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CHURCHES TO BE RESTORED

A committee has been appointed to inaugurate a campaign in this country for funds to aid in the restoration of wrecked churches in France and Belgium. The project is under churchly supervision, and the name of Henry Van Dyke as associate chairman of the committee is a guarantee of the good faith and of the worth of the undertaking.

It is hoped to raise over \$3,000,000. It should be a cause appealing to Americans whether they are churchgoers or not.

It will be years, of course, before the marvelous creations of stone which were the big cathedrals can be restored, and in spite of cunning workmanship it may be impossible ever to replace some of the beauty which had lasted for ages only to be obliterated by Prussian militarism.

The restoration funds will be devoted not only to large building but to the little, homey churches in small towns. It is safe to say that no way which American friendship and kindness can be shown will be more appreciated, for the people concerned are Godly folk, and they need all the comfort which their religion can bring them as they set about their work of reconstruction.

UNCLE SAM, ARCHITECT

Any farmer who wants a plan for a well designed, comfortable farmhouse, suited to the climate, to the location upon his farm and the needs of the family, has only to write to the Rural Emergency Division of the Department of Agriculture, and plans will be sent him free of charge.

In these days people who live on farms pay more attention to the appearance of their houses than they did

RIPPLING RHYMES

By Walt Mason

POETS

I do not like J. Milton, and Shakespeare makes me sad; and Byron's frenzied liltin' strikes me as pretty bad. Most all the grand old masters who tread the heights of song bore me like mustard plasters; with me they get in wrong. They talk of kingly ermine, of gods and fairy queens; and I prefer a sermon on hay or pork and beans. The common things around me engage my dome of thought; the chiggers that confound me, the flies I hav toe swought. The housewife calm and stately who makes a happy home appeals to me more greatly than Venus in the foam. About that guy, Apollo, a hundred bards have spieled; but I would rather follow the farmer to his field. I'd rather watch the missus on kitchen labors bent, than read about Ulysses or any fabled gent. I do not care a hoot for the knights of olden days; and I would never root for King Arthur's armored jays. The knights who now are earning the bucks for skillful toil, who keep the forges burning, and make the kettle boil—to knights like these I'm partial, I sing their lives with glee; but steel clad knights and martial can make no hit with me. I would not scale, if able, the shining peaks of song; I haunt the byre and stable, and there I show up strong.

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years ago, and comfortable housing is now recognized as one of the factors in happy permanent life.

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WAR AND THE MEGOTTIER

Of a truth business has it ups and downs as a result of war and peace. There is the industry of megottiers, for instance. Don't know what it is? Well! Well!

In this country we would call him a "snipe shooter," but the French name for him is "megottier." He is the man who picks up cigar and cigarette stubs from pavement and cafe floor. The stubs collected are dried, pulverized and sold again as cheap pipe mixture.

It was quite a thriving industry in France until the war came, and tobacco grew scarce, when there was a shortage of butts that all but put the collectors out of business. And then, presto! In poured the American Army with its "fags," it sigars, its mak n's, and business boomed as never before in the history of the trade.

And now, just as one figures that a few months more would see francs enough accumulated to start the tiny shop of one's own, pouf! Like that, away go the Americans and most of the business with them.

Such is life. It is the war!

Former Senator John C. Spooner, of Wisconsin, died in New York yesterday at the age of 76 years. Once he was regarded as the ablest constitutional lawyer in Congress and for sixteen years was a leader in the upper house. Then Spooner found that he had lived up to the limit of his salary, was growing old and was a poor man, so he retired from the senate and attempted to build up a law practice in New York City in order to gain a competence for his family. Spooner's career was typical of the honest, sincere man in politics in that he was frequently berated as a tool of the "plutocrats" because he refused to be a demagogue, and yet remained poor because he would accept no compensation beyond his salary from any source, and in his old age was forced to work hard to support himself and dependents.

Not another city in the Pacific Northwest has Salem's prospects for growth in the immediate future. In fact, a large amount of building and improvement is already under way, and new industries are constantly locating here, the most important of the new ones being the packing plant and stockyards and the paper mill. Salem's central location in the rich and prosperous Willamette valley is certain to make it within the next decade one of the most important inland cities on the Pacific coast.

