

The Way of Life

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WHEN TO BE BLIND.

A young mother who is a friend of our family entered her daughter in a girl's school. She said to the head-mistress:

"Mary is not much of a student. She likes history and does fairly well in French, but in arithmetic I think she is almost a total loss." Amusement appeared on the face of the head-mistress. "Do you mean to tell me," she exclaimed, "that you have brought up a child who has faults! After sitting here for years and listening to mothers whose daughters were paragons of virtue and intelligence, this is indeed a novel experience!"

"Most of us are constitutionally unable to see and defect in those we love. It might be better sometimes of we could. Perhaps if we could analyze our children cold-bloodedly we might be able to bolster them with added strength."

On the other hand, what a blessing it is that we do not always see too well.

In cleaning out my desk one day I ran across a photograph of our first baby, taken when he was about six weeks old. I remember how proudly we sent it to all our relatives at Christmas time; how positive we were that there had never been in all history so beautiful a child.

Today the picture gives me a fit. It must be my youngster, for my wife is holding it. But instead of the beautiful cherub I remember, what is she holding? Something that looks exactly like a summer squash.

Without that blessed blindness of women it is difficult to see how any marriage could be a sustained success. We men know each other—that no one of us is very good. Yet our wives have the silly notion that we are great stuff. And by their faith they keep us going.

Centuries ago a city was attacked by the armies of Syria. A prophet lived in that city. A messenger rushed to him in great alarm: "Alas my master! how shall we do?"

To which the prophet replied calmly: "Fear not; for they that be with us are more than they that be with them." And the eyes of the young man were opened, and behold the mountain was full of horses and chariots round about Elisha.

There are forces of goodness in people that are visible only to the eyes of love. There are forces of power that can be estimated only by the eyes of faith.

The important thing is to be intelligently blind to the surface defects, and to be able to see and appreciate the things that can not be seen.

that Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe wrote her famous book, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," while her husband was a professor at Lane Theological Seminary in that city. A few years later I was shown a house at Mandarin, Florida, which was pointed out with pride as the place where Mrs. Stowe wrote "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

The other day I was a guest at the home of Lyman Beecher Stowe. Mrs. Stowe's grandson, who has in his study the walnut table on which his grandmother's famous book was written and many of her personal mementos. He said that the famous book was begun at Brunswick, Maine, where her husband was a professor in Bowdoin College and finished at Andover, Massachusetts, where he taught at the Theological Seminary.

W. C. T. U. NOTES.

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So much information as to the working of the government control of liquor in Canada has been published, showing that the system is not working as well as our wet advocates represent it, that now many wets are talking up the Bratt system of Sweden.

In Sweden under the Bratt system the sale of whiskey and brandy, with 40 to 50 per cent alcoholic content, is made by the liquor stores. The light wines and beer are sold in all places where meals are served. The restaurants may serve beer and light wine to anyone over 18 years old. The beer is usually of low alcoholic content, but the wines contain from 12 to 18 per cent alcohol. The liquor stores are allowing 5 per cent profit, the remainder going to the State. Those who buy the "hard liquors" must obtain a "motbook,"

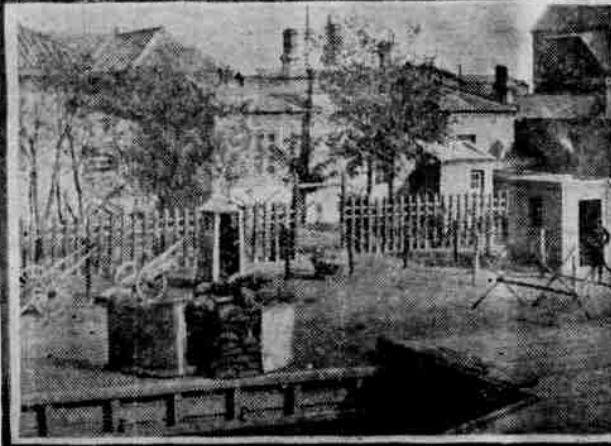
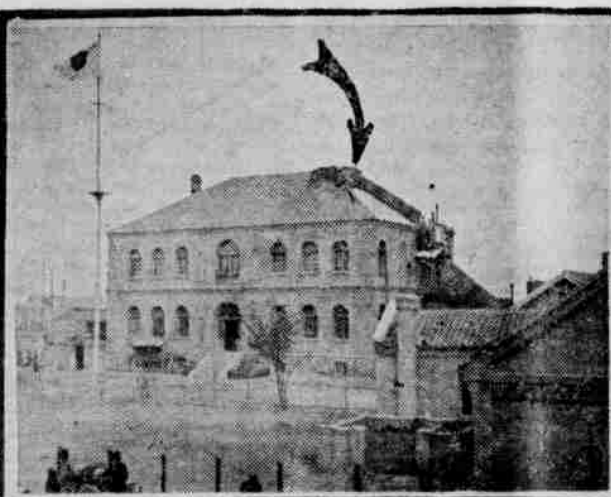
which contains coupons which are good for a certain quantity of liquor. This varies with individuals, but the largest amount anyone can buy is a little over four quarts per month. There is no limit on beer and wine. Restaurants may serve to a patron three small glasses of strong liquor.

