saks nothing for herself but what right to ask for humanity itself.
--WOODROW WILSON.

For forms of government let fools contest; Whate'er is best administered is best. —Pope.

CHARLES C. PINCKNEY.

1917

S THE world swings off into

attained, but progress is on the the plea.

comparatively few. These are ac- to self support. complishments for the material The Confidential Exchange in its

endeavor. Social movements for forwarding human welfare were never so women are devoting their lives.

Education is tremendously sup- stove. ported and promoted. A great grand army is engaged in a country wide campaign for the elimination of poverty, A far more HE United States spends about amicable relation between capital and labor is being established. The employer is more and more realizing that an employe with a full

Support of the weak and uplift ourselves with a purpose to be toward certain ruin. more just and more reasonable in

han, we ever have before. We are a nation at peace, and it world. There is not a people in war-wrecked Europe that do not wish their nation were as America There is not a people on that ason continent that do not wish ey could exchange their trenched ields ofor America's furrowed

The mothers of Europe are ping for absent sons. The others of America have nothing weep for but the sympathy for mothers whom war has

abbed of their treasures. Out on the waters of the Atatic and Pacific, the Gulf and Lakes, the light of America ms. It is in that radiance and ald a delightful tranquility that people, with hopes pitched , swing off into 1917 to meet

a few years ago before "mawkish Other, towns have enjoyed the generators. sentimentality" in the handling of same experience. the state's unfortunates grew to such proportions.

LOCAL PROGRESS

ceived a share of Christmas cheer viduals performed the duplication able plan. premeditatedly to meet exceptional

ence prevented neglect and at the ful means. same time restrained over-supply?

It was the Confidential Exchange posed to assist. All who were to distribute Christmas baskets met in committee sessions, bringing their lists of names, and continu- HE public schools of New ing their work night after night until the duplications were eliminated and some one was made to Christmas to give time for friendly because the city health department calls in advance and thus the re- discovered that nine out of every quirements were verified and the ten children in New York had de-

respect to Christmas giving the the source of countless miseries. service would have been worth zed. Employment was never so (some 28 of them) that are mem- swallow. abundant. Profits were never so bers of the cachange make these

The financial organization of the the exchange did not lessen the does its miserable work. ernment has been organized more terial relief but of guidance, couninstead of for the benefit of a ation of the family or individual

well being of America that history beginnings is demonstrating the will reflect as the beginning of a value of concerted and coordinated new era in every line of American plan in charity for which The Journal has long been arguing.

strong or so numerous. The who thrive on steam heated offices food properly. When they had thoughts of powerful men were and homes, are doubtless looking been treated by competent dentists never so much on the derelicts and forward with great anticipation to they were sent back to the front some recompense for the things that straylings of life. The causes and their forty nights tucked away in and then stood the strain as well sources of disease are the sole end the "spare room" up at Salem, as anybody. for which many noble men and with the snow on the ground and the closest fire in the kitchen

OUR SCHOOLS

five hundred million dollars a year on its public schools, which looks like a big sum. But it is only two-thirds of our stomach, and a wage ample to sup- expenditure on automobiles and a port a comfortable and happy great deal less than we spend on home is his best investment. military preparations which are military preparations which are sure to be out of date in a few of the fallen are the object of years. Nothing changes more rapmore organizations than ever be- idly than fashions in war-making.

fore. The true conception of pre- It is commonly understood that paring children through birth and education lies at the foundation comfortable environments and in of democratic government. Teach conserving their physical, mental the people a fair amount of useful and moral fibre for a strong citi- knowledge and train them up in senship, is sweeping through the good habits and the country will untry and is the guiding purpose be safe in their hands. Leave ventor, but he has expressed his many powerful people. We are them ignorant, allow their habits opinion of the new machine. He and all that went with it, but I imall searching ourselves and testing to grow perversely and we drive has seen the new tractor at work

our contact with our fellow beings facts. Nobody thinks of denying commenting on what he saw, that them. And yet we are somewhat the new tractor "is one of the stingy in supporting the schools most important scientific discovan honorable peace. America and, to be honest with ourselves, eries now claiming the attention a beacon to the rest of the we are not interested in them. The of the world." The other is the public schools are a good deal "new process of manufacturing nimore efficient than some people trogenous fertilizers directly from imagine. Still, compared with a the air." well conducted business they are not really efficient. Like our combustion engine, a "gas engine." courts they waste, perhaps, as The manufacture of nitrogenous much money as they spend use- fertilizers is operated with elec-

> whether you should enter the new therefore, for the future of agriyear with agreeable thoughts, look culture depends upon low priced first on bleeding Europe and then upon your own tranquil country.

