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Bits of this and that gleaned from everywhere.

A long time ago Thackeray wrote, "let the man who has to make his fortune in life remember this maxim: 'Attacking is the only secret. Dare and the world always yields, or if it beats you sometimes, dare it again, and it will succumb.'" In times like the present this is a wholesome philosophy for any man. "Attacking is the only secret." The main reason why many men never get anywhere in the world is that they never "attack". They lack the energy to "attack" unemployment or whatever the situation is that whips them. In warfare the best defense is an offensive. The same is true in the world today. When the depression is solved and normal times return it is not going to be solved by those who sat down and waited for things to change, for something to turn up or come along. It will be because some one "attacked" the situation and if it did not yield at first they attacked it again, and again, and

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We overheard a conversation recently between a man and his young son which brings up a fine point of ethics and child training which is often overlooked. The son, who had just passed the age of twelve, had come home from the village picture show, to which he had gained admission for ten cents when the charge for children over twelve should have been twenty-five cents. "How did it happen," the father asked, "that now that you are past twelve years old you were able to get in for a dime when the price is twenty-five cents?" "I did not tell the man I was past twelve years old," the boy said. "He thinks I am still twelve years old." The father replied, "Well, Jack, after dinner you go up and tell Mr. Williams that you had a birthday recently and that you are now past twelve, and should pay a quarter." The boy brought up the usual arguments and objections which the father patiently and carefully answered. It ended by the boy going back to the proprietor of the picture house with fifteen cents. Trivial? Perhaps. But our guess is that woe that boy grows up that he will have grounded in his life the idea that there is as much honesty in little things as there is in big things. A thing that many parents do not realize in training young people is that one can't condone one dishonest act and justify another. The young mind doesn't differentiate. If it is at all right to beat the picture show proprietor, it is equally commendable to beat the grocer, the clothing merchant, and the bank. The old maxim, "train up a child in the way he should go and when he becomes old he will not depart from it," is still true. Parents often thoughtlessly confuse a child's thinking by placing him in the position of deciding in which dishonesty is permissible and what dishonesty is not permissible. It is simpler and better practice to be consistent and teach that no dishonesty is permissible.

Recently the Ringling circuses canceled all its show dates and closed the show throwing 1600 men out of employment because the tent men and roustabouts refused to accept a pay cut or permit other workers to take their places. This is the second large industry the past few weeks to close its doors because of its inability to pay normal time wages in depression times and still remain out of receivership and bankruptcy.

We know how to sympathize with a reader of this paper who was telling us recently how he came to miss the Louis-Schmeling prize fight. He stepped into a drug store just as the preliminary announcements were being made. He discovered after he got inside that there was no cuspidor handy and

stepped to the front door to dispose of his chew of tobacco. When he got back to the radio the fight was over.

The new wage-hour bill exempts children in agriculture. The 1930 census showed that there were 670,000 wage earners in the country under 16 years of age. 26,000 of these were employed in industry and 50,000 in trade and nearly 500,000 in agriculture, the exempted industry.

Many newspaper editors who complain that there is not the proper appreciation of the value of advertising in their community have but themselves to blame. They give away so much free publicity that the purchasing public has come to regard it worth just what they pay for it. There is no more reason why a newspaper should give away its advertising and boost publicity to events in the community for which a charge is made than there is that the clothing man should give away a shirt with each suit of clothes purchased, or that the grocer should give a customer his bacon because the customer purchased his beefsteak of the grocer. The only thing a newspaper has to sell is advertising. If the editor gives it away he can't expect anyone to pay for it, or to have a very high regard for its value.

One of the things the wage-hour bill, recently passed by Congress, will do that not even its bitterest enemies will deny, is that it will create a \$10,000 a year job for some one to administer it and a host of other jobs at several thousand each besides an army of inspectors and office workers.

The most complete expression we have seen for some time is the one made by the fellow who said: "There is no such thing as a little garlic."

Why is it that some writers when they desire to represent in their work the contemporary life of the day include comments and situations bordering on the shady risk? We have never felt that this was representative of our time any more than the gangster and drunken men and loose and drunken women are representative of our time. These have existed in every age, but fortunately have never been regarded as occupying anything but the lower strata of the civilization in which they live. There has never been anything about them in any age that merited their being

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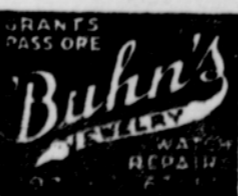
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