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## Just Folks by Edgar A. Guest

**THE BLAME DODGERS**

The other fellow's in the way  
When victory has crowned the day,  
With him we do not wish to share  
The splendor of the spotlight's glare;  
We'd like to have it widely known  
To us the praise belongs alone—  
But when defeat is ours to take,  
Few have the courage not to make  
The old excuse and place the blame  
Upon the other fellow's name.

Are not intended for his ears—  
But let us falter, as we may,  
And lose by careless work or play,  
Few have the courage then to own  
The fault belongs to them alone.

The test of man is not the way  
He smiles on his victorious day,  
It's how he stands to pay the cost  
When he has made his fight and lost.  
In failure's hour he merits fame  
Who does not seek to dodge the blame.  
Oh, boy of mine, whatever you do,  
Whatever of failure comes to you,  
Blame not the other man, but take  
The censure just for manhood's sake.  
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### THE GLORY OF A NATION

ONE HUNDRED and forty-five years is a short age for a nation. Compared with countries of the old world, a nation whose birth was less than a century and a half ago is a mere youngster in the great family of nations. And it is one of the miracles of history that a government should in such a short span of time develop from a little group of struggling frontier states into a nation of transcendent position, power and importance.

The United States of America has just celebrated her 145th anniversary and the occasion should be something more than a holiday for picnics and noise-making. It would be more to point, particularly in these reconstruction times, if the observances were of a solemn and serious nature. We Americans who have inherited the institutions built by the blood, toil and wisdom of our forefathers, have come to take them too much for granted. We appreciate their merits and virtues too little and condemn their faults too much. We have tolerated among us too many radicals who forever magnify the evils of our system of government and spread the seed of discontent. We have permitted these preachers of discord to go about unchallenged when patriotism and self-protection demand that we give them combat—combat not with arms but with argument. The most effective weapon to use against the mouthings of those who would overthrow our government is the simple story of the achievements of that very government.

It is no accident that the United States within the short period of her national existence has risen to the rank of a great power and has established a moral leadership that makes her the dominant force of the world. It is no accident that she outrivals all other nations, even those that are age-old, in wealth and capital, resources and opportunity. It is no accident that her people are recognized as the freest on earth, that from her earliest days she has been a haven for the oppressed, the citadel of democracy and the shrine of liberty. It is no accident that the cause of human rights has progressed in triumph in this country and that we have achieved the nearest approach to a "government of the people, by the people and for the people" that has ever been achieved in all time. All of these things have been because of the fundamental rightness of our government, and let those whose confidence is sometimes shaken by misgivings remember that truth.

The Fourth of July, the natal day of the first republic, should be an occasion, more than any other day, to remind ourselves of the estate our nation has reached because of the firm foundation of principles and ideals upon which her government is built.

### A JOB FOR A WOMAN

AN ILLINOIS woman has just been appointed "municipal housekeeper" in her town and has entered upon her duties. These do not consist, as might be supposed, in seeing that the city buildings are kept clean within, but in seeing that no accumulation of rubbish or filth is allowed to disfigure the city streets, alleys and vacant lots. This duty formerly devolved upon the police, but the city fathers decided that "the touch of a woman's hand" would help matters.

Whatever may be said concerning the home as woman's sphere, there can be little argument over the statement that most women are by birth and training better housekeepers than most men, and the application of their talent to civic tidiness is practised too little. Cities, like houses, will not stay clean. They must be kept so, and this is a matter of daily attention. With a trained feminine eye and hand at the head of this work, a year-round "spotless town" should be the result.

Under a new schedule effective July 1, the minimum charge for gas at Astoria is \$1 per thousand cubic feet; in Pendleton the rate is \$2 per thousand and the gas has an odor that almost drives people out of their houses.

Fans Christian Smuts is one of the world's able men; if he has a fair chance he may bring about peace in Ireland.

### BABE RUTH DRAWS MORE INTEREST THAN RELIGION

COLUMBUS, Ohio, July 7.—(I. N. S.)—That home runs knocked by Babe Ruth possess more interest for men than conversations in the churches is the assertion made by Rev. Dr. Lowe, pastor of the West Fourth Avenue Church of Christ here.

He declared that the present age, seemingly, lacks high purpose.

"Newspapers print what the public likes to read," said Dr. Lowe. "If fine, clear purposes and ideals, under the mighty impulsion of love, shall characterize American lives the chances are that newspapers will give more space to the solid, worthwhile things and less to froth."

A recent canvass of four typical American newspapers, he stated, disclosed 211 inches of space devoted to sports, 155 inches to fashions, 125 inches to governmental affairs, 119 inches to business, 60 inches to crime, 14 inches to society and 10 inches to labor and wages.

Senator Arthur Capper has loaned out two hundred thousand dollars, without security, to boys to purchase pure-bred pigs. The boys become interested in their stock raising and remain on the farm. The Senator is applying the same idea to chicken clubs with girl members and has already loaned fifty thousand to Kansas girls for pure-bred and development of pure-bred flocks.

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## FAILURE OF U. S. NAVY TO SEIZE U-117 IN 1918, WHEN FOUND AT SEA OFF VIRGINIA, IS REVEALED

**German Submarine That Sent U. S. Vessels to Bottom Escaped From Submarines.**

By DAVID M. CHURCH  
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WASHINGTON, July 7.—Hidden away in the archives of the great navy building here are hundreds of romances and adventures of the sea which may never come to light.

In steel bound files are the records of successes and of failures during the world war which swelled the hearts of seafaring men with pride and caused them to tear their hair in anguish.

Perhaps the most romantic records concern the activities of the United States navy against the German U-boats, records which have never been opened to the public.

With the recent sinking of the U-117 off Cape Charles by aerial bombers, there has come to light the story of a great disappointment to the American navy.

