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**SARAH'S POSTCARD**

Sarah Coates, an inmate of a workhouse in England for half a century, got her name flashed around the world by the Associated Press a few days ago. Perhaps you saw the cablegram which was sent to the American newspapers about Sarah. It was a remarkable bit of news, and read:

"An ordinary picture postcard the only piece of mail Sarah Coates received in fifty-one years, had been so treasured that it was buried by her just before she died, at the age of seventy. Miss Coates had been an inmate of Plumstead, workhouse for half a century and had no relatives. She was never visited. The card was sent by one nurse, and it was the only thing in the woman's possession that she valued."

In this beautiful world of sunshine and flowers, of home ties and Christian love, can you imagine a woman so lonely, so utterly neglected that she would treasure a picture postcard? Of course there must have been something wrong with Sarah Coates; the blame can not be laid entirely upon her. Miss Coates must have been at fault and selfish herself, for why in a workhouse some friendships can be made by the inmate who smiles and takes an interest in those about

her. Friendship is a fragile plant. It thrives on smiles and tears, but dies quickly if neglected. In every town we find people who have many friends, who are what the community calls popular. If you analyze their popularity, you will find that they take an interest in their neighbors, that they visit the house of mourning and rejoice with those that are glad. We have people in Toledo who take no part whatever in welfare work; they are members of a fraternity and pay their dues, but they never attend the lodge; they have automobiles but they never ask the family that does not own a machine to take a ride. They live selfishly unto themselves and like Sarah Coates, treasure some trinket that unselfish person gave them. No humanity cannot bear all blame for these lonely, neglected lives. You must make some effort at being friendly yourself if you would have friends about you. Don't sit in the shadow and envy the popular man or woman. Get out and make folks notice you. Smile and speak to other people. They will respond and soon you will find the light of friendship glowing in the dark corners of your bitterness and dispelling the shadows of envy. This is a wonderful old world if you will only look up and not down; if you will chase away that frown with a smile. There is so much to do, so many to help, that it is a crime to gloat over a picture postcard and bury it when you feel the chill of death. Was Sarah Coates afraid someone might enjoy her postcard when she was gone?

**THE CRY FOR HELP**

The annual cry for help has gone up from the wheat fields, the corn fields and the orchards. The harvest has been bountiful, the laborers scarce and hard to secure. The Heavenly Father and the American soil gives us wealth. Craft and laziness gives us poverty. Weather crops are large or small, whether industrial conditions are good or bad, there is always difficulty in obtaining as many men as

as the need required. The thrifty farmer is grieved to see his crops go to waste. He and his family rise before dawn and work by moonlight to save the wealth of the land. We hear his cry. The harvest is great, the laborers few. Yea, we hear the call and prayer, "Come over into Macedonia and help us." We even have a vision of what might be. Still, in the reeking cities of the strike.

**HONK, HONK!**

How rich, and full, and wonderful is the great big out-of-doors in the good old summer time! 'Tis full of swaying, green and lovely trees that shade long sweeping swards and lawns. Flowers of every hue, from pale blossoms in the shade, to the gorgeous flaunters which bare their beauties to the sun, grow in vast flower beds. The great out-of-doors has streamlets, tinkling, merry little brooks that flow with rhythmic accents to the river's bed where greater water hear them to the sea. A mighty wonderful world it is, old beyond the limit of our dreams. A century seems a vast expanse of time to us. 'Tis longer than we live and yet scientists now claim that life first came upon this globe through all that mighty stretch of time one hundred million years ago, and the out-of-doors has been wearing all the vastness of its beauty. The mountain peaks yielded the sternness of their outline to the gnawing tooth of time and valleys lie where mountain peaks once thrust their snow-crowned heads above the level of the plain. Lakes lie where deserts once have been, and deserts—lakes. When bathed in summer moonlight and the glow of twinkling stars, the mystery of the ages cause the reverent soul to stand appalled. Then we forget and step aside to let the careless driver of a little tin gasoline-driven vehicle pass us on the road. "What fools we mortals be!"

**R. R. STRIKE POOR JUDGEMENT**

A railroad strike is in progress with about 400,000 railroad shop workers out. The shop-workers, because of their chief, Mr. Jewell, who ignored the request of the railroad labor board to meet with them Friday in an endeavor to reach an amicable settlement of the dispute, have brought down upon themselves the criticism of the public. This act, more than the strike itself, has created intense feeling. It was nothing less than a slap at the United States government to regulate transportation and labor has been represented and has taken part in its work. The Herrin disaster did not help the coal miners. Mr. Jewell's tactics will not benefit the shop workers.—Canton (N. Y.) Plaindealer.

