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Burning Both Ends of the Candle

Gifford Pinchot, who probably knows more about forest and lumber conditions than any man in the country, says the cutting of timber now going on is reckless destruction. It is being cut three times as fast as we are growing it and we are using nine times as much lumber as we are growing, he declares, adding that so such destruction has been done before since the world began. This being the case, it follows that building materials, so far as they include wood, are not likely to decrease in price, though they are now very high. Also furniture prices will not be lower, says Indianapolis Star. Other materials—brick, iron, stone, tile, concrete—are now being utilized more than ever before by builders, and most business blocks and the more elaborate and substantial apartment houses have no wood in their construction except what is visible in floors, door casings and other interior finishings. This method was introduced originally in the interest of fire prevention, but it may become a matter of economy to find a substitute for even this limited usage of wood.

With anarchists and agitators being sent to prison and being deported, the business of ridding the country of a dangerous class is beginning in earnest. If such drastic steps had been taken when these activities began to show themselves, much trouble, peril and loss would have been saved. As it is, these plotters against law and order have simply been encouraged by an easy tolerance which refused to recognize their immense capability for mischief.

It is said that since January 1, 1919, 12,000 Greeks have returned home from the United States taking with them \$25,000,000. That money represents probably the sale of \$500,000 worth of fruit, the shelling of 200,000 pairs of shoes and the making and selling of \$500 worth of punk statuary.

Nevertheless and notwithstanding, those hungry Europeans ultimately must go to work or starve. And that is exactly what some of the trifling good-for-nothing loafers in the United States must do. The "no work no eat" law is of divine origin and it ought to be enforced.

Olive-branch green is the most unpopular color of all in Ireland. Red is a close second. Wear the red in Ulster, if you like; but wear neither in Dublin unless you want someone to tread on the tail of your coat.

This dark brown sugar is of the procrastinating kind. It doesn't occur to it that it is intended to sweeten one's coffee until the cup is two-thirds empty, and then it suddenly gets busy and overdoes it.

Deliberate profiteering on the part of a greedy gouger is far more disreputable than ordinary stealing, but it seems to be safer.

The Unfinished Task of Life

It is rather remarkable in a way how few persons seem to care about the unfinished tasks they have undertaken from time to time and yet, observed from another angle, it is the most natural thing in the world for them not to do so. It is the natural instinct not to think of unpleasant things, and the sting-of conscience may be well counted as one of those disagreeable factors in life from which we shrink. The end of the year, perhaps, is as good a time, as any, if not a better time, in which to contemplate the many unfinished duties and sturred over tasks which make up so large a part of everyone's record. It may be true that when we first undertake the accomplishment of a certain duty our intention is to see it through to the end, but alas, for the frailty of human nature! No sooner do we enter upon the performance of some special duty than we begin to tire of it and are easily called away by the alluring prospects of some other task which promises better, or more appealing, or even quicker results, says Charleston News and Courier. It may be that when we leave one task unfinished in order to attempt the accomplishment of another we fully intend to return to the first and complete it. But again human nature interferes and we yield weakly to repeated calls that draw us away to still other fields of work. It may be also that there are persons who undertake many tasks at the same time without counting upon the almost certain shaping of conditions to interfere with our work.

Encourage the Young People

The hope of the future lies in the boys and young men. We of the older generation will not be able to set the Red river on fire—we didn't start soon enough. I've heard several boys say they might as well not go to school if they must go home and start in farming with their fathers. Father often forgets that the son has outgrown the small boy stage, and therefore father feels that his judgment is much superior. Perhaps it is, but often it isn't. We are all human, even to the boys, and we enjoy carrying out plans which we helped to make. Not only this, but the boy can often make very helpful suggestions as to how best to get large accomplishments, says Farm Life. Many fathers never really find out the merit which lies in their own sons until the sons are given some really responsible share in the business of the farm. Boys are quick to sense work that carries with it no responsibility and they call such work a task, and there is much difference between a job and a task.

