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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

The U. S. may go to war in Panama
and the 2nd lites are shining up their
puttees.

There is a new face in the White
House today. The sun and moon will
function as of yore, and there will still
be sand in the sugar, and gravel in the
beans.

Perhaps you have noticed that short-
ly after a beautiful lady gets in the
calaboose for murdering a lover, her
virtues become more distinct than
heretofore.

Nooty Baker says he leaves the cabi-
net "without the slightest regrets,"
which is the way everybody else feels
about it.

There is a general inclination on the
part of citizens with backyards to get
out to the rear end of a hoe, and in
about 60 days the hoe will be a fishing
pole.

Your corr. interview Col Sargent in
command of himself in cleaning up the
debris on the tin can front. Said the
colonel, adroitly heaving an ex-cep-
tacle for tomatoes into a wheelbarrow.
"We will clean up if it takes all sum-
mer. The cans are Medford's, but the
toil is ours. You can go to it, when
you're ready, Gridley!" The infantry
were all down to the c. h. listening to
an interesting case.

The wooly aphs pests have appear-
ed in the orchards, but have more cot-
on in their make-up than usual.

"All nature is awakening under the
gentle touch of spring," as the poet
remarked; and some of the Nash Rock-
ing Chair brigade are getting restless.

Wig Ashpole's boots show up this
week on the front page of the Sat. Eve.
Post, being worn by a farmer thawing
out pump, by pouring hot water on his
dog.

The allies stand ready to invade Ger-
many unless she pays the price of war.
An off-hand guess is that England will
twist the argument to make an excuse
for not paying American obligations.

The mean rainfall is above the aver-
age. The rainfall that is not mean is
the same.

"Gets-It" Tickles Corns to Death

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the Corn Off.

Don't try to fox trot on corn tortured
feet. Get rid of your corns. If you have



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Corns With "Gets-It."
never seen a corn tickled to death, just
apply a few drops of "Gets-It" to yours.
Then watch that corn die—peacefully as
if it had gone to sleep. Soon it is nothing
but loose pieces of dead skin that you
can lift right off with your fingers.
Get after them now. Your druggist
has "Gets-It." Costs but a trifle more
nothing at all if it fails. Mfd. by E.
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THE INAUGURAL.

THE KEYNOTE of the Inauguration is the return to normalcy.
The one dominant strain in the eloquent addresses of President
Harding, Vice-President Coolidge, and retiring Vice-President Mar-
shall, is a poetic, almost a pathetic emphasis upon the glory of an era
that has departed, upon the faith that the salvation of America lies
in a resurrection of those basic principles of simple Democracy, em-
bodied in the spiritual vision of our forefathers.

"I must utter my faith in the divine inspiration of the founding
fathers," declares President Harding, and this declaration is echoed
in the constrained, but impressive words of Vice-President Coolidge,
and in the more raucy, more personal, but no less moving words of
the retiring Vice-President.

What does this mean? It means, we believe, a general acknowl-
edgment of confusion, a confession of inability to outline clearly the pres-
ent solution or the future course and in this chaos of doubt to fall back
upon the elemental principles of democratic government as the only
safe and solid ground, upon which those burdened with the responsi-
bility can stand.

Those who expected in the inaugural address, therefore, a clear
exposition of the Republican party's course, in terms of concrete
policy will be disappointed. Aside from the general affirmation of
faith, in American institutions and the wisdom of the fathers, there
is nothing more definite today, than there was six months ago.

No one can say Harding is opposed to entering some League of
Nations, if American sovereignty is properly safeguarded, no one
can say he favors it, no one can say he believes in a separate peace
with Germany, no one can say he opposes it; so with the other im-
portant issues, there is nothing but the general glorification of a
humble reverence toward what might be termed the political ten
commandments, to guide the searcher after light.

As a result the American people will probably interpret the Inau-
gural through the medium of their preferences. Senator Johnson
will probably see the Egd of the League of Nations, Mr. Taft will
probably see its salvation through reconstruction, Mr. Root will prob-
ably find vindication in the sanction of a world court, while everyone
will unite upon approval of a peace-loving and justice-striving Ameri-
canism, which forms the symphonic motif.

In short, the Inaugural demonstrates that Harding has not yet
made up his mind, and it is certain that no man of his temperament,
at this time could make up his mind, or would be wise to attempt it.
He is entering upon an era of portentous gravity, with the world still
in confusion, abroad and at home, and circumstance and future de-
velopments alone, can determine the precise course. For this deter-
mination, President Harding will depend upon the composite coun-
sel, which will surround him; the real inauguration of the Harding
era will come later on.

