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HONG KONG KOLUM
 What is the first thing for me to
 learn when buying an automobile?
 (Phone number of repair shop.)

Dr. Mesick is a physician at Syra-
 cuse, New York.
 SIR: WONDER IF WOODY TOLD
 THE MARRIAGE LICENSE CLERK
 that he wanted a license "to marry
 the best girl in the world?" I did
 that not long ago and the clerk re-
 plied with a grin: "I've had 1300 ap-
 plications for licenses to marry that
 same girl in 11 months. Nothing do-
 ing."—B. B.

We see by th' papers that
 Adam N. Eve has deserted from
 the United States marines.
 Today's Bellringer
 Once the great statesman, Glad-
 stone was cutting a tree on his estate.
 Two yokels each took up a chip to
 treasure. "When I die, lads," said
 Sandy, "this chip'll go in my coffin!"
 "Sandy," said an old wife stand-
 ing near, "if thou'd worship thy God
 as thou worship Gladstone, thou'd
 stand a better chance of going where
 thy chip wouldna burn!"

Says the Girl on the Film
 Boys who make good half backs in
 college football are usually all the
 way back in their studies.

Those Forders Again
 WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—
 All kinds of people are now fording
 into this city. Many have forded
 from Pacific Coast points after
 "pork" and perpetual motion pat-
 ents.

A Sloppy Finish
 Oh! you snow! You beautiful snow!
 Whiting things wherever you go!
 Then comes rain with a measurly
 thud—
 And beautiful snow, your name is
 mud!

Mas, Poor Venus!
 Cornstode (at art museum)—Ma-
 ria, the sign on that Venus de Milo
 says "hands off." Now any fool
 could see that!

A Washington Judge has sentenced
 10 boys to attend Sunday school for
 10 Sundays as a penalty for stealing
 a rask of communion wine from the
 basement of the church. (LET'S
 SEE, NOW — IS WASHINGTON
 DRY?)

Gosh! Herman Feeblecorn of Dav-
 enport, Ia., must feel out of place in
 these days of bumper crops!

**HENRY FORD ORDERED
 BY PHYSICIANS TO REST**

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A dispatch to
 Reuter's Telegram company from
 Christiania says:
 "It is now reported that a physi-
 cian advised Henry Ford to stay in a
 sanitarium. Hence it is probable that
 he has not gone to Bergen to sail for
 the United States, but to Gielo or
 Pinese, intending to rejoin the peace
 mission when his health is restored."
 Christiania dispatches under date
 of December 22 appeared in the Lon-
 don morning papers on the Ford
 peace mission. The Daily Mail's cor-
 respondent says:

"Premier Knudsen received a small
 deputation of Americans informally,
 to whom he said the time was not
 ripe for neutral nations to suggest a
 peace conference, but that perhaps at
 some future time Norway might be
 interested in the American move to
 get the belligerents to discuss peace.
 In any case, however, such a step
 must be suggested by the United
 States not by private citizens."

CHICHESTER'S PILLS
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CHRISTMAS
 "THE Passing of the Third Floor Back," as presented
 by Forbes-Robertson, was the best play possible to
 present at the Christmas season. Its moral is to look for
 the best in people and you will find it—for there is good in
 everyone, no matter how much it may be hidden by the
 sham, hypocrisy and sordidness of worldliness.

No one could view the play without broadening, no mat-
 ter how transiently, the outlook on life: it is a simple
 drama that holds up the mirror of ourselves and brings the
 blush of shame for our own unworthiness. It preaches the
 need of kindness to humanity, that like begets like, and
 that we receive in proportion as we give, more effectively
 than pulpit ever preached.

Christmas is the one season in the year when we strive
 to be really Christian, to treat our brothers as we should
 ourselves like to be treated. It is a season of beautiful
 things—of beautiful thoughts, of beautiful gifts and beau-
 tiful deeds. We express our individual ideas of beauty
 somehow on Christmas day.

Christmas permits us to manifest our eternal need—
 the desire to be a little better, a little kinder, a little wiser
 as we grow a little older. It enables us to express our
 notion of the good, the true, the beautiful, without embar-
 rassment.

What a pity that every day cannot be Christmas, that
 we do spend our energy in giving rather than in futile ef-
 forts to reap where we have not sown, that we do not drop
 our handicap of selfishness to make the world as beautiful
 and life as wonderful as the Creator made it.

FORD'S FAILURE
 BROKEN-HEARTED and discouraged, Henry Ford is
 returning after his futile effort to bring peace to
 Europe and stop the needless, wicked slaughter of human-
 ity. The Christmas season witnesses the rejection by the
 world of a new message of peace on earth and good will
 to man.

Ford sailed in the name of truth to benefit mankind.
 He met with laughter, sneers and ridicule. Where he
 should have been welcomed, he met derision and rejection.
 He sought to disprove that men are entirely brutal beasts
 —and was branded as crazy.

