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INCREASING LONGEVITY,

A correspondent of The Oregonian inquires whether the average length of human life has increased in the past thirty years. The answer involves not only review of such statistics as are available, but interpretation of them in sympathy with varying views of what constitutes inbeen considerably increased in a third of a century or thereabouts, without, however, proportionately adding to the life expectation of adult individuals. The findings of actuaries are upt to differ in accordance with the central purpose of their inquiries.

The Roosevelt Conservation com mission in its report on national vitallty found that human life had been lengthened in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries at the rate of four years a century, that during the first three-fourths of the nine teenth century the term had increased about twice as rapidly, and that in the last quarter of the last century it had gained at about twice the latter rate, or seventeen years century. E. E. Rittenhouse, a noted actuary, calculated recently that although the "average length of life had advanced within thirty years the extreme span of life had seen moved perceptibly upward." Mr. Rittenhouse estimated that the mortality rate of the entire population (not merely the selected risks ac-

third of a century. The figures of the Roosevelt Conservation commission do not warrant the average longevity of the populaory whether he becomes a benefiat birth, but having lived to the stories for the young to read. ripe age of forty his chances on the inderstand the differences between begins with apperception

the individual in any period. enhanced by social measures, by are left by the so-called horrors of the empt provided all proceeds are reinwhich certain formerly recurring old-fashioned fairy stories, and heir terrors and by which other en demic diseases have been measurably bilities" as the author seems to supovercome. By smallpox vaccination pose they are. She herself has a except as the board deems alone the average duration of life "Cinderella" in three editions. In to suspend this provision. has been perceptibly increased, without, however, proportionately adding forest as a punishment, where "no against yellow fever and malaria in either case the child reader must be private enterprises only, and without average wind velocity is six miles an be misled by statistics of prophylaxis. Decreased infant mortality, a scientific triumph of the certain lesson from the contrast beacial longevity, though not to Maximum "expectancy" is attained who has attained the age of "apper- the shipping board go to prove that erage "expectancy" is not quite the must be exceedingly modern, for it ance with the Jones law is essential cated, and his official armor is in- generally read than ever, "Ben Hur," dividual will live to the age indi- the orientals, with whom the legend board operated at a loss when bad cated. Expectancy is the average for originated, or by the Egyptians, who book-keeping made it appear that vidual has an even chance of living this third version, the sisters are ent board may be expected to do latitude of southern France and we substitute the term "quick selier" beyond the median, which is the line invited to the wedding feast.

We fall to increase the extreme span of life because in all probabil- what would "undue punishment," ity of two main facts. Over-exertion, considering the offending of the sisbe regarded as the chief phenomena of the time in this relation, but we the other hand of widespread em- witch is popped into the very oven can attain success only by learning ployment of machinery in increasing which she is heating for her prisoner from our givals, and there are no ndolence and physical inactivity Relatively cheaper and infinitely more accessible means of transportation have made undoubted inroads simply permitted to escape in her against economy by imposing ex- the Uganda railroad is extended in buying complete sets of on the splendid exercise afforded by inventions is to reduce exertion and with never a joit to tight little bers to the crew, add to tonnage reported to the department of comtime than formerly for vigorous exgeneration has shown no perceptible which few adults will admit to have regulations as to size of crew. increase in mortality in the age- greatly impaired their capacity for

icidence, in the belief of hygienists, that Sweden is the only country public schools."

would have lived to be a centenarian | picted. paratively little. It is rather generand sanitation was at its lowest ebb. all sweetness and light—but ogres ern shipyards, more efficient labor But for something more than two too have a place in the scheme of and the greatest domestic supply of centuries the curve of life expec- giving happiness. It is going rather steel, coal and fuel oil in the world. tancy has been upward. There has far to assume, for example, that That should give us an initial adnever been a time, however, when the fate of Jack's giants is likely to vantage in both cost of construction individual prudence did not count cause boys to grow up into cowardly and operation which the British for a great deal and when it was men, and it is giving too little credit should not be able to overcome. not possible greatly to prolong life to the discriminative power of chilby attention to certain principles, dren, even in the beginning of the Simplicity in fiving and wholesome employment have been the chief of overstrained theory of juvenile psythese. Trollope effunciated a sound chology would set down as the time of work is over with me God may are permitted to read. be pleased to take me from a world in which, according to my view, there can be no joy.

MARRIAGE BANNS.

The proposal of the Yakima Minisevery marriage license issued shall no marriage shall be solemnized uncrease of the average length of life. til this period has expired revives wide awake, when the United States time ago caused removal of one of the people of the community has made compulsory throughout Christhat our emergency fleet would poses in an eastern park to a more tendom by the fourth Lateran council in 1215, and still in vogue in the civil contract idea prevails.

