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#### The Seven Ages of Man.

[With apologies to Bill Shakespeare.]

- I  
At 10 he loves his Sunday School teacher.
- II  
At 18 he loves the dame (aged 27) next door.
- III  
At 25 he loves the girl who sold him a pair of gloves. She's along about 25, too.
- IV  
At 35 he loves a little squab who is in the chorus of the dizzy, dainty "Dolls Show" aged 17.
- V  
At 50 he is a nice juicy quince for a vivacious 18-year-old he met at the seaside.
- VI  
At 60 he plays Safety First and sticks around the club most 'o the time with the "boys".
- VII  
At 80 he cackles about what a whale of a guy he was when he was young.

**Our First National Thanksgiving.**  
The immediate occasion of the first thanksgiving was the surrender of General Burgoyne to General Gates in the fall of 1777. Thursday, the 18th of December, was designated, and in compliance with the order of congress the army at Valley Forge duly observed the day—the army that had tracked its way in blood. It was ordered by the Continental congress.

#### Same Old story

In describing his latest journey from Portland to San Francisco in a letter to J. H. Fenton, manager of the Buick garage in Eugene, Mr. Peyton says that the worst stretches of road he encountered were between Portland and Salem, and between Cottage Grove and Roseburg. He also stated that he did not even find it necessary to use chains in the Siskiyou mountains or in the Sacramento river canyon. He made the trip last week.

#### A Form of Suicide.

The Yankee—If some one were so ill advised as to call you a liar, colonel, in what light would you regard the act?

Kentucky Colonel—I would regard it simply as a form of suicide.

#### CHRONICLE OF THE DRUM.

Last year, my love, it was my hap  
Behind a grenadier to be.  
And, but he wore a hairy cap,  
No taller man, methinks, than me.

Prince Albert and the queen,  
God wot,  
(Be blessings on the glorious pair)  
Before us passed, I saw them not,  
I only saw a cap of hair.

Your orthodox historian puts  
In foremost rank the soldier thus,  
The redcoat bully in his boots  
That hides the march of men from us.

He puts him there in foremost rank,  
You wonder at his cap of hair;  
You hear his saber's cursed clank,  
His spurs are jingling everywhere.

Go to! I hate him and his trade,  
Who bade us so to cringe and bend,  
And all God's peaceful people made  
To such as him subservient?

Tell me what find we to admire  
In epaulets and scarlet coats  
In men, because they load and fire  
And know the art of cutting throats?  
—William Makepeace Thackeray.

#### APHORISMS ON COURAGE.

The soul, secured in her existence, smiles on the drawn dagger and defies its point.—Addison.

Where life is more terrible than death it is then the truest valor to dare to live.—Sir Thomas Browne.

The charm of the best courages is that they are inventions, inspirations, flashes of genius.—Emerson.

Courage is, on all hands, considered as an essential of high character.—Froude.

"Be bold!" first gate; "Be bold, be bold and evermore be bold!" second gate; "Be not too bold!" third gate.—Inscription on the gates of Busyrae.

#### THE REFORMER.

And, indeed, though the life of the reformer may seem rugged and arduous, it were hard to say considerably that any other were worth living at all. Who can thoughtfully affirm that the career of the conquering, desolating, subjugating warrior—of the devotee of gold or pomp or sensual joys, the monarch in his purple, the miser by his chest, the wassailer over his bowl—is not a libel on humanity and an offense against God! But the earnest, unselfish reformer, born into a state of darkness, evil and suffering and honestly striving to replace these by light and purity and happiness—he may fall and die, as so many have done before him, but he cannot fall.—Horace Greeley.

## POSTAL SAVINGS TO GAIN MILLIONS

New Law Will Put Hoarded  
Money In Circulation.

RAISES LIMIT OF DEPOSITS.

Those Who Wish May Put \$1,000 to Their Credit Instead of \$500, as Heretofore—Only One-half of This Money is Interest Bearing—Funds Are Always Redeemed by Government.

Washington.—"All over the country, more especially in New York and other large cities, postmasters report that under existing law they turn away a much larger amount of money offered for deposit in the postal savings system than they are authorized to receive. Of the \$45,000,000 now on deposit approximately \$6,000,000 was turned over to the care of Uncle Sam by patrons of the New York postoffice. Under the provisions of the bill recently passed by the senate and house, postmasters will be in position to accept many deposits which they must now turn away. This should cause the deposits in the postal savings system to increase very rapidly."

