inhuman cable in Germany and France, process of tapping on the wrists. a French court has decreed that two Frenchmen have no moral right to fight duels while their country needs them for a more serious purpose, which it would seem might be entering wedge of a more permanent reform in this regard. At the same time, progress enough has been made in Germany so that the practice for ome years past has been confined to the army, the navy and the universities, and there are only a few places

where the civil laws permit duels. The fact that these civil laws are widely disregarded where the army concerned does not detract from the fact that dueling has been limited, as compared with a century or so ago, in

Efforts Protestants. to build up a merchant marine, in things, it is natural to conclude that power of their incomes has been much been scrapped, and automatic which owners have the exceedingly the world has advanced in the general reduced by the increased price of al-active support of the government, direction that justifies the hope that most all commodities.

When that day will come it would surplus population. The field of ex-ploitation will not be confined to Asia. with which sentiment against the duel to a relative few, but it forces the food gives the most nutriment at the Large investments are said to have has grown in the United States, as many to contribute to its donations least cost has been taught by the cambeen made already in South America, conceivably it may be growing in other largely in Brazil, where a friendly re-ception was accorded to the Japanese, as time runs, since it engaged some unnatural as the exhibitantion pro-thrift, Germany in efficiency. quotas of Japanese laborers if they and General McIntosh and Gwinnett show willingness to receive them. in Revolutionary times; more recentreal gain by the war-no matter which DeWitt Clinton and Swartout. The means of inducing biddy to lay more be that any citizen should be sentenced poultry day an increase of as much as in the centuries to come, may not the day are cent in production has been obtained. Why not, indeed!

BEST BRAINS ONLY HALF USED.

Death of Professor Muensterberg as started discussion of the bearing the outset it has brought out the fact it, and without character many men of high mentality achieve only moderate success, while others of far inexerting to the utmost the brains they

The professor himself recognized this truth. He pronounced Thomas J. Abernethy, a senior at Harvard, mentally perfect, but by his advice the latter will go into the business of canning sardines with his father. Mr Abernethy frankly gave the reason to the New York World, saying:

Professor Muensterberg told me several times that I had a very good mind, but that I was lazy and should do better in my

classes.

The professor said that I couldn't earn my sait as a salesman, but recommended my entering the canning business. Even at that he wasn't very encouraging. He said that I would probably do as well at that as anything I might take up.

evidence that the world is growing tests of 276 students by comparing the as the result of thinking, and that them. He found that with few ex-

He calls on college presidents to put this question to themselves:

Are we making the kind of effort which an really stimulate the men of large metal endowment to do their work well?

class of boys and girls of varying mental capacity, the teacher usually works down to the lowest, or, at best, the mediocre, leaving the highest free to pass muster with much less mental deteriorates men by leaving unused that amount of ability by which they are above the average. The Nation is deprived of the full benefit of its best students with knowledge, all being held to the same pace in acquiring it. would produce a combination of the best brains with the application shown by the plodder. It should yield many men far above the average in both mentality and character. Then such men as Mr. Abernethy would either make startling success of canning sardines or, if that business did not give means. enough scope, they would find an occupation equal to their mental powers

EFFECTS OF THE WAR SPREE.

defines the links of the chain.

opinion. Another anti-duelist move- rials, by advances in wages which have be expected to prove true of the other Fifty million dollars lent to the al- ment in Germany under the influence brought the cost of labor to the high- belligerents. Ships by the thousand lies, as reported the other day, repre- of the Prince of Lowenstein in the est point known in the history of the will be returned from war use to mer-

And so, noting these slightly, if at all, while the purchasing earners. Old, out-of-date plants have

There duced by an alcoholic spree.

THE JUNKMAN'S LESSON IN THRIFT.

was too much trouble.

in thrift, to be practiced by saving and selling all sorts of junk. It has enhanced the price of old metals, rags and paper, making them more worth saving, and has called attention to the value and scarcity of them by sending the price of all the price of the price of all the outset it has brought out the fact that psychology only measures mental capacity; character is required to use it, and without character many men of high mentality achieve only mod-New ways of using waste material are ebb and flow of trade; being developed, giving promise that lating the flow of gold between this prices will not decline to the ante-war and other countries by means of the level, and the American housekeeper discount and exchange rates. Othermay not unlearn the lesson in thrift. Wise, practically nothing has been She may finally abandon the habit of done. A shipping bill has been passed burning up riches.