Socialist Victor Berger, elected to Congress by the Germans of Wisconsin, and under a 20-year prison sentence, want to know why he is denied the right to occupy his seat. Well, Congress is pretty bad we know, but as a people we are not quite ready to fill up its membership with felons and traitors.

"Holland to Build Vehicular Tunnel Under the Hudson," announces a New York paper. No, the Dutch haven't taken New York again. It's Clifford B. Holland, the man who dug most of the holes connecting Manhattan Island with the United States.

Somehow nobody is surprised here when it is announced that the Cherrians have taken first prize as the finest uniformed marching club at the Portland Rose Festival.

There are many places where the cutting of the grass and weeds would improve the appearance of the Capital City very materially.

You don't see any Boy Scouts throwing bombs. Nor any fathers of Boy Scouts.

A new ocean cable is being opened to South America. Now we'll certainly have to learn Spanish.

THE PROMOTER'S WIFE

BY JANE PHELPS

A REPORTER CALLS UPON BARBARA

CHAPTER CXXIV
The bell rang. I shivered as I had at every sound since I had been alone. This time with reason.
"A man down stairs says he must see you ma'm." Cook came up and told me. "I tried to tell him you wasn't well—like you told me to—but he acted like he didn't believe me, and said he would wait, and then set down on one of them elegant plush chairs like he was going to stay all day."
"Tell him I will see him. Take him into the library."
"Very well ma'm. But he ain't quite your sort ma'm. Not quite."
I knew it was a reporter. It was hard for me to disbelieve, always had been. But I must not let him get anything out of me. I recalled Mr. Fredrick's warning to be "as stupid as possible." I would be stupid.
When I saw the youngish man with a rusty overcoat, and heavy glasses I

understood Cook's "not quite your sort." Yet he had a nice face, and he looked kind.
"You wished to see me? I am Mrs. Forbes," I said as he rose.
"Yes the Morning Argus would like to know how you feel about your husband's—trouble," he had hesitated just a moment before the word, "and where he is at present."
"I don't know anything about anything," I replied wondering if that were a stupid enough answer.
"But surely you know where your husband is?"
"Surely I don't. He never tells me things. He just went away." I felt I didn't know exactly where he was just then, so was not telling a very gross untruth. By the expression on my interviewer's face I knew I was being "stupid" all right. I was almost hysterical as I saw it.
"Do you know this man Scott?"
"Mr. Forbes never brings men home with him. He knows I don't like them."
"Will you tell me why?" A gleam of



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satisfaction in his face. He evidently thought he was now going to learn something.

"Why I just don't like to have them here that's all. I can't talk business. I don't know anything about it. I like people to come to see me that I can talk to. People like—oh, well my society friends." He looked disappointed but persisted.

"Shall you you go on living here?"
"Why not?" I opened my eyes wide at him.

"Oh, I thought perhaps because of all the trouble you might have to give up this," his gesture embraced the entire house.

"I don't know anything," I repeated, allowing a note of impatience to creep into my voice, and changing from one foot to the other. We were both standing, altho he had asked me if I would not prefer to sit.

"Will you tell me Mrs. Forbes if your husband contemplates going on with his business? Is he coming back?" a cunning look in his eyes.

"You know just as much as I do. I am not very well today. I have a headache. If I have told you all you want to know will you please excuse me."
"Certainly madame. And I will also give you the compliment of saying you are very clever. For a bright clever looking woman you are about as stupid as one as I ever have come across. Stupid because you want to be, or have been told to be."

After he left I laughed and cried hysterically. It had been so funny, like a bit out of a play, yet it had also been hard to not the part. I wondered if he would have something in his paper about the "financier's stupid wife" and if he would print my replies to his questions.

I also felt rather proud of the report I should have to give to Mr. Fredrick. I surely had said nothing which could make trouble for anyone. Little did I realize the resourcefulness of reporters.

The next morning I sent cook out to buy an "Argus." I recoiled with horror when I saw in bold type on the first page:

"An interview with Mrs. Forbes. Her story will interest our readers. Etc."

(To be continued)

The Colorado Milling & Elevator company is constructing a 400-barrel flouring mill and a grain elevator with a capacity of 185,000 bushels at Sampa, Idaho.

A. Burpee, one of Lewis county's oldest pioneers, dropped dead at Chehalis Saturday. He was 87 years old.



BEAT THE CROW TO IT
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