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NOTE AND COMMENT

An Iowa mother has named her twin daughters, Gasoline and Kerosine. Lets hope they grow up to be a paraffine girls.

It is proposed to tax fat men in Germany for excessive waist measurement. There is an anti-waste party in England, too.

We'd have more sympathy for the Irish "cause" if it were led by real Irishmen, not imported Spaniards like De Valera.—St. Marys Argus-Journal.

Some men are so busy telling the ladies what they should do and what they shouldn't do, that they haven't time to wipe the tobacco off their own chins.

Burglar proof beds have been invented. They have an electric light affixed to the leg of the bed so that its rays will dispel any shadows of doubt as to the presence of an intruder.

Although less than one-sixth of the world's population speak English, over two-thirds of the world's correspondence is in the language. English is becoming more and more the language of commerce.

Col. Harry Cockshutt, Brantford, president of the Cockshutt Plow Co. has been appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Lieutenant-Governor Lionel Clark.

At the opening session of the 38th annual convention of the Canadian Embalmers' Association at Toronto on Tuesday, it was decided to drop the name "undertaker" and adopt instead the designation of "director of funeral service," as being more appropriate.

The Ontario dollar is still a little over 10 per cent. below par. You can now buy 30 Russian roubles, that before the war were worth \$10.10 for 5 cents. How's that for shrinkage? That would make 1 dollar bills worth less than half a cent each.

Speaking of dancing, would it not really have been better for mankind if the man who first started substituting these animal gallops and other modern antics for the graceful and modest dances of the good old days, had been taken out and shot in the cold, gray dawn?—Renfrew Mercury.

"One of the peculiarities of the newspaper business," remarks the Ridgetown Dominion, "is the fact that delinquent subscribers appear to regard the sending out of subscription accounts as simply a mild form of recreation in which the printer indulges when he has nothing else to do."

British women are not satisfied with cigarettes and are taking to the pipe and the cigar. Twenty thousand special Cuban cigars are on the way to London for the women. This is equality with a vengeance. In Toronto special pipes for women are now on sale and are said to find ready buyers.

How the Farmers see it.—The pessimist—No hay or oat crops, pastures all burned up, cattle down in price, blue ruin stares us in the face, don't know how we'll live this winter. The Optimist—look what the recent rains have done to our corn and roots; one of the best crops we've ever had. Things are not as bad as they might be so I guess we'll worry through to spring alright.

The M. C. R. is about to suppress the whistling of their trains inside the municipality of St. Thomas. This nuisance is one that could be to a great extent done away with in other places. The long and continued whistling of engines during the night is annoying to persons in good health. What must it be to those on a sick bed? A signal of one-quarter the duration would answer the purpose as well.

Vancouver Province.—"Rainmaker" Fitzfield plans shifting his cloud-producing plant to a more strategic location next season. Saskatchewan farmers fear that he may intercept the moisture-charged clouds drifting in their direction and extract the

precious liquid before it reaches them. This may raise a question of Provincial rights that will cause as much contention as the three-mile limit in marine law.

Guelph Herald.—It will be noted that England and Wales still continue to be the dominant partners of the United Kingdom in the matter of numerical strength. The growth has been phenomenal. In 1811 the two combined had a total of 10,164,000 people. By 1861 the figures had reached 20,066,000, and this year the record stands at 37,885,000. Meanwhile (Scotland and Ireland included), millions have migrated to the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Africa and other lands so that the vigor of the race may be safely described as unimpaired. Not only has its own household been maintained, but, to an extent not paralleled by any existing nations countless citizens have also been given to other lands.

Young women to-day, according to Bishop Farthing, of Montreal, are spending as much on personal dress and decorations as their grandmothers spent upon the household, and are setting a standard of living which is driving the thought of marriage out of the heads of young men. This is a matter to which the young women should give serious thought. Why are they spending so much on personal adornment? If it is for the purpose of attracting the young men, then, apparently they are defeating their own object. But the young women may protest that fashion demands the expenditure and that they are not thinking so much about the young men as might be supposed. It may be that they are simply enjoying, in their own way the independence that has come to them. A good many of them are earning the money they are spending, and they feel they have a right to spend it in their own way. Still it would be well to give some thought to Bishop Farthing's words. It is nice to be independent, of course, while the independence lasts; but in every woman's heart must be the desire to become the head of a home.

The Pasteur Institute in Paris has just handed a stiff blow to the anti-tobacco enthusiasts. In the last issue of the Institute's official magazine appears a long discussion on the merits of tobacco—with no mention of any demerits—the writer authoritatively closing the case with a clean verdict of acquittal for the plant that made Virginia famous. Not only he says, does the inhaling of tobacco smoke kill all manner of dangerous germs, but it is a sure preventative against cholera, diphtheria, cerebrospinal meningitis, and is known to have been effective in warding off impending attacks of sleeping sickness. Rough old Kentucky Burley has special powers when matched against such maladies as weak stomach, according to Pasteur experts, although anyone who has smoked his first pipeful probably will doubt that the results are beneficial. As for women who smoke, if considered from the medicinal standpoint, even the finest stout Virginia with Turkish, Egyptian or Russian blends becomes an instrument for human welfare, and millady can reflect that her after dinner cigarette is curing all the ill the flesh is heir to, and a few picked up from neighbors who do not smoke.

