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UNDERSTANDING NATIONS.

Ralph D. Bounenfeld, an English editor, while in favor of the League of Nations, explains that he does not expect impossibilities from it.

"The mere constitution or formation of a League is not sufficient to bring a new heaven and a new earth. There must be something else, and that is a better understanding among nations. Half the wars of the world have been due to suspicion, envy and malice on the part of one nation against another, because there was no real understanding between the peoples."

He therefore proceeds to argue for a closer association and interchange of ideas on the part of the British and American people. That is obviously a desirable thing, to which all Americans not obsessed with the old jingo prejudices against John Bull will lend their hearty approval. But it would be a narrow and unwise plan to confine this policy to Great Britain. There are other nations with whom it is more conceivable that war should arise than with Great Britain. If mutual understanding is the best preventative of war, it behooves us to cultivate such an understanding with them, and to foster it among nations.

This very thing will probably turn out to be the supreme benefit resulting from the League of Nations. It is self-evident that the mere drawing up of a constitution and the mere meeting and speech-making and resolving and legislating of the representatives of the member-nations are not going to remodel mankind. But all this functioning of the League involves a large amount of systematic co-operation on part of the powers, and full publicity for all their acts. When we have the nations working together for common purposes, along lines that run through all departments of public life, and when all of them are told just right what the others are doing and why they are doing it, there will certainly come a better knowledge of each other.

And with that knowledge will surely come understanding and sympathy.

"I cannot hate a man I know," said Charles Lamb. That is a law of human nature. And since nations are only aggregations of men and women, it must be so with them.

"The best substitute for the saloon is a book case," says Collier's Weekly. The book case can match every thrill the saloon ever gave, and add some of its own. The barkeepers must have been awfully stupid not to have put the Harvard classics on one end of the bar, long ago, instead of the free lunch.

RIPPLING RHYMES

By Walt Mason

THE BACK NUMBER.

I am an old back number; I nod and snooze and slumber, while things are marching on; I tell long prosy stories about the dazzling glories of days that are long gone. I talk of bygone ages, and quote old seers and sages until I spoil a lung; the actors all were dingers, and there were better singers, long since, when I was young. Such poets as the sped ones, such statesmen as the dead ones, these times can never know; and there were better writers, and more heroic fighters, in days of long ago. I am an old back number; stale chestnuts without number I suffer to relate; old jokes that Eve was springing when she and Ad were swinging upon their garden gate. There's nothing modern pleases; I like the ancient wheezes, I love the moss-grown ways; progressive things confound me; I bore the friends around me with chatter of dead days. I am an old back number; "How long will he encumber this globe", the young folks sigh; "we can't enjoy our haying until the old man's playing a zither in the sky." The old man knows he's casting a gloom that's everlasting on relative and friend; and yet he can't help dwelling on olden times and telling the tales that have no end.

REDEEMING "NO MAN'S LAND."

No Man's Land, that desolate stretch in France which lay so long under the storm of guns, is being transformed under the direction of the French government into a tract of forests and orchards.

Old stumps are being blown out, rubbish is being cleared away, and the ground made ready for new planting.

The government is bearing all the expense, and trying to encourage the farmers, whose fields and orchards four years ago made all this region beautiful, to begin again, and make two trees grow where one grew before.

Compared to what they have to do the average homesteader, breaking new land, is engaged in child's play. But the French farmer is a faithful, patient person, and he is setting about his work of rehabilitation with a courage which puts to shame our western impatience with annoyances and difficulties.

Those "special" dispatches from Washington in which the presidential situation is discussed, are real funny and were probably written in the Oregonian office by the star humorist of the staff. Few of these "special" dispatches dealing with political matters ever come over the wires. According to the very authentic advices contained in this "special" dispatch the only republican candidate who has a show to win the presidency next year is Dr. Leonard Wood, and the only democrat is Senator George Chamberlain. That being the case it is altogether too bad that these valiant soldiers, illustrious statesmen and immaculate citizens should be pitted against each other in the election, since one or the other must surely be defeated, an outcome which would sorely grieve the heart of the Oregonian editor. Why not have this "special" correspondent back in Washington fix up a hybrid ticket composed of Leonard and George, who might flip a nickel to decide which one would ride in front?

Some newspapers are trying to make it appear that W. G. McDoo's attorneyship for certain moving picture producers removes him as a presidential possibility. We should say not--if the movie people begin to boom him and get the movie fans aroused there would be nothing to it but a triumphal march to the White House. The movies just now are the biggest center of interest in the world.

There was a compromise, to be sure; but the chief reason Italy came back was that she couldn't afford to stay away. Neither can any nation, now or hereafter, afford to oppose the majority opinion of mankind.

"I think it is a good peace," says Clemenceau. If he is satisfied, Americans might as well stop worrying about the "disappointment and betrayal of France."

THE PROMOTER'S WIFE

BY JANE PHELPS

BARBARA DECIDES TO WITHHOLD MRS. ORTON'S LETTER.

It was a demanding act to open a letter addressed to Neil, yet that view of it did not occur to me. I was so worried to know the meaning of my husband's intimacy with Blanche Orton that I had no thought for uncertainties.