The object was to give notice marriage could make them known, but the idea of those who would revive the custom probably is to give wider opportunity to the contracting individuals themselves to consider the step they are about to take, with of the oil output of their respective a view of checking hasty "romances" and in some degree, perhaps, abating the divorce evil.

It is one of many papaceas suggested by popular apprehension that there is something wrong with the way a good many marriages are now entered into.

UPLIFT THROUGHTHE HAPPY ENDING.

absurd extreme, there is at least an cepted by insurance companies) had argument-provoking suggestion in an ships from Panama tolls. But enact-kind is coming to pass on Antelope increased in the group above the age article in the current Bookman in ment of these laws is but the begin-island. As "big game hunting" the of forty by at least 20 per cent in a which Olive Roberts Barton pleads ning. The real test of our ability to affair is a joke, and one mystery he assumption that, by increasing shine is to the rose-absolutely es- to hope from the work of the old tion at the amazing rate of seventeen physically, morally, mentally and waste. The present board will hold years a century, we shall soon become a race of Methuselahs. Inton of course to say that a very large cannot well initiate any action that creased average of all lives accompanied by a higher mortality rate for panied by a higher mortality rate for none at all develop characters as that it is but a stopgap, though station serves as a reminder that those who are inclined to judge the essarily constitute a paradox. It deessarily constitute a paradox. It de- brought up on a literary diet of handicap. When a permanent board ends vastly on the individual, his fairles or ogres, as the case may is appointed under the Harding ad- weather occurrences ought to pro- it reading is to be taken as the gauge farmyard and the pasture lot. Inige, his environment and his his- be, but it will require a more pain- ministration with assurance of sup- cure a copy of this interesting and of national culture, is going to be to discriminate slaughter in violation Wong's tale, while it sounded conmary of the increased average. More thought of making to determine just new law should begin to show. babies survive the period of infancy how many future citizens have been than ever before in our history, undone by the unhappy fate of the that the emergency fleet shall, as nadoes are unknown." But it is not is worth an especial effort, or ongevity of the people as a whole, or of the sanguinary giants whom business, be transferred to private der is heard about three or four out a larger percentage of those who Jack always vanquished. Such an owners, who shall be Americans, and times a year and light hall falls survive the perils of early life fall inquiry as ought to be made the shall be operated by them in Americans to the so-called degenerative basis of worth-while conclusions can trade. Operation by the board is age." The exceptional year in which but also induce the reading habit in affairs on Ireland, which was all he meases of middle age and the period would involve an immense labor. mmediately beyond. Science has Meanwhile it is permitted the casual me more for youth than for adult- observer to suppose that the history American ships are to have the bene- a false impression. good in this regard. Thus, when a of the world would not have been fit of preferential duties on imports child has attained one year of age greatly changed if the Brothers the mathematical chances that he Grimm, and Hans Christian Anderwill die within the coming year are sen (in his worst moods), and

The right of children to happi

the student of actuarial statistics to the statement that "the retentive age tion of the type of vessels in which 21 degrees between the warmest and age of readers than exists in any the chances of the race and those of years even before they are able to epidemics have been deprived of whether in fact they are so "nicely calculated to ruin the finer sensione, the two sisters are led to a ame is true of results accruing from In the second blindness overtakes the over he anti-pellagra and anti-hookworm wicked ones as a retribution for their other nations. Without that economy it all, and it is just possible that a scamen's laws which will conduce to teen miles. In an average winter, engthening of the extreme span. doing will not be lost on the child been made in regard to operation by ing observation. whole people, while the indi- passed it along to the Grimms. In there was a profit. Though the presshow that half of a given group will ment is meted out to the sisters in with efficiency cannot be expected those localities. Least of all would serves as a more accurate descrip the last story for their selfishness Only a sweet forgiveness!"

the story, consist? There are two versions of "Hansel -an adaptation of the hoist-on-his- better teachers in shipping than the own-petard principle that is so wide- British. ly popular-and in the other she is magic boots and nobody knows what penses to which British'ships are not

wholesome diet for children."

That degeneration caused them to endure is that after the United States. age of "apperception," which an

RACE FOR SHIPPING SUPREMACY. Recent revelations of British efto the apprehension that is felt even less likely to offer resistance.

across the Atlantic at the aggressive The number of buffalo in the of hold on the International Mercanmade a deal with France for division territories in order to insure a supply of fuel oil for their ships. They have order to make good their war losses and to regain their pre-war percentage of the world tonnage.

