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THE DEBT OF THE FARM.

NO COUNTRY but can be great, said an English statesman, the wealth of which lies in the soil. America has enjoyed an immense industrial inflation. We have come to lead all the world in a number of manufactures, and so, for a time, we have forgotten that it is the farm which really assures us power, it is the farm that has given us prosperity. And now it is to agriculture the acknowledgment must be made for a rapid recovery from the most disastrous panic the United States has so far suffered. The values of farm products in 1908 were:

Corn, 2,668,651,000 bushels and farm value \$6,616,145,000, against 2,592,320,000 bushels in 1907 and \$1,336,901,000 on December 1 of that year; winter wheat, 437,908,000 bushels, and \$410,330,000, against 409,442,000 and \$361,217,000 last year; spring wheat, 226,694,000 and \$206,496,000, against 224,645,000 bushels and \$193,220,000 in 1907; oats, 807,156,000 bushels, and \$371,171,000, against 754,443,000 and \$334,568,000; barley, 166,756,000 bushels and \$92,442,000, against 153,579,000 and \$102,290,000.

The figures for other crops include: Rye, 31,851,000 bushels, against \$31,556,000 bushels in 1907, and \$23,455,000 against \$23,068,000; buckwheat 15,874,000 bushels, against 14,290,000, and \$12,004,000, against \$9,975,000; flaxseed, 25,805,000 bushels, against 25,851,000, and \$30,577,000, against \$24,713,000; rice, 21,890,000 bushels, against 18,738,000, and \$17,771,000, against \$16,081,000; potatoes, 278,985,000 bushels, against 297,942,000, and \$197,039,000, against \$183,880,000; hay, 70,798,000 tons, against 63,677,000, and \$635,423,000, against \$743,507,000, and tobacco, 718,061,000 pounds, against 698,126,000, and \$74,130,000, against \$76,234,000.

Certainly a big measure of greatness.

HUNTING DERELICTS.

THE EXPERIMENTAL cruise of the derelict destroyer, the Seneca, ended a short time ago when that ship came into New York harbor with a record of eleven floating wrecks dynamited and removed from the courses of traffic. There was much skepticism when the government commissioned the Seneca a few months ago, and at a considerable expense, attempted to keep the high seas as free as possible from drifting hulks. The success of the recent cruise apparently more than justifies the expenditure of almost any reasonable sum in furtherance of the new work.

Of course, it can never be even approximately estimated what saving in human life and property has resulted from the Seneca's maiden trip. It is possible that a number of maritime disasters have been averted by the simple expedient of removing the obstructions from the sea. At any rate there are now eleven fewer derelicts to menace shipping, and the transportation companies may send their ships on voyages with the knowledge that, by the law of chance, their property is to a certain degree safer than it was before the Seneca went out upon the seas. Men will never know how many

With the Toast and Tea

GOOD EVENING.

Life, believe me, is not a dream So dark as sages say; Oft a little morning rain Foretells a pleasant day. —Selected.

FALL IN THE COUNTRY.

Fall time in the country. Ain't it out of sight! Happy days in frosty ways, And fiddles goin' right! Joy is at the gate there— Come to make a call; Take your places, fellers, An' swing your sweethearts all!

Fall time in the country. Sunshine in your soul; Great old world to live in, So let the music roll! Jest the finest country A feller ever knew; An' heaven itself seems smilin' Like your sweetheart smiles on you!

Forget the toll of summer; The fruits of it we reap; Happiness is with us, Every rosy pledge to keep; Ain't you glad you're livin'? Whistle on the way; The world is makin' merry An' it's hats off an' hooray!

No man is smart enough to be funny when he is drunk.

We wish we were a woman; a woman can improve her looks so much.

Every married man realizes that he talked too much during his engagement.

The man who really suffers says least about it; he is afraid to confess how bad off he is.

How often you hear a snicker, a giggle or a chuckle, but how seldom you hear a genuine laugh!

We all hate rich men, but there is no denying that they attract attention: Croesus is still being talked about.

In order to have everything about a home in the latest fashion change the name of the "rainy day" fund to the "operation" fund.