STOOL PIGEONS

HE mayor of Aberdeen has discovered something in conwe because he would not un- Aberdeen for ferreting out illicit electricity entirely. The steam en-

considered a good "disciplinarian" light sellers for protecting them. power agency for electro-magnetic and form a loan bank, or, rather, or-

T WAS said that in Portland In Aberdeen he was for sale to of waterpower. this year no family lacked a as many customers as he could Christmas basket that needed find. And he was not at all disthe water powers against monopo-

out of proportion to its require upon those who wish to see the doubtedly the incentive behind the ments. If one family received two prohibition law enforced to come propaganda for placing the water baskets the organizations or indi- to his aid. It is not an unreason- powers under private ownership.

What stood back of this year's order to induce another person to velopment and future welfare. orderly giving when in other years break the law as a means of enthere has been made confusion forcing law is the basis of the stool with impostors taking advantage of pigeon method. The process is when the young speed maniac the season's generous impulses questioned by many who hold that would like to lock up his racing over and over again? What influ- a good end does not excuse doubt- car and find some fancy looking

Even if New Year's eve did come sleighbells. established by Portland charitable on Sunday and the state was dry, organizations, a simple plan for there was one thing to remind us the interchange of information of the days of old. The moon concerning those whom it is pro- was three-fourths full that night.

TEETH AND DISEASE

York city give their 700,000 pupils a daily drill in the use of the toothbrush. The feel directly responsible for each teeth of all pupils between the family reported. The effort was ages of six and eight years are commenced long enough before diligently inspected. This is done assistance made to fit the need. | fective teeth, and physicians are Had the work been done only in learning that defective teeth are

while. But the Confidential Ex- generated in a tooth cavity should by high, due largely to abnormal cona new year, the American change is not a seasonal institu- cause rheumatism in the knee joint people are in the midst of tion or a temporary clearing house or the fingers. But it is also of information. Its office in the strange that a pill of arsenic the They were never in position to court house is open every day. Any size of a pinhead should cause look about with a greater optim- person or organization having a death. The effect of a poison can ism. No enemy hovers about our call for help may learn if any not be estimated by its quantity shores. No pestilence is within other person or organization knows but by its virulence, and it is comour borders. No famine stalks in of the applicant or is fully meeting ing to light that the poison from the need, by telephoning the ex-decaying teeth is just about the Privation was never so minim- change. All the organizations most virulent dose a person can

Of course he must swallow it

Federal institutions to more cordial. Neither has the use children are not exceptionally bad. called a joy forever, in either appearhelp business have been estab- of the exchange chilled the spirit The same proportion of diseased lished. Credits, under the federal of giving for winter relief, for with mouths holds in other cities. Only reserve system and farm loan sys- the announcement that no needy about one-fifth of the people of ing shoes, even to tanning the hides: tem, have been placed within reach family missed its basket comes the the United States take proper care but he could win no prizes as a shoe of the great agricultural popula- word that no one in straits need of their teeth. The other \$0.000 of the great agricultural popula- word that no one in straits need of their teeth. The other 80,000,- manufacturer now, either as to appearance, workmanship or quality. The tion. Organization has been per- appeal in vain for aid, while more 000 get along the best they can shoes father made were hard lookers. fected for restoring an American and more the answer to the calls with fetid gums, ulcerated prongs, and as the element of comfort received merchant marine. The central gov- takes the form not only of ma- aching nerves and germ swarming mitting, we went barefoot. in the interest of the whole mass sel and effort, aimed at the restor- tuberculosis and heart disease are ing with an ox team does not permit generated by the poison from de- a large acreage, and then it is some caying teeth as it flows into the job to reap with a reap hook or a

system. British soldiers were sent back needs were supplied. home because they could not stand the strain of life in the trenches. And this inability arose from bad plentiful at home, the bounding Multnomah county's legislators, teeth. They could not chew their

> The toothbrush seems likely to performing. It is not a very costly implement but it saves an imif it is persistently used.

rejoices with all in the favorable America enter 1917. Seldom has of punishment, the nation passed a new milestone with higher hopes or more pleasant anticipations.