Alexander M. Dockery, third assistant postmaster general, who has general supervision of the postal savings system, made this statement, and said:

"Patrons of the postal savings system must not be disappointed if they find that they are unable to deposit \$1,000 immediately after the bill has received the approval of President Wilson. While the limit of deposits which an individual may have in the system is increased from \$500 to \$1,000 by the bill, only \$500 is interest bearing. Before any non-interest bearing deposits can be received the department must prepare and issue a new set of certificates and books. Work on these is be-



ALEXANDER M. DOCKERY.

ing rushed, however, and they will be ready for issue with the least possible delay.

"When these new certificates are ready an individual may deposit \$1,000 at one time, one-half of which will draw interest. Separate certificates will be issued for the interest bearing and non-interest bearing deposits, although both may be made at the same time. Meanwhile, immediately after the bill is signed and becomes law, the public will be notified through the press, and individuals may deposit as much as \$500 at one time or enough more than they may now have on deposit to bring their interest bearing account up to the \$500 limit.

"While the new bill fixes the limit of individual accounts at \$1,000, patrons of the system may purchase postal savings bonds with their savings every six months. For this purpose both the interest bearing and non-interest bearing deposits will be available. Postal savings bonds pay 2½ per cent. By turning their deposits into postal savings bonds every six months individual depositors may lay aside \$2,000 a year if they care to do so and have the guarantee of the government behind it plus 2½ per cent interest.

"While bankers opposed the enactment of the original postal savings law, they have come to realize that it is one of the best things that ever happened for them. As a rule, the money which is deposited in this system would not have reached the banks and would be kept out of circulation. Now it goes into the banks in the communities in which it is deposited, the banks paying 2½ per cent for its use, while the government pays the depositors 2 per cent. One reason for having \$500 made non-interest bearing was the fact that it has been found that the one-half per-

cent paid by the banks for redepositing over and above 2 per cent paid to depositors does not quite pay the operating expenses of the system.

"This will be a splendid thing for business at a time when money is needed. It will help the banks in small towns as well as in cities, since the money is redeposited as close as possible to the point where it is placed in the postoffice. This distribution of postal savings funds among the banks is absolutely free from favoritism. It is done automatically, and political pull does not count a particle."

#### MOTORS PLOW TRENCHES.

Germans Have Cars With Attachments For Cutting Barbed Wire.

London.—The Germans do their trench cutting with motor plows, says the automobile expert of the Daily Chronicle in an article describing types of motor vehicles now in use in the war.

"Where variety is concerned," he says, "it must be conceded that the Germans can claim the greatest degree of forethought, for they have two types of machine at least which are not to be found elsewhere.

"Intrenchments, it need hardly be said, play a leading part in the campaign. The Germans do a good deal of their trench cutting by machinery. Before the war broke out they provided themselves with a number of mechanical plows, driven by 200 horse-power petrol motors.

"It does not need much imagination to realize that engines of that power can scoop out trenches much more rapidly than men with spades, and, though it is improbable that the number of these machines is so large that they are likely to be available at a moment's notice at every single point at which intrenchment might become desirable, it cannot be doubted that the machines which have been constructed have proved highly useful and, for aught we know, may actually have been employed at the outset of the battle of the Aisne.

"Inasmuch as wire is commonly used for obstructive purposes, it is noteworthy that the cars which the Germans use for field work are fitted with curved steel rods on the forefront. One of these has a cutting edge, and whenever wire is encountered it is caught up by the plain rod and passed on to the cutting edge, by which it is automatically severed."

## JOAN OF ARC SPIRIT ANIMATES WOMEN

French Soldiers Are Urged on  
by Wives and Mothers.

Lagny.—"The women of France are doing their half of the fighting in this war. This is my conclusion after talking with mothers and sisters and daughters whom I saw on my trip through the battle tramped fairyland," writes a correspondent.

"Nothing else explains the heroic stand of the French against the walls of Paris after the cyclonic southward sweep of the Germans; nothing else clears up the mystery of the sudden defeat of the invaders in the battle of the Marne. The women had lent a hand.

"I asked a woman whose home was in the center of a battlefield what she thought of the war.

"We will win," she said.  
"But what do you think about all this fighting and killing of one another?" I added, determined to get at what this woman had to say on the broader, bigger side of the great war.

"It's horrible, of course," she said simply. "And if he doesn't come back I don't know what I shall do, though I suppose I shall have to manage somehow."

"A little girl, perhaps three years old, came out and joined her mother on the littered steps, her big, mysterious blue eyes bent on me and wondering who I could be.

"We have two children," the woman continued, "this one and a baby. Perhaps we are in for a hard time. And maybe he won't come back. They say our losses are heavy, but if France wins where I lose I shall not complain. I shall feel that I, too, have done something."

"Even a great deal," I said.  
"Yes," she replied, "even a great deal, for he was all I had."

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