The U-117 left Kiel on June 12, 1918, under command of a German, who is believed to have served as a gunner's mate in the United States navy at one time. Apparently well versed on conditions in American waters, this U-boat captain turned her toward the shores of the United States. From a date late in June until early in September the U-117 was a menace to American and foreign shipping off the coasts of the North Atlantic. Mines were sown by the U-117 from Maine to Hatteras, and five steam vessels and eight schooners fell prey to the undersea destroyer.

The navy department adopted drastic measures. Thirty-five patrol boats were sent to capture the U-boat, but without success; she continued her raids, particularly upon schooners.

At this time the British navy was having some success with U-boats, or mystery ships, innocent-looking vessels which were quickly turned into armed fighting craft when attacked by the U-boats. American naval officers desired to outfit some of these mystery ships, but it is understood that Woodrow Wilson intervened, holding that such vessels were a violation of international law. This was the first bitter disappointment to those charged with making a defense against the submarines.

The U-117 was continually reported to the navy department as still active in American waters, sinking schooners and sowing mines. The navy was perplexed.

It was a strange coincidence that when these five small schooners put to sea an American submarine deemed it wise to follow in the wake of each schooner. In fact, the schooners and the submarines became quite chummy so much so that a telephone line was strung from the schooner to each submarine, which remained below the surface all day long. It is very probable that if the U-boat had been sighted there might have been some telephoning to the submarine astern.

At night time the submarine commanders brought their craft to the surface, and their good friends on board the schooners loaded them down with gifts of food supplies and fuel.

One pair of these strange marine "pals" was dragging along in a calm off the Virginia Capes in midsummer, 1918. The submarine had been on the surface till nearly daybreak, and the former naval officer in the schooner had been up all night tending to the wants of his friends in the submarine. So at daybreak he turned in for a short sleep, and the submarine opened her submerging valves and went below.

**Find U-Boat on Surface**  
Shortly after 8 o'clock in the morning the lookout on the schooner reported a bark apparently at anchor off the stern. Later it was reported that a small vessel was alongside the bark. The lookout continued to make reports on the activities of the two vessels. The American submarine stayed below, the naval commander on the schooner exulted in well-earned sleep, and the Scandinavian skipper of the schooner went about his usual duties.

Just before noon the submarine commander telephoned to the schooner, asking if all was clear for him to bring his vessel to the surface to give the crew a bit of fresh air. The skipper of the schooner telephoned back for the submarine to come up.

The submarine was hardly on the surface before there was a distant boom; the bark astern was seen to turn her tail upward and sink, and toward the schooner there came scurrying through the ocean what was unmistakably a submarine. She had not sighted the American submarine.

The American submarine commander was back to his vessel in a twinkling. Hatches were suddenly closed, orders were given to prepare

for action, and the boat made a quick dive below the surface, but not quick enough, for almost simultaneously the approaching U-boat sighted the submarine and made another quick dive. Constant search for many hours failed to turn up the missing U-boat.

**Navy Department Wroth**  
Disappointment on that day was sufficient, but it was even greater when some time later it was learned that the U-boat had been alongside the bark for more than four hours, with her hatches wide open, loading copper bars from the bark before sending her to the bottom with a bomb. While this perfect target was open the American submarine naval commander on the schooner had slept peacefully, and the skipper of the schooner had gone blissfully on with his deck duties.

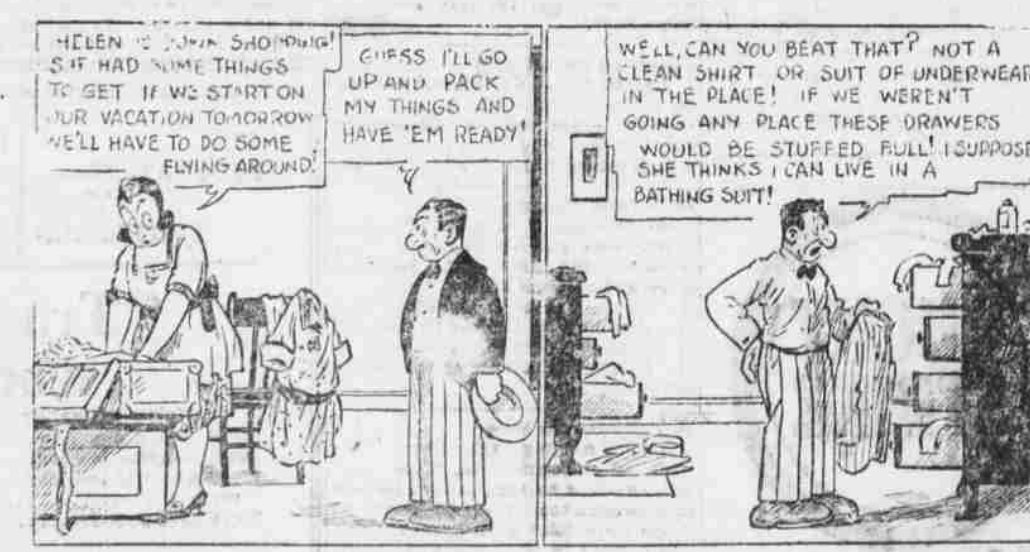
There was a warm time in the navy department. The skipper of the schooner was sharply called to account for his failure to report the bark and the vessel alongside. He maintained that he had believed it to be a small tug towing the bark.

After the armistice, when the navy department secured the U-117 together with its log, it was learned that the U-boat commander recorded this as his most narrow escape in American waters.

It is small wonder that there was grim satisfaction on the faces of watching naval officers a few weeks ago when the U-117 turned her tail to the clouds and took her last dive, an ignominious end, sunk by aerial bombers while anchored as a helpless target.

And so another chapter of the disappointments of the sea was closed.

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