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A BYWAY.

The highway marches sturdily to market-town and mill. But I would find a little road that lingers up a hill—

THEIR GIFT HORSE

THERE appears to be sound reason for sentiment against Walla Walla effort to prosecute people for wading in Mill creek.

If Walla Walla is to be fastidious about its gift horse and in addition ask Umatilla county to pay for policing the stream and prosecuting violators that town will be going a trifle far.

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OVERCREDULOUS

OUT of the war comes many strange things but of all the foolishness thus far the English story of ghosts or angels flying to their rescue is about the limit.

The Rev. Dr. R. F. Horton is a distinguished English divine. He is said to have asserted recently that the angels of heaven were fighting with the English troops.

Here is what he said in one of his Sunday sermons: "There is a story repeated by so many eyewitnesses, that if anything can be established by contemporary evidence, it is established, of the retreat from Mons. A section of the line was in imminent peril and seemed as if it must inevitably be borne down and cut off."

peded. Evidently the animals beheld what our men beheld. The German soldiers endeavored to bring the horses back to the line, but they fled. It was the salvation of our men."

That is a tale that might have passed muster at one time but in this day of practical military efficiency it is hardly credible. The "angels" that have saved the English, if reports may be believed, are Frenchmen and what is more they are live Frenchmen, not of the heavenly variety.

If this noted divine is representative of English intelligence it is possible we have here an explanation of why the British have not yet driven the Germans out of Belgium.

HONORING THE FARMER

THE Agricultural College of Utah recently conferred the degree of master farmer upon five citizens of that state. It is presumed they are all men who have been distinguished for success in farming.

A Texas paper, the Abilene Reporter, rejoices at this new departure and says:

"Doctors, lawyers, school men, ministers, etc., have conferred upon them honorary degrees and the farmer so far has not received that recognition that his service to the country deserves. Wherever and whenever a constructive man is found tilling the soil in a way to make two blades grow where only one grew before he should be sought out and honored. His work should be called to the attention of others and his methods published to the world. We say let the schools of Texas honor our worthy men of the soil by conferring upon them the degree of master farmer, a degree, if deserved, will rank with D. D. L. D., or any of the rest of them, and oftentimes he who receives and wears the degree of master farmer well will receive not only the high regard of his neighbors and friends, but he will receive the lasting gratitude of progressive men everywhere."

There is some sense in this. Why is not a man who is celebrated for success in farming as well entitled to an honorary degree as a noted lawyer, doctor or divine? It is true such honors would not aid any at harvest time and it is possible some very capable farmers might not care to be loaded down with any degrees. But from the standpoint of merit the renowned farmer is as much entitled to recognition as are those of any other profession.

DARWIN'S ADVICE ON MARRIAGE

JUST young people respect Charles Darwin, if they know anything about him, as one of the world's greatest leaders in modern scientific progress. And it may be that some of them have been told that he was atheistical in his leanings and hence an unsafe guide in moral and domestic relations. Here is a delightful excerpt from his "Family Letters," collected by his daughter and just published in England. The quotation is headed "Notes on Matrimony." As to this institution, he wrote:

Among the advantages are: "Children (if it pleases God)—constant companions (and friend in old age)—charms of music, and female chit-chat."

Among the disadvantages: "Terrible loss of time; if many children, forced to gain one's bread; fighting about no society." But, he continues, "What is the use of working without sympathy from near and dear friends? Who are near and dear friends to the old, except relatives?"

His conclusion is: "My God, it is intolerable to think of spending one's whole life like a neuter bee—working, working, and nothing after all. No, no; won't do. Imagine living all one's days solitary in a smoky, dirty London house. Only picture to yourself a nice soft wife on a sofa, with good fire and book, and music perhaps; compare this vision with the dingy reality of St. Mariboro' street. Marry, marry, marry."

It is pleasant to know that Charles Darwin carried out his own advice, with the happiest results. His wife was a remarkable woman and his children worthy of such parents.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

CURRENT THINKING

SOUNDER BANKING METHODS.

(Christian Science Monitor.) Comptroller of the Currency John Skelton Williams is not so popular with banking men throughout the United States as some of his predecessors have been, for he has a way of insisting that law shall be lived up to and that it shall be impartially executed. A majority of the bank officials agree with him and cooperate; a minority dissent, and apparently obstruct as far as they can. A case in point is the reduction of overdrafts from \$22,000,000 to about \$4,000,000 during the current year. The pressure came from the comptroller and the cooperation came from the banks; and the end is not yet, for there still remains much to be done before both the spirit and letter of the law are met.

Some notion of what national banks lose through a lax and careless system of control of this special phase of their work may be gained from the statement that, during the calendar years 1912-1914, \$1,209,324 had to be charged off as lost through failure to make good of persons or corporations trusted and aided by the banks; and analysis of the losses, section by section, shows that bankers generally are deceived or are too credulous, not to put it stronger, North and South, East and West, the loss falls and the penalty is paid.

