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HONG KONG KOLUM

The most catching disease I know is insomnia—when the baby has it.

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You Don't Say So.

We feel more than ever that the past all behind us and the future all in front.—Reading England Standard.

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The Stolid British

Private Jones (crawling out after being buried by a shell explosion.) "Silly 'orse-play I calls it!"—Punch.

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Gas O' Leon

I never board a jitney if
My girl has yellow hair.
The driver might collect her if
He found that she was fair.

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Pan-American Shakespeare

The Shakespeare club met with Mrs. Meyers, Broadway. At roll call items of current interest were given. Miss Withers gave an interesting paper on the country of Brazil and a general discussion of the subject followed the paper.—The Niles Sun.

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Twenty for a Scent

History Prof.—Tell about the Turkish atrocities of the middle ages.

Nemo Domi—I didn't know people smoked cigarets then.—Pitt Panther.

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What Caused It?

Bibson—I hear Smith has snow blindness. What caused it?

Fibson—He went out every night for two weeks in a full-dress shirt.—Punch Bowl.

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Today's Bellringer.

He—When is a joke not a joke
She—Well?
He—Usually.—Wisconsin Awk.

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Says the Girl on the Film

If it takes nine tailors to make a man what does it take to break that man?

Answer: Just one little woman.

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Today's Worst Riddle

Why is a widower like a house in a state a dipalidation?

Answer—Because he wants repairing!

Officer! Get the ding-a-ling cart.)

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Highball—See the name on that picture.

Drybill—Yes, "Nude."

Highball—I was just wonderin' what they put it there for. A blind man can't read it and a fellow with eyes can see for himself.—Stanford Chaparral.

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OIL SMUDGING A NUISANCE

ORCHARD heating is recognized as a valuable ally in saving fruit crops during the frost season.

There are many kinds of fuel that can be used, but local custom has centered upon the use of smudge pots burning crude oil or distillate.

Without attempting to discuss the scientific phases of the matter, it can be truthfully said that oil smudging has become an orchard fad and a public nuisance.

The heavily charged, smooty smoke permeates every nook and crook of buildings of Medford, soiling whatever it touches. It damages stocks of merchandise and it necessitates a thorough house-cleaning to eliminate its stains from farm and city residences.

There is no desire to interfere with the orchard industry, but there are many ways open to the fruit grower to heat his orchard without damaging the community. Wood or local coal heat the orchard without injuring the trees or buildings, and have the additional advantage of leaving the money in the community instead of sending it out. There are many who are convinced of their superiority as orchard heaters.

It does not stand to reason that a heavy layer of oily soot improves the tree itself. Repeated year after year, it must certainly check the natural processes of the trees' breathing, and interfere with development and growth. We know that in the smoky cities of the east, like Pittsburg and Cincinnati, that soot kills and stunts the vigorous growing varieties of shade trees, and any such artificial blight cannot benefit a fruit tree.

For five years the people of the Rogue River valley have suffered from the smudge nuisance without complaint, except from orchardists convinced that their groves were damaged from thier neighbors' operations. The smudgers themselves have blindly followed the fad in their heroic efforts to preserve their crop—and the community has sympathized with their efforts.

But oil smudging has not proven such a success as to warrant its continuance. There are plenty of other ways to heat the orchard which damage neither tree nor community. They should be utilized before the nuisance becomes so great as to invoke drastic action for its cessation.

"STAND BY THE PRESIDENT"

THE senate has done well to stand behind the president in his diplomatic dealings and present a united front to foreign nations.

By the constitution the president is the diplomatic head of the nation, and it is unfortunate that congress has attempted to play politics by conspiring to take diplomatic relations out of his hands. Such action only weakens the nation by unneeded complications against a united foreign nation.

President Wilson is a peace advocate and has striven his utmost to keep the nation out of war. But he is for peace with honor, not at the cost of self-respect, as he views it.

The president has given the lie to his defamers who accused him of weakness. His coercion of the plotting congressmen was an act of courage and proves him a strong man. He is not only too proud to fight in a dishonorable cause, but too proud not to fight in an honorable one, and too proud to be thrust aside by the peanut politicians.

The head and front of the conspiracy are the "cotton congressmen" from the south, who seek to end the quarrel with Germany and begin a quarrel with the allies to compel the lifting of the blockade a little—enough to permit the shipping of cotton to the central empires, which would double or treble its value. Allied with them are the provincial congressmen playing for votes of hyphenated Americans at home—placing self-interest against the national interest.

It is well for the nation to present a united front in its foreign relations. The nation is for peace, but only for peace that carries with it national honor—and it is the part of patriotism to stand with the president in this international crisis—as the best way of preserving peace.