English brokers have discovered that under ancient laws, never repealed, they are liable to be whipped and sent to prison as rogues and vagabonds for trading in French bonds. The laws of former days are interesting as curiosities and as marking the advance of civilization, but it is a touch of their own absurdity to keep them on the statute books, to be revived at a moment's notice.

The improvement of Jerusalem will not involve the destruction of its historic features, it is announced. This will reassure those who fear the hand of the modern iconoclastic reformer in removing places sacred to all Christian tradition. It would seem a near sacrilege to rob the Holy City of the associations which connect it so closely with the foundation of the Christian religion.

There never have been so many bank robberies as during the past year. It doesn't indicate an increasing intelligence among the nation's predatory hordes. The smoothest thieves are those who leave the banks alone and rob smoke houses or profiteer.

When the majority does wrong, it does not do so because it has the right to do wrong, but because it has the power to do wrong. No matter what the majority does, when it is wrong it is just as wrong as an individual is and will pay the penalty.

More than a billion pounds of sugar were exported this year, while there is a scarcity at home. The people of this country are proverbially generous, but they ought to be allowed to have a say themselves how far they shall be self-sacrificing.

American charity will clothe more than a million destitute children in Europe, this winter; but then it is the European adults, not the children, who sneer at Yankee dollar-madness.

Hawaiian natives stopped the flow of lava from Kilauea by throwing a black rooster into the crater. You will note that they were not so prodigal as to waste a hen.

And now the tailors have gained a raise in wages. It begins to look like "ersatz" clothing for most of us before 1920 runs its course.

But eggs are coming down, and the temporary divorce of "ham and" may end in a reunion yet.

The war news from Russia is sometimes bad, but generally worse.

"Bolshevism must be handled without gloves!" says an exchange. All right. Would tongues be permissible?

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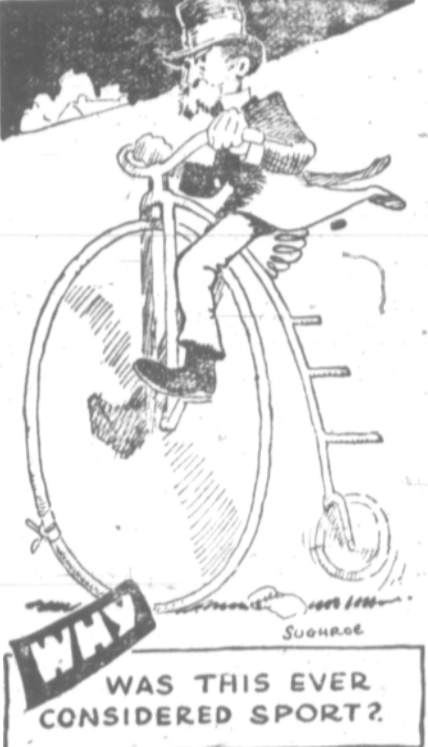
The college professors are going to organize a union, but will have only an academic interest in strikes. We fancy that a college professors' strike would pester nobody but the professors themselves. A strike rarely gets on the country's nerves until it begins to touch the appetite or the pocket.

Bulgaria wants to execute all those responsible for bringing the nation into war. If the precedent were established of making the act of wanton war a criminal responsibility, there might be more hesitation on the part of ambitious militaristic rulers and chiefs in rushing into it.

It is utterly absurd for men to be saying that this is no longer a free country just because booze has been interdicted. No government can be called tyrannical so long as men wear the loud circus poster silk shirts now displayed without being legally hanged or summarily lynched.

Anyway, there is no reason why the United States shouldn't learn just a little bit from the experience of others. We can at least keep an eye on our poets in time of war and not let them select an international china shop to throw the ball in.

The interior of the appendix which London surgeons removed for a man was found to contain hairs from his mustache, that he had swallowed. It will have to be added to the dangers of trying to get something off the neck of a chicken.



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