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THE COST OF VICTORY MUST BE PAID.

The Government is beginning a campaign for the collection of six thousand million dollars.

When this sum is collected it will be immediately paid out to redeem certificates which in turn have been issued to pay bills incurred by the Government in winning the war.

There is a good deal of circumlocution in the ordinarily simple process of discharging an obligation when the bill is addressed to Uncle Sam, but the piper has played and we have danced and now it's time to step up to the purser's window and pay for the trip.

The "Victory Loan" it is to be called. Rather a happy nomenclature.

There may be something in a name, after all. Whether there are six thousand million dollars in this one remains to be seen.

The Government treasury officials in Washington and the loan committees throughout the land declare that the big bill will be met promptly because it is a debt of honor and as such becomes a personal moral obligation lying against the conscience of every citizen.

This is sound logic.

We ordered the war and told our business managers to keep on buying war until we had enough of it with which to make a victory wreath. We got what we ordered, and there is no more reason for refusing to pay for it than there is to decline to pay for a cord of wood or a thousand feet of gas with which we have warmed ourselves. The warmth may have passed, but we had it, and we enjoyed it, and if we had not had it we would have been frozen.

At least we would have been mighty uncomfortable.

If we do not pay our coal and gas bills or our war bills our creditors will proceed to collect by due process of law. In the latter case they will levy taxes against us for the amount due and take from those which have little even that which they have.

There is no getting away from it.

The bill is just.

The horse may be dead, but he surely "went some" while he lasted and we got our money's worth. In this case our credit (which is our composite self) proposes to accept our payments on the installment plan and to pay us interest besides. The terms are as reasonable as we have any reason to expect. Much like buying a talking machine or a correspondence course.

The usual circus stunts will be provided for those who must be separated from their money to the accompaniment of jazz bands, oratory, moving-picture beauties, badges, flyers, trick elephants and penants. Some will quietly "take their pen in hand" and go through the necessary motions; others will lean toward visits from vigilance committees; but the big outstanding fact of the whole proceeding is that we Americans must pay our bills.

A CHIP OF THE OLD BLOCK.

Theodore Roosevelt Junior is a chip of the old block. Even the big stiek may develop.

The name of Theodore Roosevelt is too important an asset in public life to be smothered under the prosaic routine of business. Therefore the son of his father—who is also a colonel in his own right—is not to return to the field in which he was engaged before the war. He expects to take an important part in the organization of the World War Veterans and has intimated his willingness to enter the public service if it is the will of his people or his party.

The Roosevelt boys are all chips of the old block, and the younger Theodore may be safely relied upon to represent the family, although there be some older ones who think he should tarry at Jericho until his beard be grown.

To this he might make answer that whiskers are not in fashion and that his father didn't wear a beard, anyhow—also that Jericho was where the son stood still and was no place for him.

Spain is asking for Gibraltar. Whereat some one asks: "Why not give Spain back to Rome and Rome to Troy and Troy to the immortal gods?"

The men of Portugal, as a class, have the reputation of being the best-dressed in the world.

A renewed proposal in England to admit women to the inns of court as bar students is reported to have occasioned "a restrained merriment among benches on the subject of practical difficulties that are anticipated." A system might perhaps be arranged by which the women could withdraw at embarrassing moments as they used to have to do at dinner to allow "maaly" conversation full swing. Are English dinners of that sort now?

HEALTH WITHOUT DRUGS

Health depends upon a normal supply of healthy blood. The blood supply depends upon the circulation of the blood. This circulation depends upon the normal functioning of the nervous system. Anything, therefore, that interferes with nerve function will affect the health. Contracted muscles, displaced bones or other tissues, eye strains, and errors of diet are some of the things that interfere with nerve function and consequently with health. It is our business to correct the conditions that interfere with normal nerve function. We are working at our business.

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Long-distance trips in the air are not especially new. It will be recalled that Aristophanes' Trygaeus, visiting the gods in the interest of peace with Sparta, soared to heaven on a beetle's back—but the beetles grew very large in Athens. Pilate's question, "What is truth?" is the epitome of all the sophistry ever employed by man to try to convince himself that he does not know the truth, that therefore he is not a responsible being and therefore should not be held to account for his conduct. "If, therefore, the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!"

A monolith, in the shape of a pyramid cut from a 100-ton block of granite, one of the largest ever quarried in New England, is soon to be erected as a memorial to Mary Baker Eddy, founder of the Christian Science Church, on the farm near Bow, N. H., where she was born in 1821.

The Methodist Church is raising a fund of eleven million dollars to be spent in the development of the rural churches. Part for better buildings and part for better salaries. Statistics show that 13 per cent of the country preachers get less than \$400 a year. And it is not always a case of poor preach, poor pay, neither.

French promoters of aviation have quickly reached the conclusion that short distance passenger service, except under very unusual conditions, cannot compete with the slower but sure as well as cheaper service by rail. The longer the route the greater is the saving of time by the air line, and routes are being laid out on this principle.

Four women were members of the last Arizona house of representatives and one of them makes the interesting report that all of the "bills affecting only women's interests the women members voted for and against as their judgment dictated, just as the men members voted." That is, the women were citizens, not "feminists," and most American women are like them.

