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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

The hum of the electric fan is once more heard in the "Italy of America," where the national hymn is "Fishy! Fishy! in the Brook."

WELL, HE WARNED YOU.

(Eugene Heister)

Proprietor has other business which requires his attention and ill health of his wife necessitates disposing of the hotel. It is offered at a bargain and will stand close inspection.

Hiram Johnson expresses the fear that "Japan will seize California." The natural question that follows is: "Will Hiram be included?"

Scores of auto, gadders returned Monday to find the gasoline tank empty, and the cupboard the same. It is not yet possible to bite a hole in the scenery.

For being knocked silly July 2, Mr. Carpenter will receive \$200,000, and Mr. Dempsey will receive \$300,000. Brutal but profitable there will not be a nook or cranny of the earth where somebody will not be yearning for the news from the ring that afternoon. Just now the most thrilling items are about the way the gladiators comb their hair and the information that both are good to their mothers.

"Wicker baby carriage for sale. Navy blue. Rubber tires. Cream colored." (Wait! At Portland Telegram). Footprints of tragedy.

HOUSING PROBLEM SOLVED.

(Bronx N. Y. News)

Widow wishes to board 2 respectable men; share one room; homelike. Box 605, Bronx Home News. —Contributed.

The tonnage of some 4ds on tour is astounding, having the capacity of a boxcar, with the compactness of a steamer trunk, with worldly effects in the rear seat, and emergency cargo and chicken coop on the running board. In many instances, how exit and entrance to the front seat is affected except through the top is a mystery.

The National Editorial association has condemned press ridicule of the short skirt. This is a good idea, before it is too late, as results to date show a steady shrinkage.

WONDER HENS OF KLAMATH.

(Klamath Herald)

For sale—Six Jersey cows, all giving milk, two separators, one second hand Bluebell and one nearly new Sharpless. Ray Hicks, Grigsby ranch, Otene.

Mrs. Stillman has refused attorney of \$50,000 a year from her husband. Mrs. Stillman: One can not blame her much, as only by frugal economy could she worry along on so snippy a gain.

Will the parties who are robbing the tulip beds of their blooms at 725 High, please discontinue it. (Roseburg Review). If such gentle refinement don't work, try a double-barreled shotgun.

Now that the J'ville Juggernaut has started anew, there will be proper respect and decorum shown by speed maniacs and idiots, at least every hour.

BY SEIZING HER PROPERTY

THE U. S. GOT A TEE HEE!

(Press Report)

Representative Lühring, republican, Indiana, wanted to know if she would dig it up and let the committee have a look.

"No, I won't," she exclaimed, "nor my children either. I would not put that temptation in your way."

"I don't believe you have it buried," Mr. Lühring shouted. "Ha, ha," Mrs. Bergdoll replied, and the crowd roared.

It would be a good joke if the bewiskered populace would not show up today at the chinwacking parlors, and permit the tonsorial artists to return to hill and dale, where they tolled Monday. Your father slinger goes to work at 8 a. m. and is adverse to doing anything all morning for fear he won't get to dinner on the . . . An Nooty Baker loudly remarked when the Lusitania was torpedoed: "Americans are a patient people."

THE CRUSADING SPIRIT.

PRESIDENT HARDING denies America went into the war with a crusading spirit. There was, he says, no time for altruism. And yet he declares America fought with no thought of selfish benefit, with no hope of material gain.

We fail to see how these two statements can be reconciled. To face death for an ideal, is to face death in the crusading spirit. To fight for freedom is to fight for the principle of democracy. To enter war and wage war, not for selfish advantage, not for material gain, but for the perpetuation of the right, is essentially altruistic.

We have never been able to follow this line of reasoning, first promulgated by Ambassador Harvey, which would place American participation in the war on the low plane of physical reaction, —merely a slap at Germany because Germany slapped us.

Granting that the primary cause of our entering the war was Germany's attack on American rights, who can deny there was something else, that throughout the country as a whole, there was a feeling which existed before that violation, —a feeling that Germany represented a principle that was wrong and that if the world was ever to be a safe place to live in, that principle had to be beaten down and destroyed.