CARD-HOUSE PROSPERITY.

definition of the terms on which it compete on equal terms with those and its enemies would make peace of other nations. We are building than there was a wild scramble to many ships, but largely for foreign unload war stocks and produce, and flags, and, unless we enable them to prices fell at an alarming pace. The operate at a profit, many more will unfavorable reception given to Ger- drift away from our flag when peace many's proposal by the press of comes. Our manufacturers still await the central empires checked the in the manner of their foreign com-Dr. Muensterberg followed up his stampede to sell, and the Russian petitors. A tariff commission to insests of 276 students by comparing the Duma's decision to fight to the finish vestigate our commercial relations better, that progress has been made results with the actual work done by finally caused the market to rebound. with the outside world has President Wilson's note to the bel- authorized but not yet appointed, and ligerents revived the selling stampede nothing effective has been done to come nevertheless when "common pacity yielded meager returns in actual and caused a further slump in prices. prevent invasion of our markets by convincing demonstration that our economic independence by protecting boasted prosperity is a merely ephemeral structure which has grown up exclusion from foreign markets lined to regard it as merely a passing grew out of an article he wrote re- in these results, and said in the Har- in a heated atmosphere of war. It hostile tariffs. We are as unprepared

trembled under a slight breath of for commercial as for military de-peace from Germany. The action of fense, and the prospect is small that The significant work of the world must, after all, be done by those with strong nentality. If they form the habit of sloventy work their powers begin to deteriorate actual beginning of peace negotiation. their ears like a house of cards. The shock given by Germany confirms all bles an oarsman who glides swiftly that was said by Dr. Pratt, chief of over the smooth water which is rush the Buseau of Foreign and Domestic ing for its leap over a precipice. commerce, about the real source of The question applies to our entire this prosperity. It proves the absurd- technic, according to a recent report ministration produced the flood of to the trustees of that institution, inwealth.

If peace negotiations were to be contracts for supply of war material, plain, unromantic reason that the is not simply to fill the heads of the for the manufacture of goods that are The purpose should be to develop the this and foreign countries for orders, in the belligerent countries, for those and will need to refit with everything that is within their reduced

But hostilities will no sooner cease than all the belligerent nations will fittest. But he should remember that begin exporting as well as supplying there is still the initiative and refertheir own needs. Germany is known endum to which appeal can be taken to have accumulated great stocks of The industrial boom started by the certain commodities with a view to we know the pesky statute may be war has set in motion an endless chain keeping her civil population busy and back on the books again? with rakes
The crumbling clods—
It was work then, as it is work now; hard and necessary labor to achieve hard and necessary labor to achieve the Nichael Association and the necessary labor to achieve the Nichael Association and the necessary labor to achieve the Nichael Association and the necessary labor to achieve the Nichael Association and necessary labor to achieve the Nichael Association and the Nichae other equal area in the world. A busi- Germany loaded with manufactures front or the other, but Japan is still tial organization pledged to abolish ness circular from a Pittsburg bank and will carry back only so much manufactured goods as is absolutely Fuel and the materials for steel necessary. The inward movement will

manufacture form the bulk of this be increasingly of raw material to grounds, on the back of earth inflicts new pleted, except for occasional activities was supported in his stand by Paul de panded to the highest level ever was supported in his stand by Paul de panded to the highest level exported to compete with us in our in ridding the sea of the menace of Cassagnac, previously famous as a reached, with prices pushed up by a large raise by advances in all material to make the studies of the was supported in his stand by Paul de panded to the highest level exported to compete with us in our in ridding the sea of the menace of Cassagnac, previously famous as a duelist, and by a large between the studies and their total has been exhaust to make the studies and their total has been Munition factories