SLAVE AND EMPEROR "Our cavalry have rescued Nazareth, from the enemy, whose supermen described Christianity as a creed for slaves."

THE EMPEROR MOCKED AT NAZARETH In his almighty hour.

FUTURE DATES April 11, Friday—Meeting of property holders of Ferry street between Fifteenth and Nineteenth streets and Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets between Ferry and Trade streets. At Thirteenth street fire station, 7:30 p. m. April 12, Saturday—Annual meeting of Salem Fruit union. April 13, Sunday—French tank to be exhibited in Salem. April 15, Tuesday—World war veterans to organize in Salem at armory. April 15, Tuesday—Oregon land settlement commission meets in Salem to organize. April 20, Sunday—Easter. April 21 to 26—Humane week. April 22, Tuesday—Salem Elks homecoming. April 22, Tuesday—Victory loan campaign opens. April 27 to May 3—"Buy in Salem" week. May, dates to be fixed—Oregon Jersey jubilee. May 1, Thursday—Luxury taxes effective. May 2 and 3, Saturday and Sunday—Junior Week-end at Willamette. May 3, Saturday—76th anniversary celebration at Champe. May 3, Saturday—Last day allowed by law for registering for special election. May 18 to 23—Odd Fellows grand lodge and State Rebekah assembly meet in Salem. June 3, Tuesday—Special election in Oregon. June (dates to be selected)—State encampment Spanish war veterans.

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The rabbit I forgot to feed, The frog I stoned, the dog I lamed; And, oh! but I was bad indeed— A butterfly I caught and maimed.

The cat whose coat I stuck with burrs. Oh, yes, I put them in quite thick And sister cried, for puss was here, How could I do so mean a trick!

These ghosts they stared with eyes so sad, And seemed to say "We'd been your friends, But you are such a cruel lad You never now can make amends."

Of course there are no ghos's, not one, 'Twas just my conscience pictured out The many horrid things I'd done To show me I must turn about.

And make myself a better boy. No one can do it but just me, And give their lives a little joy

Instead of torment, don't you see? Oh, little comrades, do forget The wrongs I did, my hateful ways. And can you—will you—oh, please let Me join again your happy plays. —D. A.

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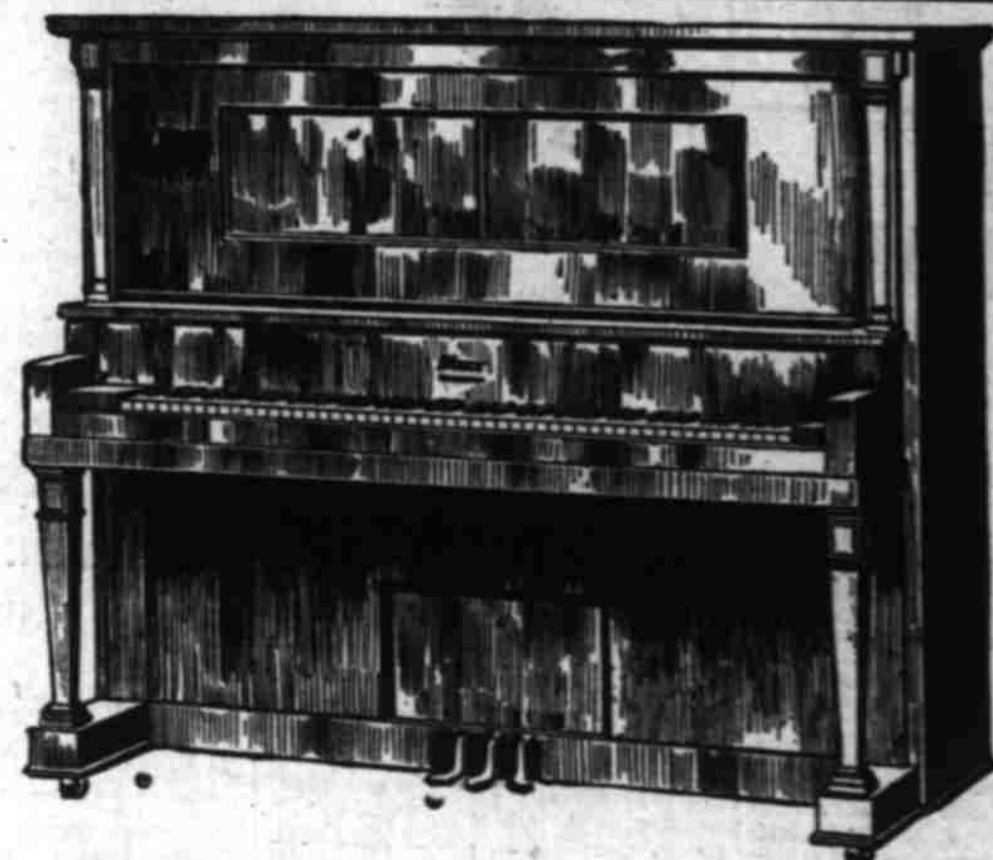
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