All these moves indicate accept-Omitting consideration of the pos- merchant marine. That is the pur- invariably, made a stand and gave sibilities of censorahlp carried to an pose of the Jones shipping law and the hunter a chance to test his coolfor a happy atmosphere in all stories compete will come with execution of written for children. "Happiness," the Jones law and with operation of pay a high price for a wholly she says, "is to the child what sun- vessels under it. There was nothing imaginary thrill, sential to perfection of development shipping board with its muddle and staking survey than anyone has yet port from congress, results from the authentic document.

> quickly as is consistent with good vested in ships, all to be built in in American ships are to have the benefit of reduced rates on rallroads. except as the board deems advisable

If to these provisions be added exthose of culated for a term of years, and an semi-tropics. average is struck between years of

The navigation laws work directly

tancy for all ages. It is not a mere "Blue Bird" put down as "not a worry. If we do the things sug- A reservation consisting of twenty- leby" 2100, of "Pickwick Papers It will be contended that realism carrying trade of the world with equator, to be used as a sanatorium where, as Professor Irving Fisher is not demanded by the fairy story, them. The conditions were never so for soldier-settlers, will also estab-pointed out, "public health includes since it creates not a reality but a favorable for us to win. Cost of lish a new precedent of which the private conduct and touches the world of make-believe. Yet the shipbuilding in Britain has not fallen equator itself ought to be proud. habits of the people, especially in the quality of all such tales that has in nearly the same proportion as in Material is high of bodies follows degeneration of a fashion they embody a realistic and workmen deliberately do not of bodies follows degeneration of a fashion they embody a realistic and working definition of habits is a pretty widely accepted principle. Contrast between good and give full value for each unit of delinquents has noted that a certain evil is emphasized by bestowal of wages. A Canadian liner faunched it is not easy to defermine whether rewards and enforcement of penalefficiency of those who do reach old ties according to a law of elfinland, mate, and a Belgian company has age is greater or less than it used to The universal popularity of the dime cancelled an order for four steamers Cato was so verile at eighty novel of half a century ago was due of 16,000 tons deadweight on the that he took up the study of a new in part to this, and not altogether Clyde because other ships that it language, and Socrates probably to the wild adventures that it de- uilt there were twice as expensive The generation that was as if they had been built on the cont he had not been poisoned at sev- fed on Diamond Dick and Claude tinent. Cost of operation is also enty, but they are only shining lights Duval did not turn out as badly as higher, both on account of high in a period of which we know com-one would be led to expect from wages and the high price of coal and paratively little. It is rather gener-the gloomy forebodings of those who oil. Steel is costly, being made with ally known that life average dropped think that the sheltered life is the imported iron and with coal at sev in the middle ages, when dirt was only happy one. There are of course eral times pre-war prices. The United often accepted as evidence of plety plenty of children's stories that are States, on the other hand, has mod

SLAUGHTER OF THE BUFFALO.

The slaughter of a herd of 400 buffalo on Antelope island in Salt philosophy when he wrote, at sixty- when all mankind is made or marred Lake loses its keen edge as a game two: "I hope that when the power by the kind of stories that youngsters afrocity with the news that the animals are not regarded as necessary to the maintenance of the species in the United States, but it presents a study in sportsmanship in another way. It will be wondered what kind forts to obstruct growth and oper- of men they are who are willing to ation of the American merchant ma- pay a round sum for the privilege rine and to secure control of Ameri- of killing these animals, which are terial association that notice of can shipping companies are an index practically as tame as cattle and

be published for ten days and that entry of the United States into the country has actually increased in the shipping business. The British were past decade. The government some the form of publication of banns entered the war, to the prospects the herds kept for exhibition purmake us dangerous rivals for mari- favorable range in the southwest, time supremacy, and they tried to and other herds have meanwhile countries in which the religious nature of the marriage ceremony is steel shippards with Britist contracts sentimental interests have been recognized as paramount, though it and leaving us no alternative to wood served. It meanwhile happens to has largely fallen into disuse where ships at a time when we had stopped be true that the area of land reall other steel construction in order quired to produce a certain weight to divert our steel supply to ship- of buffalo meat is nearly twice as so that all who had objections to the building. They tried to take away productive when devoted to range for from us a number of surrendered cattle. From the economic stand-German ships. They have some kind point the American bison is an anachronism. The reason given for tile Marine corporation. They have permitting destruction of the Utah herd is that the land it utilizes is more valuable for other food pro duction. From time to time in the past buffalo have been killed, but been rushing construction of ships in usually by butchers in the regular way. Only the plan of selling killing privileges is an innovation.

About as many real thrills as the All these moves indicate accept-ance of the American challenge to contest for sea supremacy. They stockyards and shooting beef cattle are a summons to Americans to clear through a fence. The bison in his away all obstacles to success of their wild state occasionally, though not of the proposal to exempt American ness and courage, but nothing of the

PORTLAND'S CLIMATE.