That is not to say that the American doughboy as he went over the top, evolved a vision of political idealism, or thought the matter out at all; but it does mean, we believe, that America's spirit in this war was different from the spirit of any other nation in the war. It was more than retaliation, it was something very fine, something very high, and we have never found a term that better represented it, than to call it the spirit of the old crusaders.

SPECIAL ARTICLES ON JAPAN.

ONCE upon a time, not so very long ago, two middle aged men, who should have known better, engaged in a fist fight. They fought long and lustily, they damaged each other considerably, until finally a third man who knew them both, separated them.

The first combatant told his story and the second combatant told his, and then the third man laughed and said "You two boobs shake hands." And strange to relate the two boobs did shake hands. For come to find out they had been fighting about something that didn't exist. They had both been victims of misinformation.

As with individuals, so with nations, —most serious differences are the result of misinformation. The better acquainted individuals are, the better acquainted nations are, the less likelihood there is of a fracas.

For some time now there has been talk of war with Japan. Neither the people of America nor the people of Japan want such a war. But there are certain racial antagonisms already aroused, and there are certain influences at work, which may bring war, unless the atmosphere on both sides is cleared by facts.

Charles Edward Russell, sometimes known as the world's greatest reporter, is now in Japan gathering facts. Beginning today The Mail-Tribune will publish his articles with one object alone, to give the readers of this paper a clearer idea of Japan, the Japanese people, and the situation in the far east.

What Mr. Russell's conclusions are we don't know, and we don't care. But from the articles already submitted we do know that these articles throw light on the situation in Japan, and it is light that we want. Given the facts, —the truth, —the people can be depended upon for the proper conclusions.



LEAVING IT.

BY DODGES and hitches, by labor or fraud, we gather up riches, an elegant wad; the roll we are showing has made life a grind; and then when we're going we leave it behind. Ah, that is the dickens, the sting and the smart! It saddens and sickens the miserly heart. To leave all the plunder for others to blow! What marvel, what wonder we wait in our woe? The short-sighted niggard saves till he must die, and I will be jiggered if I can see why; amusement he dodges, all fun he eschews; and drearily lodges down there by the mews; to harvest a nickel his form he'll exhaust; his life is a pickle, a fluke and a frost. In coffers he's stowing all coin he can find, and then when he's going he leaves it behind. The last of his journeys has borne him abroad and gifted attorneys camp down on his wad. And wastrels and spenders, his heirs and their kin, for frivolous splendors dispose of his tin. So it is with grieving the tightwads depart, their large bundles leaving the joy of each heart. But over the river no bundles are known, no miser hearts quiver at sight of a bone. Some silvery pieces I've salted away, to comfort my nieces when I'm in the clay; but not in my keeping such treasure you'll find, that I might be weeping to leave it behind.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

- 1. Where is the Andros Island?
2. What is a mandrake?
3. What sort of a bird is a prairie chicken?
4. What is a thigcetlet?
5. Are most of our state boundaries natural or artificial?
6. From what is delium obtained in this country and for what is it used?
7. What is the value of bark to a tree?
8. What is the most gigantic defense work in the world?
9. What is a dilettante?
10. Who wrote "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde"?

Answers to Yesterday's Questions:

- 1. Where is Lake Winnipeg? Ans. It is in Manitoba, Canada.
2. What is meant by "keelhauling"? Ans. Keelhauling is a formerly employed form of punishment whereby a man was hauled through the water under a ship from one side to the other.
3. What is a hypothesis? Ans. A hypothesis is an imaginary state of things assumed as a basis of reasoning.
4. What is flagstone? Ans. It is

broad, flat stone used in sidewalks and foot-pavements.
5. What is a flotilla? Ans. It is a fleet of small vessels.
6. What is a sporadic disease? Ans. It is one usually epidemic, but attacking only a few and not generally spreading.
7. Who was Ruck? Ans. Ruck was an elf or fairy in English folklore, as in Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream."
8. How did the phrase, "sounding his own trumpet originate"? Ans. Sounding his own trumpet, meaning boasting, is derived from the old custom by which the coming of knights into the list was announced by "two heralds with a flourish of trumpets."
9. What is a fagon? Ans. It is a vessel with a handle and a narrow mouth.
10. Who wrote "Quo Vadis"? Ans. The book was written by Henryk Sienkiewicz, the Polish novelist.

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