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#### EVERYBODY'S DAY

Clean-up—look up—stay up!  
It is only a matter of a few weeks when spring cleaning will be with us again.

Let's be ready for it, improve up on the work of past years, and make this town a place of beauty.

Let's make it everybody's day. If everybody leaves it for somebody else to do nothing will be done except in a prefatory manner, but if we all "go to it" with a determination to excel it will only require a small amount of work on the part of each individual.

The logical way to do a thing is to pitch right in and stick to it until it is done, and then hold it there—don't allow any slipping or sliding back to the old level.

Mediocre results may be good enough for some localities, but they are not satisfactory to the people of this town. We want something better, something out of the ordinary, quite in keeping with the thrift and intelligence of our community.

Why can't we have a general spring cleanup day, when every citizen will get out and put the polish on our town—remove the debris from certain streets, clean up back alleys and unused thoroughfares, and place the stamp of cleanliness, sanitation and beauty upon the whole community?

No one objects to closing the business houses for a day in order to hold a town picnic or other celebration. That is a common occurrence all over the country, and everybody has a gala time.

But who ever heard of a town closing up business in order to take a municipal bath?

It's a good move for this town to inaugurate.

We're for a cleanup holiday, with everybody in action.

Are you? Say "yes."

Herbert Hoover says he can "see no reason why the United States should cancel the war debts of the allies when they are spending more for armament than it would take to pay the principal and interest." Hoover said a mouth full, and we pass it along. That ten billion dollars the allies owe us would feed a good many hungry Americans in these days of unemployment. Just because we are a rich nation is no reason why we should sit complacently and watch other countries default their obligations to us.

There seems to be a tendency on the part of many people to continually criticize others of their acquaintances. It isn't done with the intention of doing harm to the person criticised—at least not always—but is simply a case of seeing the worst side of human nature when the brighter side could be viewed to much better advantage. None of us are perfect—not even the critics themselves—but we would all be better citizens if we were to confine ourselves to recognizing and fostering the good in humanity instead of stirring up the bad.

There is said to be more crime in the United States today than at any other time in the history of the country. And we have more aliens who are opposed to law and order than at any other time. It is time for us to take a kindergarten course in common sense and learn a few of the needed lessons. No government is so strong as to be immune from undermining by secret forces opposed to it.

It is barely possible that within the next hundred years congress will do something to alleviate the deplorable condition of disabled veterans of the world war. The fact that the vets will all be dead then should be of some slight interest to our dear representatives in Washington. It won't cost so much. There is seldom any individual profit in being a humanitarian, and gratitude appears to be only money deep.

One of the first acts of the new congress should be a revision of our immigration laws. With more than three million men now out of employment in this country one begins to wonder how the hundreds of thousands pouring in from Europe are going to earn an honest living. There is nothing to be gained by turning America into an international poor farm.

A Chicago paper avers that "given a pickle and a few moments of undisturbed time, a woman can solve any problem on earth." Give 'em a barrel, brother, give 'em a barrel, and elect 'em all to congress. Just now the country is sorely in need of an army of solvers.

French bachelors are to be taxed to aid the babies of the benedicts, says a news item. But don't rush precipitately into matrimony, young man. Take time, make a wise selection, and keep what you get. This is not France.

The dollar, we are told, is slowly but surely regaining its old time purchasing power. And in time, we presume, it will wake up and begin to purchase again.

Certain sections of the country are much concerned over why a woman closes her eyes when she is being kissed. But speaking from experience, we are unable to speak.

It is openly hinted that labor and capital will soon be pulling together, but nothing is said as to whether they will both be pulling in the same direction.

"Marriage is a game of give and take," says a model wife. There being no model husbands, we are unable to record their views.

It is hinted that the league of nations may discuss the Irish question. But it is unlikely anything new can be said on the subject.

Yes, we are an advocate of universal disarmament, provided it begins with our American crop of thieves, thugs and holdup men.

No, this country is not short on money. The only shortage that exists is in the ability of certain people to get hold of it.

France has invented a new gun capable of shooting two hundred miles, and not a thing to shoot at. What luck!

Most any man can save money if he wants to, provided he does not travel the pace of a millionaire on the wage of a laborer.

Railroads of the country are planning for a reduction in the wage to begin at the bottom and forget to reach the top.

