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## THE TOOTH BRUSH ASSAILED

The first certificate of gentle birth, the essential passport into the company of "possible" persons, the badge of promotion from the plane of animality, is the tooth brush. With its use one may be a lady or a gentleman if he behave himself, but without it, not even the addition of all the world's goods and graces can gain one recognition in the circles of the elect.

And yet this foundation stone of social orthodoxy is attacked and its very right to existence challenged. Dr. John L. Kelly, a New York dentist, is the heretic who has promulgated a catalogue of crimes charged against the tooth brush. He says it is not only the direct cause of thousands of deaths annually through heart disease, but is in addition a purveyor of rheumatism, gastric ulcers, kidney disease and other ailments.

It doesn't even clean the teeth, the very excuse for its existence, according to Dr. Kelly. In fact, he claims that it punctures the gums and deliberately injects bacteria into them. To him the civilized man's devotion to his tooth brush is only equalled by the distortion of the feet of Chinese women as a barbaric practice.

So far as known, the redoubtable Dr. Kelly stands alone. He admits that the brothers of his profession do not approve his attacks, but he says that he is getting support from eminent forces outside of the dental schools. How soon this badge of hygienic respectability is to become taboo in polite society he does not predict, nor does he offer to tell us what he is going to give us in its stead, if indeed there can be a substitute.

## A CHANCE FOR TEXTILES

The wool fabric industry is in a rather descript condition, although it has a busy year ahead of it. Whether the outlook means lower clothing prices or higher remains a deep, dark mystery.

According to a leading English wool journal the machinery of the industry is wholly inadequate to produce the cloth needed to clothe the world. Nearly one-third of the world's textile machinery is out of commission for one reason or another. All the machinery in the United States is operating, but in Germany it is practically idle, while a large proportion of that in the other continental countries is also quiet at present.

In this country, where all the machinery is in working condition and in regular use, workers are demanding shorter hours of labor, and thereby reducing the total output and slowing down the manufacture of wanted goods. At the same time there is a world-wide demand for the new, rich fabrics. These handsome materials are much more slowly produced than the staple varieties, and their manufacture does its part to slow up the whole production process.

Women are particularly at fault in creating the abnormal demand for extra fine fabrics. Their softness and beauty do not mean longer service. They are rarely so dur-

able as the standard weaves, and they cost a great deal more. Any serious thrift campaign should have as part of its program a general determination to refrain from the purchase of luxurious fabrics until the textile industry has had a chance to catch up with itself.

## Comments of the State Press

### No Need for Auto Show—

Other cities in Oregon are staging big auto shows and dealers are finding it a stimulus to their sales. In Roseburg, the dealers cannot hold their cars long enough for even a good exhibit in their sales rooms, let alone getting enough together for a show.—Roseburg Review.

### Live School Row—

A live row in the public school may only be an evidence of the renewed life and interest that has come to Eugene within the past year. A live local fight over any issue is generally an indication of a hustling community.—Eugene Guard.

### Newspaper Shortage—

On the galley in the Journal's composing room are 15 columns of letters from the people, all ready for publication. But, because of the newspaper shortage, there has been so far literally no room in the paper's crowded columns to give them publication. Correspondents will learn from this why there is delay. They will also understand from it the importance of compressing their contributions within the shortest possible space. It is physically impossible to print long letters. If correspondents do not cut them the paper will have to.—Oregon Journal.

### We Reap What We Sow—

Doleful predictions of an era of hard times in prospect are heard on every hand. Whether we have it or not depends entirely upon ourselves. We reap what we sow. If we want hard times and create hard times, we will undoubtedly have hard times—but it is not at all a necessity. We make the conditions, they do not come, they are created.—Capital Journal.

### Bigger Vision—

The famous "miracle man" is reported to have worked many wonderful cures on the afflicted of Portland. We hope that a certain editor of that city took advantage of the opportunity to secure a bigger vision, and we are not referring to Frank Irvine, the blind editor of the Journal.—Astoria Budget.

### How to Raise Babies—

The department of justice tells housewives to bring down meat prices by buying the cheaper cuts. About the only things on which the department of justice has not yet advised the public are how to raise babies and the best remedy for cat fleas.—Oregonian.

## Do You Know That

Sponge fishing in the Americas is rather a modern industry but it produces more than two-thirds of the world's supply in weight, though the fisheries of the Mediterranean produce about one-half of the world's supply in value.

