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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Peery

France seems to think that the rest of the world should reduce itself to a state of utter helplessness, while she should be allowed to maintain without the slightest restrictions, a mighty army, and a powerful fleet.

Ah! ejaculate a number of congressmen from sections having a heavy foreign vote, there should be no restrictions on European immigration, "let them work out their own destiny under Old Glory."

A DESIRE TO LOOK AT THE COUNTRY, INSTEAD OF STARS

(Salem Capital-Journal). Astronomical telescope for Ford car. Guy Green, 285 Oak Street, Salem.

The Ukrainian who discovered a wireless contraption that will bore through a mountain, and locate precious metals, thinks he has done something smart, but in the Nash district, they do the same thing with a rocking chair.

A lady fell down on the Math Sten Fri, while astounded. The dying sun was sinking in the golden west, but her alibi will probably be that Old Sol was in her eyes.

THE NEWSBOYS

(From The Liberator). Dispenser of an adult world's romance, The loves, the hates, the scandals and the sin.

Of all men pass through him; yet does his glance betray no evidence of aught within. Save youth abundant, and the will to live.

To seek adventure in Life's market place. He has no part in what his hands must give; No word of Fate reflects upon his face.

He calls his wares with malice unto none, And little does he reckon of what he cries; Of joy or pain, of battles lost or won, He sings alike; and in his eager eyes.

Stirs no emotion, save the joy to stand And count the shining coppers in his hand. (Apropos of the daily mobilization of young citizens who yell in an unknown tongue).

SUCH A CLASSIFICATION

(Pendleton East Oregonian). Friday seemed to be hog day, as there were several hogs passed this way for Milton Junction, Luke Crandal being among the number.

AMELIORATE LIMBS OF SCHOOL TEACHERS

(Hollins Bend Times). A long felt need.

The speech of Marshal Foch locally has just been translated. It takes just as long to figure out some of the home grown orations.

One of the gent who helped blow up Wall St. has been caught, where American grub is thickest.

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Editorial Correspondence

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Just as the Paris conference was, in a sense, a contest between Wilson and Clemenceau, in which Wilson was hopelessly beaten; so the Washington conference, has thus far been a contest between Secretary Hughes and Baron Kato, in which to date, the Japanese minister of marine has been hopelessly beaten.

Nothing has been more interesting than the daily duel between these two strikingly dissimilar men,—the fresh-faced, smiling, Sunday school superintendent on one hand; and the dead-faced, inscrutable, Oriental Sphinx on the other.

In a different atmosphere Kato would probably have won. For there is no use denying that in the technique of diplomacy, he is a past master. In fact the foreign diplomats in general can give the average American diplomatic cards and spades and still beat them nine times out of ten.

But this is the tenth time. And it is not, fortunately for Mr. Hughes, a poker game. The plain fact is the American secretary of state, is winning for the simple reason that his talents perfectly fit the situation. Mr. Hughes is naturally an intelligent straightforward and honest man, and all Uncle Sam has to do is to be straightforward and honest and intelligent. For the turn of the wheel has put into America's hands the balance of power. This was true at Paris, but Wilson either didn't know it or didn't have the wisdom to act on it, but Hughes knows it and from the first has acted upon it.

The great danger was to lose this advantage, at the outset, as President Wilson did at Paris, by giving away the hand. That is by showing that Uncle Sam had some pet scheme for which he would sacrifice anything,—something in other words upon which a born poker player like Baron Kato could play to either a victory or checkmate.

Hughes fooled everyone by getting in the first punch. Instead of wasting time in preliminaries, and gradually unfolding his desires, he jumped from his corner, and announced what, as far as the United States was concerned, had already been done. This placed Baron Kato on the defensive from the outset, and if the

truth were known, spread dismay among the Japanese delegation. Not that the naval reduction was to Japan's disadvantage,—not at all,—but, because putting all the cards on the table at the outset, disarmed her baron completely for a card or two up the sleeve which is the baron's game.

It was interesting to watch the contest develop. As Baron Kato played a waiting game, and refused either to accept or reject the Hughes' proposals, holding out vaguely for a 10-10-7 ratio, the secretary of state showed that good natured exasperation, which a straightforward man, sure of the essential justice of his stand, naturally shows when met by a policy of bluff and indirection.

But he never fell into the trap. He waited too. He simply stood pat. And finally as he undoubtedly foresaw, the opposition played into his hand. Then again he took the offensive, arranged that twilight conference, and in a week's time, the quadruple understanding was perfected.

Here again the poker player had to yield to the dealer of Old Maid. The understanding in reality marks, he believes, the greatest diplomatic defeat for Japan in this generation.

The Anglo-Japanese alliance is discarded and in its place we have an alliance, which can but isolate Japan diplomatically, and throw England, France and Uncle Sam into a bloc against her.

Again this outcome results, not from the superior skill of American diplomacy, but from the actual conditions in the Pacific. Any serious advance by Japan, endangers Australia, where anti-Japanese feeling is more intense than it is on the Pacific coast. France has lost interest in her Pacific possessions, and therefore will naturally seek to retain American friendship. As a result Japan nominally a member of a friendly alliance, will actually be involved in an understanding, where she will be outwitted three to one.

