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Loganberry Laughs

Oh, very well. Let us have an orgy of bargain hunting.
Normalcy will also mean that a position will pay as much as a job.
England loves us still. Evidently blood is thicker than "Pussyfoot" Johnson.

The wisest are tricked. A sucker is one who rushes for the same bait a second time.
The only speed cop on the broad way that leads to destruction is an active conscience.
The war game won't thrive after a law is passed prohibiting the manufacture of munitions.

The American woman has long held the deciding vote in the state of matrimony.
Once a man gets interested in his rights, he has very little time to think about his duties.
And then again, by speaking softly one saves his breath for the rough-house when it comes.

Given an epidemic of lock-jaw among diplomats, the world would save itself in a few months.
Money is hard to get at a reasonable figure, but you can always borrow trouble at the same old rate.
The overall movement failed, but the process of deflation is putting a little more pep in the movement of overalls.

The viewer-with-alarm is so busy expecting something worse that he never recognizes the worst when it happens.
If France ever finds a man to collect what Russia owes her, perhaps we can hire him to collect what Europe owes us.

To Stabilize Commerce

A syndicate composing some of the greatest financial figures in the United States has asked President Wilson to approve an organization to stabilize world trade and rehabilitate American industry by affording a market for commodities now unsaleable, through utilizing the half billion dollars of German capital and securities now in possession of the Alien Property Custodian as the basis of a \$2,000,000,000 loan to Germany.

The effect of the plan, if it materializes, is calculated to restore exchange to a nearly normal basis, start restoration of foreign trade now nearly prostrate because of the demoralization of European money values and inability to purchase America's surplus, and the disposal of two billion dollars worth of commodities, the lack of a market for which is largely responsible for the precarious condition of manufacturing enterprises.

The plan was worked out by New York bankers, and has the approval of every great financial institution in the United States. The active organizers include Morgan & Co., the Guarantee Trust Company, the Chase National Bank, Chas. H. Sabin, Thomas W. Lamont and others equally well known. It is stated that it is not in conflict with any existing statutes or prohibited by the Trading with the Enemy act, and Attorney General Palmer has stated that if the President sees fit to issue a decree permitting the utilization of the German property, he will be acting entirely within the powers conferred upon him by congress.

Of the half billion of property now held by Custodian Garvin, \$105,000,000 is in cash or Liberty bonds, the proceeds of sales made by the custodian. This will not be touched by the new organization, but left as security for the payment of American claims. Against the \$400,000,000 securities remaining, the syndicate will deposit its own debenture bonds. The consent of Germany is required for the transfer, but has already been received as Germany is anxious for the success of the project which will insure raw materials for her factories as well as food and fuel.

Germany is in desperate need of cotton, corn, wheat, copper, foodstuffs and various other commodities which are in such abundance in this country that producers cannot market them except at prices entailing heavy losses. If the president decides that the law does not give him power to issue the decree asked, the matter will be presented to congress immediately after convening.

Germany is regarded as the keystone of the European problem. Until the German indemnity is fixed, there can be no industrial peace and it can not be fixed until it is determined how much she can pay and live. The plan therefore means not only the stabilizing of America's demoralized markets, and the rehabilitation of Germany, but the reestablishment of European industry. It is an alternative to Hoover's plan to have the United States establish a fund of \$500,000,000 to promote the reestablishment of trade relations.

A Boy Marvel

Samuel Rzeszewski, a nine year old Polish boy, has defeated, individually and collectively, all the champion chess players of Europe and America. He has played 20 games at a time, each against a master of chess, going rapidly from one table to another and defeated each opponent, and he has played single-handed against the combined skill of the twenty. His moves are made with lightning rapidity and he never fails to score victory.

Not only has he vanquished all opponents but he has solved in record time all difficult and seemingly insolvable problems proposed by experts. He is indeed a wizard of chess, and proves again the adage that genius is born and not manufactured.

