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## THE KICK IN KISS

For the benefit of uninitiated it is said that a kiss is a compression of the closed cavity of the mouth by the cheeks, giving a slight sound when the rounded contact of the lips with another's is broken. It tastes better than it sounds.

A would-be crepe-hanger has informed an indifferent and unresponsive world that every kiss indulged in shortens one's life three minutes. If this bird has the correct dope he has certainly suggested a delightful method of leaving this vale of tears. If the pleasures of kissing must be given up in order to reach a ripe old age, a referendum on the subject would undoubtedly be unanimous in favor of an early but blissful demise.

But it is apparent that the facts in the case are contrary to the conclusions arrived at. There are no records available of long-distance non-stop osculatory feats with their attendant losses, so one must rely more or less on personal experience.

This experience convinces all but a few more fortunate and oftener-kissed ones that they were born to outlive Methuselah. For where is there a man with soul so dead as to admit that he has kissed more than is good for him? And to even inquire for such a woman is futile. Other evidence to refute the contention that osculation shortens life might be introduced, but why trouble one's self about it? If one could prove that a single kiss meant instant death there would be millions willing to make the leap. A little kissing now and then is relished by the best of 'em.

Each cigarette is said to be a coffin nail, tight shoes ruin feet and take all the pleasure out of life, wars harm all and benefit none. But the consumption of cigarettes increases at an amazing pace, tight shoes pinch every feminine foot and each war has new innovations to delight the military gentry.

## JOY IN WORK

An honest man is entitled to happiness in his work. It is the one sure sign that he has found his true vocation. He greets his work each day with a singing heart and loves his business. Love is the greatest thing in the world, and love for one's business is as natural a love for one's family. Indeed, love is the great partner of success in life. There can be no joy without it.

The morning tells an intelligent man many things. Generally, it rules his day. If it starts wrong with him the day is spoiled. A dislike, on the part of a healthy man, for beginning the work of the day, is usually an indication he is not in the right place. If enthusiasm does not come in the morning to the business man he may be sure something is radically wrong, whether with his habits, his health or his occupation.

When one wakes in the morning with regret that he must get up and go to work, he may well understand that a vital necessity of success and happiness is not his, and that it is high time for him to make a change in something—in his diet, his conduct or his vocation—for he certainly is not on the straight road to prosperity and achievement.

Where there is love there is a fair chance of success, because love creates eagerness to do and work and think for the thing loved in order that it may prosper. Those in a job only for the pay envelope, get only that out of their work. The pleasure they derive from the money is short-lived and is seldom renewed by salary increases. Employers do not reward with higher pay those who work only for love of money.

## APPROACHING

Advertisements are beginning to appear with decorations of holly and mistletoe and smiling faces of Santa Claus. To the observant these ad frescoes tell their own story, give their own warning, hint at the important business from which none is barred and in which sooner or later everybody will be engaged.

In other words, Christmas shopping. The

holiday is little more than a month ahead, fewer shopping days than fifty by a good deal. In no time these days will pass. The procrastinator will wait until Christmas eve when store aisles will be jammed by other procrastinators, stocks picked out, clerks weary, customers in a flutter, clocks ticking time's rapid pace, all because the reminders of today have been neglected.

Every year more sensible persons do their Christmas shopping early. They reap all the advantages in variety of selection and leisure of choice and when Christmas Eve comes they can proceed about their last-minute holiday tasks orderly, while the others fume and sputter.

Americans are a great people never to do today what can be done tomorrow. The postmaster has urged early posting of Christmas mail, but the last days will probably be bigger than ever. The train leaves at 1:05 but the cars do not fill until 1:04. We get there even if we are a last minute nation, but it is at a tremendous cost of physical energy and mental upsets. The Christmas shopping season is merely one phase of a national temperament.

## PRESERVING SECONDARY ROADS

"Public Roads," published by the United States bureau of public roads, in its September issue contains a remarkably fine report on roads in Oregon and California which have been treated with light asphaltic oil.

In both these states, hundreds of miles of gravel and macadam roads have been built to connect with the paved highway systems. The traffic on many of these roads is extremely heavy, and the problem has been how to save the rock from being blown to the sides of the road or being blown away in dust.

Conclusions reached in the report are that any road in the states investigated, which has justified improvement with fine crushed rock or gravel surface, warrants the additional expense of a light oil treatment except possibly in rare instances of isolation, extraordinarily cheap material supply, or low service requirements.

The treatment of oil not only effects a saving of the road material but saves wear and tear on automobiles and preserves farm crops along the highway which are destroyed by dust.

The report will be of interest to many states which have similar conditions to those found in Oregon and California.—Manufacturer.

## The Right "To Keep and Bear Arms"

The United States has been criticized as a country of freak laws. Our people may grow wrong occasionally through lack of information or misfortune on a question of public interest, but in the long run they think straight and act straight, and the best evidence of this fact is the 150 years of growth and prosperity which our nation has enjoyed.

The right of individual initiative and freedom from unnecessary restraint is in-born in every American citizen. For some time there has been an effort made to prohibit the ownership of small arms although the second amendment of the Constitution of the United States says: "The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

Target practice and good marksmanship has been part of the life of the normal American boy. Legislation to prohibit this on the theory that it would reduce crime, is a mistake, for the criminal would still get his guns from sources outside the United States. As a matter of fact, most of the worst crimes are not committed with a gun. Hatchets, axes, clubs, knives and other instruments take a greater toll.

In their honest desire to bring about law enforcement in this country, it is a question of whether the people will hastily adopt a measure which in the long run would simply make it easier for criminals to carry on their work.—Manufacturer.

Free speech: The wonderful privilege enjoyed by all good and honest men who agree with the majority.

The Turkish motorist is averred to be a reckless driver. Perhaps he took his lessons in America.

"Look it up for yourself and you'll remember it longer" is dad's confession that he doesn't know a word's definition.

Beautiful teachers in nice clothes has been suggested as a means of beautifying the school room. Wouldn't that tend to distract the larger boys from study?

**More Bananas Now**  
Banana culture is the third principal industry of the Hawaiian Islands and exports have been increasing in recent years; from 87,000 bunches in 1910 to more than 250,000 in 1925. The average valuation of a bunch for export is about \$1. There is need for better shipping service to enable growers to supply prime fruit to the west coast markets.

**New Interest in Artichokes**  
The Jerusalem artichoke is one of the few plants native to America which have been practically neglected here but have gained wider favor abroad. In France it has been planted more extensively on

light soils and even under these conditions has averaged yields of more than 5 tons of tubers to the acre. Not enough information is at hand to attempt any estimate of what would be a fair average yield under American conditions, but it seems likely that on good agricultural soils it would be higher than in France. Present interest in the Jerusalem artichoke in this country arises from the belief that it may prove desirable as a source of inulin and levulose which have the same general relation to each other as starch and cane sugar. Inulin and levulose are considered desirable as foods for diabetics.

Quality of sour kraut is influenced by the solidity with which the cabbage is packed in the containers. If it is not packed solidly enough to eliminate all air pockets decomposition will set in that will create an "off" flavor in the kraut, according to the department of horticultural products of the state college.

Washington County growers received second, third and fourth places for certified seed potatoes, at great Spokane show.

W. O. W. Vernonia camp No. 655 meets every Monday night at seven thirty at the Grange Hall. Visiting members welcome.  
ROBERT LINDSEY, C. C. I  
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K. A. McNeill, Secretary.

I.O.O.F.—Vernonia Lodge No. 246 meets every Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, in Grange hall. Visitors always welcome.  
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