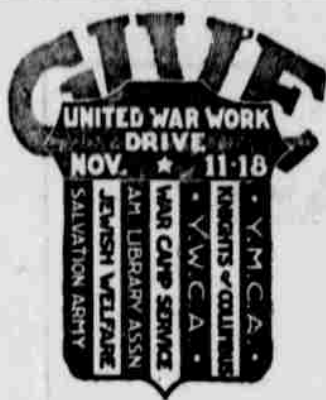




CALLS FOR BRAKE

Middle-Aged Man Would Slow Up
Wheels of Time.

Is Living in Hope That Some Man
Will Devise a Workable Scheme
for Renewing One's Lease of
Life, and Do It Quickly.

"What we really need," said the middle-aged man, "is some way of slowing up the wheels of time.

"As every man who has begun to get on in life knows, the older we grow the faster time seems to fly. In our youth even single days seem to be endless; but when we get to be about so old the years go so fast that they seem to spin around like pin-wheels.

"There was once an advertiser with a patent medicine to sell who started off his advertisement by describing himself as a retired physician whose sands of life had nearly run out. A well-meaning friend in the far West wrote to him saying that if he would mix a little molasses with the sands they wouldn't run out so fast.

"Of course there was an idea in that; but the minute you come to think it over seriously you see that there is really nothing to it. To make the wheels of time turn slower you'd have to have something more than molasses. I have thought that perhaps we might invent some sort of brake, a very powerful brake, for this purpose, but I guess there's really nothing in this idea, either.

"Lacking the means of making the wheels of time turn slower, so that we would seem to have more time, I have thought that perhaps somebody may yet devise a way of renewing our lease of life. If we could get an indefinite renewal of our life lease we wouldn't care how fast the wheels turned, because we'd have endless years for them to turn in.



"The man who could devise a workable plan of this sort would get rich beyond any sort of dreams whatever; that is, if he could prolong his own life as well as sell life-renewal leases to others; for I fancy that, hard as this world may be in some respects, the great majority of us would like to continue living in it a long, long time, and would give all we had for that privilege.

"For myself, I can say that I like the world very well and I would like to stay on it interminably. If there is anybody now working on this life-renewal device I hope he will get it running before the sands of my old-fashioned life shall have run out completely; and if when he opens up for business he will let me know where to find him I shall go to him; and, if I have the price, take out as a first extension a renewal for about a century."

Dealing With the Occult.

An astonishing number of books on occult subjects are being published in these days, especially on lines relating to the future life, the theme taking on a new interest because of the war and its losses. One writer, Prof. W. J. Crawford of Belfast, is dealing with so-called spirit manifestations in a new way. For one thing, he has tried seating the medium on a weighing machine while the manifestations are going on and watching the varying record of her weight. He has found that where a chair or table was levitated an increase in her weight almost corresponding to the weight of the piece of furniture was noted. When there were rappings her weight lessened, the amount lost varying with the intensity of the sounds. What these phenomena indicate to his mind or what he expects to prove by them does not appear.

Balzac Would Have Starved.

Some of the geniuses of earlier generations would have a hard time of it with civilian rations in Europe. Many of them are still remembered for their appetites. Thackeray and Dickens were both masterful at the table. Balzac was equal to making a dinner of eight dozen oysters, twelve cutlets, a duck, a pair of partridges, and all the customary "trimmings." Herbert Spencer once went upon a vegetable diet, and declared that after he returned to meat he had to rewrite everything he did in the interval to get virility into it.

Regardless of the effect on genius, rationing is spreading. Even walking sticks have come under governmental control in England, and presumably a prospective purchaser will soon have to present a license to carry such an ornament.—Nation's Business.

Big Tuna Cannery.

Half a million dollars is to be expended in the construction of a large tuna cannery on the island of Maui, in the Hawaiian group, states The Canner. The waters around the islands swarm with fish of every description, among which the tuna is predominant and attains an enormous size. The operation of this plant will be a valuable addition to the food supply of the United States and may lead to the establishment of an important fishing industry in the island territory.

Puzzling the Kaiser.

"Here's one t'ing puzzles me," said the Kaiser.
"Vot's dot, eggshelency?" asked an underling.
"Mid dose Yanks abending all dere time making money and inventing fine machines for us to swipe venever did dey learn how to fight de way dey do?"

The clouds in thunder storms may be very deep—from two to five miles and more.

California Sardines
Commercial Bulletin of Los Angeles says that the California sardine pack for this year will exceed that of Maine, which last year mounted to 2,500,000 cases, compared with 1,900,000 packed in California. This paper asserts that the fish packed in California are true sardines, while Maine packs a small herring.



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