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THE VANITY OF RICHES.

A pretense of indifference to riches is generally hypocritical; but it is certain that riches are not essential to happiness.

There is a point beyond which all that a man can gain contributes little to positive enjoyment. No matter how much and how rich food he can afford, he can eat only one stomachful at a meal, and the richer it is the worse for him. Though he can buy a thousand coats, he can wear only one.

All that a man accumulates beyond the means of living is useless to him personally. All he can buy beyond that is needless, and apt to be injurious, to him.

When Walter Scott was suddenly reduced from affluence to poverty and compelled to exchange his lordly mansion and lands for a furnished lodging, did he complain that his life was ruined? No; he said he was glad of it; he told his condoling friends that he was then happier than for a considerable time before his bankruptcy. His real wants and comforts were as effectually cared for, he said, as ever; all that he lacked was the trappings. The wearisome, costly ceremonial character he had so long been obliged to support was cast off, and he had become a free, independent man. Before his bankruptcy he had lived, in a great measure, for others; but now his house, his income and his time were all his own.

The richest man in the world today breakfasts on gruel and wears plain clothes. This is his real income as an agent of mankind in promoting industrial enterprise into the billions. Whether his service has been good or bad, it has been stupendous; but, aside from the joy of the game, his real pay personally is gruel and simple clothes and six feet of earth at last.

HOLY WARS CIVILIZED WARFARE.

The "holy war" is probably a half brother to "civilized warfare." Either and both are misnomers and mean nothing. Holy war permits fanatics to murder everyone not of the faith of the holy warriors, while civilized warfare draws the line at some forms of assassination while encouraging others. It is amusing to read of some nation objecting to the use of dum-dum bullets and at the same time firing shells that in exploding make wounds the like of which the dum-dum bullet is incapable of.

The shells are evidence of civilized warfare, but the dum-dums are uncivilized. Mines can be planted and whole regiments blown to pieces, and this is civilized. Bombs may be dropped from the skies into peaceful villages, killing women and children, and this too is "civilized warfare" permits. Great ships may be rammed and sunk by submarines or sent to the bottom with their entire crews by other great ships, and civilization applauds. Trenches may be flooded and thousands drown helpless, but this too is permissible by civilized warfare. Running over the list, it seems that any kind of weapon or missile may be used to destroy the enemy except the little dum-dum bullet, which, at the most, kills but one. Civilized warfare is disposed to "gag at a gnat and swallow a camel," and if holy wars can do anything worse or more cruel it is yet to be demonstrated. In the old days warriors met man to man and took it out of each other with a club. That, of course, was highly uncivilized. The fact is that the higher the civilization the more cruel and deadly the war.

Ex-President Huerta, from his castle in Spain, sends out the message that he considers "Carranza a four-flusher, Zapata a highwayman and Villa a jail-bird." As conditions are likely to bring others into the limelight in Mexico in the near future, Huerta will run out of adjectives and comparisons unless he is economical in his expressions. What they and the balance of the Mexican people call Huerta would make an interesting study in nomenclature.

Some editor with an optimistic spirit expresses his thanks that the names of the submarines are such that the long-haired poets cannot tackle them.

The doctrine of total depravity finds abundant support in the stories of employment agencies swindling men who are looking for work.

The department of agriculture announces that the twelve principal crops of the United States have this year an aggregate value of \$4,945,852,000. Adding to this the value of all other farm products, livestock, etc., and the total would be above \$10,000,000,000. This is more than any one year's crop was ever before worth, and while this is in a great measure due to war prices, at the same time there was considerable loss on the same account, the cotton loss of \$300,000,000 offsetting the gain on wheat. Next year will be still better, and with average crops will set a new record, as war prices are sure to prevail for a year or two even after the war is over. Taken all in all, there is certainly no excuse for the cry of hard times. The country was never more prosperous, and only unreasoning fear, that makes everyone hang onto his coin and refuse to buy or do any business, is responsible for the present dullness.

Congressman Underwood, leader of the House, says the proposed constitutional amendment providing for national suffrage will not pass. He says it is a question for each state to answer for itself. This is largely true, for until two-thirds of the states favor it, it cannot pass. Should congress, however, pass it, it would have to be submitted to the states and ratified by 36 of them. This being the case, it is as well, and perhaps better, that the suffragettes tackle the states one or two at a time until the necessary two-thirds are won over, when it can easily be made national.

With that genuine "caballero" sentiment peculiar to the Mexican hidalgo, the gentlemen mentioned so graphically by Huerta would no doubt turn out the guard instantly should he appear in Mexico and give him the honors due his former position as head of the government, firing a national salute at, instead of for him.

