

**GAVE GREAT WRITER THEME**

**How Patriotic Protest of Gentle-Hearted Man Furnished Inspiration to Joel Chandler Harris.**

In one of his stories of farm life in Georgia Joel Chandler Harris tells of a wealthy planter who wanted a few acres of original woodland cleared near a village in which he lived. Labor was scarce, but he finally induced a thrifty fellow in the village to do the work—a man who had always been honest, but a kind of dreamer and "ne'er do well."

After a few days the man came to his employer and frankly confessed that he could not do the work, although he needed the money. Pressed for a reason he said that the first tree he started to cut down was hollow and occupied by two squirrels, who made violent complaint at the destruction of their home. The next was the home of a chipmunk, with a large family, and the third was occupied by at least four pairs of jaybirds. "That piece of woodland is a peopled city, throbbing with life, busy from morning until night. It contains their homes and families, they have built and lived there for years and I have not the heart to destroy what belongs to these helpless creatures." And out of that incident, simple but impressive as it was, Mr. Harris drew inspiration for one of the most graphic pictures in all literature.—H. E. Harman, in the South Atlantic Quarterly.

**Not Always.**

We always like those who admire us, said La Rochefoucauld; we do not always like those whom we admire.

**Daily Thought.**

Fortitude is a great help in distress.—Plautus.

**ACCORDING TO THEIR LIGHTS**

**Savages Ruled by Customs and Ceremonies as Unalterable as Are Beliefs of the West.**

If life in the New Hebrides can be described in irreducible terms of primitive instinct, it is none the less governed by an elaborate ritual of tribal ceremony, by the powerful influence of taboo, by customs as rigid and impregnable as the towering forest fastness. That the old are buried alive is as right and orderly to the truculent savage as that night follows day, or that a warrior dies by the hand of his enemy if he does not first speed his own arrow. Against this barrier of dark faiths and unprobed certainties, the wanderer from the West, with his troubled vision and ever-restless feet, throws up for himself but a flimsy counter-illusion of civilization. Let his trading schooners make their perilous voyages through the channels, darting in and out of the nameless, land-locked harbors. Let him spread his net of commercialism. Let him take away pearls, tortoise shell, beche de mer, copra, sandalwood, or perhaps a human cargo destined for the great labor markets East and West, leaving in their place the cheap product of factories, or better still, secretly, guns and ammunition. The chances are that one day his fate will find him out. And if the time should come when he returns no more to that same civilization which betrayed him in an ultimate need to the savages of an obscure island whose only costume is a necklace, his death will merely cancel an outstanding account.—Gertrude Emerson in Asia Magazine.

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**Music is a Moral Law.**

There is an intense need for art, and above all for music in the daily lives of our people, and it is through the public schools that the musical resources of the younger generation, at present lying dormant, must be awakened.

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There is always the possibility, too, that embryo Patts and Carusos are amongst our children and these can add as much to the future fame of our country as orators, poets, writers, or successful business men—then let them too, have their choice in school days, as well as the others.

**Undersea Pipe Line for Oil.**

Tank steamers are loaded with oil on the Mexican coast by means of undersea pipes, sometimes over a mile long. The record is broken by two lines each two and one-half miles long, recently installed about seventy miles south of Tampico. This method of loading is made necessary by the character of the coast in the vicinity of the oil fields. There are no harbors deep enough to accommodate tank vessels, and the water alongshore is shallow for a mile or more out to sea. The oil pipes lie on the sea bottom and connection is made with the tank ship at the outer end by means of flexible metal hose. The line is fully connected on shore and is then towed out to sea by a tug.—Literary Digest.

**About Milestones.**

Most people imagine milestones to be quite ancient institutions. They are not so really. The first milestones to be erected in England were set up on the Cambridge road between Barkway and Cambridge in 1727, and it was not until 40 years later that their use became at all general. True there are two "milestones," so called, that bear the date 1700, still standing—one at Tadcaster, and the other near Withington, Herefordshire. But these do not give the distances to the places graven upon them, being, in effect, therefore, merely stone signposts.

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**SUGAR SHOWED OUR BACKBONE**

**American Willingness to Give Up Luxury Demonstrated Nation's War Conscience.**

**STAND WITH THE ALLIES.**

**By Reducing Consumption People of the United States Averted a Famine at Home in Spite of Low Supplies.**

The fact that the people of the United States were able to reduce by more than one-half million tons their July, August, September and October consumption of sugar proves conclusively that their war conscience was thoroughly awakened and that the country as a whole stood ready to follow the injunctions of the Government.

Our normal consumption of sugar in the four-month period beginning with July has been 400,000 tons per month, a total of 1,600,000 for the quarter year.

In July, when our sugar stringency began to reach its height, consumption was reduced to 260,000 tons. In August only 325,000 tons went into distribution and in September only 279,000 tons. In October the distribution fell to 230,000 tons.

If the general public had failed to observe the injunctions of the Food Administration this country would have been in the throes of a sugar famine before the end of August. Our visible supplies were so low as to bring great anxiety to those familiar with the sugar situation. They feared that it would be absolutely impossible to reduce consumption to a point where sugar would no longer be a mere luxury in the American diet.

Few accomplishments of the Food Administration will stand forth so predominantly as this reduced consumption of sugar. By it we have been able to bridge over the period of stringency until the new beet and Louisiana cane sugar crops were in sight.

Now the nation is in a position so that if we choose we may return to our normal home use of sugar, and Europe, with the release of ships to go far afield, can maintain its recent restricted ration. If, however, those nations are to increase their use of sugar very considerably it must be by our continued sharing with them through limiting our own consumption.

**AMERICAN SPIRIT RELIED ON TO WIN.**

In the light of succeeding events it is interesting to recall the confidence with which the United States Food Administrator viewed the gloomy outlook in July of 1917, when this country had been in the war for less than four months and the Germans were steadily sending the western front nearer and nearer to Paris.

"Even though the situation in Europe may be gloomy today," he declared in a public statement, "no American who has knowledge of the results already obtained in every direction need have one atom of fear that democracy will not defend itself in these United States."

**LOYALTY IN LITTLE THINGS LAST PROOF OF PATRIOTISM**

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