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EVERYMAN'S PLEDGE
 "America shall win this war!
 Therefore, I will work, I will
 save, I will sacrifice, I will en-
 dure, I will fight—cheerfully
 and to my utmost—as if the
 outcome of the struggle depends
 upon me alone."

WHEN AGE ARRIVES

When I am old I will observe the following items (perhaps):

- I will not try to act nor dress nor talk so as to make people think I am younger than I am.
- I will not pretend to be young, nor be angry when called old, nor ashamed of my age.
- I will not complain of being old.
- I will not continually remind people of my old age to secure their sympathy, or to hear them say I am not old after all, or do not seem so.
- I will not form the habit of indulging in reminiscences.
- I will be particularly careful not to repeat the same anecdotes over and over.
- I will not complain of the present and claim the past was much better.
- If I am deaf, weak-eyed, lame or otherwise afflicted, I will not advertise my infirmities, but avoid obtruding them upon the notice of others as much as possible.
- I will not talk of myself, my works, or my achievements, even of my mistakes, any more than is necessary.
- I will speak cheerfully or keep still.
- I will never indulge in cynicism, never sneer at youth, and I will try always to appreciate what younger folks do.
- I will be as little bored as I can, and never say I am bored, nor, if possible, act as if I am bored.
- I will not give advice unless it is asked, and not often then.
- I will not be irritable.
- I will not be a nuisance nor an encumbrance, so far as in me lies.
- I will not be offended by neglect, but I will remember the words of the sage: "Those who come to see me do me honor; those who do not come to see me, do me a favor."
- I will be as little disagreeable as possible, and will never use my natural disagreeableness as a means of getting my way.
- I will cultivate the friendship and companionship of young children, who alone understand old age.
- I will learn to love to be alone. As

John says: "The freest soul is the soul that is alone."

I shall try to show the world that old age is spiritual opportunity and not physical calamity.

Forced to become a by-stander, I shall try to be a hopeful one.

I shall try to sweeten like the pear Dr. Holmes describes that mellow and becomes full flavored before it drops from the stem, and shall try not to sour and dry and rot.

I shall conceive my life's triumph to be to grow triumphantly, victoriously old.

In a word, I shall try to adjust myself to old age, as to all other facts of life.—Life.

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SOLDIERS' LETTERS

Following is a letter from Private Elmer H. Ketchum of the 6th Company, 20th regiment engineers, now serving in France, written to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Ketchum, of this city:

Started Aug. 8, 1918.
 Dear Mother and Father: You can imagine how pleased I was to get your letters of June 17 and July 1, after waiting patiently for nearly three weeks for some word from you.

I do not understand why they both reached me at the same time, there being about two weeks difference in their dates. I read the news clippings with much interest and want you to know I surely appreciated them and your thoughtfulness in sending them. Harold Simpson certainly writes a very interesting letter and has the ability to state facts clearly and in an interesting manner.

I see he is one of the lucky few who have been to Paris and vicinity. Well, we all can't expect to see that famous city, but it does seem too bad that we probably will come back to the states without enjoying such a sight. Just in time I caught myself writing here just how far we are from Paris.

I have been moved from our camp to a very pretty little town, from where our lumber is shipped. There are 15 of us and are billeted (quartered) in a French building used for the accommodation of U. S. troops, so I feel I am very comfortable in being able to sleep under a good old tile roof this winter instead of a few yards of canvas.

We have two front rooms on the second floor and although electric light, steam heat, etc., are lacking, we are very comfortable and satisfied in that respect.

I begin to feel a little more civilized after being in camp so long, with just an occasional visit to town and then just for a few hours.

This is quite a fair-sized place,

probably 5000 people. It has numerous shops, which do a good business now since the boys have come over, but the one business that does get a good part of the soldier's "jack" is the sale of wines and beer.

The towns are "louisy" with cafes and some are even found between villages, at cross roads, or on hill tops.

The French are surely a wine-drinking people and remind me of the Italians, who always have their "vino" with their meals. Well the "frogs" (as they are called by all of us) are the same way.

We all have had our fill of their wines now though and take nothing but the good old "la biere", unless, of course, those who really want to celebrate. They take wine or "bottled headaches," as we call it.

I am very surprised to hear you are intending to move to Sacramento. Hope you do though, for I know you will like it much better there, and you will also have better roads for that car you are going to buy before I get back, or did you change your mind?

If they keep the Boche on the ran for another month. Like they have for the last two weeks, it probably won't be long before we are all home again and that, of course, is our only desire.

Since moving to town we all say dinner instead of "mess," and as it is about time for dinner will lay this aside till tomorrow evening, and will then write more.

Just finished work for the day, had a good wash, so will add a few lines to this before supper. We are divided into three crews of five men each and have three shifts. The first crew goes on at 5 a. m. and quit work at 4:30 p. m. with three-quarters of an hour for breakfast and the same for the noon meal. One crew works from 7 a. m. to 6 p. m. and the other from 9:30 a. m. till 9 p. m. with the same hours for meals. Either of the three shifts are par bon (not good), but we alternate so are all treated alike. Loading lumber in these French cars is no easy proposition, the cars being so small. The average capacity of those we get is from 10 to 20 tons so, dad, you can compare them to the American cars and see the difference. Although there are larger and better equipped cars in France they are not near as numerous as the smaller cars.