The coroner at Scarborough has finished his labors and filed his report as to the cause of the death of a number of citizens of that place when the German fleet recently bombarded it a few. The next thing on the program naturally would be to have the grand jury indict those in command of the German fleet.

Now comes ex-President Taft with the unkindest cut of all. On top of all the talk about the country's unpreparedness for war he says: "The army is 25 years behind the times in its clerical methods." Maybe if this defect was remedied our unpreparedness for war would not be so great.

Wonder if the president had the name in mind when he selected General Scott to settle the Mexican troubles? Someone has asked: "What's in a name?" In this case there is at least enough in it to make the old-time Mexicans sit up and take notice.

The British censor going out of business for 30 hours made no difference with the news. While there was none at all during this time, that at other times has the real information so thoroughly eliminated that it is the same as no news.

A wise man being reproached by an acquaintance with the fact that his wife was very jealous of him replied that every woman was jealous who was not indifferent. Then the other fellow whom the remark scratched, got mad.

A cynical woman says the most uncomfortable thing about introducing a new husband to one's friends is that "you never know whether they are wondering how you got him, or why you took him."

The magazines are generous in their criticism of all special interests, but it is a safe bet they do not feature the postmaster general's recommendation about second-class postage.

THE ROUND-UP

Owing to ill health and despondency, Professor J. W. Livingston, formerly an instructor in the normal school at Monmouth, jumped off the bridge over Galea creek in Hoffman Park at Forest Grove Wednesday and was drowned.

The Oregon state building at the Panama exposition will be officially opened next Wednesday. The dedication will be under the auspices of the Royal Rosarians of Portland.

William J. Biley, who was captain of the Oregon artillery during the Spanish American war, died Tuesday at the residence, 343 Kirby street, Portland. He was 64 years old.

Left alone while his father and mother were doing the milking, the two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Ward, of Curtin Spur, near Cottage Grove, played with the fire, set his clothes on fire, and was burned so badly he died soon after. The child's clothes were burned off it.

A small epidemic of smallpox is reported in Douglas county. In Roseburg, Otendale and Riddle there are 21 cases. The disease appears to be of an especially virulent type.

The appropriation for the Pendleton postoffice is now available, the sum being \$122,000. Bids will be asked for in February.

The Outlook predicts that Gresham's recent calamity—its \$40,000 fire—will

be pronounced a benefit by this time next year.

Deposits of kaolin near the Dead Indian road a few miles from Ashland are being tested, and it is hoped by those interested that competition with the Florida supply may be established.

"The passing of the ordinance that all buildings in the Haines business district would be fireproof is a good one," says the Baker Herald, "and should aid that busy city in keeping its steps of progress without the damaging work of fire."

Umatilla county's state and county tax is 2 mills less for 1915 than it was for 1914. The actual reduction measured in dollars and cents will, however, be a little less than the 2 mills difference would indicate, inasmuch as the valuation this year is slightly higher.

BETHEL WINS OVER SALT CREEK

A late report arriving at County School Superintendent Seymour's office shows Bethel winner in last district over Salt Creek in the "go to school day" contest in which all the schools of Polk county participated. Bethel had an attendance of 76 per cent, there being 40 parents, 25 of whom visited the school on that day. —Dallas Observer.

FIRE NEAR BOSTON.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 26.—The plant of the Pope-Cattle Lumber company at Chelsea, near here, was destroyed by fire today. Appeals for aid were sent to Beverly, Everett and Boston. Extremely cold weather hampered the efforts of the firemen. Water froze as soon as it hit the various buildings.

The Wholesale Funeral

They're burying the butchered dead, whose blood has stained a million acres; no dirge is sung, no prayer is said, there is no kindly undertaker. They plant the soldier where he died, forever lost to those who love him; unwashed, unshirred, staring-eyed, he lies, the red soil heaped above him. No clergyman bodie him stands, no coroner, with inquest bolden, no friend to fold the tortured hands, or smooth the tangled ringlets golden. "These soldiers dead pollute the air, they fill with germs the passing breezes," the sanitation sharps declare; they're apt to breed some fell diseases. Not all the drugs upon our shelves can cope with winds so microbe-laden; since dead men cannot plant themselves, we'll have to go and do some spadin'. They dig a grave of many verms, a trench where men are thrown like cattle, while bullets whine and shrapnel bursts, and man-destroying cannon rattle. They heap them in the shallow pit, the fallen heroes, stark and gory; oh, jingo bold, consider it—this is the stuff that men call glory!