Receipt of an annual metero

It will be conceded, for example, to be simply preparatory, by way of more than three or four thunderbuilding up profitable trade routes, storms occur is apt to have created ter of early training, but it is not dent Wilson was also timed to the issued by the San Quentin prison dent wilson was also timed to the issued by the San Quentin prison are to have the born. A fully impression.

which forbid levy of such duties are the weather station here, only use books, which is obtainable by satisfied. Such are the dying days of and never return. to be annulled, as they doubtless will thirty-one days a year on which only one-fourth as great as they were | Charles Kingsley had never written | be by President Harding. They are | the temperature falls as low as the | estimate from the total population to be insured, classified and regis- freezing point, and five days when it of the country, is on the whole not tered by American companies. The reaches or exceeds 90 degrees. In a thing to worry over. It probably be walking to the number of some shole decrease. It is important for ness is probably unquestioned, as is fleet is to be filled out by construct summer there is an average range of represents a higher per capita aver- hundreds of thousands as a protest coolest hours of the day. The mean other nation in the world. free provided a percentage equal to annual temperature compares closely temperature is about the same as that found at Roswell, N. M.

Mr. Wells is right in sticking to his

ernment data so impressively show. | them all."

The equator will be crossed for British East Africa, as the United works is declining. games, and Sweden is the only country for which figures are available to lay on the shelf. "The Water that has shown improved life expectage and relieve it of the burdens of our antiquated law, there were sold, of "David Copperature, capable the burdens of our antiquated law, there were sold, of "David Copperature, capable the burdens of our antiquated law, of infinite development when transtant she had just got from the bands and relieve it of and agreeable temperature, capable found that in a single year recently a chair of aviation among other features of its interesting curriculum. The electoral college, it seems, has over the square, many of them some that she had just got from the bands and relieve it of and agreeable temperature, capable found that in a single year recently a chair of aviation among other features of its interesting curriculum. The electoral college, it seems, has over the square many of them some that she had just got from the bands and relieve it of and agreeable temperature, capable found that in a single year recently a chair of aviation among other features. The electoral college, it seems, has over the square many of them some that she had just got from the bands and relieve it of and agreeable temperature, capable found that in a single year recently a chair of aviation among other features. The electoral college, it seems, has over the square many of them some that the proposed either to reconstruct or into private hands and relieve it of and agreeable temperature, capable found that in a single year recently a chair of aviation among other features. The burdens of country for the burdens of the b

gested, we may soon divide the ocean five acres on each side of the 2000 and "A Tale of Two Cities

THE MANUAL-MINDED BOY. An informed observer of juvenile percentage of youngsters who wrong" are boys who find it impossible to maintain interest in school at the seventh grade or thereabouts. They are not always, or even often, irreclaimable at this age. But when classwork fails to intrigue them, they wind up in a court of domestic relations, where the problem of what to circumstance that there are no fapilities for giving them their only into useful citizens.

These are the manual-minded boys. intelligently directed at home, because it is an axiom that defective home environment lies behind most cases of so-called incorrigibility. There is in Portland a magnificent those who have been graduated from the eighth grade. It is no disparagement of the work that such

have described. Manual ability of a sort, often acan outlet could be found for youthful energy, not inherently evil, which finds vent in mischief chiefly because it lacks guidance. A system of education, based on books chiefly. and which sometimes unduly emphasizes "literacy" at the expense of other practical usefulness, does not Americanization of Edward Bok," to reach all pupils, as juvenile judges enumerate a few of those which

make him permanently valuable to society, but who, lacking it, may be both a problem and a menace while themselves. More depends on the anhe lives? swer than the thoughtless may suppose. Here is a chance for edu cators who understand that some boys are bad boys because those who might have made them otherwise neglected their opportunity.

THE COST OF BOOKS. We are willing to accept the esti-

writes in Harper's that "sixty million book and only about 4 per cent of store," because it seems reasonable that present prices of a good many of the books one would like to own are a discouragement to reading, but seems that cost is not the only facing the burden imposed by dearer the number of books that are actually interest of the unreading masses, erally condemned. mere subtraction of Mr. Johnson's the harmonious cabinet.