FUTURE ELECTRICITY

scientific publications. Thomas A. Edison is not the inon a farm near Detroit, "some of doctor from town that he would be Everybody understands these them using kerosene." He says, very thankful for the telephone and

The tractor is run by an internal tricity. The process is expensive streets? Second street labor magnates if current is dear. It is cheap If you have doubts about when current is cheap. Much, electric current. Mr. Edison thinks that the tractor will "revolution- sary expense? I hope to hear from ize farming." These were his some reader. words to an interviewer for the New York Times.

Certainly a revolution in farming is on the way. The tractor nection with his force of will help it along. So will the ni-"stool pigeons" which dis- trogenous fertilizers if we can ever structions from the bank, which, from responsibilities and claim its pleases him somewhat, but it get them at moderate prices. So your paper of yesterday, will be located at Spokane. should not surprise him. He has will cheap lime. And in all these

The great inventor foresees a The mayor of Aberdeen, enlight- time to come very quickly when ened by his adventures, says he is electric current will be a great going to dispense with the stool deal more used than it is now. pigeons. The stool pigeon is not This bit of progress must naturally an altogether lovable type of man. be effected through the application

Here is reason for safeguarding it. Yet no needy family re- turbed if their interests conflicted. lization. Foreknowledge of the The mayor of Aberdeen calls greater use of electricity is un-It is a movement to be resisted For a so-called representative and defeated. Grabs of water of the law to break the law in power are an assault on future de-

This is the kind of weather horse warranted to be drivable with one hand and not afraid of

Letters From the People

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"Discussion is the greatest of all reformers, it rationalizes everything it touches. It robs principles of all false sanctity and throws them back on their reasonableness. If they have no reasonableness, it ruthlessly crushes them out of existences, it ruthlessly crushes them out their stead."- Woodrow Wilson.

Other Side of the Good Old Days Springfield, Or., Dec. 26 .- To the Editor of The Journal-In The Sunday Journal I read Mr. Clark's letter lamenting the conditions of today, an he seems so much in error that I feel compelled to reply. That conditions are as bad as he thinks and constantly growing worse, I do not believe. That the present cost of living is abnormal ditions fust now, no one will dispute and that the cost of living, measured in dollars and cents, will increase and has increased as man's productivity has increased, is a fact, and the reasons therefor so apparent that it is a matter of some surprise that he should seem not to be aware of them. I have lived long enough to have

enjoyed some of the good Ald days he mentioned, when mother's work was never done, and father, by the dim and uncertain light of the tallow dip, made or mended the shoes of his numerous progeny. In those good old days, great. Wages were never so large. calls a daily practice and the re- as it cozes out of the loathsome have seen many a country boy whose The country was never so well sultant is an instant dismissal of cavity where it is produced. Or high water pants would fit just as organized for social and economic duplication and a more adequate if it does not go down the throat well with the front to the rear as with nstice. Perfection has not been serving of the need that inspires it is taken up by the capillaries sumed to be, and besides, the making surrounding the tooth. In either meant a lot of hard work for mother At Christmas time the use of case it seeps into the system and unless she bought the blue jeans with which to make them, and then, with country has been tremendously im- Christmas spirit. It was never The teeth of New York's school Sister's linsey dress could not be ance or workmanship, though mother's loving hands worked long and hard in making it. Father did his best mak-

cradle, bind by hand and thresh with a flail; so there were no wheat kings Early in the war thousands of and very little to sell after the family

Yes. I. too, did some "bounding off to school" in those gladsome days; but, on account of work being quite amounted to an average of only three months in the year; but as the schools were generally of the "lickin' and l'arn'in' " kind, the remembrance is were missed

I was also quite a chunk of a lad before I saw a cigarette, but I had seen many a twist of homespun that assume a more important part in would put the vilest cigarette on our national life than it has been earth out of commission before the end of the first round.

