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MOVIE TITLES FOR SHAPESPEARE

Must we movie-ize Shakespeare to make him popular? Some one has suggested that the crowds would flock to play-houses presenting Shakespearean drama if only the titles of the plays were a bit modernized.

Examples of up-to-date and stimulating titles are given as follows:

"How Could You, Juliet?" instead of simple "Romeo and Juliet."

"Call of the Flesh" for "The Merchant of Venice."

"Strangled in Bed" for "Othello."

"The Nutty Prince" for "Hamlet."

"The Knife" for "Julius Caesar."

"Moonlight and Honeysuckle" for "Mid-summer Night's Dream."

Somehow the suggested titles have a familiar ring. They conjure up gaudy billboards before movie entrances, and even the press notices of the musical comedies and alleged plays given at our best theatres.

In spite of all this, it does not seem absolutely essential even in this day to make Shakespearean production a whirlwind of popular and financial success. There are plenty of people, both wise and happy, who lose no opportunity to see and hear good actors giving really fine presentations of Shakespeare's dreams. They get a lot of satisfaction and pleasure out of it, too. They and Mr. Shakespeare may be well content to let the crowd follow its inclination for a while longer until it has progressed farther along the road of education, appreciation and good taste.

THAT DULL, HARD WORK

The father of Theodore Roosevelt, says Daniel Sullivan in Good Health, took him, when he was nine years old, into a room which had been turned into a gymnasium, and told him he had brains, but that he would find brains comparatively useless without a body.

"You have got to make your body," he said, "and it lies with you to make it; it's dull, hard work, but you can do it."

This dull, hard work the boy carried on faithfully day by day, practically recreating his body. He changed himself from the weak, puny, asthmatic lad of his early years into the vigorous, powerful man familiar to all Americans.

He took daily exercise, whether he wanted to or not. He took whatever kind of exercise was possible to the life he was living at the time, whether he liked that kind or not. He never became expert in sports, but he kept at them and made them yield him both health and keen enjoyment.

There is hope here not only for the wounded soldier who must train his body to new ways by this "dull, hard work," but for those who have some to adult years feeble than their fellows. Grit, determination, perseverance and the ability to stand being laughed at are all part of the necessary equipment. Given them, there is no one who cannot add strength to his body and zest to his existence.

THE REDEEMING BABY CARRIAGE

What is the best substitute for alcohol? The passion of paternity.

What is the best substitute for the saloon? The baby carriage.

Let anyone who doubts these twin verities hearken to the Rev. Melville K. Bailey of the Holy Spirit Mission, which is in the New York Bronx, which in turn is famous as the reputed source of a famous and erstwhile popular cocktail. He rhapsodizes as follows:

"Baby carriages abound. Single cruisers coast along the shores of remote blocks; squadrons are conveyed by attentive mothers about the two-family houses and whole fleets manoeuvre or come to anchor in front of the apartment houses.

"This indicates the passion of paternity as well as maternity; and where the passion of paternity is thoroughly aroused it dominates a man's whole energy. It drives him to the greatest efforts to succeed in labor or business, it impels him to co-operate with his wife in making the home a

handsome and orderly abode, and it kindles in his heart a sort of barbaric pride in the young whelp that is being wheeled about in the baby carriage.

"He may not wheel the baby carriage himself. That is incidental. But he may. It is no uncommon thing to see at the end of the working day the father as well as the mother attending the chariot, or seated with a proecting air somewhere in he vicinity. The father may not be a total abstainer, and he may play pool, but the really grand passion of paternity has taken the place in his mind which in some men's minds, and perhaps once in his own, was held by that complexus of social and physical enjoyment which is called the saloon. And that is what I mean when I say that it seems to me that the Nation-wide campaign can find no better substitute for the saloon than the baby carriage."

Alcohol is said to have inspired much eloquence, but here is eloquence without alcohol, in spite of alcohol, and in calm contempt of alcohol. And who shall gainsay the argument.