Occasionally we get one from another country such as Belgium, Italy or German, in fact, we loaded a German-made car today. They are all very similar and can hardly be recognized except by the names and the writing on them.

Instead of the conductor collecting the tickets enroute to your destination, they are taken at the station at which you get off, and believe me, many a one of the "Amex" ride free. The fare is hardly worth the trouble it might cause, for you can ride for less than 1 cent per mile, and considering the difference in accommodations between these and American roads, that is just about what it is worth. The rate I speak of applies to third-class passengers only, the first and second-class being more, of course, but better coaches are provided. What little traveling I have done so far has not been first or second class.

I received a magazine this evening called "The Soldiers' News" and is published in Portland, Oregon. It contains principally the most important news items of the counties of

Oregon and is very interesting. The account of Mr. Cornelius' accident was among those from Jackson county.

Yes, Vernon Kennedy is still in my company, in fact, he is here in town on one of the crews.

Glad the folks in Danamuir seen the picture, not that they would be interested in seeing one of the family in one of old Uncle Sam's army uniforms.

The other questions you asked I have answered in some of the letters you have. Our gas masks were issued to us last week and expect to get our helmets in a few days. We probably will never have occasion to use them, but they are part of the regulation equipment and must be had for emergency.

Some of the engineers who have them already use the helmets for wash pans. Will call this the end of the second installment and go eat.

Have let two days go by without adding any thing to this, so will finish it before going to work this morning.

Four of us made a trip to the nearest big town from here, Sunday, and had quite a good time. Took in a French "movie" but, of course, could not read the writing, so did not enjoy it like we would an American picture. Cost us 80 centimes or about 15 cents. Instead of the chairs facing the screen, they are placed in a line the other way and tables are placed in front of them. Beer, chocolate and other drinks are served for a small amount. The French sure lack the business spirit and enterprise that the Americans have.

Tried to cash the check, which I was glad to get, but failed to do so, and was told although it was possible, that it would take some time and trouble, so will just keep it. Of course, I could use the money but do not really need it.

Will thank you again for it, and I know it was the spirit more than the value in which you gave it, that you thought of.

It is about time to labor again, so will have to stop. Sure worked hard yesterday.

Hope the train is on time that brings me back to California and you. Write often to your loving son,
 ELMER.

Notice new address, Pvt. Elmer H. Ketchum, Co. No. 6, 20th Regt. Engineers, A. D. F., via New York.

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GOOD PRICES FOR FARMER WHO CARES FOR HIDES

The present very urgent demand for leather as a war necessity and the increase in price which unscared hides bring on the market emphasizes the importance and even necessity of exercising the utmost care in removing skins from farm animals. By devoting a little extra time necessary in skinning animals carefully—possibly only three to five minutes in taking off the skin of a calf, or 15 minutes in the case of a beef hide—the value of the hide may be increased several times, say specialists of the department of agriculture.

The tanner pays more for packers' hides than of those obtained from farmers or country slaughterers. This is due in part to better facilities in the large packing houses for cutting and storage of hides, but principally to the fact that such hides have been taken off properly. Country hides removed by unskilled workmen are often cut and scored. When such hides come from a tannery, scores show very plainly, and in many cases one-half of the thickness of the leather is lost to such defects.

Imperfections can be avoided by the careful use of the skinning knife, by keeping the hides clean and free from blood and by proper storage and packing.

The use of the knife, the specialists say, may be avoided in taking off calfskins, except on the head, neck, legs and flanks, as the body skin may be drawn or flisted off. Where the knife is used, the skin should be drawn taut with one hand, while the knife is used with the other, special care being taken to hold the back of the blade close to the skin.

In lieu of the knife some butchers used a wooden stick shaped like a man's thumb and employ a knife only on the portions of the body mentioned.

It is objectionable to have blood on the hides, particularly in the summer time, as it is likely to cause the hide to slip from rotting or decomposition when the hides are packed and the placing of otherwise good hides in the No. 2 grade on the market.

Care should be taken to avoid placing any hides in the pack until they are free from animal heat. Allow them to lie folded for from 3 to 5 hours, or sufficiently long to allow the animal heat to get out of them. If this is not done patches of decomposition may result and such hides are often reduced in market value at least a cent or more a pound.

In building up a pack of hides the outer edges should be kept a little higher than the middle, so that the liquid or brine formed by the dissolving of the salt in the natural moisture of the hides may be absorbed by them.

If the pack is low on one side, or is built slanting like a shed roof, the brine will seep out, causing the hides to shrink in weight.

Use salt that has been screened and is free from large lumps and dirt. Dirty salt will stain the fresh side of hides. One pound of salt to each pound of the hide is the general rule. Hides should remain in pack from 15 to 30 days and stored in cool (60 to 65 degrees F.) cellars from which the outside air is excluded.

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