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Just Folks
by Edgar A. Guest

A LONELY WORLD

It's getting so I want to see
The green returning to the tree,
I want to hear the robin's song—
The birds have been away so long
That I've begun to wonder when
They'll come to build their nests again.

As when the youngsters go away
And all alone at home I stay,
The world has lonely grown to me,
For everywhere I turn to see
Some spot deserted and in gloom
Where friendly blossoms ought to bloom.

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THE ISOLATED MAN

(By Dr. William E. Barton)

WORDS have a queer way of drifting from their original meanings. The word "prevent," for instance, means "to go before." It is a word built up as plainly as a word can possibly be constructed, out of a Latin verb which means to go, and a preposition which means ahead.

It has come about, and we may well be sorry for it, that the man who gets there first so often stops the other man from getting there at all, that we have come to use the word "prevent" not of going and of arriving first, but of impeding, whether one goes himself or not. Such a change in meaning could not have occurred in an ideally unselfish world; the man who got there first would be a helper of the next man to arrive. What a blessing it would have been, and what a fine comment on humanity, if "prevent" had come to mean "to help," in the sense of a person who has the advantage using it for another's good! The change might quite as well have been of that sort.

But there is another change worth speaking of. The root "idio" is common in Greek. Its meaning is "one's own" or "one's self."

Naturally, our English derivatives from this root are not all adjectives and verbs; there is a noun descriptive of the man who acknowledges no standards but his own, and seeks no other's welfare than his own. The word, as every one knows, is "idiot." It means nothing more nor less than a completely self-centered person.

Now, it is interesting to see how this word has modified its meaning. The isolated man who lives the isolated life, the life of complete self-hood, cannot be that of a person of much learning; so, by Jeremy Taylor's day, the word idiot was used of ignorant persons.

Really, if you stop to think of it, that definition is not wholly strange. If one could find a man completely satisfied with himself, completely willing to learn nothing and receive nothing from any other human being, and determined to do nothing for any one else, there would be some justice in maintaining that the change in the meaning of the word had done no great violence to its generic idea.

A social world is no place for a completely self-centered man.

IN AUSTRALIA

"FEW people in America realize that Australia, away off in a far corner of the globe, is quite as progressive, if not more so, in many respects, than the United States or any country in the world," remarked John T. Johnson, of Sidney, Australia. "Australia was the first country in the world to establish the arbitration court to settle disputes between capital and labor. It has been in existence over 20 years, and is invariably successful. Recourse to the arbitration court is compulsory. Either party—capital or labor—is heavily fined and liable to imprisonment if it has recourse to a lockout or a strike before submitting the case in dispute first to this court. No professional agitators are permitted to plead the case in court. The men who plead the case must have worked at their job up to the

day the case is heard. Clever lawyers appointed by the court plead the case of the workers if the latter think themselves handicapped by the lack of education. If the parties to the dispute do not come to a settlement, the industry affected is carried on by the government so that the public does not suffer."

TOO MUCH ALIBI MAKING

ADDRESSING a Portland audience, Dr. Samuel Kohs, who ever he may be, blamed much of the present day delinquency on the public school system. On the contrary, much of the trouble is due to silly prating of the variety indulged in by this speaker. There are too many people going about blaming crime and misdemeanor on most everyone except those responsible. They would take all the guilt away from the criminal and place it on social conditions. We need less mush of that sort and a stricter moral responsibility upon the individual, whoever he may be. The law of gravity works whether anyone likes it or not and we can get nowhere by trying to make susceptible minds think differently. Stop the alibi making and put the blame fairly and impartially upon the evil doer. A continual policy of soft peddling and passing the buck merely increases the trouble.

Portland is 70 years old; that is not aged at all these days and Old Man Portland should be good for 15 years more at least if he thinks good thoughts and is careful on the subject of the liquid diet.

At any rate our farmers can take consolation in the fact the assessor placed a value of but 60 cents a bushel on their wheat; in Union county wheat is assessed at 80 cents.

TO GET BERGDOLL IS AMBITION OF LEGION MEN SAYS COMMANDER

Galbraith Declares Release of Two American Soldiers is Only One Step in Fray.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The final chapter in the Bergdoll affair is what the American Legion is waiting for, according to Colonel F. W. Galbraith, Jr., national commander, who declared that the release of Carl Neuf and Frank Zimmer, sergeants in the army of occupation and under confinement in a German jail for their attempt to arrest Grover Cleveland Herold, is but a step in clearing up the situation involving the arch slacker.

Colonel Galbraith said that the whole rank and file of the Legion demands that Bergdoll be returned to this country to serve the sentence imposed upon him for evading the draft.

Considerable pressure was brought to bear on the Secretary of War by the Legion's national legislative committee in its successful effort to effect the release of the two American soldiers. Paris post raised funds for counsel to defend them and posts all over the country aided with contributions.

A resolution of the Legion's national executive committee expressed the regret of Legion members that an apology was made by the government for the attempt of the two sergeants to capture Bergdoll. Since that time a number of state departments and posts of the ex-service men's organization have passed resolutions demanding that the government force Germany to return Bergdoll to this country.

GIBBON CITIZENS ARE VISITING IN PENDLETON

(East Oregonian Special.)
GIBBON, April 7.—Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hager spent Saturday and Sunday in Pendleton with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thompson and little daughter Zona spent several days last week in Athens at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jones.

P. P. Bruce and sister-in-law, Miss Estella Kerton were Saturday and Sunday visitors in Pendleton.

Joe A. Holaday was in Pendleton Saturday.

Beth Hyatt and daughter Mrs. Dolt Thompson spent the week end in Weston Mountain with the Roy and Crell Hyatt families.