Of course, there were no reform schools; but they were needed, I think, mense amount of pain and disease as much as now. There were no rescue homes, but we have certainly had the material for them ever since the world began. Awakening consciences The Journal wishes a happy and have given us all these newer instituprosperous New Year to all. It tions looking to the weifare and betterment of the unfortunate, as it has introduced prison and other reforms prospect with which the people of and is banishing the old barbaric idea

I cannot believe that the moral status is lowering because there are lapses from the path of rectitude, nor that the human race is fast going down o perdition. On the contrary, I think there is far more charity and fellow feeling in the world than there ever was, and that how to relieve and eliminate poverty and its attendant evils tor is widely discussed in is receiving more thought and consideration than ever in the world's his-

Mr. Clark may long to return those dear old days of the ox team agine if he should suddenly be doubled up with the cramps and had to call a the automobile that would get the physician there in a hurry, and not have to depend on the family nag and the messenger of those dear old doys for which he longs. However, "the Moving Finger writes, and having writ, moves on." JOHN O'BRIAN.

The Employment Agency. Portland, Dec. 29 .- To the Editor of The Journal-I would be pleased to inquire why it is that working men have to buy a job from local employ ment offices, when we have one of our own, at Fourteenth and Johnson the government should do nothing to interfere with private capital. No doubt in their minds they believe the government should do nothing to interfere with the collection of working men's capital. Should there not be a relief from an unneces-A. STRANGER.

Organizing for Farm Loans. Baker, Or., Dec. 29 .- To the Editor of The Journal-The federal farm loan board advised the armers to organiz associations. Recently we organized and are now waiting for further in-

ganize as directed.
The loan bank, or, rather, the naganization at Baker including this county. This seems to have been the first organized in Oregon, and because of this fact these people are writing to know what they shall do next. By writing to "The Farm Loan Board, Treasury Department, Washington, D. they will secure information they need looking to the organization of a federal farm loan association. instructions will be complete as fac as they have gone. Let some man or set of men take it up and organize in any particular county as directed. Elect officers as directed and such other details as needed. I have nothing to do with other

organizations, but am willing to help in adjoining counties if desired.

J. W. RIGGINS Opposes Conscription.

Portland, Dec. 29 .- To the Editor of The Journal-Have been a Republican all my life, but in November I voted for Wilson because I believe he is on the right side of the military question. Hughes unquestionably is scription, which means that the patriot as well as those who are not so kindly disposed toward society as it is conctituted today, will find themselves within the nation's military machine. Let us raise the pay of the enlisted men to \$30 per month and locate your recruiting stations where the right

According to late news reports, Wilson is undergoing a change of heart and is said to be considering conscription. I sincerely hope that every pat riotic American will raise his voice in protest and that all progressive news-

nfluence against conscription, which eads to certain national and social disaster. MALCOLM PETERSON. A Greeting to The Journal. "Happy New Year's" we are sending The Oregon Journal, and friends; Friendship and love, sweetly blending,

Give a charm that never ends For years a loyal defender Of the common people's cause; A full measure of thanks we render

The Journal, with glad applause, Fair seemed our west in its wildness. When seen by the first pioneers; Climate renowned for its mildness; A clime grown fairer these years

and the best the sun shines upon So changed from wild plain and dell; We hail our peerless Oregon, And wait for the last farewell, Albany, Or., January 1, 1917.

Longevity's General Rules. From the Boston Globe, It is astonishing how many old peole there are in almost every community in New England, Every day here is recorded in the press the passing of some one who has reached should learn the Greek language, in the nineties and quite frequently there order that the learning the Greeks had is mention of a centenarian. These people, generally speaking, die in the by translating the Greek books of rural districts, but the cities are not science and philosophy into the moth

without a group of them. These events indicate that there is cise Drones seldom live long

It is noteworthy in all the interviews which visitors have with the translate those works, such, for to leading the simple life. They eat works contained. sparingly of the most nourishing food in the use of all liquids, obtain plenty the useful books being already trans-of sleep, indulge daily in very light lated, the languages are become useexercise and do not worry. Whoever follows these simple rules can count ing and learning them is wasted. So is lost in the linguist. on living about as long as he or she

The President May Travel Abroad. Ex-President Taft in Youth's Companion. An impression has gone abroad that the president may not leave the coun-There is no law that prevents sion in the constitution that he would violate in leaving the national juris. There is a constitutional direction that the vice president shall act for the president in case he is anyone who held the key to the code. disabled. If he went abroad in such way as to prevent his directing affairs, he might well be held to have disabled himself, and the vice prest dent might act for him in his absence. In these days of the telegraph. ever, it would be hard for him to take trip during which he could not keep n constant communication with those at home who would earry out his directions.

