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AGRICULTURE A LA MOTOR.

The Belgian Government has hit upon novel scheme of teaching the farmers of the a free course in Fourth of July pyrotechnics country better methods of farming. The idea along with their pay envelopes, will be reported of taking the school to the farmer by means of with a gasoline motor; in short a building sec- war profits are not too noticeably taxed. tion on a motor truck. With this powered unit go two trailers and the three rolled into position and joined together make the commodious and convenient classroom.

WHAT THE PUBLIC WANTS.

In one of his plays Arnold Bennett makes a successful newspaper publisher say that the method of his success as a news purveyor had been to remember what sort of stories he liked at the age of twelve. That was what the general public liked and he made millions by giving the public "what it wanted."

There may be a lot in this idea. The Children's Newspaper, edited by Arthur Mee, is a raging hit with grown-ups as well as with the minors. Such was the case also with books like "Treasure Island" and Kipling's "Just So Stories." When a preacher manages with rare luck to hold the eye of the boys for a while, you may be sure he is interesting the whole congregation.

And yet, look over the crowded theatres these days. Is there any entertainment there for the "boy of twelve"? Parts of the show may be down, or up, to his level, the pistolades. melees, wild beasts, strong-arm business, but the bulk of the performance seems to be hopeless, dreary, morbid, vulgar material intended to please the sleepy eyes of low-brow, fat women chewing gum or sucking gum-drops. It is as unenlivening as the fashion-plate pages in a like Mr. Britling, see it through, with the cheery equanimity of a squirrel exercising on a little treadmill. The boy of twelve? Not his this fat, easy and mechanical happiness. His imagination and energy demand something brighter and healthier. Mr. Arnold Bennett's newspaper man did not say the last word on the nature of "what the public wants."

#### WHAT NEXT?

to the knife with Bolshevism recalls Milton's Moloch. In the council in Pandemonium this the cold, hard facts and dreary, tedious economic leader of lost angels declared himself:

'My sentence is for open war. Of wiles. More unexpert, I boast not: them let those Contrive who need, or when they need; not

"On the other side up rose" Lloyd George, "in act more graceful and humane." He out against war, trusting that a renewal of strict blockade and diplomatic pressure will yet save Poland from Bolshevik con-

The only danger is that the Bolsheviki, mad with success, may imagine that the time for general insurrection of workers against frantic profiteering and "White Terror," in central or even western Europe, has arrived. They may be foolish enough to fancy that Entente armies will not be sent to Poland's aid, or if they are that the soldiers will not fight against the Rus sian revolution Even in England the Laborites may demand at least nationalization of coal mines as a condition of supporting the League of Nations in Poland. Probably an element in Poland itself is ready to join the Bolsheviki, and in any case a re-conquest of the country when completely overrun, including Posen and Polish West Prussia, would be a big and costly proposition for the League of Nations. Of course if Moscow has gone clean mad over Poland, it may be necessary yet to take Winston Churchill's way. But Mr. Lloyd George seems to be resolved to do first all that diplomacy and reason can.

## EXCAVATIONS.

These are times of excavation. Never before was mother earth so dug for gold, silver, civic devotion, civic patriotism and civic united- are one and the same person?" coal, oil and all her treasures. The higher build- ness. ings are raised towards heaven, the deeper must be blasted the caves for foundation. Whole half as large as London, Ont. Shall the influmountains are tunnelled through and wireless ences of the "London-Onters" on history be as telegraphy needles its way from point to point glorious as that of the Athenians? Why not? direct, without troubling to follow the bulging Are Anglo-Saxons less gifted than Hellenes? roundabout curve of the globe.

