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Feel'n' glad that we're livin' in the country of the free,
 Where we're mighty nigh as happy as the Lord would have us be;
 Where Peace is just as plentiful as harvest-lands of gold,
 With little joys a-many—all the arms of you can hold;

That's your country, people,
 Where blessings strew the ground,
 Little world of happiness,
 With arms to reach around!

Feel'n' glad we're livin' far from nations of the strife,
 Where every minute brightens with the blessedness of life;
 Seem' starlight ever shinin' where the clouds would dim the sky,
 Heart and hand and hope in Dixie till the rest-time of Goodbye."

That's your country, people,
 Bright on every hand,
 Message of the Morning:
 "Here's your Promised Land!"
 —F. L. Stanton

EDISON TO THE FRONT

HERE was a time when spears and swords were the only weapons of warfare. The time may come when gunfire will be equally out of date as an effective method of slaughter. The Germans are already using asphyxiating bombs and the French make use of liquid fire. Thomas A. Edison is quoted as saying electricity may be used for war purposes if methods of use can be developed.

At the request of Secretary Daniels, Edison has consented to head a commission of inventors the purpose of which will be to devise the best possible methods of defense for this country in the event of attack. It will be a wide field of effort and no man knows what revolutions may be brought about in the near future.

AFTER THE GROWER HAS SOLD

NOW that practically all the raw wool has left the hands of the growers the market is taking on greater strength. The following information as to the market in Europe and this county is from a reliable source:

"London continues very strong. Shafly Queensland sixty-fours shrinking forty-four per cent bringing thirty-nine cents in the grease. Keenest possible demand for good merinos at this price which is equivalent to about seventy-five cents landed cost Boston. Average Bradford sixty-fours tops now quoted ninety cents as against sixty-six cents few

weeks ago. Americans offering tops London. London can be considered fully ten per cent higher on good merinos and seven and half per cent higher on poor or inferior qualities. Americans not buying London. Brisbane Australia market yesterday advanced seven and half per cent on merinos. Japan and America buying freely. Boston not active but very strong with perceptible hardening of values. World-wide shortage of well grown shafly merinos will put this quality at a premium while war demands assure strong market for medium wools."

Western woolgrowers received splendid prices for their clips this year but they would have gotten more had the prices paid been in accord with the real situation. Growers were intimidated with talk of foreign wool whereas now the reports from London show there is no American buying there because the prices are higher than in this country.

TWENTY BILLIONS A YEAR

IT is estimated by Henry Clews, New York financial writer, that the war will cost Europe approximately twenty billions a year until it is completed. In his last review Mr. Clews said:

"If those of ultra-optimistic tendencies have underestimated the duration and the appalling consequences of this war, it follows they have also underestimated its financial effects. An early ending is not yet in sight. The Allies are still preparing on a gigantic scale for their supreme effort, which has not yet been attempted. Next autumn the world will probably find one side materially weakened by continuous superhuman struggle, while the other has been strengthened by prolonged preparation. As for the end, that cannot be expected until one side or the other is thoroughly exhausted. The best estimates are that the struggle will cost Europe from \$18,000,000,000 to \$20,000,000,000 yearly until the finish. Such terrific waste cannot but profoundly affect the world's capital markets, and the adjustment of values to these abnormal conditions is still progressing, and the most important problem of the day, financially considered, is the paying of Europe's debt to the United States."

Before the war started had anyone predicted the world would soon be spending such monstrous sums for such purposes he would have been treated as insane.

AUTOS FOR RURAL CARRIERS

THE government is now providing some rural mail routes with autos instead of horses. This is a move so meritorious that it cannot fail to bring good results. Compared with the auto a horse is a slower traveller. Equipped with a little auto a rural carrier could serve several times the territory he can reach with a horse in one day.

In Umatilla county there are sections where the mail is delivered only two or three times a week and the routes are roundabout. If the government would revise its routes and provide the carriers with autos a wonderful improvement could be brought about in the rural service.

In the neighborhood of 10,000 people saw the Liberty

Bell in Pendleton. When men, women and children will wait so long to see the prized old relic who can say that interest in revolutionary history is dead? The spark is still there, all that is needed is something to fan it into blaze of patriotism.

Now that the local world's series is over the high tension at Athena and Pilot Rock may be relaxed and people may give attention to less important subjects.

Walla Walla, being a branch line town, did not see the bell in the day time.

THIS MAY ENTERTAIN

HIS OTHER CHORES.

"After a couple of years' absence from home I was playing in a city nearby and I invited my father to come over and see the show," related Laurence Wheat, the actor.

"When the last curtain had rung down he came back of the stage to see me, and while we were chatting the treasurer appeared at the door of my dressing room and handed me my pay envelope. Dad saw the figures on the outside and his eyes sparkled.

"My boy," he said, "you don't tell me you get that much every week, do you?"

"That's right, dad," I replied.

"Well, well," said the old gentleman, thoughtfully, "is that so? What other chores do you have to do besides actin'?"—Everybody's Magazine

TEACHER WAS UNFAIR.