The government is, as may be easily discerned, directly concerned in the liquor business. The restaurants sell to women as well as to men. They even have tables on the sidewalk where people may sit and drink where the public may observe them. This encourages the sale. R. O. Miller, who is superintendent of the New York Civic League, spent last summer in Sweden. He and his wife both say they saw more drinking among women than in any other country. The officials are trying to make as good a showing as possible for the law, hence arrests are made for drunkenness only when a person is very disorderly. The showing then is not such as to commend the system. Bishop R. J. Wade says that he frequently had seen more drunkenness in one day in Stockholm, on Saturday or Sunday, than he had seen in seven months after his return to this country.

An article in Current History gives the following figures on arrests for drunkenness per 10,000 population of the following cities: Stockholm, 182; Glasgow, 169; Liverpool, 55; London, 50; Paris, 47; Toronto, 85; Montreal, 63; New York, 18. Toronto and Montreal are under the so-called government control law of Canada. The Bratt system does not make quite the showing that Congressman Hull tried to claim for it.

Note that even New York, where the "failure" of prohibition is constantly heralded, makes a better showing than Stockholm under the Bratt system and Toronto and

U. O. Debaters See War in China.



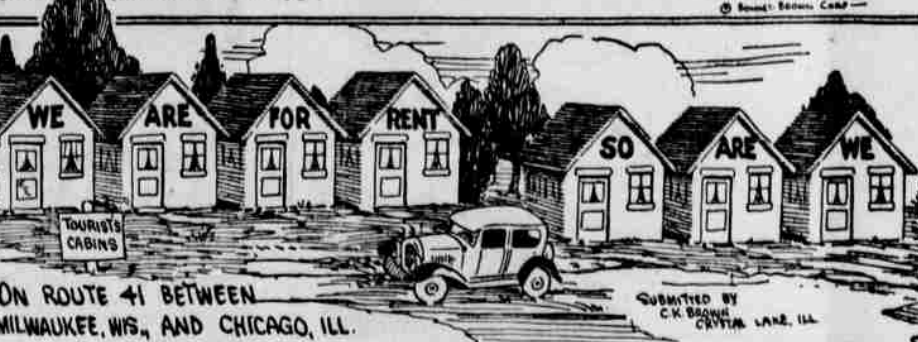
These pictures, brought back from their 35,000-mile Pacific basin tour by David G. Wilson, Portland; Roger Pfaff, Eugene; and Robert F. Miller, Pendleton, University of Oregon students, show something of how Japanese protect their "interests" in China. Upper—At Tientsin, showing Japanese flag flying over Chinese territory. Arrow points to landing machine gun nest on top of the shipping company building. Lower—How the Japanese wharves at Tientsin were fortified as soon as fighting between Japanese concession and the Chinese city broke out. The three debaters visited eight countries on their tour, lasting from June until January, debating and speaking hundreds of times. They were the official good-will ambassadors of Oregon, having been given this appointment by Governor Meier.

ODD---BUT TRUE

IN BUILDING THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA GOATS WERE USED TO TRANSPORT THE BRICKS UP THE STEEP MOUNTAIN SIDES—THEY WERE KEPT AND FED ON THE HILL TOPS THEN DRIVEN DOWN AND A FEW BRICKS WERE TIED ON THEIR BACKS—ON BEING RELEASED THE ANIMALS SLOWLY MADE THEIR WAY BACK TO THEIR FEEDING PLACES



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DAYS WE'LL NEVER FORGET



Montreal under the government control system. And it may be said that the Bratt system is administered by high class men.

Coast Wheat Under East; Freight Rates Have Effect

Pacific coast markets were a little weaker than eastern wheat markets during the past week, due mainly to the unfavorable situation in China, says the Portland Grain Exchange report for week ending January 30. The interior offered more wheat than for some time, on the assumption that the higher freight rate schedule would be in effect by February 20th, but it is also observed that most shippers desire to move wheat to terminals on consignment, if possible.

There was one sale reported to a California mill, consisting of 500 tons of high quality white wheat but otherwise there was no outside interest in local wheat.

Reports of sub-zero weather in the winter wheat areas where protection is scant, may have some effect in view of the small winter acreage this year; but on the other hand, with no export outlets, our carryover may be very burdensome. The Southern hemisphere export business continues to supply the importing countries, low exchange being a large factor.

There is more interest in futures



Club Members to Observe Washington Bicentennial

Much may be added to the future beauty of Oregon roadways, streets, parks, schools and other public buildings as the result of activity of 4-H club forestry members of the state who will plant trees furnished them by the state forestry nursery at Corvallis in observance of the Washington Bicentennial February 22.

Other ways in which 4-H club members of the state can pay suitable tribute to the memory of George Washington have also been suggested by R. J. Maske of the state education department, and Charles Weber, city club agent of Portland, who constitute a committee appointed to draw up such suggestions and recommendations for the clubbers. These include pageants and playlets depicting the value of Washington's life to boys and girls of today, and the study of the life and customs of the people of that day. Home economics clubs will make a special study of the costumes and furniture of Colonial times.

"Win as Washington Would" is the motto which will be featured by the club members in the programs to be put on before clubs, granges, parent-teacher bodies and schools in practically every community of Oregon in observance of the bicentennial.

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Noted Banker at Play



Otto H. Kahn, Wall Street financial man and international banker, is spending the winter in Palm Beach.