To challenge the trend toward laxity and to compel a joining up of standards was a distinct public service for which the comptroller should get credit. He had but to act, and find that the reply was cordial. A positive note being struck, the banks responded. Nor did the good done stop with the banks. Their depositors have been taught lessons about their duties, and the merits and bounds of their privileges. This must be taken into account in any attempt to appraise the extent of the reform which the comptroller has brought about.

GERMAN MILITARY EFFICIENCY.

(St. Louis Post Dispatch.) With the German army's magnificent drive on the Russian line succeeding beyond expectation we may credit the Kaiser's statement that he is "on the eve of delivering a coup on the Western front that will make all Europe tremble."

When all the failures of Germany to accomplish precisely what was planned at the opening of the war are listed there remains a superb record of achievements which testify to the skill of German military commanders and the courage, devotion and efficiency of the German army.

If Russian retreat is a part of Russian strategy it is forced strategy. The Germans have been able to deliver staggering blows at will. If Russia has not been crushed it is because the task is too gigantic—the forces are too great and the field of operation too wide for any available European army to accomplish the feat. But with all her millions of men and length of line Russia so far has just been able to evade the deadly punch. And this with the advantage of allies keeping a large part of the German forces busy.

On the Western front the British and French have done little on land except hold the German line. Kitchener's prediction that the war would open in May was verified by the Germans, not by the allies. Germany opened the spring campaign and she kept it going.

That nothing decisive, unless the Russian campaign proves to be so, has been accomplished by Germany cannot be charged to lack of military efficiency, but to the vast weight of opposing forces on two fronts. That her army has prevented a decisive blow from enemies on either front is in itself a brilliant achievement.

The allies must do something far beyond their past record or the war will end in a practical Germany victory. If German diplomacy equalled in efficiency the German military the end would be in sight.

THIS MAY ENTERTAIN

POOR LITTLE RICH GIRL.

The "Girl With Million Dollar Eyes" Has also "wealth of golden hair." Her figure is a capital prize. Complexion "velvet," high and rare.

Why don't some Besses claim her hand? Her being single yet seems funny; The fact is, she's an mean stage money! Those valuations mean stress money!

HER BUSY DAY.

"There's a delivery wagon driving up to our door," said Hubby. "Been shopping again?" "Well, I didn't have anything to do," replied wife, "so I went down to Wannacooper's and listened to the concert in their auditorium. It was just splendid, too. After that I went up in the grocery department and tried some new cereal they're demonstrating. I managed to get three helpings, so I didn't need to spend any money for luncheon. Then I looked at the fashion parade and spent the rest of the afternoon in the art gallery. After that I didn't feel as if I ought to leave the store without buying anything, so I had them send me home a spool of thread."

FINE DIPLOMACY.

Smith and Jones look much alike and are frequently taken for each other. One day Smith was in a certain big hotel and went into the dining room for dinner. The negro waiter hastily brushed off the crumbs and

HEIRESS AND MAN SHE WILL WED



HOWARD SPAULDING JR. & MISS CATHERINE BARKER.

HARBOR SPRINGS, Mich., July 30.—Miss Catherine Barker, heiress to the \$20,000,000 of her father, the late John Barker, car manufacturer, will wed Howard Spaulding Jr., of Chicago, Yale graduate and son of a Chicago jeweler. The wedding will be celebrated at the country home of Miss Barker, situated in the exclusive social summer colony here. Miss

gasoline explosion, or you may starve to death when the engine breaks down 10 miles from shore. Not where to go is the vacation problem, but how to go. "I'm afraid you are mistaken," said Smith very politely. "My name isn't Jones. You have the wrong man." "Nuff said," nuff said, smiled the negro, with much bowing and scraping. "Ah knows all right when to keep mah mouf shut; Ah knows all right, Mr. Jones."

THE BOOK OUGHT TO KNOW

"Do you know, my dear," asked the young husband, "there's something wrong with the cake? It doesn't taste right." "That is all your imagination," answered the bride triumphantly, "for it says in the cook book that it is delicious."

LOTS OF VARIETY.

"Why do you prefer a motor boat to a sail boat?" "It's more exciting. In a sail boat you face death by drowning only. While in a motor boat you may drown, you may be burned to a crisp by a

THE CHARM OF MOTHERHOOD

Enhanced By Perfect Physical Health.

The experience of Motherhood is a trying one to most women and marks distinctly an epoch in their lives. Not one woman in a hundred is prepared or understands how to properly care for herself. Of course nearly every woman nowadays has medical treatment at such times, but many approach the experience with an organism unfitted for the trial of strength, and when it is over her system has received a shock from which it is hard to recover. Following right upon this comes the nervous strain of caring for the child, and a distinct change in the mother results.

There is nothing more charming than a happy and healthy mother of children, and indeed child-birth under the right conditions need be no hazard to health or beauty. The unexplainable thing is that, with all the evidence of shattered nerves and broken health resulting from an unprepared condition, and with ample time in which to prepare, women will persist in going blindly to the trial.

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