President Roosevelt, on the deck of government vessel, went to Panama the canal, then in construction, and lived on the zone, is within the dominion of the United States, as indeed the deck of the vessel was. But he dined with the president of Panama in the city of Panama, which is outside our national jurisdiction. I did the same thing, just across the Rio Grande from El Paso; but no one has suggested that in those cases we disabled ourselves from per forming executive duties.

The Horse Again in Evidence.

From the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle. That the American horse, notwithstanding the sharp competition of the gasoline and electric automobile, has by no means gone into the discard is abundantly shown by the increased enthusiasm manifested at the various horse shows, which are now more pop ular than ever before. More than that: Displays of truck and draft horses now vie on equal terms with exhibits of coach horses, hunters and high jumpers, foreshadowing their greater utilization in the industries. Incidentally, it is noticed in all large cities that the private family coach, drawn by high-stepping and also high-priced horses, is seen more frequently than in recent years, in which the automobile has become so popular. Of course this does not mean that automobile are going out of fashion, but it does indicate, quite plainly, that mankind has not lost affection for the horse The plain truth is that there is, and doubtless always will be, room for both the automobile and the horse The gasoline truck has to a marked degree lightened the burden of the draft horse, and perhaps to a less extent made the condition of the farm horse more endurable. It is also noticeable that prices for horseflesh are higher today than they have been before in many years.

Stamps Used by Spies. From the Youth's Companion.

Published reports that Great Britain has forbidden the importation of postage stamps from the United States are incorrect. The Companion is in formed that England has, however, placed a ban on the unrestricted ex-

should not surprise him. He has found that they harry the blind pig people into paying bribes for protection. Thus the happy stool patient's neck and choked him an because he would not unbecause he would no From the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. Why not go to farming? The British government gave no of- there is someth

PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE

There will be a total eclipse of the noon early in this month. Have you While you are turning over a new leaf, you will do well to yank out some of the old ones and throw them away

entirely. Some are inquiring what the pro-posed new 2½-cent piece would pos-sibly buy. Needn't worry. It would buy a lot of things that now sell for

Caraway seed is quoted at an advance—due to the war, of course—of 1200 per cent. Each one must answer for himself the question, Who should worry?

Speaking of the 2½-cent piece: If it is put across it will enable John D. Rockefeller to raise his previous limit when he gives young persons counsel along lines of thrift.

While on the subject of coming events, it will be only four years and a little less until the tercentenary of the night when the breaking wave dashed high. Some break that. Equally notable with the patience with which the poor bear their poverty is the grimness with which military ex-heroes endure their canning. There's Joffre, for instance. What an example to defeated puglists!

to defeated pugilists! The disrespectful Boston Globe reclass of people are to be found, and we shall not lack in quantity or quality, as the government can then select its defenders.

According to late news reports, Wil-

A graphic way of putting it is contrived by the Philadelphia Ledger, which reports that on December 21 the Philadelphia postoffice did 25 days business and the next day 50 days business. In other words, do your Christmas mailing early.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

With milk at \$2.05 per hundred Washington county dairymen, the Hillsboro Argus says, do not think so grievously of the high price of hay and feed.

The Cowboys' Reunion association of East Las Vegas, N. M., has written to the Pendleton Commercial association asking for information as to how the Round-Up raises the money which the Round-Up raises the money wi it gives as cash prizes each year.

After 19 years of public service with and in the office of county assessor, in Lane county, B. F. Keeney, assessor for the past 12 years, will retire to private life on January 1, D. P. Bur-ton, of Cottage Grove, taking over the office at that time.

office at that time.
Editor Killen of the Hillsboro Independent closes a review of the year with the following summarizing sentence: "Therefore Washington county can look back on the year with satisfaction and with confidence that the coming 12 months will at least equal

"Dr. R. L. Wood informs us." says the Amity Standard, "that in the 17 years he has been in this part of Oregon this is the first white Christmas he has seen. We have an idea a number of people will think he is mistaken in this, but they will probably find by examining records that the snow has either come shortly before or after Christmas." "Lest you forget what a fine coun-

try we live in," remarks the editor of the Corvallis Gazette Times, "let us remind you that there was a tornado in Arkansas yesterday, a blizzard in all the northern and middle west states, storms of wind and snow and states, storms or wind and snow and sleet freezing both plant and animal life, stopping trains and paralyzing business. In Corvallis the missus was out yesterday planting bulbs.

