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HIGH LIVING

A great game is in progress in the world to rob the people while there is an opportunity. Taking the war as an excuse prices are pushed up along all lines, not under the rule of supply and demand; but under the rule of combine and power. Prices are high because combines are formed to make them high. This is especially true in the case of the cost of paper, which comes home with force to the newspaper publisher. The cost of paper has more than doubled because the manufacturers have forced the price up arbitrarily. This is true of other things; but not of everything. In the case of wheat the demand of the world for the product has had much to do with the rise. This has been of great advantage to the farmer, whose prosperity means much to trade generally. Eggs are high; but little higher than they generally are at this time of the year.

The great increases which especially affect people are the things they wear perhaps more than the things they eat. The price of shoes is about double. Women's apparel generally is much higher, the increase being striking. The same is true of many of the things men wear. The wholesaler and manufacturer are the ones who have done it. The retailer instead of being benefitted is injured by the change, for it puts him in a nervous strain and causes an uncertainty that is racking. Uncertain about the future he does not dare buy extensively, for a drop might mean danger.

Picking out eggs to boycott is almost humorous. The middlemen and dealers make very little on eggs any way. You don't hear anything about these boycott women economizing in the things they wear, in their personal extravagances, cutting down on their bridge expenses and dancing parties. Instead they tackle the hen's egg, something more nearly governed by the law of supply and demand than anything else in the world. And, as a matter of fact the farmer comes nearer getting the whole price for eggs than almost any other product. The sale of eggs does much to keep up the current expenses of the farmer's household. It is doubtful if the cold storage egg plays any such figure as is credited to it; if it does then the boycott should be confined to the cold storage egg, not the fresh egg, which is generally worth what is charged for it.

The biggest expense of the average family is not what it pays for "eats," but for the extravagances of life, as brought about by the present mode of living.

IT DIDN'T WORK

Flighty, frivolous city girls are the world's greatest failures as farmhands, according to a London dispatch. The pretty maidens in calico frocks whose photos have filled the British pictorial magazines for months are almost useless when it comes to actual work.

This is the verdict of the Wiltshire War Agricultural Committee which undertook the task of training city girls to get back to the land. The committee closed down its training school at Shaw because results have been "wholly disappointing."

The committee has concluded that the girls have entertained an altogether wrong view of farming. They readily absorb the atmosphere of green fields, shady trees and lowing kine, but when the fields get mud when the sun refuses to shine and the cows must be "paled," the girls are utter failures. The romance of back to the soil starts to fade when the work begins. Country bred girls make the best farmers.

APPROACHES PERPETUAL MOTION

Perhaps the nearest approach that man has come to the secret of perpetual motion is typified in the electrical system of an automobile. Here we have a chain, the links of which are the storage battery, starting motor, charging generator, and the motor of the automobile.

When the motorist presses the starting button, the storage battery sends the charge of electricity along the line to the starting motor, which spins the engine.

As soon as the engine has started, it begins to turn the electrical generator, which puts back into the battery the current which the starting motor and ignition are taking out.

MISFITS

One doesn't have to go to Europe for war. In a suit for divorce at Eugene Mr. Hulbert, the plaintiff, avers that his wife threw the coffee pot at him on one occasion, on another an ax, which hit him and cut off one of his toes; on another occasion she hit him with a red hot coffee pot on the back of the head, and on another with a buggy whip.

That would certainly make a show for a movie house, one that would draw.

Sometimes we think motion pictures are a great exaggeration; but there are things actually happening in daily lives that would make a movie row look like a game of thumbs up.

Shakespeare said:
"I hate ingratitude more in a man Than lying, vainness, babbling, drunkenness Or any taint of vice whose strong corruption Inhabits our frail blood."
Also:
"How sharper a serpent's tooth it is To have a thankless child."

Life's experiences are covered with stories of ingratitude.

Just now Burchard is near the center of it.

That's from the Sherman standpoint. There are others.

Tom Shevelin, the great foot ball man, who died recently, left an estate of over \$3,000,000, which he could not carry past the goal line.

People do well to make their money count while alive, not in extravagant expenditure, but for the good of mankind.

Over in Roumania the story is told of a child who died crying for a single grain of wheat. 40 cents a day would keep over a dozen alive in Europe.



"trimmings" that go with it.

Style costs more than eats.

The city of Albany has some problems. For years the ordinance limiting the warrant indebtedness of the city has been entirely ignored.

Now that the bond amendment has been lost it is up to the government to gradually reduce the deficit, using economy along the way.

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NOTICE TO FIREMEN
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Said election will be held at the Engine House at 121 Lyon St., and the polls will be open between the hours of 4 and 7 o'clock p. m.

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