Many will openly exult at the failure of Ford's mission.
 Why should they? The effort was sincere and honest. It
 was in the most worthy of all causes. He tried to better
 the world. Who can do more?

The world is the better for Henry Ford's effort. It
 takes many efforts to establish right and overthrow
 wrong, and right is frequently on the scaffold and wrong
 upon the throne. Future efforts will succeed where this
 one failed, through the sordid greed of neutrals and the
 blood mania of belligerency.

Why glory in the triumph of injustice and inhumanity?

**How to Win an Income of \$1000 a
 Year from a Saving of \$5 per Week**

This is no pipe dream, for it is
 backed by the American Bankers' as-
 sociation and described in the Janu-
 ary American Magazine:

"Suppose a man earning \$23 a
 week went to the American Bankers'
 association to find out about their
 plan to give him an income of \$1000
 a year. When he told them he could
 save \$5 a week they would send him
 to a savings bank.

"He would place his \$5 and get a
 pass book. At the end of six months
 he would be credited with \$130. By
 the end of the year he would have
 \$262.60, by depositing \$5 weekly and
 drawing 4 per cent after six months.

"At this very interesting time he
 would consult the cashier of the sav-
 ings bank and tell him that he wish-
 ed to draw \$1000 and invest it in a
 safe real estate mortgage paying 6
 per cent interest. The cashier would
 tell him at once where to go to get the
 investment and just how to make it.

"Having made the investment, at
 the end of the fourth year of his sav-
 ing, the young man would look for-
 ward to saving the first six months
 of the fifth year, the following: First,
 of course, his regular weekly deposit
 of \$5, or \$130; second, the six
 months' interest at 4 per cent on
 \$123.89 (the amount left after he had
 drawn out \$1000), which would
 amount to \$2.46; third, the interest
 at 6 per cent, earned by his real es-
 tate mortgage, or \$30. This would
 make a total of \$162.46, added to the
 \$123.89 left in the bank after draw-
 ing out the \$1000, and the total would
 amount to \$286.35. By the end of
 the fifth year, this sum would have
 increased to \$452.08—almost half
 enough to buy another \$1000 mort-
 gage with.

"The tracing of the growth of this
 man's savings would prove very fas-
 cinating reading, but it is too lengthy
 for these columns. At any rate, he
 would be able to buy his second
 \$1000 mortgage at the end of the
 seventh year. After this, the interest
 earnings on his bank deposits and on
 his two mortgages would amount
 to more than half of his weekly sav-
 ings from his salary.

"It would not be very long after
 this before he would arrive at the

THE PAGE
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 Subject of Babies"
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 "A Pair of Birds"
 Vim Comedy

**SERBIAN PRINCE
 ARRIVES AT ROME**

ROME, Dec. 23.—Prince Alexis
 Karageorgievitch of Serbia, a cousin
 of King Peter, has arrived here after
 an adventurous escape from Albania
 with his wife. The prince says that
 what is left of the Serbian army has
 resumed contact with the Bulgarians
 east of Elbasan, where fighting has
 been going on for three consecutive
 days.
 King Peter went on horseback from
 Sentari to Tirana, the prince states,
 and then to Avlona, from which place
 he is watching the operations of his
 army, which is commanded by Gen-
 eral Missitch.

**SARAH BARNHARDT
 AGAIN RECOVERING**

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The Petit Jour-
 nal today publishes a telegram receiv-
 ed from Sara Barnhardt at her home
 in Anderno, near Bordeaux, relative
 to her reported illness. Her message
 is quoted as follows:
 "I was suddenly stopped while 'Les
 Cathedrales' was in full tide of suc-
 cess by congestion of the lungs. I
 thought myself cured and came back
 to Paris too soon, where I had a re-
 lapse, but I am again recovering.
 Doctors Bosse, Michel and Obisier
 will not allow me to leave for Amer-
 ica, but will permit me to go to Eng-
 land in a week's time."

the Express companies cannot
 accept C. O. D. shipments.
 you are therefore entitled to
 know the commercial standing
 of any institution to whom you
 entrust your money.

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 Wine Growers, of the United States.

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AAA	750,000 to 1,000,000
AA	500,000 to 750,000
A	250,000 to 500,000

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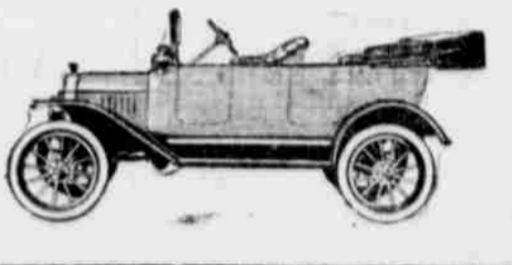
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