THE STUDY OF DEAD LANGUAGES

far as the study of languages may The Greeks were a learned people, but learning with them did not con-sist in speaking Greek, any more than in a Roman's speaking Latin, Frenchman's speaking French or an Englishman's speaking English. be found; and certain it is that, in From what we know of the Greeks, t does not appear that they knew a living language in one year than or studied any language but their of a dead language in seven, and it is by a ventriloquist at Wilhem's hall own, and this was one cause of their but seldom that the teacher knows and a party at the gymnasium. Some ecoming so learned; it afforded them much of it himself. more time to apply themselves to better studies. The schools of the Greeks were schools of science and philosophy, and not of languages; and t is in the knowledge of the things hat science and philosophy teach that learning consists.

Almost all the scientific learning hat now exists came to us from the ists does not understand Greek so Greeks, or the peoples who spoke Greek language. It, therefore. came necessary for the peoples of other nations, who spoke a different language, that some among them might be made known in those nations, er tongue of each nation.

The study, therefore, of the Gree no necessity for any one who takes language (and in the same manner proper care of himself to fail to reach for the Latin) was no other than the old age. Longevity is merely a matter drudgery business of a linguist; and of caring for one's self and keeping in the language thus obtained was no a cheerful frame of mind. An im- other than the means, as it were the portant factor also in long life is to tools, employed to obtain the learning indulge in some occupation if only for the Greeks had. It made no part of a few hours daily in order that the the learning itself, and was so dis mind and body shall have normal exer- tinct from it as to make it exceed ingly probable that the persons who had studied Greek sufficiently very aged that the latter invariably stance, as Euclid's Elements, did not explain they attribute their longevity understand any of the learning the

that agrees with them, are temperate learned from the dead languages, all care that resembles affection

firmative of it as singular.

lish speech as to use them.

don't" and "he don't" are just as dis-

do" and "he do" would be; and it is

elementary grammatical knowledge

could be so deaf to the values of Eng-

Still the mistake is annoyingly com-

mon. Recently we even heard an actor,

finement, say "she don't love me."

Ugh! And, if actors cannot at least

ally, what are they good for? Remem

say "she does not" or "doesn't."

ber, it is just as easy to be right and

The Thunderer's View.

Our many mistakes have afforded

the German agents openings which

they have eagerly seized. We have

needlessly irritated American opinion

by our clumsy way of exercising un-

treatment of the mails, for example, our issue of the blacklist from New

York, and the stupidities of our censor-

ship, while we have neglected to in-

form and to cultivate it by meeting the

German propaganda of our own, Nev

ertheless, America has been patient;

she has remembered that we are fight

ing for our life, and she remember

how she acted when she was so fight-

ing, and how we acted toward her. It

is foolish to ascribe her great prosper

ity to munition making, and unworth-

to assign her attitude to mere self-

The Best Job in the World.

seeking.

doubted belligerent rights, as in our

From the London Times.

astonishing that any one of the mos

contribute to the progress and com-munication of knowledge (for it has nothing to do with the creation of knowledge), it is only in the living anguage that new knowledge is to general, a youth will learn more of languages does not arise from any they stayed at home.

superior abstruseness in the languages themselves, but in their being dead, and the pronunciation entirely lost. It would be the same thing with any other language when it becomes dead. The best Greek linguist that now exwell as a Grecian ploughman did, a Grecian milkmaid; and the same for the Latin, compared with a ploughman or milkmaid of the Romans it would, therefore, be advantageous to the state of learning to abolish the study of the dead languages, and to make learning consist, as it orig- From yonder steeple myriad bells inally did, in scientific knowledge.

