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Decency And Dividends
EVERY once in a while some earnest seeker after truth makes the surprising discovery that it really pays to treat workmen like decent human beings, finding to his amazement that the employer who gives his workers more than they expect is bound to profit by his generosity.
Of course, we all ought to know this, and be sure of it, without being told. But we have a fondness for cynicism, and we don't assimilate truths like this unless they are drummed into us.
An English merchant sailor named Lennox Kerr recently spent a year and a half wandering about the United States. When he got through he wrote a book, "Back Door Guest," just published, telling of his experiences. He found many things in this country to surprise and interest him; but nothing hit him quite such a wallop as the contrast between sailors on the Great Lakes' steamers and sailors on the ocean.
Kerr, a veteran salt water sailor, made several trips on a lakes ship and thought he had tumbled into sailors' heaven.
He found the lakes shippers treating sailors as if they were decent, self-respecting human beings. Crews' quarters were clean, comfortable and commodious, as compared with the dark, dirty, smelly forecabin of salt water ships. The food was beyond praise, as compared with the starvation menus of most ocean steamers. Ship's officers treated their men with consideration, instead of wrapping themselves in the dignity of the sea's traditional caste system.
In short, he found that whereas the ocean sailor ordinarily is given bad accommodations, bad food, callous treatment and ill-usage in all its forms, the lakes sailor is treated with kindness, consideration and respect.
Then he sums up the results.
First of all, it pays dividends. The lakes shippers have an eight-months season and face heavy railroad competition—and profit as heavily as salt water shippers if not more.
In the second place, they get more work out of their men. The lakes sailor works longer hours and does a better job while he is at it than his salty brother. He is infinitely more sober and quiet. He saves his money, is utterly dependable and—in Kerr's words—"is the ideal worker, physically, morally and in intelligence."
In short, the Great Lakes way seems to this sailor to be not only kinder and more humane than the salt water way, but also much more intelligent.
We ought to know all of this without being told, of course. But we don't. It actually surprises us to learn that even sailors—traditionally a graceless class—will respond to decent treatment. Which, of course, only indicates that we are still a trifle blind.
If Rudy Vallee has any sympathy for the Englishmen, whose tax on beer has just been raised, he'll sing that stein song a little more tenderly.
They are referring to the better business drive in Chicago as a "boom," but many will think it would sound better as a "bang."
Beauty experts say women will grow to look like men if they keep on smoking. That's enough to burn 'em up.
Then there is the Hebrew who is so devout that on playing chess he referred to his bishop as a rabbi.
One reason we believe Cal Coolidge will do a lot of walking in his retirement is that he said on moving into his 16-room mansion recently: "It will make our dogs more comfortable."

EDITORIALS
FROM OVER THE NATION
FIVE AND TEN GIRLS
Time: When millions of U. S. citizens enter thousands of 5 and 10 cent stores throughout the land, they find a girl behind the counter to wait on them. Facts about the girl:
She is 20. She is U. S.-born. She is unmarried. She lives with her family. She makes \$12 per week. She works nine hours five days a week, longer on Saturday. She has held her job less than a year.
Such a composite picture of sales-girls in limited-price chain stores could be drawn from facts and figures presented last week by Miss Mary Elizabeth Pidgeon of the women's bureau of the U. S. department of labor. Miss Pidgeon had made a study of women in 5 and 10 cent stores in eighteen states, had interviewed over 5,000 clerks to assemble her data.
Chain stores make money by piling up tiny profits. In one year the F. W. Woolworth company sold forty-five tons of sandy, 5.112 miles of curtaining, deplorable. Said she: "To the 54,000,000 handkerchiefs. Miss Pidgeon showed that, though their sales had doubled in a decade, this enormous turnover brought no enormous wages to salesgirls. Labor is a prime item in chain-store operation. Where customers can readily see the entire stock, make their selections unaided, the cheapest, most inexperienced young clerk can perform the simple task of wrapping bundles, ringing up receipts.
Miss Pidgeon found that the average median wage of girls surveyed was \$12 per week. Only 7 per cent earned as high as \$15 per week, while 25 per cent earned less than \$10. Chain-store girls earn about one-half of what women do in other industries. One girl out of four was under 18, only a very few over 25. Only one girl out of ten lived away from home on her earnings.
The practice of underpaying girls because they live at home Miss Pidgeon found particularly deplorable. Said she: "To the