It was little Howard's first term in school; in fact it was almost his first month as a pupil, and one day he returned home wearing a discouraged expression. His mother noticed the sad look of the lad and asked:

"Why, what is the trouble, Howard? You look so worried."

"I ain't going to school no more," replied the boy, starting away from his mother.

"Why, dear, what is the matter?" asked the mother.

"Cause," explained the boy, "tain't no use, mother. I can't learn to spell. One day I learn how to spell the words, and then the next day the teacher gives us all new words. She just keeps changing them every day, and that ain't no way to do."

HOW TO MANAGE A WIFE.

Remember that you must not try to impose your ideas upon her. You couldn't if you wanted to. Therefore, assist her in preserving her individuality.

Keep her down. A woman expects to be ruled. She will love you all the more for doing this.

Don't let her know that you have the slightest mechanical ability. Remember that your time is more valuable than hanging pictures or adjusting the cook's alarm clock.

True courtesy is the foundation of matrimonial felicity. Therefore, always respond to her request to do any little thing. When she finds that you are willing she will not abuse the trust you place in her.

Go where she asks you to go. Only in this way can you keep up your interest and love for each other.

Don't let her make a slave of you. In the long run it is your health that counts.

Always consult her about your business. Her woman's intuition is often better than your experience.

Don't talk shop. She may appear to be interested but to bore her is fatal.

Never deceive her. Then your union will be lasting.

Telling your wife the truth is sometimes permissible—provided it isn't personal and you don't allow it to become a habit—Life.

Not at All Unusual.

"It did Jack no good to marry his stenographer, for she continued the habit of the office in their home."

"How so?"

"When he starts to dictate she takes him down."—Stray Stories.

Just What He Expected.

"Did your watch stop when it dropped on the floor?" asked one man of his friend.

"Of course," was the answer. "Did you think it would go through?"—Stray Stories.

HENRY FORD AND HIS MEN

(From the San Francisco Examiner.)

Henry Ford having sent to New York for scientific treatment several of his employees addicted to the use of drugs or alcoholic liquors, the representative of the Ford welfare department accompanying them has this to say of the principles animating his chief:

Mr. Ford looks upon each man as tremendously more important than a machine. When, however, a machine goes wrong we have a mechanic who looks it over and fixes it. Now, a man is much more important to Mr. Ford. He wants to see that each man has every possible opportunity of bettering himself.

Men looked upon a machine performing some task of marvelous complexity, and in tones approaching awe say: "It is almost human!"

They look upon a workman, toiling twelve hours a day, at a monotonous, even degrading task, for a wage that barely suffices for the day's needs and with a contemptuous shrug remark: "He's a mere machine."

But the machine of steel is tended with a care almost loving lest it break down. It is not speeded beyond its capacity. The temperature in which it works is carefully regulated. At night it is oiled and rubbed down like some splendid athlete after his triumph in the arena. The human being who tend it are unremitting in their care and often boyish in the pride they take in their charge.

But who as a rule, takes pride in them?

Few, indeed, are the workmen for whom employers manifest the care they show to their machines. The men, aye, and women and children, too, may work long hours in field, overheated air or in damp cellars. They rub down and cover the machines they serve but who ever gives their tired bodies any restful attention? They are speeded up to the breaking point, and should that point be passed their employer calls in no repairer of the human body or restorer of the human will to bring them back to efficiency. They must look out for themselves.

Henry Ford recognizes the difference in treatment of the two machines.

CURRENT THINKING

CHINA WANTS TO TANGO.

Democratic China, her feet no longer bound, but aspiring to "civilized" fashions, liberal "culture" and all-round up-to-dateness, professes a yearning to dance the tango, turkey trot, lulu fado maxixe and buzzard flop.

We are duly flattered, though we had fondly hoped that China would imitate our virtues rather than our follies. The horrible thought that we are morally superior for China and that she is going to follow our example is likely to deter us from many an agreeable pastime. We can't afford to be a stumbling block in China's path or tempt her unsophisticated heathen feet into tortuous Christian ways, terpsichorean or otherwise.

Come to think of it, it might be better for civilization in the long run if we turned and followed China's lead in more respects. To be sure, we already reciprocate in the matter of our leading national folly—that of fireworks—and some fashions, such as binding our women's feet in excruciatingly high-heeled shoes; and in one or two forms of dissipation, including tea. Our expression of culture, in ragtime, is a vulgarization of Mongolian and Celestial music, and we have to thank Chinese rice and invention for that satirical sublimity, the belled shirt—which they perpetrate on us, but are too smart to wear themselves. Our diplomacy is modeled after theirs, and they have done much to refine poker.

Most of our good manners are patterned upon Chinese elegance. The Chinese ritual of propriety dates from the beginning of the Christian era. Politeness, courtesy and good manners have through ages of practice become part of the very character of the people, whose influence for etiquette has been universal and probably greater than that of any other people. It specially arouses our indignance to contemplate the possible effect of the modern dances upon the ancient dignity and decorum of an essentially mannerly race. We strongly advise the Chinese to let the new dances alone, but if they insist upon learning them they are perfectly welcome to the Castles and Maurice and the rest of their class, who have done enough for us already.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

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