read for themselves." An interesting taxes is reinvested in ships, and with that of Atlantic City, a famous trend of popular taste rather than about their grievances and go back Our longevity as a race has been question is whether permanent scars profits on sale of ships are also ex. summer resort also not without ce- mere multiplication of those to whom to riding again. lebrity as a winter refuge; the July books are sold. There is on this temperature is about the same as score not much to be pessimistic American yards. Only goods carried that of Winnipeg, and the January about. Not only do the lists of of a tailors' organization, will be books in greatest demand at public eliminated to a great extent in the libraries, compiled by the American | new fashions, thus making .* easier Our normal duration of sunshine Library Association, show on the for the boys who have heard the is 2053 hours a year, and the average | whole commendable discrimination, for the three summer months is \$74 but there is evidence from other emption from canal tolls, American hours, or 9 hours and 30 minutes a sources that those who do read are to the number of octogenarians. The doubt the wild beasts devoured them, ships will have a decided advantage day. For the same period New York not to be guilled by claptrap blurbs Great Britain and has an average of 8 hours and 35 or other transparent advertising deminutes of daily sunshine and San vices into buying works of little or Cross shop is doing good work and ampaigns, from co-operative action rage over their sister's happiness." In in operation which is possible under Diego 2 hours and 21 minutes. The no intrinsic value, We are apt to needs more donations—not money he semi-tropics, and from typhoid impressed with the poetic justice of amendment of the navigation and hour, compared with Chicago's six- which do not, as a matter of fact. One can sleep easier after getting a reflect the taste of more than a thing like that off his mind economy, that advantage may go for on only five days does snow remain trifling fraction of the population. generation, contributes to tween the reward of virtue and the nothing. Exposures of waste, graft on the ground long enough for it to More significant is the circumstance penalties of evil-thinking and evil- and muddled accounts which have be measured at the hour of the even- that the lean years of current authorship are almost always years of reat the age of two, when it is 57.5 for ception." But there is a third verboys and 60.1 for girls. But the average of "Cinderella," it seems, which hands as early as possible in accordate records than haven't been sophistically and only widely owned, but more transfer of all the ships to private guns. His ammunition consists of favorites. "Robinson Crusce" is still dances. What has civilization ever the steno's gum menace in his cafesame as an even chance that the incould not have been thought of by
to success. Evidently the former vulnerable. Those who rely on guessin the field of copyright fiction, as
dividual will live to the age indithe orientals, with whom the legend board operated at a loss when bad work always hit wide of the mark. Mr. Johnson reminds us, holds up It is well to remind ourselves oc-casionally that, living as we do in the two millions. His suggestion that will be shared by a good many, even better and the future board to do northern Italy, we have climatic ad- for "best seller" does justice to the drawn below which vital statistics vindictive revenge or undue punish- better still, close economy combined vantages that we wouldn't swap with popular sense of values, as well as But of maritime nations have achieved suc-shment," cess by fostering private enterprise. We change places with Winnipes, tion. It is indeed a "safe bet that whose summer climate we have five out of this year's 'six best sell-without its rigorous winters, or with The shipping business is done on a San Diego, which we surpass in sum- the grass that is withered; while in strain and nerve tension are apt to ters and the general atmosphere of close margin when earnings are cal- mer sunshine without the heat of the the same year 'Captain January' and 'A Man Without a Country' and 'A It is, of course, impossible to please | Bird's Christmas Carol' will approach omit consideration of the effect on and Gretel." In one the wicked loss and years of good profit. We everybody. But when it comes to or enter the second million; and even weather, we do our best, as the gov- next year 'Lorna Doone' will outsell

A fact that weighs heavily in our indorsement of the popular trend in the first time by railroad rails when book selection is that the practice of "Sets of Dickwalking. The tendency of modern becomes of her-"a fitting climax subject. They add superfluous mem- States consul at Nairobi has recently ens are not books, they are furnito encourage obesity. The complexinerves." So, one will suppose, the
ties of social life incline to leave less process of Rollo-izing the legends port, which means loss of thousands be part of the Cape-to-Cairo chain the answer by the card that indimerce at Washington. The road will Johnson sets up only to confute with and the folk-lore of all ages might of dollars on big ships of high cost. which has been revived since the vidual volumes of Dickens' works be continued without end.

The greatest saving in operation can war ended, and by reason of its are sold in quantities that closely ercise, and this, rather than constant be continued without end.

The greatest saving in operation can be made by the Diesel engine both in present connection with the Indian correspond to the relative merits of ocean will furnish a means of supther reducing size of crew and cost of fuel ocean will furnish a means of supther reducing size of crew and cost of fuel ocean will furnish a means of supther reducing in the interval of the respective books in question. causing the disabilities of later life. muffled in the new dispensation, at and in increasing cargo space, but ply for builders of the intervening "David Copperfield" is still selling in One country. England, is the past whatever cost to "The Snow, Queen," much of this saving is prevented by links. Though we associate the twenty or thirty different editions, equator with unbearable heat, the and "A Tale of Two Cities" in forty Unless we carry out the policy of region through which the new line or more. But taking one of many group beyond forty, due to almost future enjoyment of life, or to "The universal predilection for outdoor Rose Elf," another classic that it is promptness and vigor, get the flect to be a vast upland with a moderate nating basis of comparison, it is