Timely Quotations From People in the Public Eye
"Ireland is now on the straight road to a great national achievement."—President William Co. State.
"You can't get wisdom by simply growing old."—Clarence Darrow, Chicago attorney.
"The limits of the universe are set by the barriers of the minds of men."—Secretary of Interior Ray Layman Wilbur.
"As for promiscuous kissing, what decent girl wants to resemble a piece of rock salt licked by all kinds and conditions of passing cattle."—Rev. S. Parkes Cadman.
"The limits of the universe are set by the barriers of the minds of men."—Secretary of Interior Ray Layman Wilbur.

Boundary Question

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HORIZONTAL
1 Originator of music drama.
6 Biblical strong man.
11 Herb plant.
12 Rustle.
14 Part.
15 Wooden club.
16 Weapon.
18 Season.
19 Like.
20 Golf device.
21 Unit of work.
22 Bone.
24 Breakwater.
25 Chapter of the Koran.
27 Hauled.
30 Started.
32 Nominal value.
33 Rodent.
35 Aye.
36 To perch.
37 Skin layer.

VERTICAL
1 River on west edge of Nile.
2 Exclamation.
3 Secured.
4 Northeast.
6 Bolls.
7 Minister.
8 Drunkard.
9 Hodgepodge.
10 Hero of the West.
18 To fare.
16 Grain.
17 To thresh.
20 Row.
22 Color.
24 Chart.
26 Grows old.
28 Each.
29 Devil.
31 Money lender.
33 To scour.
34 Twitching.
36 Fish.
37 Signal system.
38 To scrutinize.
40 Blemishes.
43 Unit.
46 Note in scale.
48 Southeast.

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ON BEING A GOOD FELLOW
Chicago News: A former alderman departing from Chicago to serve a sentence in a Federal penitentiary for his participation in a conspiracy to violate the prohibition law explained with becoming resignation that he had got into trouble by being a good fellow.
A police magistrate in a western suburb, arrested the other day for having misappropriated and spent some thousands of dollars belonging to the village that elected him to office, attributed his plight to the fact that he had been a good fellow, throwing his "that is, the village's—money around with a lavish hand."
The president of a bank in another western suburb, now under heavy bond on account of a shortage in the bank's funds that exceeds \$100,000, lays claim to having been a good fellow so long as the stolen money lasted.
How much sympathy is gained by men who plead that they were just being good fellows when caught in flagrant betrayals of trust?
There are some persons so liberal that they do not regard embezzlement of bank deposits, misappropriation of municipal funds or conspiracies to violate the law as embezzling proofs of good fellowship. In their opinion there are other and shorter terms than "good fellow" that are much more fitting to be applied in such cases.
Paris now has several "five and ten cent" stores.

ERRORGRAMS

E WISH I COULD PLAY THE ACCORDIAN AS WELL AS HE DOES! LISTEN, HE'S SINGING IN SPANISH.

O, SOLE MIO!

That's Scrambled
GINEVRA
Has mother, but no father.

There are at least four mistakes in the above picture. They may pertain to grammar, history, etiquette, drawing or whatnot. See if you can find them. Then look at the scrambled word below, and unscramble it, by switching the letters around. Grade yourself 20 for each of the mistakes you find, and 20 for the word if you unscramble it. Turn to the back page and well explain the mistakes and tell you the word. Then you can see how near a hundred you hit.

