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A Fully Adult Nation

The United States has definitely grown up. The swaddling clothes stage of its existence is forever past. Not so very long ago we were the precocious child among nations. It was the general custom to kindly pat the growing child on the head and remark that it might amount to something some day if it carefully emulated its elders.

The order of things has been suddenly reversed. The one-time baby of nations is the center of the amazed eyes of its once patronizing elders.

It was a healthy child and grew to manhood with unforeseen rapidity. It left the nursery to become a world leader in industry, in business and in finance. We took the best the old world had to offer and embellished it with new qualities of shrewdness, progressiveness and unprecedented foresight. The result is the greatest industrial civilization the world has known. At the beginning of any life there is bound to be experiment. It is a necessity of eager youth. What waste it causes is the price of progress. We have sifted the good from the bad. We have found stability; we have blazed our trail along sound economic lines. We have exalted and striven toward an ideal—the utmost efficiency.

America produces 70 per cent of the world's petroleum and 55 per cent of the copper. We have 85 per cent of the world's automobiles and also an overwhelming majority of the telephones. Our railroads are beyond comparison. We have displayed unparalleled ingenuity in the production and use of gas and electricity.

We have set ourselves a standard of living that has made necessities of luxuries. Our high wage scale and the mechanical power commanded by the worker has made that standard possible.

Powders For Blasting

The blasting method of constructing drainage ditches has been widely adopted in Oregon in the last two years during the time Pyrotol, the cheap government powder, was available, reports of county agents from various parts of the state show.

Linn county farmers used a great deal of this powder, but mostly for clearing land or road work, says C. R. Briggs, Benton county agent who assembled the orders. Orders from Linn county amounted to 101,250 pounds for 227 persons at a saving over commercial powders of \$9,835.37.

A large portion of the two million pounds distributed in the state by 27 county agents at a total saving of some \$160,000 last year was used in blasting drainage ditches. This process was demonstrated in practically every western and a few eastern Oregon counties.

While Pyrotol, the cheap government blasting powder, is no longer available it is the opinion of F. E. Price, agricultural engineer for the college extension service, that some of the commercial powders will prove economical for ditch blasting purposes.

Farmers who have tried the method have found it both expedient and economical and a big labor saver. For instance on the farm of H. A. Hostetler, near De Lake in Linn county, a ditch four feet deep and seven feet wide at the top and 2,700 feet long was constructed in a day and a half by six men at a total cost of \$189.56,

M. J. Conklin, Lincoln agent reports. Some 200 acres of land was reclaimed through this work and its value increased at least \$50 an acre. So successful was this demonstration that several other farmers in the community requested the services of the Lincoln county agent in assisting with the blasting of drainage ditches on their farms.

Dr. Charles H. Mayo, the noted Minnesota surgeon, declares that holidays are necessary to the prolongation of life and the attainment of the highest achievements. There is no doubt that most persons fail to take advantage of their opportunities to get away from and forget for a time their regular occupations. The hustle and bustle of American town and city life are trying on both body and mind. Perhaps we could do more if we would make it a practice to spend our holidays, week end trips and vacations as far away from shop and office as possible.

June is the time to think about getting grass seed for sowing on this fall's pastures, according to the bulletin from O.A.C. Several thousand acres of rye grass seed will be harvested within the next eight weeks and the rye grass is very important in pasture mixtures. Where one has the seed ready and is able to get the permit for burning at the right time, it is often possible to get the pasture planted under very advantageous conditions, finds the experiment station.

The long stretch of dry weather during May was favorable to development of red spiders in some sections of Oregon where they have become serious pests of strawberries. Thorough spraying with highly refined summer oils, 1 to 1 1/2 gallons to 100 gallons of water is recommended by the experiment station, though tests have not been carried on many years as yet. Close picking just before spraying is advised. Spider injured foliage turns a sickly yellow.