After we reached home, however, it came to me that by withholding the letter, Neil would know nothing of the party at Mrs. Orton's for that evening. I read the letter carefully and saw the inference it contained that if Blanche could not come she would write him. Evidently he would not go unless she telephoned him. I decided to say nothing of the letter. If he did not come home I would, of course, know he had gone to her, but if he did--why I would at least have kept him with me one evening.

He came in about six o'clock. Aunt and he talked until dinner was ready at seven. He had excused himself from dressing on the plea that he had had a hard day, and was tired.

We were scarcely seated at the table when the telephone rang. My heart almost stopped beating for a moment as I waited until the maid had answered.

"Mr. Forbes is wanted on the telephone," she said, a knowing look on her face. I knew as well as if she had told me that a woman had called. Her expression proclaimed it. I turned hot then cold. If it were Mrs. Orton would she tell him she had written and would

IT'S EASY TO PEEL OFF ALL YOUR FRECKLES

The contrast between the freckles and the clear skin usually is so great that no bleach can be more than partially successful in obliterating the blemishes. Ordinary unrefined wax is far better; it literally peels off the freckles. Get a jar of it at the nearest drug store and tonight spread on enough to completely cover the face; remove in the morning with warm water. Repeat daily until every freckle has disappeared.

Rough, blotchy, pimply skin, also common at this season, may be entirely gotten rid of by this same method, without discomfort or inconvenience. The effort is decidedly worth while, the new complexion obtained being so clear, smooth and youthful.

he question me! Aunt had told him we sealed at the office and how much she admired the way he had fitted up. She also had told him she thought his stenographer rather impudent, and that she would advise in older women who would be more attentive to his business.

"But I have found her extremely capable, and alive to the needs of my business. Perhaps you mistake natural curiosity at two handsome women calling for impudence." Neil had returned so pleasantly that nothing more had been said. I had not joined in the discussion at all. If ever Neil found out I had taken that letter!

I waited in tense silence until Neil returned from telephoning.

"You will have to excuse me," he said in a hurried manner. "I am obliged to join some business friends."

"But you will eat your dinner first," I exclaimed, in a measure relieved by his manner.

"No, unfortunately I cannot! They are waiting dinner for me." I shall be late so don't wait up for me," and with a hasty kiss he left us. I supposed he was going out immediately, but he ran upstairs, and I realized that although he had claimed to be too tired to dress to dine with us, he was going to dress before going out. It was one more cause for unhappiness. Our more action to arouse jealousy.

He dressed quickly then called "good-night" again as he went out. His out at once commenced to commiserate Mrs. "Poor boy! It is a shame to have to go out when he was so tired. I think it is all wrong to attend to business in

Build Up the System After "Flu" Attack

Important That You Get Back Your Strength as Soon as Possible.

Everyone who has had the "flu" finds the system in a weakened and run-down condition, the nervous system all upset, the appetite gone, and a general good for nothing feeling pervades the entire body.

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too evening after having been working all day. It makes a perfect slave of a man.

"I know, but everyone does it now--days," I excused, thinking that if she knew Neil was probably joining a gay party of men and women who drank and gambled she would not be quite so sympathetic.

"Then everyone does wrong. I shall have a good talk with Neil. He will break down. Then what good will his money do him? He really looked worn out tonight."

I was very poor company for aunt. My thoughts were too busy. I was nervous, nervous, and a bit frightened. Of course Blanche Orton would tell Neil she had written him telling him to come early to her because she had something special to say to him. He would be sure to speak of the letter at the office. Whoever laid it on the desk would mention that also. Then my presence in the office. The remembrance that once before I had tried to get hold of his mail would make him at once suspicious. What would I say if he accused me? I never had told him a lie--would I now? (Tomorrow--Neil Accuses Barbara of Taking the Letter.)

TELLS DYSPPTICS WHAT TO EAT

Avoid Indigestion, Sour Acid Stomach, Heartburn, Gas on Stomach, Etc.

Indigestion and practically all forms of stomach trouble, say medical authorities, are due nine times out of ten to an excess of hydrochloric acid in the stomach. Chronic "acid stomach" is exceedingly dangerous and sufferers should do either one of two things.

Either they can go on a limited and often disagreeable diet, avoiding foods that disagree with them, that irritate the stomach and lead to excess acid secretion or they can eat as they please in reason and make it a practice to counteract the effect of the harmful acid and prevent the formation of gas, sourness or premature fermentation by the use of a little Bismarated Magnesia at their meals.

There is probably no better, safer or more reliable stomach antacid than Bismarated Magnesia and it is widely used for this purpose. It has no direct action on the stomach and is not a digestant. But a teaspoonful of the powder or a couple of five grain tablets taken in a little water with the food will neutralize the excess acidity which may be present and prevent its further formation. This removes the whole cause of the trouble and the most digestible, naturally and healthfully without need of poppin pills or artificial digestants.

Get a few ounces of Bismarated Magnesia from any reliable druggist. Ask for either powder or tablets. It never comes as a liquid, milk or citrate and in the bismarated form is not a laxative. Try this plan and eat what you want at your next meal and see if this isn't the best advice you ever had on "what to eat."

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