The apology that is sometimes made for continuing to teach the dead languages is that they are taught at a time when a child is not capable of exerting any other mental faculty Beaverton, Or., January 1, 1917. than that of memory; but that is altogether erroneous, The human mind has a natural disposition to scientific knowledge and to the things connected with it. The first and favorita little ocean of a bowl of water with Christmas here? As there is now nothing new to be itself in the fate of its works with a days.

ficial reason for its action in Torbid- gives the young man sterling traits of ding the general exportation of stamps, character and brawn to rise head and through the awakening heavens, so but it is understood that the activi- shoulders above the motley crowd. ties of spies prompted the new order. By using the approval sheets sent out this year than ever. Cash wheat is your duty. Let discouragement be to neutral countries the spies were able | selling at Fort Worth mills at \$1.60 to convey valuable information to per bushel, which is higher than the thoughts to be cast away before the their friends. Their communications level of the option market in Kansas joyous time of Christmas. were cleverly disguised. Sheets of City and St. Louis. Cotton is bringstamps with the labels arranged in a ing over 15 cents per pound everycertain manner indicated a certain where, and there are more traders who note of "colors" don't let your courage message that could be translated by believe it will go to 18 cents before the season is over than there are who For that reason only recognized believe it will go lower. postage stamp dealers who receive li-There are no strings tied to the syscenses from the war office are per- tem of marketing either. With our mitted to send out stamps. So Brit- government more friendly than ever ish boys and girls are not now receivtoward the producer, the incentive to ing consignments of sheets on appro- so tack to the farm, or to stay on the val from American dealers, for the farm is stronger than ever before.

reason that the dealers do not dare to Then there is something of independsend their sheets to England, because ence about the life of the farmer which they cannot get them back until after builds individuality and executive abilthe close of the war. British dealers ity, and which has trained men for have warned their American agents some of the highest offices in the nahere not to submit sheets to private tion. A farm is a good place to rear collectors in England except through children. With the improvements now the licensed British stamp houses. being worked out to the advantage of the Texas rural school system, the ed-Don't Use "Don't" Improperly. ucational facilities for children in the country will be more adequate. From the Ohio State Journal. from the dirt, corruption and dissipa-There is nothing incorrect about the tion of the congested city quarters is elision of "do" and "not" which makes "don't," if it is used correctly. But the men who must rule in finance, pothere is scarcely another word in the litical life and professional activities

English language which is so often tomorrow should be reared. used incorrectly. It is a strange Of course, there are boll weevils and thing, but we often hear otherwise green bugs, and drouths and floods and educated people using this elided form mortgages and such, but, all things of the negative in the singular, people considered farming strikes us as about who would not think of using the afthe best job in the world-except editing a newspaper. agreeable to the cultivated ear as "she

Canada's Water Power. From the Toronto Globe.

The demand for more hydro power crete form the problem of waterpower development in Canada. Among the important questions that will engage The mysteries of nature dare thy playing the part of a gentleman of re- the attention of governments after the war the utilization of Canada's water Mute millions speak at last and would resources is one of the most urgent speak our mother tongue gramamtic- and practical. A comparison shows that the devel-

opment per capita of hydro-electric Awake! Awake! And build the world power is 487 horsepower per thousand of population. fuel power the hydro-electric is very cheap. In Canada this is important where fuel has to be imported. The To higher ideals and a loftier plan. industrial growth of the dominion will depend largely on the cheapness of The dependence of this country on

will some day prove of serious concern to Canadians unless steps are The raging nations war-drunk, dizzy taken to utilize available water power for heating as well as lighting and driving power. It no longer baffles engineering skill to heat widely scattered buildings from a central plant, As Professor J. C. McLennan recently As Professor J. C. McLennan recently pointed out, this is now done at the University of Toronto.

The heating of a city or town from central plants is as feasible an en.

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central plants is as feasible an en-gineering proposition as the lighting Were the United States at war and all exports stopped, or railway communication interrupted. the consequences for Canada would be serious. One of the "key" industries of Canada is cheap and uninter

Rag Tag and Bobtail

Stories From Everywhere

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ers every night, with his bony little knees digging into the hard, cold bedroom floor. Sam was not normally of a religious turn of mind and there was a long and arduous path of stern discipline behind the small boy by the time he finally took it as a matter of course and on his mother's nightly dmonition knelt down and seriously addressed the Lord. At the age of eight years he had acquired the habit of kneeling nightly and also the habit of using certain vigorous words when at his play. His small sister, who was constant sufferer through his endless teasing, came upon him one night when he was praying. She slipped up and tickled the upturned soles of his feet. The devout little boy wriggled a bit, but prayed on. Encouraged, since she had not been annihilated on the spot, she tickled again, and again the martyr wriggled. But on the third offense the charm broke, and Sam whirled on his tormentor.