THE BIG PROBLEMS FACING HARDING ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Here are some of the more im-
portant of the problems, international and domestic, facing the
Harding administration:

International.

- Peace with Germany.
- Final disposition of the treaties of Versailles and St. Germaine.
- Decision as to the entry of the United States into an associa-
tion of nations.
- International disarmament.
- The Japanese-California question.
- The Russian question, including trade with Soviet Russia.
- Recognition of Mexico.
- Negotiation of new treaties, diplomatic and commercial with
Germany and Austria and with the new nations, Poland, Hungary
and Czechoslovakia.
- Disposition of the former German cables now held by the allies.
- Recognition of the new Greek government and settlement of
the status of the Greek loan.
- Loans to allied countries, including founding of the British
and other debts to the United States.
- The Anglo-French world oil agreement of San Remo.
- Cuban relations.
- Military occupation of Haiti and Dominican Republic.
- Irish question.
- Philippine's independence.
- Self-government for Porto Rico.
- Settlement of claims against Germany grown out of the war.
- Settlement of claims against Mexico resulting from revolu-
tions there.
- Re-establishment of full diplomatic relations with Turkey.
- Disposition of the Anglo-French-American treaty for defense
of France.

Domestic

- Tax and tariff revision.
- Soldier bonus.
- Panama Canal tolls.
- Immigration control.
- General labor policy.
- Army and navy policies.
- Permanent merchant marine policy.
- Reorganization of government departments.
- Budget system.
- Civil Service reform.
- Strengthening of prohibition laws.
- Anti-trust revision.
- Disposition of enemy property seized during the war.
- General reconstruction legislation,—housing, farmer credits,
railroad law revision and coal and packer control.

New First Lady of the Land Has a Mind all Her Own

WASHINGTON, M.C. 4.—Florence
Kling Harding, the new first lady of
the land, possesses an unusual degree
of pluck and outspokenness. She has
ideas of her own on many subjects and
she does not hesitate to speak her
opinions straight out from the shoul-
der. Those who work for her count
her a kindly and delightful mistress,
but they know that any delinquency
will call down a reprimand they will
not soon forget. On occasion she has
been seen shaking a forefinger at her
husband—but of course nobody knows
what that all is about.

All her life Mrs. Harding has been

a determined and tireless worker, not
only in the details of her household,
but in the broader field of business
and community welfare. She comes
of fighting blood, her father, Amos
Kling, having been a rugged power of
the pioneer days of Marion. She was
born there, and also in her girlhood
her parents attained moderate means
they were not the sort who lean to
extravagance.

When she married Mr. Harding in
1891, his newspaper, the Star, was not
yet out of the woods financially and
she went to work in its business de-
partment. She applied herself to ad-
vertising and circulation problems
with an eye for efficiency all along.

Mrs. Warren G. Harding



the line. She watched the original pur-
chases of print paper and materials
and she stood at the presses and gave
instructions to the newboys daily be-
fore they started on their rounds with
the finished product.

It is said of her in Marion that when
she became the wife of the struggling
young editor she told her friends she
expected to make him president some
day, and it is known that at some of
the most discouraging stages of the
preconvention campaign last year it
was she who insisted most vigorously
that the fight be continued.

During the strenuous days when
thousands were marching to the front
porch of the Harding residence on Mt.
Vernon avenue she was the most ac-
tive figure about her husband's head-
quarters. She was beside him every
time he spoke at home or away; she
shook hands with as many men and
women as did he; and she was in and



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out of his offices from morning until
night, rounding up details and giving
him advice on all serious questions be-
fore him.

Late on the night of the last front
porch meeting a newspaperman pass-
ing the Harding home saw someone
moving about the dark recesses of the
big veranda. It was Mrs. Harding,
drawing the porch chairs back against
the wall for the night, and softly
whistling a quiet little air of content-
ment.

"You seem happy enough," he called
across to her.

"I surely am," she replied, "and why
shouldn't I be? Isn't it wonderful?"

Mrs. Harding is a member of the
Methodist Episcopal church, and the
Hardings alternate attendance be-
tween that and the Baptist church, of
which the new president is a member.
She loves children and chooses horses
and dogs for her pets. Cruel treat-
ment of dumb animals arouses her to
militant protest, and on more than one
occasion she has stopped on the
streets of Marion and Washington to
reprimand a drayman or a caddy for
abusing his horse. In her younger
days she was a skilled horsewoman.

Of medium height, the new first lady
carries herself erect and with a charm-
ing dignity. Pictures seldom do her
justice, for although her hair is streaked
with silver her eyes are as bright
and her stances and smiles as radiant
as when she was sixteen.

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