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## BARRELS FOR MEN

Barrels for men are suggested by a facetious news writer in re the shortage of wearing apparel and the coal disregard for the appearance of his sex manifested by the festive, bewhiskered eastern clothing-factory worker.

Many men in this dry clime are said to feel proud and exclusive who possess a barrel of their own. But they keep them in cellars, usually, carefully hidden from the eye alike of the law and of garrulous neighbors.

It would be a gala day, indeed, when the rattle and clank of stave upon stave could be heard in business lobbies, when tin cans for hats and sardine-tins for shoes bobbed merrily in the busy marts of commerce. Perhaps men would betake themselves to the gentle arts and housewifely duties of the home, leaving to women the occupations of the day while awaiting the pleasure of the garment-makers. Our news writer has not bethought-himself of an emergency dress for women, in the event that they, too, exhausted their wardrobes before relief arrived. Mayhap he felt his grasp upon the subject slipping, and turned away ere he had strayed into strange fields.

Possibly men might turn to contemplation of the lillies of the field and the warblers of the wildwood. These do, indeed, have their charm. We are minded of a picture from the pen of Ben Irvine, presenting a field of yellow, mellow obese pumpkins sunning on a southern exposure. Such charm did Mr. Irvine invoke in rippling, gladsome words that we would fain have been a pumpkin in his picture, reposing with kingly languor on the warm, bosoming soil of the Oregon field, disdainful alike of politics and payrolls, apparel or lack of it, responsive only to Mother Earth and Father Sun, Brother Wind and Cousin Rain.

Peace hath her victories, and so, too, may barrels.

## GENIUS

H. Addington Bruce, in his "Psychology of Parenthood," tells us that genius is not so much born as made. Heredity may be responsible for some of the divine spark, but environment in the early years is the chief cause of its manifestation.

It is an old fight reopened between heredity and environment. In truth, like most fights, the strict, literal fact lies on neither side of the field of battle. It lies in the middle ground. In most middle grounds, in fact, may be found the truth which both sides, from their two views of it, claim for their indisputable own.

Genius may be cited by the barrelful which developed despite environment, or, as the environmentists have it, because of the spur of environment itself. Environments, too, which breathe an air of genius about them, do not always produce the ability to appreciate or reproduce the works of genius.

But it must be recognized likewise that the river of life, the events of moment-by-moment existence, connive to thrust one man down where another is spewed up to the glittering high places. Despite inherent traits, despite a mental legacy of talent and understanding, the grinding glacier of every-day occurrences may place an insurmountable millstone about the neck of the born genius and raise a shallower intelligence above him. True, many great men arise with their millstones dangling. But we are inclined to believe that many more were inevitably tied down. For every celebrity who has cleaved to greatness, we imagine the self-same kernel of undeveloped potential ability lies unsprouted among the thistles. The short and simple flannels of the poor cover greater limbs than ever won a marathon; the buried, unseen diamonds which Gray located in the dark unfathomed caves of ocean, are jewels, we think, of brilliancy as great as many cut and polished, commercialized and worshipped.

Environment is no excuse for lack of development. Every upright man, despite his surroundings, must first be true to himself to the fullest extent before he is worthy any rewards from the world. But we wish to hold an advantageous middle-ground, from which we may see the tragedies of environment as well as the glories of successful genius. Genius at best is but a part and portion of every man, highly tended and cultured in those representatives of its forms who are accorded the high places of the world.

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## Comment of the State Press

### Why People Go Back to the Farm—

Sunday a sumptuous dinner and pleasant time was had at the home of Mrs. Nancy Blyeu in honor of her 91st birthday. The cake bearing the corresponding number of candles was arranged by Mrs. Isaac Campbell of Albany, and was a beautiful tribute to the aged lady.—Scio Tribune.

### Humphrey is Proud—

Out of 65 babies examined at a Salem clinic the only perfect one was Estelle, 28 months daughter of F. W. Allen and wife, born in Jefferson.—Review.