Mrs. Mary Wells was a Pendleton visitor Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Irace moved Friday to Corporation Ranger Station.

Wayne Williams has returned home from Portland where he spent the winter attending business college.

W. D. Adams has returned to his home here after spending the past month in Arlington.

Ed Kidder has returned home after spending several days in Pendleton.

Ray Jones returned to his home in Athens yesterday after spending a few days here with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Dolt Thompson and little son Eldon were Pendleton visitors Thursday.

Ralph McBean and Albert Bruagh spent Thursday in Pendleton.

GUGGENHEIM FACTION WINS WITH MAJORITY

JERSEY CITY, April 7.—(U. P.)—An attack on the Guggenheim interests in the American Smelting Refining company failed when the Guggenheim slate for directors was nominated without opposition. The vote showed the Guggenheim faction had 492,000 of a possible 1,169,000 shares to vote.

GENERAL DAWES BROKE ALL SPEED RECORDS

COBLENZ, April 7.—(A. P.)—The German local authorities have delivered a protest to the Rhineland commission declaring that the French are attempting to enforce the new customs regulations in the Moselle valley in a manner which the commission has not officially authorized. The French assert they are not doing so but are awaiting instruction from the commission. The commission met recently but did not reach a final decision.

SAUCY COSTA RICA HAS ETERNAL SPRING

WASHINGTON, April 7.—(U. P.)—School teachers are more numerous than soldiers in Costa Rica according to reports from that country in a bulletin issued today by the National Geographic Society here. The trouble between Panama and Costa Rica, which has stopped by offers from the United States to mediate, has brought the little Central American republic to the front page.

Although approximately equal in area to West Virginia, the great majority of the half-million inhabitants of Costa Rica live on a mountain fringed plateau 50 miles square, in the center of the country. The region bordering Nicaragua on the northwest and Panama on the southeast are almost uninhabited, except for Indians.

Practically all of the original Indian inhabitants of Costa Rica were exterminated when the country was taken by the Spanish and the population has for that reason, remained predominantly European. This is in striking contrast to most Latin-American countries where the blood of Spaniard and Indian has mixed.

More than 10,000,000 bunches of bananas are exported yearly from the country, mostly to the United States, and this together with coffee cultivation, has made Costa Rica very prosperous. A high percentage of the population are land owners, the farms being for the most part small in area. The central plateau has a climate of perpetual spring and is from 2000 to 4000 feet above sea level.

THE FUNNYBONE

In No Hurry.
It was a big cotton manufacturing town in Lancashire, where a revival service had been held. At the close the minister called upon all those who wished to go to Heaven to stand up. All rose to their feet with the exception of one young man.

"Don't you want to go to Heaven, my friend?" asked the preacher.

"Oh, yes, I want to go, rest enough," the young fellow replied, "but not w' this trip."—London Tit-Bits.

Versatility.
Man in the hall (to new clerk):—Yes, sir, you'll like this office; best on the floor. I know because I've worked in them all.

New clerk, highly incredulous:—Impossible! Well, you certainly are versatile!

Man in the hall—No—I'm the janitor.—Pitt Panther.

Underpaid.
"It doesn't seem quite fair."
"What doesn't?"
"This motion picture comedian gets \$1000 a week and his dog, who does all the work and creates most of the laughs, gets only two or three bones a day."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Natural Handicap.
"Isn't it odd that women are so successful in the motion pictures?"
"Why is it odd?"
"Because it is the silent drama."—Baltimore American.

Destiny Treatment.
"Do you believe in departing 'reds' in government ships?"
"Certainly not," replied the square-jawed citizen.
"What's your plan?"
"Make 'em swim."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

The Ice.
An amusing incident occurred at a living bridge tournament.

A well-known woman who was impersonating the queen of hearts was assisted by a fellow performer whose recent suggestion that her cradle had stood within sound of Bow Bells.

"I'm looking for the ice," she said.
"Have you seen them?"
"Ice?" said the queen of hearts.
"Are there any ice?" How delightful! I'm horribly thirsty.
"I don't mean those kind of ice," was the rather hurt rejoinder. "I'm looking for the ice of spades!"—London Tit-Bits.

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TOOTLE THE HORN TRUMPET MELODIOUSLY!

SAN FRANCISCO, April 7.—(U. P.)—Warning to prospective Oriental tourists to be prepared to "tootle the trumpet melodiously" was issued today by Phipps H. E. Palmer of the China Mail steamship China.

Palmer exhibited as a basis for his warning the following translation of Japanese police instructions to motorists:

"When a passenger on foot hoveis right, tootle the horn trumpet to him melodiously at first. If he still obstructs your passage, tootle him with vigor and express by word of mouth the warning 'Hi, hi!'"

"Beware of wandering horse that he do not take fright at you pass him by. Do not explode the exhaust box at him. Go soothingly by or stop by the roadside till he pass away."

"Give big space to the festive dog making sport in the roadway. Avoid entanglement of dog with your wheel-spokes."

"Go soothingly on the grease mud as there lurks the evil demon."

"Press brake of the foot as you roll around the corners to save the collapse and tie up."

POCATTELLO HAS SEVERE STORM
POCATTELLO, Idaho, April 7.—(A. P.)—The most severe snowstorm of the entire season visited Pocatello Monday and more than a foot of snow has fallen on the level, with drifts several feet deep.

PIPER WILL DELIVER ADDRESS
MOSCOW, Idaho, April 7.—(U. P.)—Edgar B. Piper, newspaper editor of Portland, will deliver the commencement address to the graduating class of the University of Idaho on June 5. President A. H. Upham announced today.

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