We have noticed that when the real thing in grief starts in to whiten a woman's hair she forgets all about the hundred ways of dyeing it.

An old farmer living on the route of the proposed Coos Bay, Oregon & Idaho Railroad between Marshfield and Roseburg, on being told that the new railroad was going to run right through his barn, exclaimed, "Now, by gum! I guess I'll have something to say about that. I've got something else to do besides opening and shutting them barn doors every time a train comes along."

great ships have been wrecked and sent to the bottom through blundering into uncharted and partially submerged derelicts in mid ocean. There are long lists of vessels which have disappeared mysteriously from the ways of travel. Most of these have suffered mishap and sunk to the bottom, and the world has never known how or where they went. Seamen say that the larger percentage of ships which vanish unaccountably, are wrecked by colliding with unseen hulks in the ocean.

Of the eleven derelicts found and destroyed by the Seneca at least three were encountered immediately in the paths of Atlantic liners. Any of them might have sent some great vessel to the bottom. They have been a constant menace to shipping, and their destruction may have meant the saving of many lives and valuable vessels.

As time goes on there will be fewer derelicts to hunt down. Fewer wooden ships are being built every year, and it is only wooden vessels which drift at the surface after they have filled with water. But it will take years to locate and dynamite all of the old floating hulks. Some of the derelicts are charted; others are not. Many of them have drifted about the seas for years and unless sought out and broken up, will continue their wanderings for a long time to come. The Seneca will find plenty of employment for at least a few years.

STORY OF THE DAY.

One of the anecdotes which Andrew Carnegie is fond of telling concerns a crabbed bachelor and an aged spinster who one day found themselves at a concert. The selections were apparently entirely unfamiliar to the gentleman, but when Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" was begun he pricked up his ears. "That sounds familiar," he exclaimed. "I'm not very strong on these classical pieces, but that's very good. What is it?" The spinster cast down her eyes, "That," she told him, demurely, "is the 'Maiden's Prayer.'"

The thing that makes a man like a girl is for her to convince him he does.

A man will do more for his stubbornness than for his religion or his country.

"A St. Louis widow declares good husbands are hard to find." How many does she want?

When we say actresses, we mean any woman who acts as though she loves any man not her husband.

Art critics say the new \$100 bills are all right. Until further notice we shall accept their word for it.

An Indiana woman wants a divorce from her ninth husband. She must be going after the record.

"Young Corbett" has been married and will retire from the ring. Now he'll have to take what comes to him.

If you had to live your life over again the chances are you would make a different kind of fool of yourself.

When a man makes his wife a present of money her friends feel as if they would like to follow up the gift to see if it has to be spent on bacon and flour.

Somebody declares that eggs are a harmful diet. The discovery, it is understood, was not made by an extremely old man who has eaten eggs all his life.

Love making is going to be easier during the coming winter. The waist line is to be moved to its proper position, where it may be located without difficulty.

"How is the average person to tell pure whisky from the adulterated?" asks a southern paper. Isn't it a fact that the average person doesn't care which is which?

It is reported that a cross between a lemon and a cucumber has been developed. It would be interesting to know which was spoiled, the lemon or the cucumber.

An Ohio woman is offering a \$10 reward for the return of her missing husband. Doubtless she expects to receive \$20 worth of satisfaction if she ever gets her hands on him.

A Kansas lover wrote this to his sweetheart: "I would rather listen to you chewing your gum than hear Caruso sing." To get the beauty of this sentiment play it on the piano.

The smart society women are wearing ankle bracelets. We hope the style will never reach Coos Bay: If a Marshfield girl appeared with ankle bracelets everyone would say her garter had slipped down.

"My brother went fishing this summer and caught a salmon that weighed twenty pounds," boasts the little boy.

"That's nothing," retorts the little girl. "My sister went fishing, too, and came home with a lobster that weighs nearly two hundred pounds."

A Pair of Toasts.

"They were lined up in front of John Goss' five-foot book shelf at the Millecoma Club—Dr. Straw and Dr. Dix.

"Here's to woman," said Dr. Straw, "the morning star of our infancy, the day star of our manhood and the evening star of our old age."

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