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actors coming up through the audience on their way to the stage. This little device makes the drama domestic and intimate. It has always been employed in the circus but the theatre has just begun to learn it.

The audience enjoyed the play all the more because they felt perfectly free from any apprehension of seeing a hideous smudge of advertisements shoot down at the end of the act.

Commander-in-chief, the Colonel; adjutant general, first son-in-law; chief of artillery, second son-in-law; commissary general, second son-in-law, provided he will serve; chief of intelligence department, third son; director of balloon ascensions, fourth son; paymaster general, vacant. Destination of expeditionary forces, Germany.

THE SHIP FAMINE. THE world is short of ships. The normal tonnage is 50,000,000 tons. About 11,000,000 tons of merchant vessels has been requisitioned for war purposes.

The 11,000,000 tons of requisitioned ships, because of the hard usage to which the vessels have been subjected, will mostly go into the scrap heap at the end of the war. In place of the 5,000,000 tons destroyed, less than 30 per cent has been replaced with new ships.

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tor's goods. But one dollar was originally paid for the dye. The ends to which this country is going in its rummage of the earth for dyes appeared when it was discovered that there was a quantity of German dyes in China.

A Detroit streetcar conductor always gave his pay envelope to his wife. Once he opened it and took out 25 cents. Now she is suing him for divorce. He was too good.

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paired by the Bacon theory. The case has now been decided. Judge Tutthill, who has been trying it, settles the vexed question of the authorship of the plays once for all just as we hoped he would.

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Should consumers quit putting sugar foot on it, producers would have to quit putting it on their feet.

Both sides agree that the war will end at Verdun, the only difference of opinion now being as to how it will end.

NEW YORK is continuing to soar. The price of gold is soaring. The price of silver is soaring. The price of copper is soaring.

THE children's parade has been restored to the east side. Now, all together, hip, hip, hurrah for the Rose Festival.

THE real pessimist is the man who insists it would be just our luck to get into the war after everybody else has quit fighting.

BUYERS of ready built houses get sills, joists, header, studding, top and bottom plates, and rafters all cut absolutely to fit.

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Lebanon's eighth annual Strawberry Fair has been dated for June 1 and 2. The city council of Enterprise has authorized the purchase of an automobile for the city.

Case of extreme rapacity, reported in Joseph Herald. "One day this week while working on the street, Legore saw two huge bald eagles swoop down and tear to pieces a pigeon."

"A group of gypsies," says the Medford Sun, "passed through Medford Saturday morning from California. They were carrying a lot of goods, and the main body of the gypsies would come into the city next week the same way."

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SOMETIMES—in my lighter moments—when the sky has seemed all blue—and even the street noises—had high hopes and rainbow dreams.

—without disturbing the peace, —or having somebody yell—"Too radical!"

—There would be a Candid Candidate. —a candidate for the legislature— for instance—who would come right out—and open up—hat he wanted the job.

—not to do something—for the dear people, —but to them. —And such a man might admit that he wanted to be elected—not an ideal but a practical man—Needed Reform.

—but to bring home the bacon—for himself, —or get some free advertising—for his law practice, —or something like that.

—But the time isn't ripe—I guess—for candor in politics, —It's too utopian. —And another of my vagrant notions—has been that some time—some there'd be a vaudeville program.

—With a song-and-dance team—composed of a man and woman—or a boy and girl—who could get through 15 minutes.

—without falling in love—and getting rusty—and singing silly songs. —And I don't wonder—that so many of these people—who compose vaudeville teams—don't speak to each other—

—off stage, —that when they are on—they swear at each other—softly—under their breaths—between the lines, —which are enough to make them swear.

—But times change, —And the reason I know—is a girl named Frances. —I saw yesterday—over at the Orpheum. —And the girl's name is Aileen Bronson. —And I don't remember the boy's name. —but he's lucky to be her team-mate.

—And I hope they won't quarrel—about what I've said, —because he's funny, too. —But Aileen is so funny—that Nick Piering heard her—and went to see her—yesterday.

—And with Nick—everybody knows—being pleased by a dissipation, —and smiling is a luxury. —But Nick got to laughing—at Aileen. —and lost control of himself, —and became hysterical, —and stopped the show, —and nobody knew what to do. —And Carl Reiter—and Curtis Merriam—and Frank McGettigan—and I—overpowered him.

—and took him out in the hall—and threw him down—and sat on him—and threw water on him—and fanned him—and rubbed his wrists, —until he got all right. —And of course—this isn't what I wanted to say, —nor what I would have said—if it hadn't been for Nick, —But anyway—now that Aileen—and I—have been pleased by a dissipation, —and smiling is a luxury, —and anything seems possible, —and the world does move—and LISTEN—Next thing I know—there'll be a cartoon of industry—who doesn't care for a profit—when his profits are tarred.

—or some other miracle like that.

THE MESSAGE THAT UNIFIED

Washington, April 27.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)—The jingo, the pacifist and the moderate seem to have merged more completely into common Americans at this time than at any period since relations between the United States and Germany became strained.

The message was delivered under most impressive surroundings. Only a few of the leaders knew in advance what the president came to say. There was tremendous pressure in every part of the galleries.

At the close members of senate and house began to rise, to applaud and cheer, first on the Democratic side, then on the Republican. Probably two thirds of the American people who are of the house joined in the demonstration.

James R. Mann, Republican leader of the house, is one. He offers the opinion that the president's message "shows he expects, if he can, to force war with Germany."

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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

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Discussion is the greatest of all reformers. It is the only one that is not a mere slogan. It is the only one that is not a mere slogan. It is the only one that is not a mere slogan.

Judge Tutthill's Decision. —Portland, Or., April 25.—To the Editor of The Journal—Taking the view that Judge Richard S. Tutthill, of the circuit court of Chicago ought to be commended for his decision in the Shakespeare case, I am writing you.

MACHINES DO THE WORK. Asked as to the territory covered by the sales of the company, and why it could sell the material for a building ready prepared for erection, at an advantage to the buyer, Secretary Brockway answered:

GOOD OLD SMOOT. GOOD old Smoot. He is all ways on the job. If the old guard must have some candidate to push the Colonel out, why not take Smoot? Nobody else has ever served them so well in the senate.

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NOTHING THE MATTER WITH PORTLAND

(Those who have long been used to own their own homes may long be additionally advised to build them also, since all the price of the lumber and rails. The simplification of domestic erection, as set forth in No. 120 of The Journal's "Nothing the Matter with Portland" article, is indeed a novelty and, as presented, an uncommonly tractable one.)

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PLUCKED

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CHILDREN'S RIGHTS IN PROPERTY.

Illah, Or., April 16.—To the Editor of The Journal—Do children hold equal shares in their deceased father's property when their mother is living?

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THE DUTY OF DEMOCRACY.

Vancouver, Wash., April 25.—To the Editor of The Journal—President Wilson has met of more patriotic more ordinary citizens devoted upon our ordinary president since Washington and Lincoln.

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STORIES OF STREETS AND TOWN.

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HE EATS STANDING UP.

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