The United States is the greatest producer of tobacco, and also the greatest consumer of it, the greatest exporter and the greatest importer, too. The per capita consumption counting each man, woman and child, is seven pounds a year.

It has been said that every possible necessity of a man's life, save the water he drinks and the air he breathes, may be supplied either directly or indirectly by the United States. The United States consumes one-fourth of all the sugar produced in

## Native Poetry

### THE PASSING

By Guy Fitch Phelps

Some drops of rain upon the fallen leaves,  
Some shadow leant upon the withered grass;  
An icy breath which moves a naked tree,  
And some strange spirits whispering as they pass.  
A twilight bird that faintly sings re-mote,  
As when a widowed thing in anguish grieves;  
A pulse of life all faintly quivering  
From out the broken and exhausted heart,  
Like far off songs which mournful singers sing,  
A dying spell which lingering yet will cling,  
Like withered vines along a crumbling wall,  
A half heard voice which seems to softly call,  
And calling pass, each haunting tone until  
The tide goes out to turn again no more,  
A drench of waters on a lonely shore.

### THE REMEDY

By T. E. Haurigan, Eugene, Ore.

The cost of livin's risin' high,  
It's bumpin' up again the sky,  
But I'm not worryin', no, not I,  
I've got my garden spaded;  
My radishes are in the ground,  
My turnip seed is scattered round  
And lettuce planted by the pound,  
I've done it all unaided.  
  
What matters now how prices soar,  
Aur surly neighbors rant and roar,  
And peddlers tramp from door to door  
To sell their peas and spinach?  
I'll garner greens from moor and fell,  
I'll husk my beans and pumpkins shell,  
I'll hoe my spuds and I'll live well  
On cauliflower and cabbage.

What matters how expenses crawl,  
What matters now how wages fall,  
What matters how the teachers bawl  
For Rutherford's down coming;  
I'll eat my lettuce and my spuds,  
I'll drown my foes in onion floods,  
And save my bones to buy some duds,  
To put me in the running.

'Tis simple when you know the how  
To knock these farmers with their plow,  
And fill your cellar and your mow,  
With carrots, beets, and cresses;  
And you'll have left a roll of bills,  
A cure for various human ills,  
An antidote for chilly thrills,  
And kale for Susie's dresses.

## TODAY'S EVENTS

Wednesday, March 10, 1929

A conference of the Interchurch World Movement will open today at Spokane.

Memphis will be the meeting place today of the annual convention of the Southern Retail Lumber Dealers' Association.

The U. S. Bureau of Markets will hold a public hearing at Charleston, S. C., today with a view to establishing permanent standards for milled rice.

The transfer of the remaining German warships to the Allies is to take place today. The vessels to be given up include eight battleships, eleven cruisers and twenty-two destroyers.

## MISFITS --- HIS COLUMN

BY F. P. NUTTING

Timely Comments and Gleanings of News from Here, There and Everywhere by a Former Editor of the Democrat

A recent event in Portland of interest to Albany people was a birthday party given in honor of my young friend, Mrs. F. M. Westfall, a former resident of the Hub City. All present but one were women, most of them also formerly of Albany, and hence it is an easy matter to secure the figures, for women always like to give away the ages of others of their sex. Multiplied together the figures make 49.

The affair happened at the home of Mrs. Westfall's daughter, Mrs. Harry Day.

The heroine of the afternoon received a shower of beautiful flowers and hearty congratulations from her guests, by whom she is beloved. The following were present: Mrs. M. Westfall, Mrs. Will Simpson, Mrs. C. C.

Parker, Mrs. Lottie Ketchum Longtin, Mrs. L. Carroll Day, Mrs. Lou Rader, Mrs. Will Humphrey, Mrs. Sue Huston, Mrs. Artie Huston Collier, Mrs. F. P. Nutting, Mrs. Mary Powell, Mrs. Jennie Knox, Mrs. Elma Parker Anderson, Mrs. Mary Parker, Mrs. L. Schell, Mrs. Sarah Henton, Mrs. W. T. Wymann, Mrs. Sealey, Mrs. J. J. Duberville, Mrs. I. H. Carl, Mrs. Orab Duberville Dobie, Miss Orab Harkness, Mrs. Alice Richards, Mrs. C. W. Crowder, Mrs. Harry Day, and Dick Day.

In keeping with this limerick age, Here is one—

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From mountain to raging foam,  
I'm always proud of the fact,  
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