**STOP THE COAL STRIKE!**

It is now up to the President to give orders instead of taking them. In the coal strike and it is believed that he intends to do so. The operation and miners' conference at Washington adjourned, with both sides refusing to yield. But it is not necessary to await their pleasure; they may not agree for six months—and we wait coal now. It is up to the nation, speaking through the President, and if need be through Congress, to brush this dispute out of the way. The government has the power. The public will back it in almost any step it chooses to take.—Adrian (Mich.) Telegram.

**SLAT'S DIARY**

By Ross Ferguson  
Friday—We had sun indestructible Co. this evening and I was greatly disgusted. This fellow kept knocking the U. S. Government and business men and everything I said after he had went away that this gink was a man without a country and all I got to say is, that witch ever country he is without it. I shud ought to leave home and go out in to the world so I woodent hear so much unpleasant trouble at home. Tonite pa says to ma. Why dont you say nice sweet things to me like other mens wifes do. And in a 2nd ma up and ask him whose wife had ben a talking thataway to him.

Sunday—I think are lanlord is going to get married agen. They is a

woman after him which has all redy raised 2 husbands and 6 children. But we shudent ought to worry because we are bilding a house of are own.  
Monday—Mrs. Gillem ast pa what govrens the increase and decrease of the population in the Philippines and pa answered and replied that he gess it depended upon the no. of people living there at odd times and etc.  
Tuesday—Pa dusent appreciate Littrature. Ma was telling that a ole friend of hern had dropt ded today wile she was eating and ell pa sed was he ast her Well what was she eating.  
Wednesday—The fellow witch plays a Saxafone ner dore hurt his hand and tonite his ma cum in and ast pa did he have sun carbolic acid for her son. Pa sed No we havent none but I will lone you a good gun.

**WHY HENRY IS "PEEVED"**  
No wonder Henry Ford is exasperated at the delay in awarding him the taxpayers' property at Muscle Shoals. He thought he was dealing with the same sort of government that permitted him to make \$25,000,000 of easy profits out of war contracts, but he found that concern for the public welfare is the controlling policy at Washington nowadays. — Evansville, (Ill.) Enterprise.

**ONE SPARK**  
The weather was hot and dry. No rain for a month. The East wind moaned through the trees. Pine needles snapped underfoot. July in the forest.

The crash of falling trees. The ring of axes. The swish of saws. Logs, logs everywhere. Dry tops, branches, and slashing. And midst all these a puffing donkey engine.

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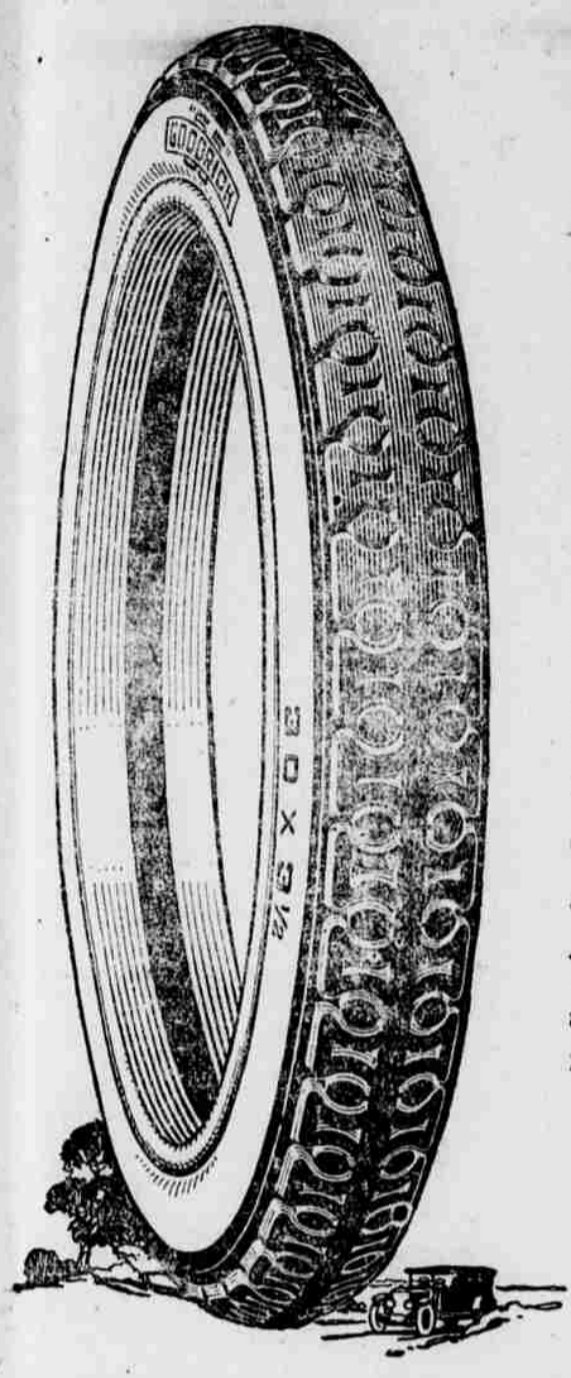
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