And this, however galling to Japanese pride will work for peace. For as long as Japanese imperialism is confined by such an alliance, Japan will have her hands tied as far as serious trouble is concerned. She will have to work out her destiny peacefully, which is what is best for her and best for the world.

SAP AND SALT BY Bert Moses. No use trying to get a big reputation doing little things. The penalty paid by the miser is ignorance of happiness. "Joy cometh in the morning," said the widow as she put on her veil. Reforming others is easy compared with reforming yourself. Centering all thought on the Saturday night pay envelope is what keeps many men from "getting on." Some grow into a job and stick while others outgrow the job and go on. HEZ HECK SAYS: "Some girls know too much, but most o' them don't know nothin'."

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Quill Points

Embryo failure: Any man who is afraid to do more than he is paid to do.

You can say one thing for the war. It made "billious" a household word.

The ox-eyed beauties of whom the ancient poets sang were not peroxide beauties.

Still, the Irish case doesn't arouse as much enthusiasm in America as a case of Scotch.

People trust banks because they keep money safely, and then scold them because they persist in keeping it.

You see, by reducing navies we can save enough money to build far-cruising and heavily armored aircraft.

If any nation thirsts for concentrated trouble hereafter, let it follow America's plan and brew it at home.

We might lay the groundwork for a campaign against the divorce evil by giving Christ the custody of the children.

There's one nice thing about being poor. Congress doesn't sit up nights to devise new ways to take a crack at you.

One reason we worry so much is because we don't have to wait for the stage coach to bring us news from the other side of the country.

It will be fine to establish a neighborly feeling between nations if the others don't get the habit of running over to borrow something.

Sufficient commentary on the world's mental state is the fact that all he world was astonished when Uncle Sam proved his sincerity.

FRANCE DESIRES PROTECT PRESTIGE, NO NAVY PROGRAM

PARIS, Dec. 17.—(By The Associated Press.)—France has no definite ship building program it was said in official circles here today, in connection with the attitude of the French delegation at the Washington conference on the naval ratio question. The fact that she asks to be allowed to build up 350,000 tons in capital ships does not mean that she now plans a program of that sort, it was declared.

France, however, which was formerly a naval power, desires to protect her prestige, it was explained.

The report that the British delegation at Washington is asking for suppression of submarines, has caused some surprise and kepticism in official quarters. France, it was asserted, was ready to discuss limitation of submarines, but was not prepared to accept their total abolition.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

- 1—Who succeeded Poincaré as president of France? 2—What city is called the "Dardanelles of America"? 3—What substance is used for the gum on the backs of postage stamps? 4—Which city lies furthest north, Toronto, Can., or Montpellier, Fr. 5—In what year was the St. Louis exposition held? 6—Which is the larger, Cleveland, Ohio, or St. Louis, Mo. 7—What is biology? 8—What state contains the most people, Georgia or Alabama? 9—How many liters are contained in a decaliter? 10—Which letter of the alphabet is called an "aspirate"? Answers to yesterday's questions. 1—What are the three small bones of the middle ear called? Ans.—Ossicles. 2—Where are the most Panama hats made? Ans.—In Ecuador. 3—In the valley of what river was the Garden of Eden generally believed to have been located? Ans.—In the valley of the Euphrates. 4—What is the study of fossils called? Ans.—Paleontology. 5—What Federal army fought at Gettysburg? Ans.—The Army of the Potomac. 6—How many navigable rivers has Switzerland? Ans.—Only one, the Aar. 7—Into how many classifications are the human teeth divided, Ans.—Five. 8—What is the color of the plumage on the head and neck of a mallard duck? Ans.—Deep green. 9—What does "do facto" mean? Ans.—The words mean actually existing. 10—Between what states is Delaware bay? Ans.—Delaware and New Jersey.

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MY NEIGHBORS.

MY NEIGHBORS all are splendid jays, a credit to their race; and evermore I sing their praise upon the market place. And so I've made the discords cease that used to jar my nerves, and any gent who longs for peace must emulate my curves. Time was when I would pass along the evil tales I heard, and say that Johnson's life was wrong, Jones was a wicked bird; it tired me that I must endure Jed Bankum and his gall; and sinful motives, I was sure, inspired my neighbors all. It is not strange that men grew sick of hearing talk like that and now and then a well-aimed brick would spoil my Sunday hat. And when I found I had no friend in all the region nigh, I reared my person up on end, and asked the reason why. The reason was not hard to find; I saw it, through my tears; and I remarked, "I have been blind and batty all these years; I have refused to see the good in any human skate, and now, throughout the neighborhood, men sing the hymn of hate. They throw their tin cans in my yard, they sic dogs on my bow, and I, a fat and fettle bard, can see the reason now." Then I reformed, and on my lyre I made a solemn pledge that I'd find something to admire in all men, and not hedge. So I began to roundly boost Tom, Dick, James, John and Jake, and neighbors bless me when I roost, and praise me when I wake.

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