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OUR WAR THAT DID NOT HAPPEN.

There is a striking similarity between the feelings of the Russians toward Americans at the present time and the sentiments of Frenchmen 100 years ago.

For what France did for us in the war of the revolution our gratitude always was and always has been profound, but it was perfectly well understood that France's larger part in American affairs at that time was due very materially to a desire for revenge upon the British.

And right well did the plan work. Still, it was a good thing for America that France took a hand in the game. Frenchmen helped to win Yorktown.

But gratitude, however sincere and generous, can never keep down those mere sturdy promptings of the heart. Genet, their first minister, came over, tried to drag us into another war with Great Britain, and acted as if he owned the country.

Frenchmen have never quite excused this chapter in American history, and a few of them are inclined to call it American ingratitude, forgetting that any other course on the part of the people would have been the surrender of their manliness and independence.

Unfortunately, they do not understand that our president, and secretary of state, and congress, and all our other bodies have not influence enough, or law enough, or authority enough to control that indefinable but potent something called public sentiment, even if they so desired.

It has been interesting to watch the expression of this sentiment in America since the war began. At first it seemed to be largely the feeling that goes to the little fellow in the fight. Then Japan's success and Russia's unpreparedness had something to do with its increase and the outburst of the paragraphers, who undoubtedly wield an influence upon the surface though and conversation of the day.

DEFINITION OF A KISS.

Kiss is a noun, it is a name; proper noun because it's the proper thing to do when they are ready and the heart is willing; plural number because two perform it, common gender, because it is performed by one of each sex, possessive case, because it possesses a delicate infatuation for the human race and agrees with the parties performing the act.

TO YOUNG MEN.

The young man of today is asking the question: "What shall I do?" No one can answer this ques-

tion but yourself, and the sooner you answer it and act upon your decision the better it will be for you. Make up your mind to do something that will be honorable, and do it quickly and persistently.

The world admires and applauds a hustler, and there is no promise anywhere of success to either the lazy man or the coward. Courage is as necessary to success in the peaceful pursuits of life as on the battlefield, and in neither place can victory be achieved without it.

"Lives of great men all around us, We can make our lives sublime; And departing leave behind us Footprints on the sands of time.

"Footprints that perhaps another Sailing o'er life's troubled main; A forlorn and shipwrecked brother Seeing may take hold again.

"Let us then be up and doing, With a heart for any fate Still achieving, still pursuing, Learn to labor and to wait."

The world is full of successful men and women, who get there by courage, industry and honesty, and the shores of time are strewn with the wrecks of lives who lacked these winning qualities.

A small Japanese force has succeeded in crossing the Yalu river and effecting a lodgment on the Manchurian side of that stream. The Russian opposition to the crossing does not seem to have been either very fierce or prolonged. It is altogether probable that the Russians would be glad to see the Japanese cross the Yalu in considerable force.

Salmon packers are quoting prices for this season's catch of salmon, despite the warning of the sage that chickens should not be enumerated before they are hatched.

Without any sense of humor life would be a cold, cheerless waste. It would be like traveling over the rocky road of life in a buggy without springs to it.

Some women are fond of fine horses, and some are fond of their husbands. The fact is, women are fond of most anything they can drive.

It is said from good authority that cigarette smoking injures the mind, but the average cigarette smoker has not got a mind.

It is useless for you to pray to God to take the root of evil out of your enemies as long as you keep cultivating the old stock.

A man should not marry for money, but he should not let a girl become an old maid just because she is rich.

"As righteousness tendeth to life, so he that pursueth evil pursueth it to his own death."—Solomon.

Love is said to be blind, but marriage is an institution that sometimes opens the eyes of the blind.

An engagement is as good as a marriage, and in many instances it is much better.

He is surely most in need of another's patience who has none of his own.—Selected.

They always talk who never think, and who have the least to say.—Prior.

"The average man who smokes tobacco sacrifices 10 years of his life."

Congress has adjourned, but its political thunder will live on.

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