LITTLE BOBBIE'S PA

(By William F. Kirk.)

What seems to be on your mind to-night, sed Ma to Pa wen Pa cam hoam. You seem to be angerly som-ber. I feel all rite, sed Pa.

No, you don't, dearest, sed Ma. I have known you too many years. There is something on your mind. Either you haven't had a very good day at the office or else somebody was around dunning you for the munny you lost on Conny Mack's team. I know you too well, dearest. You are som-ber.

I ain't exactly som-ber, sed Pa, but I will admit that I am a trifle moody. We all have moods, sed Pa. What seems to be the idee?

I only want to comfort my hieo, sed Ma. That is what a wife is for, isent it, luv? I bought a new hat today and I was happy all the way home to think how proud my darling husband wud be of it and of me. Dearest, what is on your mind?

Nothing assep the hat, sed Pa. They will pass away dearest, sed Ma. They will pass away like the dark storm clouds we used to see in the happy days of our courtship, when you used to row me out onto the lake and watch the lightning flash. Missus Blake's husband bought her the darlinest watch last week. She was showing it to me today, but I told her I cudden't afford one quite so expen-siv.

You sed something that trip, sed Pa. We have the old clock yet, and we will keep it oiled up nice all this crule war is a-goin'. When you want to know what the it is, sed Pa, you can look at the clock.

That is all rite wen we are at hoam, sed Ma, but how about wen I am down town shopping?

There isn't going to be much down town shopping this winter, sed Pa. The way the outlook is now, Pa sed, this is going to be one of them quiet old New England winters like Mister Whittier rote about in Snowbound. The tango crowd want like the idee of settin' around there fire places, sed Pa, but there is nothing that makes a community git back to the strait and narrow path as much as the lack of carfare down town.

You nussent talk such a gloomy view, sed Ma. Everything is going to turn out for the best. Every cloud has a silver lining, sed Ma, and every darkest moment is jest befoer the dawn. I am a optimist, sed Ma. I live surrounded by happy thoughts.

I am a pessimist, sed Pa. I live surrounded by creditors. I have noticed as a rule, sed Pa, that in a family the wife is the optimist and the husband the pessimist. Gee, munny is tite, sed Pa. If I had a clear deed to the Singer Bidding I cudden't borrow enuff on it to talk John D. Roekyeller out to lunch. And I don't know wen I will stop worrying about my business.

You nussent say, sed Ma. I am awfully sorry I bothered you about my wanting a watch. I know how much there is on your mind, and I am not going to say any near about it to you.

That is fine, sed Pa. That makes me feel better.

Yes, dearest, sed Ma, I knew it wud. I will wait and git the watch out of the first extra pin money you give me.

Poor Pa, war is a orful thing.

TELEPHONE MEMBERSHIP.

Certificates of membership in the Stayton Co-operative Switchboard association are now ready for distribution. These certificates have been prepared by S. H. Helzel, of Stayton, attorney for the association. The certificates are printed on an excellent grade of Banker's Safety paper and are of the regular stock certificate size. For composition and arrangement they are excellent. In every line will be seen that the same care-taking pains which Mr. Helzel used in the organization and perfection of the association. The certificates represent an equity of \$3 in the property and assets of the association and will be redeemed by the association at any time for that amount. They are given to each member without extra cost. However, it is necessary to show that the member has paid the assessment of \$3 which was levied last summer for the construction of the new telephone building for the association. —Stayton Mail.

NOT ONE OF THE GAITS.

London, Dec. 26.—General Sir Thomas Kelly-Kenny, a well known English soldier, died today at his home in Hove, Sussex. He was 74 years old.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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COTTON FOR HOSPITALS.

Rotterdam, Dec. 26.—The Holland American liner Sommeladyk arrived here today with 13 tons of cotton on board for use in Austrian hospitals. Extra clerks were put to work to expediate the shipment's transfer by parcel post to Vienna and Budapest.

Note—This cotton is the shipment sent from the United States following publication of the story by Correspondent William G. Shephard of the United Press concerning the shortage of the supply for medical use in the Austrian military hospitals.

MONEY FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

The entertainment and basket social given by the Hubbard school at the armory Saturday night was well attended and proved to be a great success. The receipts from the baskets and ad-

mission fees amounted to \$26.25, which will be used for the purchase of school supplies. The program was good, was full of fun and some parts of the entertainment showed especially fine elucuses, having been the result of careful training. Tia Hubbard band gave several fine selections. Score another successful entertainment for the Hubbard school—Hubbard Enterprise.

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