In these days when so much is being talked about Church Union and its possibilities, a real example of the working-out of the most practical kind of this union is rather interesting. For the last few months, members of the Sunday School Boards of the Baptist, Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian churches, representing over eighty per cent of the Sunday Schools in Canada, have been working together with a view to making Rally Day, to be held on September 25th, a notable and striking day in Canadian Sunday School History. The unanimity among the members of the committee has been so remarkable that they have been able to agree upon a special Rally Day Service of which 1,000,000 copies have been printed and circulated, so that on Rally Day the scholars of practically all the Sunday Schools of these denominations in Canada, will be worshipping in the same way and enjoying the same service. The same hymns will be sung, the same Scripture readings utilized and identically the same order of service followed. It is anticipated that not only will this Fall's Rally Day be the biggest ever held in Canada, but that it will have a very considerable influence in bringing the important place the Sunday School holds before all the people of Canada as a means of promoting practical religious education and educational democracy.

THEIR LIFE WORK

The most important question that parents can ask themselves about their children is: "For what vocation in life are they best suited?" It is not a matter of what you would like to have them do, but of what they really can do and want to do. There is no greater mistake made in the world than to force a young person into a professional career when he prefers to follow farming or some other line of work.

"What society needs is to discard the assumption that there necessarily is something very distinctive in a man's being 'boss'. The misdirected ambition thus ventured has resulted in producing employers who might have been quite happy and efficient as employees.

To be capable of working efficiently for other men is just as necessary in a well balanced system of society as to be capable of managing other men.—Port Colborne Citizen.

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BETTER MORALE IS NEEDED

One thing that agriculture needs right now is more boosting and better morale. A bad state of affairs exists, the result of after the war re-adjustments, and we may as well look these facts in the face, but with out losing courage. We are not facing bankruptcy but we cannot help matters by running around and telling one another tales of trouble. We must and will work out our own salvation. It is useless to "pass the hat" and expect the public or the government to make good our losses or insure our future profits. The nation cannot underwrite every man who goes farming and protect him from loss. It cannot boost prices against world conditions. The nation cannot extend credit where credit is not due, or lend money where there is no hope of re-payment. A large per cent. of our farmers are weathering the storm and the bankers are in sympathy with them, still it is absurd to say that agriculture is flat on its back in the gutter.—The Banker-Farmer.

Cause of Asthma. No one can say with certainty exactly what causes the establishing of asthmatic conditions. Dust from the street, from flowers, from grain and various other irritants may set up a trouble impossible to be relieved except through a sure preparation such as Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy. Uncertainty may exist as to cause, but there can be no uncertainty regarding a remedy which has given relief to a generation of asthmatic victims of this scourge of the bronchial tubes. It is sold everywhere.

YOU CAN'T GET AHEAD GOING BACK

There is too much whimpering these days about "this long, hard pull back to normal." What is normal? Who cares what normal is? After all, "Back to Normal" is only another one of those catch phrases that set the ear tingling and find no response whatever in a man's brain.

Personally, if getting back to normal is going to mean going back to 1914, I never want to get back to normal again. If we got all the way back to normal we'd probably revert into monkeys and lose all we've fought for.

Normal men are average men. Normal moments are average moments, and average men in average moments never wrote any history. What this country has to do, or muffle its chance, is to climb ahead to abnormal—to super-normal.

This period calls for tenseness, for supreme exertion. Nobody in his right mind ever wants to see this country again on a flabby, peaceful relaxed 1914 basis, because that would mean going back.

There is nothing discouraging about the outlook. This country never bit off more than it could chew nor ran up against a hurdle it could not clear. Business is up against its supreme test now but this country has been made out of supreme tests. The quickest way to get acquainted with these new conditions is to have them slap you in the face. Wait till we all catch step again and watch this country.

The only ones who are going to suffer irrevocably are the slackers and the quitters. He-men are all coming out of this thing strong and better than ever before.

Jobless men were placed on the auction block on Boston Common. Stripped to the waist, after the custom of the old slave auctions, they declared their willingness to work by standing before a crowd of thousands, offering their services to the highest bidder. Of the three who stood up for bids none accepted a job, although pledges were given from the crowd to help them tide over their difficulties. Like a good many other men they did not want work. On the following day twelve were bid in and went to work.

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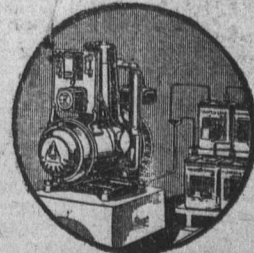
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