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REAL LETTERS.

But the letters which load our postmen now are for the most part intensely real, whether they are short and bald or expanded and elaborated. They tell of the things that matter most to writers and receivers. They knit together the home and those who are held far away from it. They keep up the union of lives destined to be passed together, but for the time being wrenched asunder. They are missives of deeply anxious thought which tries to hide its anxiety. They pass to and fro in relief of heartaches of absence. Behind each when the destination or the place of dispatch is "The Front," is the shadowing possibility that it may be the last. What in them may seem the smallest trivialities to the onlooker may be of the greatest interests to the receiver far from home and unable to complete his mind-picture of it except out of the materials provided in his letters. With so much needing to be told, can we wonder that letter-writing has revived and attained dimensions far beyond any record in the annals of the art.

The obstacles to letter-writing have all been swept away. The cost is inconsiderable to the sender, however, far off the receiver may be, and the Government manages the transit with marvelous celerity. Now, too, nearly all can write a letter if they try, or there is someone in the household who can write it. The people who were given to letter-writing before feel the urgent need for writing and extending their circle of correspondence until in some instances the keeping up of a flow of sympathy through the post becomes almost an obsession. The return flow of letters from those who are away on duty is perhaps even more surprising when we remember the difficulty of writing on active service.

COURAGE MAKERS.

This letter-writing is personal, intimate, spiritual, well-nigh sacred. It has welded afresh the ties of family, has provided the race with a newly-trying mode of expression and has given the pen in tens of millions of hands a mightier mission than had ever been attributed to it in the writings of the literary few. Through it speak the dearest thoughts of men, forgetful for the moment as they write of the alien they are living far from home and the daily routine which normal experience of the world. Now their whole outlook is changed. The significance of home and country has been transformed in their hearts, however, strong it was before, and the familiar letter is the natural vehicle for as much of this pent-up sentiment as the writer's command of words will allow.

THE EFFECT.

What will the ultimate effects of this resort to the pen by practically the whole manhood of the nation? May we not hope that to men of each grade of education it will give a trend towards letter-writing as a mode of expression? There must have been so much practice in the art, even among the indifferently educated, during the last three years that the crude formality and stilted phrasings they have often inherited from bad schooling will be dropped, and natural, simple writing will be substituted. Then too the need which has been felt for a practical command of the pen, for expression of the mind in ink, must have influence on education as it is regraded by the average citizen, and tend to make it a form of training for the use of every man and not a means of shirking the most necessary forms of work. But, further, the experiences of the War, shaking men out of their indifference and their calm satisfaction with the commonplace and forcing them to face the great facts of life and death in the simplest way, must tend to make them think, and, if the writing habit is acquired by practice, lead them to express their ideas on paper. Indeed, writing is the closest adjunct to thinking. "Writing," says Bacon, "maketh an exact man." Without it there is not much exact thinking. With it there is the hope that thought set down will be clarified. And if so, there not a good prospect that the great volume of fresh thought induced by the unaccustomed surroundings of the nation's manhood at war, and crystallized by the growing habit of writing, will revivify our people intellectually and morally, and in the end leave a rich deposit in the form of literature—the literature that bears fruit through untold generations? If this should be so—and the manifest stimulation of some forms of literature by the War, as for example poetry, makes it clear that it will be—then one of the most beneficent thought unlooked for effects of the War will have been that it put the pen into the hands of a whole people, and starting with the simplest form of writing, the domestic letter, gave at last a more ample voice to their highest aspirations.

THE BALANCE OF POWER



OVER THE TOP

GOOD PRICES GREATEST STIMULANT

The proposed mines control bill has been amended and changed in many particulars since its introduction April 6th, and passed by the house of representatives and is now in the senate.

The government is in need of manganese, chrome, pyrites and other rare metals heretofore imported but the supply of which, for lack of ships, has been cut off.

It is equally necessary to have sulphuric acid for manufacture of explosives and potash for agriculture.

The situation is unusual and from that standpoint a measure to encourage the production of these products, not heretofore extensively produced in this country, has merit.

The great copper, lead, zinc and silver producers of the west have been turning out metal as never before and supplying every need of our own government and the allies and development has progressed at an unprecedented rate under the stimulus of fair prices and a ready market. It should be definitely stated in the proposed measure that such properties are not included in this experimental legislation.