Strawberry root weevils may be successfully controlled in June by applying the poisoned apple bait, says the entomologist at the experiment station. The commercial product, "Go West" is good or bait can be made at home by mixing 95 pounds dried ground apple with 5 pounds calcium arsenate. Between a teaspoonful and tablespoonful is placed in the crown of each plant.

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Criticises Government Competition

The annual convention of the National Editorial Association held this month at Memphis, Tenn., took definite positions with reference to a number of matters in which newspapers are vitally interested. A summary of the association's course follows. Resolutions adopted condemned the trend toward government competition with private enterprise, reaffirmed the opposition of the N.E.A. to the practice of government printing of special request stamped envelopes and expressed its appreciation to Senator Oddie of Nevada and other members of congress who acted in support of legislation to restrict federal printing. The association also went on record as opposed to the establishment of state owned and operated printing plants, recommended that the field managers plan should be extended to all states, and endorsed the principle of circulation audits of weekly papers.

DOING NOTHING

By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK
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IT IS a real art to do nothing and find comfort and pleasure in it, an art which unfortunately I have never learned. We were never idle at home when I was a boy. During the day, winter or summer, there were always chores to be done, odd jobs waiting to be accomplished when the regular

work was finished or interrupted. In summer we went to bed as soon as the work of the day was finished, and during the long winter evenings there were books to be read and this task I took to very kindly.

"Can't you sit still for a minute?" mother used to ask me as I wandered about restlessly. I couldn't then and I cannot today. When the regular tasks of the day are over I still must be busy with something—reading or writing, or a game, or something which will keep my hands employed.

Now there is Carter—he can sit for an hour, or two for that matter, smoking—not saying a word, but simply blowing rings and relaxing his muscles and looking into space. He gets much comfort from this pastime three times a day. But as for me, I get no pleasure in smoking. A very dear friend of mine—a minister, by the way, who had my welfare at heart—did his best to encourage me to cultivate the habit, sent me a pipe and a can of fine tobacco, saying that if I should become wedded to the pipe I would take life more easily, would gain a certain poise, and grow old less quickly. Doing nothing would be good for me, he thought. Very likely he was correct, but I didn't stick to it long enough to learn.

I have watched the great Hindu poet Tagore sit for an hour or two silent, motionless, looking into space, quite oblivious of those around him. He was meditating. I was told, a very good practice for us all, no doubt, but

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one of which I grow tired in a very few minutes. I am too active for prolonged meditation, good as it would be for me.

When Morris goes home from his office at night he takes a sheaf of letters with him to look over. When he goes for a vacation his stenographer and a clerk or two go along and he has a long distance telephone installed in his sitting room. He has no knowledge of how to do nothing.

When Hanley goes off for his summer vacation, however, he can lie on the sand for hours at a time doing nothing but watch the gulls in their flight, or the clouds drifting lazily overhead. He doesn't even think he overheard. He doesn't even think he says, but simply lies there and breathes and does nothing, and out of this lethargy he comes back alert, rested, ready for whatever hard job comes along. He says it is worth everything to him, this ability to do

nothing for a time and to enjoy the doing. It is a panacea for tired nerves, a sure cure for worry. It is a game which every high-strung overworked business or professional man should learn to play—the game of doing nothing and enjoying it.

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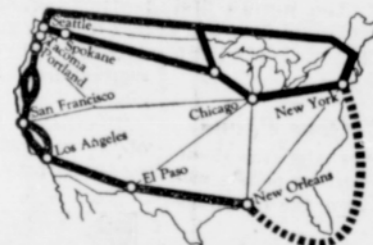
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THE events of that fateful July day in 1775 when General Braddock marched against Fort Duquesne—the tragic sequel of which was to have such a far-reaching effect upon the American colonies—form the great, central, historical fact of the story. It is not in recounting history, however—albeit the author is faithful and accurate—but in the fashioning of a thrilling and satisfying romance that Mr. Pendexter has done his best work.

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