The Competition of Swords

(By James Rhoderick Kendall.)

To the Editor:

It has been well said that government is a substitute for private war, and just now the world is more than usually interested in the question of a substitute for international war. The Japanese statesman would offer the united effort of six nations. This might keep nations from fighting, but is not an ultimate solution, without it also keeps them from wanting to fight, and there is nothing in the proposition to prove that the six nations would not entertain belligerent feelings toward each other, for the cause of war does not depend upon the fact that six nations have or have not created a monopoly of power which might be used to divide the world among themselves according to the ethics of greed of modern commercialism.

What is war? This simple question sounds easy. Its correct answer will also supply another to the question just as significant, what is peace? And what is armed?

The hospitals of the world are full of maimed human derelicts, taken from the firing line of the commercial conflict, called peace, where the agencies employed are often more fatal in overwhelming and crushing opposition than ever the sword. Talleyrand said: "Language is an instrument invented to conceal thought." Diplomacy is the art of lying. Its purpose is to acquire advantage, just or unjust. And means, even to the threat of the sword, is employed. This conflict, miscalled peace, has the true animus of so-called war, is war in all but the blood-letting. The nations are competitors, and like private competitors, in the modern commercial war, acknowledge no code of ethics as governing their actions towards each other. "Success" is the shibboleth. Drawing the sword is but a change in the scenery, is but the adoption of a different means for the same purpose. This is the German point of view and is ferociously logical. This world war of swords is but the culmination or climax to the commercial war of this twentieth century, and should be known as the competition of swords. If private business rivals should appeal to clubs in an endeavor to destroy each other we should have the same spectacle in miniature.

The Germans are a prolific people with a restricted territory, but her citizens were welcome all over the world, which fact must have relieved her of all fear of congestion. If the world had driven them back home, her war of expansion might have been a necessity, in place of a great crime.

That a man or nation may pay honest debts has nothing to do with the question, but since there is no ethics in business beyond this, Germany seized the sword to take what diplomacy had failed to acquire, with a motto which might be liberally translated: "I must live; to hell with you." This differs in no essential from the commercial motto of the world.

America has made the world "tired" with its miscellaneous assortment of peace plans. Get-rich-quick Autoford has just gone over to tell them how to make a million in a minute. This may distract their hearts from murder, for as near as I can see, greed is at the bottom of the trouble. The nation that would lead others into paths of permanent peace must set a new example, abating its own greed. We are rich beyond our needs, favorably located, a continental people, absolutely independent of the usufruct of the sea, while England is an insular people, who, by necessity, must live by the sea, and yet we dream of an oversea merchant marine, even sustained by subsidy, that we, if possible, may monopolize these great highways of commerce without even a thought that we are taking bread from others, whose needs are much greater than ours. What a glorious ambition, to absorb all the riches of the world. But, alas for the rest! America may set an example of international "table manners."

There is a deep resentment settling into the hearts of the English people over the constant haggling of our government about infringments of our marine rights, real or imaginary, while they are battling for life. Its translation is: "Your paltry gains are more to you than our lives," while our marine merchants are planning to even "swipe" the roast from their plates, though their expenses are $25,000,000 per day. Greedy America, shame!

What is neutral? The answer to this must depend on the definitions of peace and war. Germany seeks to destroy England, because she seeks to hog the business of the world, and it is only too true that she does not lack the greedy ambition to do so, but only the ability. England's excuse is Germany would do the same, any of them would do the same, just as a mercantile firm would take all the business if it could.

This unabated ambitious greed is nearly the whole cause of armed conflict. Are we free from it? While the champions battle for life, do we scheme to take the business which in their extremity they must neglect, and which by the law of necessity should be theirs? This is the ultimate question, not alone among nations, but among individuals of the same society. Unrestrained competition benefits the strong, is not the life of business but the death of business. This question now is seeking a solution in our national councils, ever seeking.

It will not do to take away initiative; that is socialism. But initiative may be restricted. An international economic council would say to us: "Do not compete in ocean traffic; you have more than the rest now." Is it Utopian? Think again. It is the price of world peace. International bullyism must cease. If this nation truly desires to set an example of peace, let it adopt the motto: "I am my brother's keeper." The spirit of this will abate its greed to grab all the business by which life is sustained. It would mean the golden rule applied to nations. If other nations will adopt it the cause of war will cease to exist. There is such a thing as business rivalry that would not design to take business from another, not sanctioned by the golden rule.

Nations may combine to enforce peace and arbitrate to avoid war, but there can be no lasting peace without a recognized code of international ethics insuring to each the right to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

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