Every day brings forth new problems for us to face, but night usually comes before we can get around to it.

A hearty laugh is like a ray of sunshine on a winter day. Can you qualify for the compliment?

One of the best forms of life insurance is the use of a tooth brush morning, noon and night.

At least one thing can be said in favor of American profiteers. They are experts in their line.

If you would be happy, just forget the things that make you unhappy. Simple, isn't it?

A popular man seldom talks about himself. That makes him more popular.

It is more blessed to give than to receive, especially if it is a licking.

A woman who nags should never complain when her husband scolds.

#### FISHIN'

By Edgar A. Guest

Fishin' teaches me a lot!  
There's no sure an' certain spot  
Where I'll always catch a mess,  
Have to hunt it, more or less;  
Sometimes strike it right away,  
And there'll come another day  
When I'll have to work like sin  
Fore I get a big one in;  
Change the bait, an' move along,  
Where the current's not so strong  
Or the wind can't get a sweep  
Or the pools aren't quite so deep,  
Till at last I chance to light  
On a place where they will bite.

Fishin' teaches me to wait  
Patiently an' try my bait;  
Lets me know on many a day  
I can't always have my way,  
Things aren't going to suit my whim,  
I must stick with patience grim  
If I know that I am right?  
Fill at last they start to bite;  
Times I've hooked a beauty, and  
Worked a half hour to land  
Him alongside o' the boat,  
Then he's spit it from his throat,  
Jumped the hook an' got away—  
But that didn't spoil my day.

Learned right then from mister fish  
I can't always have my wish;  
Things won't go the way I choose,  
There are times I'm bound to lose,  
Times I'm just about to win,  
An' I think the prize is in  
Reach o' me, somehow I find  
That the fates have changed my mind  
So it is with life, I guess,  
Mixed with failure an' success,  
Gain and loss are bound to fall  
In proportions to us all;  
Patient, we must work an' plan  
Just like every fisherman.

#### BOTANISTS LEARN FACTS THAT HELP AGRICULTURE

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis.—How expensive crop failure may be averted by noting the character of plants that grow on untried land as indications of crop possibilities, was one of the scores of valuable points brought out by botanists at the recent meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

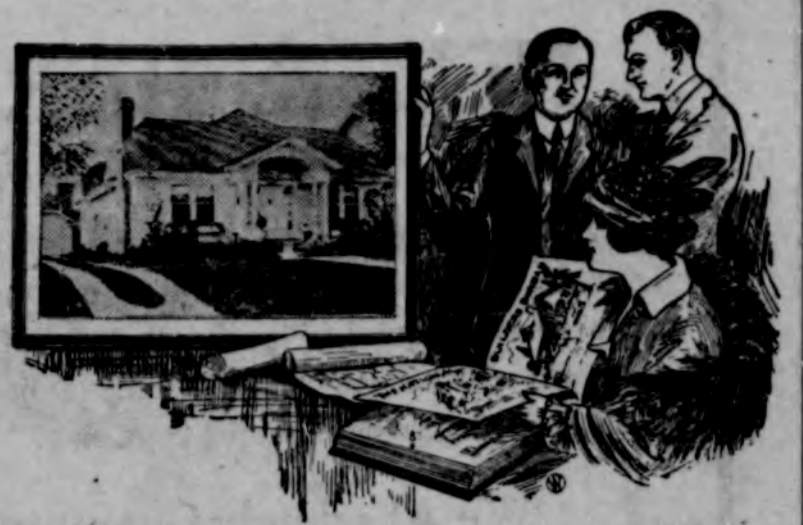
An instance cited by H. C. Cowles, plant ecologist at the University of Chicago, showed that failure to note the native vegetation on a proposed banana farm at Miami, Fla., led to failure. The plant life showed the Cypress soil type, not the Cuban on which the crop flourishes.

Many scientific truths brought out at the convention application in Oregon, says W. E. Lawrence, of the O. A. C. experiment station, who was one of the three Oregon representatives.

Soil alkalinity of acidity, soil plant food materials and moisture condition can be largely determined in advance by the character of the vegetation.

Of the 2400 scientists in attendance 600 were botanists, interested in crop science, this was the largest body of botany specialists ever assembled at any time of place.

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