Here is a subject that must interest psychologists: how does it come that a young school boy has such an uncanny knowledge of such an obtruse subject? The average boy of his age is not interested in chess—lacks concentration of mind necessary to master the involved game. Indeed chess is not a popular game, it involves too much mental effort. It is a game of pure skill mastered by comparatively few. And yet a mere child confounds the world's experts without apparent effort.

How this youth acquired his marvelous skill is a problem of far more interest to the average individual than the game of chess, but we fear, it will be unsolved, and we must resort to the old explanation of "genius" that does not explain, to conceal our ignorance.

The Restless Sex

By Robert Chambers, Author of "Barbarians," "The Dark Star," etc. (Copyrighted 1918 by Robert W. Chambers)

John Cleland now made it a custom to go every day to his club, read in the great, hushed library, gossip with the older members, perhaps play a game of chess with some friend of his early youth, lunch there with ancient cronies, sometimes fall asleep in one of the great, deep chairs in the lounging hall. And, as he had always been constitutionally moderate, the physician's edict depriving him of his cigar and his claret annoyed him sorely at all. Always he returned to the home on 10th street, when his only son was likely to be free from work; and together they dined at home, or more rarely at Delmonico's; and sometimes they went together to some theater or concert.

For they were nearer to each other than they had ever been in their lives during those quiet autumn and winter days together; and they shared every thought—almost every thought—only Cleland had never spoken to his son about the medicine he was taking regularly, nor of that odd experience when he had found himself standing dazed and speechless by his own bed in the silence and darkness of early morning.

Stephanie came back at Christmas—a lovely surprise—a supple, grey-eyed young thing, grown an inch and a half taller, flower-fresh, instinct with the intoxicating vigor and delight of mere living and tremulous with unuttered and very youthful ideas about everything on earth.

She kissed Cleland Senior, clinging to him, caressed him. But for the first time her demonstration ended there; she offered her hand to Jim in flushed and slightly confused silence.

"What's the matter with you, Steve?" demanded the youth, half laughing, half annoyed. "You think you're too big to kiss me? By Jove, you shall kiss me!" And he summarily saluted her. She got away from him immediately with an odd little laugh, and held tightly to Cleland Senior again.

Polk Farms Valued at Ten Million Dollars

Dallas, Nov. 27.—Census statistics were made public this week to show that there are this year 1761 farms in Polk county as contrasted with 1657 farms in 1910, an increase of 13 per cent. This year the farms are operated by Indians and the remainder by members of the pale face race. 1421 of the farms are operated by the owners; in 1910 the number being 1232. There are 340 tenants on farms in the county. According to the census the total number of farm acres in the county is 239,621. The valuation of the farms is \$25,356,308, an increase of nearly ten millions in ten years.

There are in the county 6027 horses, over three hundred less than in 1910. There are 112 mules, 10,687 cattle, 12,731 sheep and 10,185 swine. In 1910 there were 37 mules, 10,476 cattle, 21,563 sheep and 8190 swine.

In 1919 there were 689,213 bushels of wheat on 32,126 acres 659,682 bushels of oats on 25,295 acres, 39,911 tons of hay on 23,405 acres, 1,274,549 pounds of hops on 1576 acres.

In 1900 there were 254,594 bushels of wheat on 13,089 acres; 896,579 bushels of oats on 23,405 acres; 36,941 tons of hay on 24,000 acres, vaguely smiling, remained standing.

When she returned, Meacham seated her. She picked up the blossom beside her plate, saw the other at the unoccupied place opposite, and her eyes suddenly filled.

There was a moment's silence, then she kissed the petals and placed the flower in her hair. "My dear," she began, cheerfully, "to waste no time in life! So I think I'd like to go to the theater all the time—"

The men's laughter checked her and she joined in. "You do understand, both of you!" she insisted. "You're tormenting me and you know it! I don't go to the theater to amuse myself. I go to inform myself—to learn, study, improve myself in the art of self-expression—Jim, you are a beast to grin and work a lead-pencil. That ought to educate you and leave an evening or two for dancing—"

"That's my way of having a good time. I wish to go to studios and see painters and sculptors at work! I wish to go to plays and concerts—"

"How about seeing a real author or poet, Steve?"