2100, with "Our Mutual Friend" 1100, and other individual volumes "in almost negligible quantity," as by comparison with the foregoing, would seem to be about their just "Best sellers," or "quick sellers," as Mr. Johnson prefers to call them, fill only a small part of the general demand when, selling a hundred thousands copies or so, they disappear, never to return. The excellent judgment which readers display in refraining from buying sets is reflected in other standard authors than Dickens. Agents even find it harder than it used to be to sell ir culled with an eye to values; the ing in time by crossing same is true of Thackeray and the middle of the block. to with them is complicated by the Collins and Eliot and the others of the long line of favorites, even including Kipling, Stevenson only in the respect that they have olind followers who would contend

ness who know a thing or two about the cost of wood pulp and of papermaking machinery have recently polytechnic school, but it is for thrown a monkey wrench into the gear of the expectations of anvoody who counts on an early return of the cheap book era. There is some comthat they do not fill the particular this is not an evil wholly impossible for example, if the buyer purchases for less than the cost of the convenompanied by real possibilities of tional "set" as much of his icaired high skill, is a not infrequent charac- author as is really worth while, and judges have to deal. It would be a tance toward equalizing outlay on constructive work of social value if current books, the price of which may be regarded as discouraging the South Seas," W. H. Hudson's What shall be done with the boy and could afford them, can be, in a who needs this kind of training to pinch, obtained at public libraries. which in the future dear-book era are likely more than ever to justify

Granting that science does not come to the fore with a cheap and workable substitute for wood pulp, it seems possible that the home library future will need less shelfroom than formerly. But as has been suggested this may not be an unmixed evil. Publishers as well as readers in time will learn to discriminate. The public's defense is Burgess Johnson, who in still further improvement of its own literary taste. Fewer books, people in this country never see a more of which will be read and reread, will go a good way toward our population ever go into a book- atoning for present higher prices.

The saving grace of hunting as a sport has been that those who fol- mas rush here, and I have about sport has been that those who fel-lowed it respected certain rules, enough cash to last me a week. There And go honking down the street. based on the theory that the quarry tor in the condition of which Mr. is entitled to some small chance "I came here from a mine in south-Johnson complains. Notwithstand- against its adversary. There is a orn Oregon. They cannot mine gold story in point in a current magazine the number of books that are actually hand, set it free because the bird to a job. Fil do anything." a job. Fil do anything." hand, set it free because the canons searched everywhere about here for relatively cheap editions of the be taken only on the wing, by a gun classics are still available, but these fired from the shoulder. A good logical summary prepared by Ob- reach a "mere fringe of the popula- many hunters, to the credit of their on an oriental boat touching here. produce books that will engage the of the unwritten regulations is gen-

so generally appreciated that "thun- whether any scheme can be devised his surrender to Assistant Secretary that will not only "put a book into of State Davis in the case of Lord lisher has declared he desires to do. it gave the latter time to testify on that home. Reading is partly a mat. | wanted. The conference with Presialways a habit capable of enforce- same end. It was one of those rare Philadelphia citizens are said to

against higher streetcar fares walking will make them feel so good The thing that concerns us is the that presently they will forget all

Cont talls, according to an official dictum that no gentleman ever parts his coat tails when he sits down.

These are chilly days for children not comfortably clothed. The Red sales particularly, but something to wear

> Jazz is said to be making the Indone for the red man, anyway?

> ope of a generation growing up among the chaps who still insist on buying bootleg for themselves. There is some merit in the Jap-

anese proposal to levy a tax on those

who evade military duty, assuming

that Japan has no Secretary Baker to extend clemency to the slackers. Doubling of the number of ca of alcoholic insanity in New York seems to indicate that prohibition prohibits the sale of harmless alco

holic beverages, anyway.

A "boy" of twenty-three or there abouts is not going to get much sympathy on the ground of his ten der years. He is grown up then if

Anatole France has joined the

parlor bolshevists, having, it will be supposed, experienced all the thrills that could be obtained from just writing literature. We can understand the disappoint.

ment of the New York crowd that didn't have a chance to see Soviet Ambassador Martens deported from The Listening Post.

Women Shoppers Found to Be Habitual Law Breakers.

bargain hunting were habitual lawwith paper and pencils, stood on the they traversed the congested district. into other forms of devilment and no longer regarded as furniture, but for the sake of a few minutes' saving in time by crossing the street in

Between Meier & Frank's and Lipn in-and are red signs at shoulder height on Oh, one may go the sunlit trail, real opportunity to make themselves O. Henry, who resemble one another each curb warning of the danger of crossing there and that it is unlaw- With spirit turned to rapture of the ful. Not 10 per cent of the women It only begs the question to say that seriously that the poorest things they coming from the stores paid any at they ought to be sympathetically and wrote were too precious to be chances by cutting behind parked away: chances by cutting behind parked away.

