



Courieterettes.

MAYOR Thompson, of Chicago, predicts a population of 20,000,000 for that city. But he has said he will drive out the crooks. There'll be a big drop in the population then.

When you wake up to find yourself famous, don't be a piker. Have breakfast in bed for once.

The Standard Dictionary defines man as "a rational animal of the genus Homo." After observing many men we move to eliminate the word "rational."

A German professor says that straw provides a good food for human beings. This sounds like the Huns' last straw.

They say that there is a possibility of the clubs going dry. In that case they'll be also empty.

A monkey in a New York home smelt smoke and gave the alarm of fire. What is home without a monkey?

Judge has decided that a man may not beat carpets in the back yard, while the family wash is hanging in the next door yard. The law is a terrible kill-joy.

Speaking of daredevil deeds, we saw a man on the street the other day, wearing a straw hat.

See in the papers where a man used vinegar to save his burning house. Considering the price of vinegar, why didn't he let the old house burn and save the extinguisher?

Those verbal marksmen, who are forever shooting off their mouths seldom make a hit.

Betsy Ross, who made the first American flag, is to have a monument on her grave. Uncle Sam took enough time to think about it.

What's the use of keeping an expensive weather bureau if we can't get the kind of weather we want?

Now that Bulgarian names get into the war news the proof readers agree with what Sherman said about war.

Down in New Jersey one hen has laid 1,000 eggs. Some genius should organize her into a trust.

The more a man thinks the more he will be thought of.

His Neutral Fare.

(President Wilson asks the citizens of the U. S. to preserve a strict neutrality.)

Uncle Sam likes sausages
And pilsener and rye bread,
He's fond of English Marmalade
And pastry, but instead
Of marmalade and pilsener
And French patisserie,
He dines on bread and milk to keep
A strict neutrality.

Words About Women.

Faint heart never escaped fair lady.
The model wife is too often a tiresome person.

Even busy women will kill time when asked their age. Accent on "kill."

An optimist is a chap who thinks he knows all about women. A pessimist is one who does.

Witty women are those who remember all the smart things they have read.

Couldn't Help It.—We note in the news columns that Capt. Wedd, of Toronto, was married in London the

other day. How could he help it—with a name like that?

Explained.—President Wilson is to be married again soon. No doubt he felt that he needed assistance in writing all those delicate little notes.

The Right Answer.—Which of the Allied generals—French or Joffre—gets his picture in the papers oftenest, asks a pert paragrapher.

Our answer is—Sir Sam Hughes.

WAR NOTES.

Doc Cook has been arrested as a spy. Somebody has taken him seriously at last.

"Quiet in Champagne district," says heading. Mumm's the word.

European poet says that the war will make a great change in the field of art. Something along that line has been done already, it seems.

United States was attacked by a hostile fleet—theoretically. Which was close enough for unprepared Uncle Sam.

If silence is golden, how rich must the British Press Bureau be!

Germans now regret that they supposed Britain could not raise a large army. They reckoned without our host.

Some men think that if they don't enlist they can do their duty by writing letters to the papers advocating compulsory training.

W. J. Bryan, Henry Ford and Thomas Edison are all crying for peace. But think of what they invented—Chautauqua lectures, Ford cars and phonographs!

Competition.—The list of auto accidents in American papers on Monday morning rivals the casualty lists from the war zone.

Times Have Changed.—A New York pugilist bid \$83,000 for two apartment houses at an auction sale. There's been a change from the good old days when a prize fighter died in poverty if he didn't open a saloon before he was forgotten.

A New Use.—They are now using absinthe as an explosive in the war. It has always been known as a highly destructive element.

MORE TRUTH THAN POETRY.

The most of us holler for justice
As over the earth we jaunt,
But if we would only admit it,
It's really mercy we want.

This is Easy.—We heard a man remark the other day that many men boast of being "self-made," but he had never heard of a woman making that claim.

The answer is obvious, brother. The dear girls all want us to believe that nature did it.

Described.—The New York Hippodrome has a big ice-skating scene with 200 chorus girls, which it advertises as "Two hundred beautiful girls on ice." In other words, cold chicken.

The Contrast.—French soldiers are fighting and dying for 5 cents per day

in the trenches while once in a while British workmen go on strike for higher pay, working comfortably at home.

Something New.—Dr. Newo Newi New, a New Thought apostle of San Francisco, aged 85, was jailed for misusing the mails. The one new thing about him evidently was his name.

No Great Expectations.—"I'm sorry, mum, but I have to give you my week's notice," said Mary.

"Why, Mary, this is surprising. Do you expect to better yourself in your new place?"

"Not exactly, mum. I'm going to be married."

Fashion Hints.

It is bad form to stay out late at night when wearing a morning coat.

It is also not the thing to run when wearing a walking suit.

Fastidious young men always go to court in a law suit.

And above all, never be caught at work if you are clad in a lounging suit.

Defined.—Teacher—"What is a hypocrite?"

Boy—"A boy who comes to school with a smile on his face."

The Question Drawer.

"Dear Editor, what is a best seller?"—Reader.

You spell it wrong. It is one with the oldest wine.

"Question Dept.—What was St. Vitus noted for?"—Student.

He was the inventor of the modern society dances.

Information Editor—My boy refuses to go to school and I cannot get him educated. What had I better do with him?—Puzzled Parent.

Why not make him an editor?

"Mr. Editor, please tell me what this war is all over?"—Ignorant.

It's all over Europe.

Evolution.

First her name was Mary.
Then she made it May.
Later it became Mayme.
As she reached the twenties it became Mae.
Now she's been married a year and it's Ma.

Little Willie's Prayer.—"The Kaiser, at the beginning of the war, called on God, 'the old German God,' in two or three telegrams and messages a day. But now—"

The speaker, Lord Eustace Percy, of the British Embassy in Washington, shrugged and smiled.

"But now the Kaiser has stopped calling on God. Has warfare weakened his faith? Is he like little Willie?"

"Willie, did you say your prayers last night?" the minister asked.

"No," Willie answered, "and I didn't say 'em the night before last, and I ain't a-goin' to say 'em to-night, neither; and then, if there don't anything get me, I ain't ever a-goin' to say 'em!'"

YOUNG CANADA'S SPIRIT.

There is no question about the fighting spirit of the young Canadian boy. This war has shown that it's there, and it's easily developed.

The other day the eight year old son of a Toronto newspaper man came home from school. "Teacher told us to-day, daddy, that this war might last ten years," he said. "I'll be eighteen then and I'll be able to go to the front."

"Would you want to go to the war?" asked his father.

"Sure" said the lad, as if it were the most natural thing in the world. "Shouldn't I? If I did happen to get killed it would be—bing—just like that, and I wouldn't notice it."



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