"You?" she divined with a dainty sniff.

"Certainly. Come up any morning and watch genius work a lead-pencil. That ought to educate you and leave an evening or two for dancing—"

"Jim, I positively do not care for parties. I don't even desire to waste one minute of my life. Ordinary people bore me, I tell you—"

"Do I?"

"Sometimes," she retorted, with delighted malice. And turning swiftly to Cleland Senior: "As for you, darling, I could spend every minute of my whole existence with you and not be bored for one second!"

Farmer Green's wife had noticed that the flour in her flour-barrel was getting low. So one morning Farmer Green pulled a wagon from under a shed and set a big bag of wheat in it, behind the seat. Then he went into the house to get a piece of string with which to tie the bag.

Farmer Green hadn't seen a pair of bright eyes that were watching him from the fence nearby. And he didn't know that as soon as he started to cross the barnyard, Sandy Chipmunk stole up to the wagon, climbed into it, and crept inside the open bag of wheat.

Now, Sandy had not had his breakfast. So he began at once to eat heartily of the wheat kernels, believing that after he had had a good meal it would be time enough to think of carrying some of the wheat away to his house. He only hoped that no one would take the bag away until he had removed all the wheat. There was enough of it—he was sure—to last him for any number of winters.

Now, you must not think that Sandy was greedy, because he wanted all that wheat. He intended all the time to leave the bag for Farmer Green.

The wheat tasted so good that Sandy Chipmunk could think of nothing else. So he never heard Johnnie Green's father when he came back from the house. And before Sandy knew what was happening, Farmer Green had reached into the wagon, drawn the mouth of the bag together, and tied it hard and fast.

There was Sandy Chipmunk, inside the bag. And he was so frightened that he couldn't eat another mouthful. He just shivered and shook, while Farmer Green went into the barn, laid out an old, slow horse called Ebenezer, and harnessed him to the wagon.

Then Johnnie Green and his grandmother came out and seated themselves in the wagon. Farmer Green gave Johnnie the reins; and Ebenezer started joggling down the road toward the miller's, with the road toward the miller's, with Johnnie's old straw hat and his grandmother's sunbonnet bobbing from side to side, and up and

try. And there he stayed, while all the time old Ebenezer kept plodding along toward the mill. Johnnie Green and his grandmother, talking so near him, only alarmed Sandy all the more. And he thought he could not be more scared than he was. But all at once the wagon lurched forward and Grandmother Green screamed, and Johnnie began to cry "Whoa! whoa!" in a loud voice.

Then Sandy Chipmunk began to shake harder than ever. He had no idea what was happening.

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Ordinance Asked to Regulate Heat in Denver Hotels

Denver, Nov. 27.—With the advent of cold weather agitation for a city ordinance regulating the heating of apartments, rooming houses and hotels is rife in this city, following numerous complaints of a lack of sufficient heat in many of these dwellings, made to the municipal health department. Councilman Harry W. Risley stated that he would confer with the city attorney's department regarding an ordinance for the regulation of heat facilities. "I am in favor of such an ordinance," he declared. "The people

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who rent apartments and rooms pay for heat and are entitled to heat. Lack of heat frequently results in sickness and death. A law prohibiting the profiteering landlord from freezing his tenants is necessary."

Many of the large cities, it was pointed out, have ordinances which require a certain temperature in apartments, hotels and rooming houses during the cold weather.

To Be Let Alone.
A man who was house-hunting discovered the kind of home he wanted. The door was opened by a pretty maid. He asked her some questions nervously, for he was a timid man. Presently, remembering the servant problem, he said: "And are you to be let with the house?"

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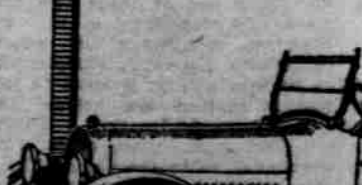
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