Certain hard-headed men of busiwalking not more than 40 steps to the corner and the safety zone.

"I have checked them and found that jay-walkers are 95 women," said the polished Billy Lilis, who has sprouted gray hairs it caring for the safety of women who technical schools are doing to say fort in the thought, howeer, that frequent his beat in the center of O women in your homes where chilthat they do not fill the particular this is not an evil wholly impossible the city. "Women take the laws into need of the type of youth that we of offsetting. It will be clear gain, their own hands whether on foot or In a machine, and drivers always give them the right of way, no matter if they are entitled to it or not, for They could not give you more, if you they have found out that the woman teristic of boys with whom juvenile money thus saved will go some dis- will take it anyhow. And the pret- For they are trod by restless feet tier they are the more privileges they take. A pretty woman at the wheel No perfect place; and hungering of a car as a general rule does just hearts that quest as she pleases and the same is true. For love and ties—perhaps long left of a car as a general rule does just as she pleases and the same is tru-

Soup kitchens and bread lines are again in the limelight after an absence of several years, but there has They do not wait you in some distant been no necessity for any locally. Curtailment of the lumber industry and But prayers of little children at everyone would read if he had time other work in this vicinity, is, however, forcing quite a number of men to the city. Conditions in other lo calities are not so reassuring as here, with the result that numbers of unemployed have drifted in, making the labor situation exceedingly tight. Some typical cases, as found at the Men's Resort, where the Rev. Levi Johnson and his erew labor to alleviate distress follow:

bodied, said, "I served in the army and then went to work in the logging camps. Lost some time from pneumonia, lungs weak from overseas. Had about \$90 saved up when was laid off over two months ago. I have \$2 left and don't know what I will do when that is gone."

'The last job I had was with a With a hoho for a mate construction crow near Spokane. We were laid off about Thanksgiving. I worked two weeks during the Christis nothing in sight'

at the present prices and closed down paper and all that goes to make up concerning a hunter who, having I am a veteran of the Spanish-Amer-the mechanical end of the business, marvelously caught a woodcock by lean and world wars and have Wong Hing was a recent passenger

He asked permission to go asnore, giving the perfectly plausible Chinese reason that he wanted to visit climate of a locality by exceptional readers. The problem of the future, the running with the product of the some friends and would catch the next beat across the Pacific. Mr. vincing, seemed fishy to the imminadoes are unknown." But it is not is worth an especial effort, or Secretary of Labor Wilson timed ing from San Francisco and insisted At the Savior, and Savior's own promshowed on the passenger list as comfully, his case was investigated. Then every home," as an ambitious pub- Mayor O'Callaghan so skilfully that Wong's reason for wanting to stop fit of preferential duties on imports

There have been, in the average of ment. The figure of forty or fortythat they carry, and sil treaties all the years of the existence of five millions of Americans who do
what he wanted, so everybody is permission to leave the United States

who have cried.

Where are the babes at the breast
who have died?

Rate are a menace and present problem in many big cities. Waterfront workers are familiar with the big metal fenders placed on mooring ropes to keep the disease bearing rodents aboard ships. A New York ening that city with a wall to prevent the objectionable animal immigrants from entering the city. Plague dan gers from Asiatic redents have aroused the interest of scaport cities. In sev eral local sores the rats have to Who revel and sing in a wild, sinful

most efficient means to fight the rat is said to be a ferret. These fittle animals are natural enemies They are asking for bread. Will ye of rats and kill them without mercy In some local stores ferrets are sai to be liberated at night and spend the hours of darkness at their work o extermination, returning to their cages with the coming of daylight

"Why not get L. C. Smith's intelect to working in the barber shops?" is the sprightly query received from dian wild again. First they cut off F. L. W. after reading of the Beam his liquor and then they talk of for- scheme for gum reclamation. Beam bidding him to dance the wild man's has invented a system for controlling teria and Smith, his manager, is working on a plan for rejuvenating

Prohibition Director Kramer's the discarded gobs. "What becomes of the human hair clipped from the customer's heads?" is another goser from F. L. W., and then he goes on to give out the answer. "Thrown sway! Wasted! Surely this presents just as acute a problem in salvage as does wellsangled gum. Cannot tresses be used for stuffing mattresses or for burn ng as a fumigator or something of the kind? I put it up to the experts."

> "Got any walnuts?" "Just out, try s grocery store."