It would be a fine thing if the government could help producers develop these new industries without at the same time saddling the taxpayers and the already developed mining industry with the burdens and hampering influence of a new bureau composed of professional office seekers.

In commenting on the program for government assistance as provided in this bill, The Mining Congress Journal says:

"This does not mean that it requires government operation or government control, but only that conditions shall be created under which private enterprises can meet requirements. The Mining Congress Journal is flatly opposed to every government effort which can be exercised by individuals efficiently. It believes that the government function ends when it has created conditions under which private enterprise can best produce and supply its needs."

Good prices and equitable taxation laws will produce more metal for Uncle Sam than all the regulatory legislation ever invented.

AUCTION SALE

Having sold my farm and will move to Salem, I will sell at my residence 2 1/2 miles north of Monmouth on the West Side Highway, on

SATURDAY, JUNE 15TH, 1918.

Commencing at 10 O'clock a. m. Sharp

16 HEAD OF CATTLE 16

8 head of milch cows fresh last March and April; one 4-yr old full blood Jersey Cow—registered and known as the Champion Pretty Girl; 1 Full blood 2-yr old heifer from same cow; 1 Calf dropped 24th day of March—subject to register; and one other calf full blood; balance grade cows and Beef Cattle.

These Cattle were thoroughly examined by the State Veterinary and pronounced in healthy condition.

3 HEAD OF HORSES 3

One team Percheon mares, weights about 2500 lbs; 1 gray horse seven yrs old, weight 1300 lbs.

1 Brood Sow Pol and China—2 Shotes.

FARM IMPLEMENTS.

1 new Bane wagon California bed; 2 truck wagons, 1 good Deering Binder in first class condition; 1 McCormack Reaper, in first class condition; 1 McCormick mower; 1 McCormick hay rack, 1 Tiger Drill 1, walking plow 12-inch; 1 16-inch Sereque walking plow; 1 new John Deere gang plow, 12-inch; 1 Corrigated steel roller, 1 John Deere disk, 1 spring tooth harrow, 1 three-section harrow; - land plaster sower, 1 broad caster seeder, 1 garden cultivator, 1 garden harrow, 1 buggy, 1 cream separator, 1 range, a number of farm tools and household furniture.

FREE LUNCH AT NOON.

TERMS: —All sums under \$10.00 cash. Above \$10.00 one year's time at 8 per cent on bankable note. Payable on or before expiration.

CHARLES O'BRIEN, Owner.

A. L. STEVENSON, Auctioneer.

C. W. IRVINE, Clerk.

Take Care of Your Tires

America's greatest need is for more ships.

Every available vessel is being utilized in government service.

Many ships that have been carrying rubber from Sumatra and Brazil have been taken for transport duty. The number now left to rubber to this country is extremely limited.

This will necessarily force a temporary curtailment of tire production.

So, make the most of the tires you have.

Use good tires.

Take good care of them. Keep them in repair. See that they are properly inflated.

Increase their mileage by careful driving. Stay out of car tracks and away from bumps. Don't scrape the curb or apply brakes too suddenly.

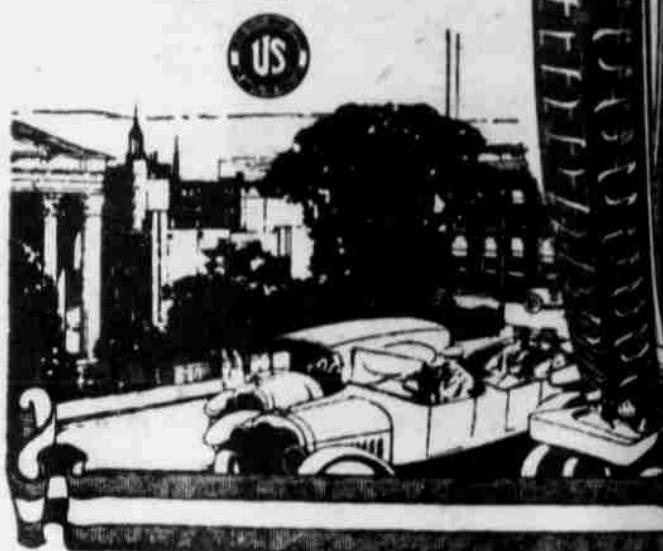
Get every mile your tires have in them.

Only in that way can you be assured of your car's continuous service—and remember, your tire is a vital war-time necessity.

So again,

—take care of your tires.

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