The natural and instinctive transitin from barrooms to baby buggies can be seen not only in the Bronx, but in any other newly dry community in America. With joy-drinks banned, hosts of men have discovered the compensating joys of sober parenthood.

Trust the French to be artistically original! In Paris they are playing German music again at concerts, with the explanation that they are "taking advantage of the music of a vanquished foe and considering it one of the spoils of war." New York never thought of anything like hat.

"Automobiles are vehicles of interstate commerce," remarks the New York World, praising the new federal law against automobile theft. Quite so! And when will the Interstate Commerce Commission begin regulating them?

New York hotels now are charging "corkage" to dinner patrons who bring their own bottles with them. The tax is usually fixed at \$1. This prohibition business will yet drive New Yorkers to solitary drinking.

Now that the coal miners have done the decent thing, let everybody be decent to the miners.

Comment of the State Press

Everybody's Doing It—

Thomas Kay, the veteran woolen mill operator of Salem, says everybody is profiteering, and that it has got to stop in order to save the country. Mr. Kay is a hard-headed business man and is probably about right, but like everybody else he can suggest no practical remedy. The trouble is to get a starting point.—Guard.

The Problem—

This year's county budget will probably be the biggest of compromises ever fashioned by a local county court, says the Roseburg Review. The problem of keeping within the 6 per cent increase limit fixed by state law, in view of the increased cost of living and the doubling of wages in every department, while demands for road improvements have kept up above the average as well, is cause for much intensive study on the part of the board.

Fish Hogs—

If the salmon does not become extinct within a few years and a valuable industry destroyed, it will be no fault of the fishermen who are doing

their best to exterminate the source of their livelihood.—Capital Journal.

The Wolves of the World—

The parlor Hellshoviks of the land, who have been whining with damnable apishness the perfumed theories of Lenin and Trotsky, ought to feel more than enraptured with their intellectual associates in "the struggle for the New Order."—Medford Tribune.

Because of Strikes—

Coleridge's poem, The Ancient Mariner, has come true of present day conditions of ships lying idle in American harbors, thinks the Lebanon Criterion. What a commentary on political interference with commerce and industry—48 wooden ships lying idle in Seattle harbor. Think of 48 hulls built by the government, lying anchored when the world needs our products—idle as painted ships on a painted ocean.

Ring Around the Rosey—

Portland streetcar employees get higher pay and next will be an increase in the price of rides. The circle is still working.—Register.

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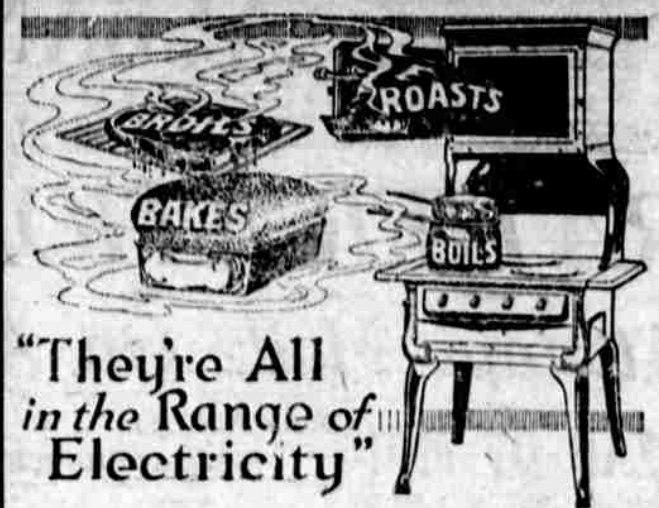
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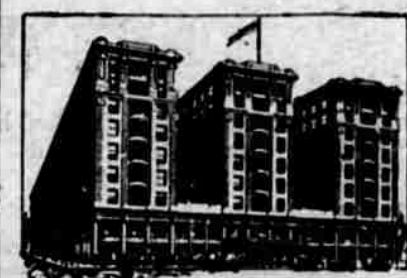
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