DAILY LETTER ON AFFAIRS AT U. S. CAPITAL
Now That the Muscle Shoals Bill Is on Its Way to Victory, Don't Forget the Fight Waged For It by the League of Women Voters—A Campaign Unique in Politics.
BY RODNEY DUTCHER
NEA Service Writer
WASHINGTON, April 22—One of the real high lights of the history of the Muscle Shoals legislation, to which little attention has been paid, is the unprecedented manner in which a large national organization of women took hold of the public side of an economic question and worked actively for it over a long period of years.
The National League of Women Voters was the only large national organization of any description which supported Senator George W. Norris of Nebraska in his long one-man fight to keep the government development of Muscle Shoals in the hands of the people and outside the grasp of the "power trust." The Norris bill recently passed the Senate by a substantial majority and is now with the House. It provides for government operation for production of electric power and fixed nitrogen. After Congress first passed the bill two years ago President Coolidge gave it a pocket veto. Great interest attaches to Hoover's attitude because of revelations that Claudius Houston, his friend and chairman of the Republican National Committee, was head of the lobby which tried to get the Shoals leased to private corporations.

A Determined Fight
One cannot say that Muscle Shoals would have gone into private hands had it not been for the League of Women Voters. Nor even that the league's activity demonstrates the hopeful old theory that votes for women would work deep changes in national politics. But the fact that this group of women, with upwards of 500,000 members grasped the complicated technical aspects of this major problem and worked incessantly and effectively for the Norris plan in every way that they were able may be called quite unique.
It began in 1921 when Mrs. Mabel Corey Costigan, the wife of former Tariff Commissioner Edward P. Costigan, was chairman of the league's committee on living costs. Mrs. Costigan recommended that Muscle Shoals be put on the league's "program of work" and it was.
The league approached the problem purely from the standpoint of cheaper electricity, holding that it would be a boon for women in the home. It took no position on the general merits of public ownership, but argued that if Muscle Shoals could produce cheap electricity for the people it would serve as a yardstick for electricity rates everywhere, perhaps resulting in lower rates which would release labor after installation of electric equipment which low cost electricity would make possible.
In 1927 the league had become so convinced of this that it promoted a "major measure" on its program along with such matters as the Sheppard-Towner maternity and infancy act and the Kellogg peace treaty.
Many women's organizations endorse measures, but the league works for them as well.
League speakers explained Muscle Shoals at state and national conventions and members were showered with information on all latest developments. The national board selected the Norris bill as embodying the league's principles. Local leagues all over the country formed study groups. Outlines for study were distributed and thousands of innocent women became initiated in the abstruse secrets of synthetic nitrate processes and hydro-electric energy.
When the time came they wrote to their senators and congressmen and showed familiarity with a subject concerning which nearly everyone is still rather ignorant. The league is organized in all but three states, so nearly everyone in Congress heard from league members about Muscle Shoals. To this day those little local leagues are still excited and senators have been getting plenty of letters from women convinced that the power issue is big and burning.
State leagues made special appeals to their own senators, pro-

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EIGHTEEN YEARS AGO IN KLAMATH
Alexander Douglas, or William Morgan, weak-minded giant who set fires to several buildings in Klamath Falls last fall and was committed to the insane asylum at Salem by Judge Henry L. Benson on a recommendation of Drs. C. V. Fisher, George A. Merryman, and R. H. Hamilton, is at large. Sheriff William B. Barnes and the local police have been warned to be on the lookout for the incendiary and his companions.
Dr. Roy H. Hamilton is speeding around in a new auto. Dr. Hamilton purchased the little run-about from a local agent, and it is artistically designed in every way. Colonel Wilkins also has a new car.
By their votes today the citizens of Klamath Falls decided that the charter framed by City Attorney Horace M. Manning, Mayor Fred T. Sanderson and the city council should be the organic law of the city, and the majority for the measure was the hardly what could be termed as poor.

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