"Can I get some adhesive tape "Sorry madam, better go here?" across the street to that drugstore?" "How much rain has fallen this "More than normal." "How much are eggs a dozen?" Seventy-five cents, but we do not

Just a few of the questions put cigar store.

-THE SCOUT.

Wind Sterm Scatters Bankroll, Philadelphia Ledger.

As a woman in Philadelphia wa walking through Rittenhouse square a sudden gust of wind lifted her hat. She quickly raised her arm to catch the host and as she did so her bag broke open and out flew 35 \$1 bills, brand-new ones that she had just got

When Night Comes Down By Grace E. Hall.

When far away the first dusk shad-L IEUTENANT FRANK ERVIN Like clouds of gauge so faint as scarce to be, threw a cordon of police about The valvet hills, close snuggled each the downtown shopping district to all, Wednesday and as a result discovered Seem clothed somehow in shrouds of that fully half of the women bent on bargain hunting were habitual lawbreakers. Half a dozen officers, armed That float and hover on the mountain side, curbs and checked the pedestrians as Are phantom robes soft-woven of the Jays were their prey, those who cut Too fanciful and dainty for a bride; begin by playing hookey, progress Balzuc's "complete works"; Scott is corners or who risked life and limb And yet in canyons where the streams go by, And farmhouse lights are eyes in skulfs of brown. Some melancholy voices seem to cry-When night comes down.

> day. When morning lends its glory to the the west. Strange lands, like unknown face seem to frown.
> And then a sweet-toned voice within one's breast Begins to plead for home-when night comes down.

dren are. Yearn not for functed pleasures otherwhere. The streets you know are like the ones afar, were there that find behind-Because they too once dreamed the far land best; The things of worth are love and home-ah, see!-

When night comes down. A BABY'S SOLILOQUY. Who shall say? Who shall say When I try to eat my whey, all alone; I'll not spill it in my chair and Pour it on my hair, From my spoon.

Will bring you peace, sweet peace-

your knee

Who shall say? Who shall say? A young man, 26 years old, able-odied, said, "I served in the army shelf, And go skimming to the barn, There to eat it to my harm, By myself.

> Who shall say? Who shall say? I'll not run away from home, in my vouth. And go riding in a freight.

> > Searching truth.

Who shall say? Who shall say? I'll not steal a car at night from the Making every guy I meet, Look absurd.

Who shall say? Who shall say? I'll not leave my wife at home, in our And go traveling o'er the state With some frowzy headed mate And all that,

Who shall say? Who shall say? When life's road has wound its way to life's fall.

Tell my friends how good I've been. Exit call. UNTO THE LEAST OF THESE.

gration guards, and even though he Are ye of the ones who have brandished the sword At those who are asking of thee and thy store
A bit of the loaf and a sip. if no more. over was uncovered. He had been allowed to go aboard the boat at San Francisco as a condition of a parole The answering challenge of prey that is near?

Oh, where are the saints of the earth who have cried, Who are the victors, the vanquished, the dead? Where are the Master's own servants who read: "As ye did it to these, so it ever shall be: Where are my little ones? Come unto me All ye who are hungered and weary, And ye shall find rest, but for them Shail shine forth the sun, or the neon give her light

Who purchase with tears their own be kept under control as they de-stroy merchandise. In this work the While thousands are dying and millions in pain Are holding wee hands that are frail

-MARY AGNES KELLY. AT THE END OF THE DAY.

as the end of the day we get our pay For the hours of toll and strain. Whether from office or grimy shop In the evening alone the worries drop, And our wounds are healed again. A fireside chat and a book or song,

Or a tune on the phonograph.
A story or two.—we forget the day
For the hurls we brought have been And the troubles turned to a laugh. We wear in the day, but we grow

For rest and sleep begulie; Though we know next day will be filled with the fight, That half will be dark and half will be light. We can meet it with a smile.
RAYMOND E. BAKER.

PURSUIT

You'll find the end to the trail of love Just over the first drear hill; And the trail of the flesh fades wholly Where the debauchee gluts his fill While the tra'l of hate is a pistol shot. Or the glint of a dirk to kill. But the trail of dreams leads on and on,

Through many a flowery clime. Where the seas of romance, curved like scythes Reap over the fields of time: Roll in and out with a circling sweep

As they cover the earth with gold to Jesse Rich every day at his corner And the pearls of peace are drifted high. As much as the heart can hold; For the love which lasts is the love of dreams,
As it was in the days of old.

-GUY FITCH PHELPS

A CHAMELEON EFFECT. n olden times—(omitting dates) how oft we've heard it said: Let's 'liven up this doggone town go out and paint her red' st got Crusaders of a modern type now ew all amble into view.
To plously express themselves, and

say: "Let's paint her bla ORR O. SMITH.