A Fish Story. There was a fish dinner, says the New York Times, and Henrietta, aged five, was doing considerable grumbling about a couple of bones that, despite her mother's caution, were in her portion, Edith, aged six, listened to Henricita for some time without comment. Then, suddenly, she burst out, patience having apparently reached its limit, "For goodness sake, Henrietta, don't fuss so! God put 'em there!"

"Damn it," he shouted, "don't you

see I am praying?"

The Giddy Round at Monroe. Monroe seemed to be a very busy town last Saturday evening, observes a rural correspondent of the Monroe the Porter building, an entertainment by a ventriloquist at Wilhem's hall of the people here were so uncertain The difficulty of learning the dead as to where they wanted to go that

> New Year. The tossing cypress tops are loud And in a crystal woven shroud With broidering of ash gray cloud (O hat tears that blind!) The ancient year lies twined!

Ho. yonder like a floating bird Over the gleaming snow A happy cherub shape, engird With seraph singers—hark the word: (O hopes that radiant glow!)
"Life to joy and death to woe!"

Shout to the listening skies. To vain, dead years they toll farewells, To new-born weal their paean swells (Lo, where the old year lies!) And to the future's mysteries

Boys of Battery A, Attention! You drivers! You cannoneers! You

why that solitude? Hasn't the sun amusement of a child, even before it shone bright every day for six long begins to play, is that of imitating months. Are you not living in the the works of man. It builds houses land of El Dorado, the land of Peace, with cards or sticks; it navigates the and, besides, is not the giad time of You "webfooters" a paper boat, or dams the stream of from a distant clime, cast off that sia gutter, and contrives something lent longing, always lingering in your which it calls a mill; and it interests far off thoughts of home and other

less, and the time expended in teach- of dead language, and the philosopher the coming morn with a spirit of "I am doing my best." As the night is fast drifting away before the rising sun and the tongues of light shoot let your memories brighten with the Farming offers larger opportunities knowledge that you are only doing the anchor of all disheartening At the lowering of the beloved "Stars and Stripes" and at the last flitterings ebb. Thank God, as a symbel of liberty, that your billet is of the best;

that sacrifice, as yet, is unknown, and that you are among the world's favored few, who, at peace with everyone, can look up with outstretched arms and shout, "Peace on earth and good will towards men." -From Only a "Skinner," Oregon

Battery. Peace.

wake! Nor longer suffer in thy dream An age-long nightmare rides upon thy A new day in the east spreads forth its That day shall bring to weary nations

Awake! Awake! Thy dream is red

War, with its anguish, whelms thee like

The sweat of agony bedews thy brow

the proper place for a nursery where Deep strikes the share of war's ensanguined plow. Awake! Why all this cruel agony-These feet of fire hard pressing every vein-

This torture of thy soul's sweet sanc-This inner, growing, world-embittered Awake! Awake! 'Tis but a dream. Tis past.
A million angels shout a glad new day, The reign of blood and lust is o'er at

at Niagara raises once again in con- The battle clouds forever pass away. Awake! Awake! A new age calls for be free Toward Peace sublime our faces must be pressed.

In comparison with On brotherhood, on love to God and Start right. Forget the past. Be ever

Leave out the blood, the bitterness, the The roar of cannon and the clash of the coal mines of the United States The widow's tears, the orphan's lonely reel.

> And give us Peace to bless us, man and child.
> In holy homes, in land and on the seaour hearts, Peace holy, unde-Peace in

> Uncle Jeff Snow Says; Thad Mitshift, who is some of a

slouch, 'lows he can't never keep no good resolutions more'n a week past New Year's day, in which he is New Year's day, in which he is some considerable like better men. Ma told im he could make ever day a New Why not go to farming?

The young men who are hesitating on the threshold of a vocation, undecided and uncommitted, might well consider seriously the possibilities of farming. The way does not hold out immediate case and sudden wealth, but there is something in farming which tries of Canada is cheap and uninterrupted power. No great strides can be made by the dominion in any of her national industries and undertakings until statesmen realize the importance of mobilizing the waterpower of the country and of harnessing it to three perambulatin' liquor chaps he knows but won't testify against. Year's day, and in that way keep sober

Righteous Indignation. A SMALL boy named say his pray-SMALL boy named Sam was care-