

DISCONTENT.

The country's now in better case than 'twas in any age; for every man there is a place to earn a goodly wage; the poor man's larder's well supplied, against the winter's storms; so let us rip things open wide, and spring some new reforms. The merchant has within his till a good fat roll or two; the wheels are turning in the mill, and idle hands are few; the warehouse groans beneath its weight of costly box and bale; so let us get our gall on straight and send some men to jail. The cities flourish and expand all nature laughs and sings; prosperity's on every hand, and peace should spread her wings; but we shall all our time devote to this ripening game; nor view the painting while we note the flyspeck on the frame. There's something wrong when people thrive; there's something wrong my friend; we want to see bad times arrive, and rave the banks suspend, and see the mills all close their doors, and half the merchants fail; so let us fill the air with roars, and send some men to jail.

Household Hints.

Unless the water be drained at once from cooked vegetables they become water-soaked.
 Into it and let the potato cook until Junket will not be firm if the milk gets too hot before adding the junket tablet.
 Cake pans should be absolutely dry before they are greased or your cake will stick.
 Unbleached muslin with a stenciled border makes attractive summer curtains.
 Stand a tough piece of meat in a vinegar solution over night and it will be tender.
 A peach-colored crepe de chine blouse lined with flesh pink chiffon is embroidered in black and deep orange.
 Straight-hanging dresses are the most satisfactory for working about the house.
 Oranges and chopped nuts with lettuce hearts and French dressing make an excellent salad.
 A chemise tunic of white chiffon is trimmed at the bottom with white woolen squares set in a circle of jet beads.
 The tangerine is a very much favored color at Palm Beach.
 An overmidie of blue crepe de chine is embroidered in an all-over design in white beads.
 Straw roses and woven belts are seen on some voile frocks.
 You can keep cranberries as long as you like by putting them in glass jars. Fill the jar with cold water and keep in a cool place until ready for use.
 Tea, coffee and cocoa stains can usually be removed with borax and cold water, and this method should be tried first. If it is not successful use chloride of lime.

Old-Time Superstitions.

A reader furnishes us with a list of old superstitions which were part of our folk lore in this part of the country before we had to have folk lore societies to preserve this sort of thing:
 A rooster crowing at the front door meant visitor coming.
 A twig catching a young lady's dress meant a beau.
 An itching ear meant that someone was talking about you.
 To turn back after starting meant bad luck.
 An itching left hand meant that you would marry soon.
 Opening an umbrella in the house meant bad luck to the house.
 A measuring worm on a woman's frock meant a new dress.
 An itching right hand meant that you would shake hands with a stranger.
 Seeing the new moon over the left shoulder meant one would soon get money.
 Probably most of us are superstitious about the number 13, just as people were a long time ago. Our own superstitions will amuse a subsequent generation, as those recalled by our reader amuse us. Only a subsequent generation can safely laugh at superstitions. Socrates was put to death for laughing at some of the superstitions of the Greeks. Let us, then, laugh at these and take the superstitions of our own time as seriously as you please.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Changeable.

"I'm afraid Editor Spofft of the Toadvine Clarion is a straddler in this campaign."
 "Why so?"
 "The policy of his paper reminds me of the kind of weather we are having."
 "And how's that?"
 "It's wet one day and dry the next."—Billings (Mont.) Gazette.

TELL HIM TO-DAY.

Don't wait until to-morrow. If you think he merits praise, To tell him that you like him— There are dangers in delays. To-morrow fame may raise him High among the greatest men, And he won't have time to listen To your commonplace then.

Only Possible Answer.

An amorous young man met a mathematical maid. He was as keen on flirtations as she was on problems, and he asked her, in the conservatory, to tell him her age. "How old am I?" replied the girl. "Well, when I am as old as my sister was when she was as old as I will be when she is twice as old as I then was I will be twice as old as I now am." The young man, eager to please, looked at her in polite astonishment and exclaimed: "Never!"—Stray Stories.

How 10 Million Homeless Live.

It is estimated 10,000,000 homeless Americans are living this summer in tents, old boxcars, houseboats and in other habitations. A huge five-story stone jail at Hackensack, N. J., which has become too roomy since prohibition "ruined" New Jersey, now houses homeless families. More than 2000 railroad workers near Toledo, are living comfortably in discarded box and trolley cars along the railroad, while thousands of homeless families are camping out for the summer. Just what these families are going to do when winter comes no one knows. Some of the big city apartment dwellers have clubbed together and bought the huge building the live in outright, each one becoming the owner of his own apartment. Other cooperative associations of tenants take stock in a mutual company and buy a 99-year lease. The more home owners a nation has, the sounder it is. We seem to be trying to make them scarcer.

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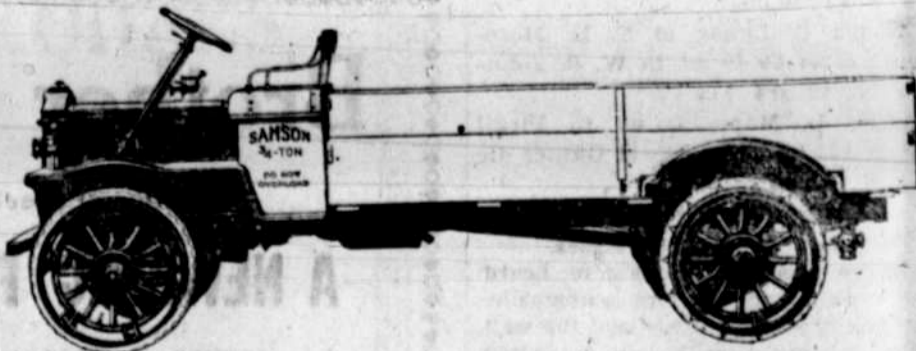
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