### Borrowing Trouble—

Jesse Spencer, barber in this city the past hundred years or so, and expert masticator of tobacco—all of that time and several years previous to the Civil war, hit a birthday anniversary today and decided to celebrate by cutting out the tobacco habit.—G. T.

### Money Wasted—

The cost of high living will be even more noticeable when the expense bills of the various congressional "investigating" committees are presented.—Guard.

### Here's Hoping—

The Albany Democrat is showing commendable enterprise in issuing an eight page paper. To do this day in

and day out in a town the size of Albany requires pep. But it all comes in the line of progress, and here's hoping that progress wont end until Albany's daily papers can compete in this, her own territory with the daily papers of Eugene.—Bulletin.

### Watch Out for the Revenue Man—

The Revenue Collector fined the Fountain ice cream parlor of this city \$30 for being a trifle tardy in making a monthly report and remittance. Mr. Wood says that through a rush of business the report was overlooked a few days longer than it should have been and that the collector's office saw fit to assess the fine which was paid.—Coos Bay Harbor.

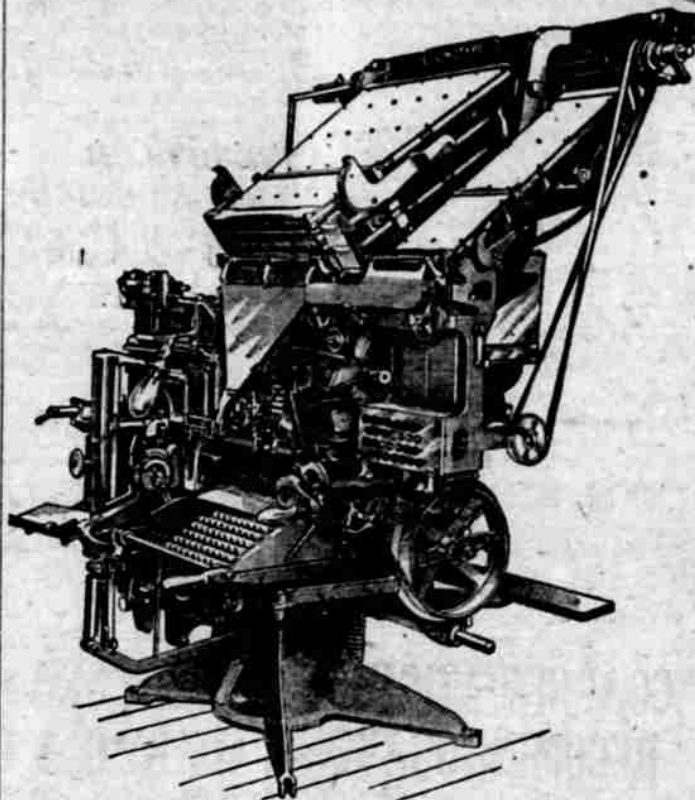
### Tar Soap Needed—

A man named Laundry is running for president of the Portland Central Labor Council. And so it was only natural that the police should catch him Wednesday in cleaning up the reds, says the Gazette-Times.—

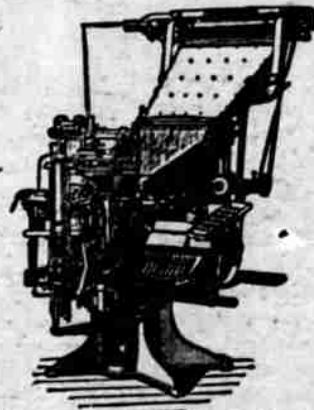
### Uhpah-pah at O. A. C.—

The college band, under Harry L. Beard, is planning to give a concert February 20. The band is the largest in its history, 50 members. There are 18 clarinets, 6 saxophones, 4 basses, 5 French horns, 6 cornets, 6 trombones, 2 drums and 2 baritone.—G. T.

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