Much stress has been laid on the great loss in male population which has been caused by the war. Japanese arsenals. More than a year public attitude toward dueling that Hence came the car shortage, which ago, according to the estimate of the there may grow up a similar senti- in turn caused a shortage of coal and portion of killed among the casualties Army and Navy Journal, Russia had ment toward wars between nations, coke. This caused large corporations has been greater than in any previous as weather-wise, too, as old Indian equipped on its own account less than "What a multitude of prejudices," he to anticipate a positive fuel famine by war of which we have reliable in-George, as is shown by this among other hints as to the probabilities under certain conditions:

What a minutate of prejudices, the distribution of the men then mobilized, remarks, "had to be removed before buying all the free coal in sight. Scarbuying half the cost of those made in the to challenge one who had insulted the famine actual. As miners are paid cupations is higher than has ever United States, and are said to be just him! What a school for courage, by the ton, they did not relish workbeen known. Modern surgery has If odersus blooms the bearing branches load, as good. Some rifles, made after the honor and personal dignity the duel ing only two to four days a week. Any worked wonders, and educative to globe will answer to the eylvan reign; Great hasts will follow, and large crops of been sent from Japan to the British years! And yet, quietly, unobstrusiveshovel can now work six days a week. But, if a wood of leaves o'ershade the tree.
Such and so barren shall the harvest be:
In vain the hind shall ver the threshing
floor.
For empty straw and chaff will be thy store.
For empty straw and chaff will be thy store. navy has received numerous big guns die a natural death; why, he asks, at the maximum, production of the viving able-bodied soldiers. Germany from Japanese workshops, which cannot we predict the death of war? mines fell to 53 per cent of capacity. Is reputed to have surpassed all other shows further that the Japanese are In Great Britain and the United Fearing exhaustion of their accumunations in industrial and business efsays. So also we have various methresourceful when they set themselves ods of treating seed to "make it grow about a task."

In Great Britain and the United resourceful when they set themselves States, he observes, dueling is as dead lated stocks of coal, manufacturers ficiency before the war, but the war as it is in the Scandinavian countries.

Great as is the prosperity which has tion has been effected in the British of practically every other essential earth. Mr. Brandes speaks of the produced this chain of events, it is not people by military training and inneed of the armies except medical burning of witches in England and general. The bank already quoted tense industrial organization. Hunsupplies. The manufacture of sur-America. Even in Shakespeare's day estimates that during this year possidreds of thousands of slum-dwellers gical instruments is in its infancy in "the tortures perpetrated in the name biy 2,000,000 persons have enjoyed infrom London, of factory hands from Japan, but it is said to be a growing of religion constituted a public as well creased wages and salaries, possibly the great cities, of clerks from stuffy Renews his choice and culis the largest grain.

The orchardist, equally with the farmer of the open field, will find it worth his while to take a short course perity for the workingmen such as We no longer declare war for the sake are only about 25 per cent of those which will preserve health. Probably under the tutelage of the Roman master. Vergil describes the processes of fore the war.

layering and slipping and budding and Meanwhile the surplus of Japanese Handers because its inhabitants were their incomes have been increased only of them will continue to be wage

War prosperity, in fact, causes eco-nomic dislocation second only to that campaign has taught thrift to the hopes to find place for the be rash to predict. But Mr. Brandes which is caused by war itself. It pre- most wasteful nation in Europe, and without giving them adequate equiva- paign for food saving. When the war

When war exports cease and when peace commerce begins to flow our huge excess of exports will shrink Even the American people, the most Europe, depleted of gold and deeply wasteful Nation in the world, are in our debt, will try to take away our until the balance may turn against us. Burr, of Jackson and Dickinson, of DeWitt Clinton and Swartout. The last great duel on the Pacific Coast, the president of the National Association of Dealers therein. The custom fifty-seven years ago. Yet it would have been to burn anything for which our exports by underselling us in our debt, will try to take away our gold and to pay its debts by selling us goods produced in its rejuvenated factories. It will strive to cut down our exports by underselling us in our manything for which our exports by underselling us in our method. be as inconceivable that there should no use, without considering new markets in South America, Asia, be a repetition of it now as it would whether it might have value for some Africa and Oceania. Unless we are other person. The only persons who as well prepared for economic defense eggs is advocated by even so serious a scientific authority as the Electrical Review, which says that experiments have proved that by lengthening the have proved that by lengthening the populary day any increase of as much as waste, there was none to sell, for it basis for extension of credit, the turn was too much trouble. The war has taught many a lesson a contraction of credit which

