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QUESTIONINGS.

I wonder, as I sit alone tonight— Alone within the old, familiar room— If, in the many mansions out of sight, They speak of me and wish that I would come.

I wonder should I know my mother's face— The face that last I kissed with bated breath, Lest I might mar that perfect calm and peace

Have the grave questions in my sister's eyes Found happy answers till their depths no more Seem to brood over hidden mysteries—

I wonder, when I falter, over-worn With lonely days and ever lonelier night, How all the bitter pain my heart hath borne

Say this: "The Lord will lead her safely on; The weary feet will reach our home, some day, And from her eyes, the darkness being gone,

RECREANT HUSBANDS.

That last legislature of California enacted a law against wife-desertion similar to that enacted in Washington, and the same need exists in both states.

Already the law has been invoked in Washington several times to protect deserted wives and children.

It makes desertion a criminal offense, but the judge may use his discretion about imprisoning the offender or putting him under bond to provide for his family.

A report of the registrar of the associated charities of Sacramento county, California, submitted the other day, gave details in desertion cases that explain why such stringent laws are necessary.

At that time six wives and their children deserted in one month were being cared for at public expense.

How many other wives were deserted and are managing to live without calling upon charity cannot be known, for many loyal and self-respecting women will hold out to the last rather than carry their troubles to the public authorities.

ONE POOR WOMAN DESERTED BY A HEARTLESS HUSBAND IN SACRAMENTO HAS FIVE CHILDREN, NONE OF WHICH IS OLD ENOUGH TO ASSIST IN SUPPORTING THE FAMILY

ANOTHER HAD THREE YOUNG CHILDREN AND A FOURTH WAS BORN SHORTLY AFTER THE HUSBAND DESERTED.

The wild beast is respectable in comparison with such a husband. The six wives deserted was the record for only one month.

On the rolls of the charity organization are others deserted in previous months and dependent upon charity.

The newspapers of Sacramento are calling upon the public officials to arrest the husbands and if necessary send them to the penitentiary under the new law.

The Sacramento Bee says: "It is no answer to the anguished cries of these poor women in behalf of their little ones to say to them that if their husbands are unworthy they may sue for divorce.

Divorce is the very thing these acrounderls want. The marriage tie is the last poor hold these women have upon them; the only road, broken though it may be, to which they may cling in stress and storm; for they know that so long as that tie exists there is some chance that the law will yet force the deserters to do them justice."

Divorce should be discouraged in most of these cases. THE HUSBAND SHOULD BE PLACED UNDER AN ORDER OF THE COURT COMPELLING THEM TO PAY OVER TO THEIR WIVES A STATED SUM WEEKLY.

In this way society may be saved the burden of support which recreant husbands would place upon it. The new law should operate as a restraint upon husbands who care at all for the opinion of their fellow-men even if they are indifferent to the sorrow and suffering of wives and babes.

"UNCLE SAM TOO RICH."

It has been said many times in the last two years that the people of the United States were altogether too prosperous for their own good—and now The Philadelphia Inquirer is of the opinion that Uncle Sam is altogether "too rich."

Just note what it says: "During the month of July Uncle Sam paid off \$24,000,000 of the public debt and ran a few millions behind on current expenses.

The month is notably one in which the outgo is larger than the income, because then the appropriations for the fiscal year become available and are heavily drawn upon.

"As Uncle Sam made unusually large appropriations, it was expected that the month would show an increased deficit.

But it so happened that the income was much larger than estimates, so that the deficit is \$2,000,000 less than last year.

At the present rate the surplus for the current year will be well nigh \$100,000,000.

"AS THE SURPLUS ON HAND IS NOW ABOUT \$240,000,000 IN EXCESS OF CURRENT LIABILITIES, THE PROSPECT OF ITS INCREASE IS NOT WELCOMED BY THOSE WHO HAVE A THOROUGH UNDERSTANDING OF NATIONAL FINANCE.

No money should be locked up in the treasury beyond a sufficient sum to insure the payment of all drafts that may possibly be made.

It is certain that \$50,000,000 is ample as a working balance, and the treasury has maintained this or thereabouts by means of making deposits in the national banks.

This has helped some, but it is a poor remedy. Of each deposit in banks one-fourth must be kept on hand at all times, and hence the supply is diminished to that extent.

It is also hedged about by so many regulations as to make it less free for commercial purposes than ordinary deposits.

"A note of warning has been sounded by former United States Treasurer Roberts, who says that the condition is growing critical. It undoubtedly is and to an extent about as bad as a deficit. The commerce of the country should be as free as is possible. Every unnecessary restriction produces friction and loss.

Why Fret and Worry

When your child has a severe cold. You need not fear pneumonia or other pulmonary diseases. Keep supplied with Ballard's Horehound Syrup—a positive cure for Colds, Coughs, Whooping Cough and Bronchitis.

They Should Win.

The telegraph operators should win their strike. Their cause is just. Their responsibilities considered, they are the poorest paid activity in the world. They are the medium in which vast enterprises in the commercial world are consummated.

It is a nerve grilling work that tears down and wears out the physical and nerve forces. The corporation that employs them at a paltry price is one of the richest in the world. It earns dividends that maintain its stockholders in ease and idleness, and can well afford to give its toilers a fair reward for their labor.

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THE MARKETS.

SALEM MARKET.

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Tropical Fruits.

Bananas—\$6.75. Oranges—\$3 @ \$4. Lemons—\$6.00 @ \$6.50.

Retail Market.

Oats—White, \$30; wheat, 90c per bu.; rolled barley, \$27. Eggs—25c. Butter—Country, 30c; creamery, 40c.

Livestock.

Hogs—Fat, 6c. Cattle—1100 @ 1200 lb steers, 3 1/2 c. Lighter steers—3 @ 3 3/4 c.

Portland Wholesale Market.

Wheat—Club, 80c; valley, 80c; blue stem, 82c. Oats—Choice white, \$25. Millstuff—Bran, \$17. Hay—timothy, \$15 @ \$17; alfalfa, \$13. Vetch—\$8.50.



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Verdict for Dr. Pierce

AGAINST THE Ladies' Home Journal.

Sending truth after a lie. It is an old maxim that "a lie will travel seven leagues while truth is getting its boots on," and no doubt hundreds of thousands of good people read the unwarranted and malicious attack upon Dr. R. V. Pierce and his "Favorite Prescription" published in the May (1904) number of the Ladies' Home Journal, with its great black display headings, who never saw the humble, groveling retraction, with its inconspicuous heading, published two months later.

CORVALLIS & EASTERN R. R.

TIME TABLE NO. 37.

Trains from and to Yaquina. No. 1— Leaves Yaquina ..... 7:15 a.m. Arrives at Corvallis ..... 11:00 a.m.

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