> authorizing the Government to spend \$50,000,000 on merchant ships and requiring the President to appoint a shipping board, but no board has been The Teuton alliance no sooner pro- appointed and no steps have been posed a conference with a view to a taken to enable our shipowners to countries that are fighting against the right to combine for foreign trade There could not have been a more trade-hungry nations, to preserve our actual beginning of peace negotia-tions would bring it tumbling about sprang up suddenly in the wake of

The experience of Worcester Polydicates that the chief reason young men leave college before they entered upon seriously, they would obtain their degrees is still that they cause as violent a financial convulsion fail in their studies. The total numeffort than he is capable of. This of war in the last days of July, 1914. the school year of 1916 was deteriorates men by leaving unused A definite end would be put to all 116, of which eighty were for the not immediately, but as fast as un- dents either could not or would not completed contracts were filled. The put forth effort sufficient to keep up are not conducted by the actual owners.
Display of all advertising signs, with the exception of the words nuffet, "cafe," sailly owners are not exception of the words nuffet, "cafe," sailly owner should be prohibited. Bartenders owner should be required to take out a license at a nominal fee, probably \$i.

Stincts in humanity, on hatred of injustice, on honor, on aristocratic tradictions, on personal pride." There was disclosed that the class. It is also disclosed that the class. It is also disclosed that the class in thumanity, on hatred of injustice, on honor, on aristocratic tradictions, on personal pride. There was disclosed that the class in voted to men who did not do the work needed in peace. Their owners would demanded of them. It would be in-be driven to seek frantically both in teresting to go behind the returns and discover, if possible, how many of full powers of the student and to that they might prevent their capital those who failed did so only after do encourage their full exercise. This from lying idle. For a time, perhaps ing their best. It is probable that for several years, the manufacturers few, if any, of the young men who would be able to obtain large orders dropped out would have needed to do He leaves a poor, pinfeather Year so if they had been willing to pay the countries have exhausted their stocks, price-which is persistent application have carried economy to the extreme and perhaps foregoing of some amuse ment and entertainment for a time.

Professor Loeb at one stroke has recented the law of the survival of the and who knows but that first thing

been married sixty years, has the true This callow New Year, green and mild, secret of domestic happiness. "Let Must tinker up Earth's busted works. her have her own way," he says, "and that is the way to keep harmony." better method ever has been or ever will be found.

no liquor, and the camp henceforth will be "stone dry," which may be taken to mean that it will be even drier than "bone-dry" Oregon.

San Francisco Chinese have nominated a candidate for Parliament at Pekin, and if China has an absente voters' law he ought to stand a good chance of being elected.

Now we are talking of a bond issue to meet the National deficit. It beats But, oh, I want that wife of mine the world what some folks can get away with without being turned out

Carranza is a day less than a year older than President Wilson, and it will not be denied by those who have seen his picture that he looks every

pen to this part of the country would be to have moleskins go to a price that would bring about extermination of moles.

Now the installation of typewriters for the pupils in the public schools pires January 2.
Is advised. Of course. The taxpay- I wish to go home on the 2d. If the is advised. Of course. The The taxpay

The best thing about the big drive on the Somme seems to be that both sides are satisfied it was a great vic-

hold Germany to a strict accountabil- we don't know where you live, ity in the submarine campaign. The London Spectator editor bhs

Now it is Spain that proposes to

nissed his vocation. He ought to be in the map-making business. Our gasoline supply is sufficient to

standpatters of the whole Mexican country.

Gleams Through the Mist. By Dean Collins.

NEW YEAR GREETING,

As the New Year comes 'round once more, What shall I wish my fellow man? read the Old Year's record o'er

To find the answer if I can. We cast anew each hope and plan,

As the New Year comes 'round once more-And may your hopes come truer than They came in the dead year before.

Our castles tumbled to the floor, When Fortune flipped them with her

As the New Year comes 'round once more. May greater castles upward span.

New visions in the skies to scan, New tasks, new strength, new wings

to soar; This wish I for my fellowman, As the New Year comes 'round once more.

"Sir," said the Courteous Office Boy, I have just whittled out an ode to the New Year, which I feel has got Alf. Lord Tennyson faded off the map. "Fire at will." I commanded, lighting a holiday cigar in the calm realization that no matter what the C. O. B. turned loose he couldn't make me feel worse.

So the C. O. B. opened up along the entire sector,

Wild Bells,

(Being a discussion as to the causes of their wildness.) Ring out, wild bells, till clamor piled Makes comets wheel and planets dancet

Under the present circumstance, You have good reason to be wild.

The Year is dying in the night, And in this weary vale of sorrow A raw, New Year, upon the morrow Will have to take his job alright.

Ring out, wild bells, his course is run! We have no kick against his death-But why give up his final breath eaving so much good work undone!

The busy bandit who beguiled

Our statesmanship in foreign lands; The Old Year leaves him on our hands-Ring out, wild bells, you're rightly wild.

n Europe half the nations riled Are wishing us the worst of luck; And the Old Year has passed the

ting out, wild bells, it makes me wild. Unanswered notes by hundreds filed The Old Year leaves to stir up war; What did he hire a typist for?ting out, wild bells, and show we're

The labor problem, one time, mild, The Old Year messed with all his might

And then ducked out and said "Good night!" Ring out, wild bells, wild and more wild

The place with good intentions tiled Got many a pave from this Old Year, Who now kicks out and leaves us

with you bells, when you get wild! The wrath he should have safely vialed, Is ripe to pour on us below - And then he says: "I guess I'll go!" Keep on the job, bells! Act up wild!

After a year's experience, He leaves his desk all cluttered up; Ring out wild bells and roast the

There's not a voice in his defense

This hefty stuff, this man-sized job, He quits it cold and seeks the grave! And leaves it-Ring, wild bells, and rave!-To the New Year, an untried slob

To tackle what he should have done: Ring out, wild bells, another one

Right in the dying piker's ear. Ring out, wild bells, expose the cuss Who, in this crisis, quits us cold, I'do not like to kick or scold-

But he will get no wreath from us. Look at the New Year they appoint! A beardless babe in swaddling still! Ring out, wild pells, who thinks this

an fix the times, all out of foint? Must tinker up Earth's busted works, And hold the job the Old Year shirks-No Ring, bells, you're dead right to get

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want to live upon a ranch, Where there is lots of root want a little house and wife-One who can wield a broom. And plenty of good grub, I'd like my wife to do her share, Nor shirk the board and tub.

I'll do the work that is to do Outside and in the barn I'll tend the cattle, feed the pigs And keep the sheep from harm. To be a helper true, And if she does her housework right

She'll have enough to do. I could not stand to have a shirk To share my home and name. want a chance to work and save-My wife must do the same, could not stand a doll-like wife Who'd primp and gad all day, ord, send my rightful mate

is what I daily pray.

and how will I get home!

In Case of Immediate Strike. PORTLAND, Dec. 29.—(To the Edi-or.)—I bought a round trip ticket for the holidays on December 21. Time exrallroad men were to strike on the 1st, what would the rallroads do about this

The railroad would doubtless either refund your return fair or extend the time limit. We can make no suggestion as to means of getting home, as

Exchange. One of the most remarkable gems

One of the most remarkable gems ever found in the United States is the Mason diamond, which a Chinese panned long ago near Blackfoot, Deer Lodge County, Montana, a handsome stone, which, after a long period of neglect, was shown to New York gem experts and declared beyond doubt a continue specimen. Operationally discontinue specimen. last only 138 years. Many of us will The Vaquis appear to be the original genuine specimen. Occasionally diamonds have since been found in the puntry.