in our time are those carried on by archaeolo- residents and transients of boom towns indulge gists in the interest of historical knowledge and True civic patriotism depends on knowing the anthropology. There seems no end to the dis- real advantages of your native or adopted city coveries made in Egypt, Mesopotamia, Crete and and always remembering them gratefully. the other Aegean lands. Layer upon layer of True civic patriotism depends on knowing also barbarism and civilization have been silted the disadvantages, the room for improvements, over in those regions. Since the present gen- in your home town, and working to bring about eration studied history in high school some 25 better conditions and better institutions where or 30 years ago, ancient history has been revo-needed. A city has a soul or social consciouslutionized and stretched backwards over the ness as well as a nation, and the broader, mor earlier abysm of time for thousands of years, in tolerant and friendly that social consciousness which arts and sciences were elaborately cul- is, the solider will be the foundation of enduring tivated by Cretans, Egyptians and Babylonians, prosperity upon which that city is built. who have left their vestiges in stone, brick and cement. Vigorous wall-paintings in Crete, over sary tax increases for civic improvements than 2.000 years old, done in almost the futuristic or over war taxes, or other taxes for state papost-impressionistic styles of our day, as well as triotic purposes. Out in Minnesota farmers who vest, handsome buildings, drainage and sewer declined to buy Liberty bonds were tarred. But systems, cement pavements, tell an eloquent tale the man who grumbles at paying for a city he ever went there between that time and his trial

Past centuries have seen the exploration of the able citizen.

earth's surface and of the sky above. About a undred years ago geology turned its eye and spade to the interior of the earth. Mines formerly mere scratches developed into searching tunnels. Buried cities of old have one by one een uncovered to the day. As yet, however, only a petty fraction of the earth's own self has been touched. History, astronomy, philosophy, life's mystery seem to lie deep down there sealed, awaiting discovery by the spade and shaft.

THE VALUE OF CIVIC PATRIOTISM. Patriotism as exemplified in devotion to

lags, crowns, sceptres, constitutions and other symbols, is being preached with a vengeance from the housetops, from the marketplace, the pulpit and the press these days. In some parts of the United States manufacturers, for reasons which they probably understand best, are going out of their way to preach patriotism to their employees, and one concern on the Pacific coast has recently posted notices to the effect that any disgruntled employees who object to accepting

of a school for farmers is not new, but the idea to the secret service officials. In Canada some manufacturers found patriotism a profitable a motor caravan is certainly novel. The school business advertisement during the war, and are building consists of three units, one powered ardently enthusiastic about it, so long as their

Love of state, the form of patriotism, which at present is very much the fashion, is well and good. Love of country, that is, love of one's homeland or native land in a broader sense than that of mere geographical divisions and national symbols, is still better. Love of state is especially strong in the Americans just now. Love of country as differentiated from love of state, may be illustrated in the devotion of the Irish race to the Emerald Isle. Patriotism in ageenduring form in the case of the Jewish race has persisted in a love of religious and racial traditions, during centuries of homeless exile.

Every single individual is instinctively patriotic in some phase or meaning of the word. The difference between the anarchist or individualist at one extreme, and the imperialist, or internationalist at the other extreme, is but a difference in grading the different kinds of patriotism which almost every individual must experience in some degree.

The imperialist experiences the most ardent patriotism in his love of his empire. His love of his own nation or province within that empire is experienced in a somewhat less degree. But he also loves to varying degrees his county, his city, his own street, and his own home. nationalist loves his nation above all other na tions and above all empires which it may aim to establish, or of which it may be a part. The internationalist loves all nations above any one nation, or professes to do so. His position is a ladies' journal. But the crowds keep going and, difficult one and frequently breaks down. Even the Russian Bolsheviki are wearying of their ence," remarked Spargo. He looked at the photo-

> less rivers, snowy steppes and brooding forests. ference, sir," said the old tensity. Nobody else in the world but himself through." a genuine fire of enthusiasm and devotion on at Mr. Quarterpage.

theories of socialism.

on an instinctive love within their hearts for

The anarchist loves with temperamental im netwosity and hurning zeal an imaginary realm of freedom where there will be neither taxcollectors, policemen nor meddlesome moral reformers. Everybody will do what he pleases and nobody will interfere with him. The Spencerian individualist also loves his own little invisible territory of personal liberty and independence.

The question naturally arises at what extreme of application one's patriotism should be strongest. Should he love most his own family. and after that his own village or city block? Or, should be start at the other extreme and love first and most fervidly his empire, or the whole League of Nations? Patriotism may be either a dividing or a uniting force.

A little, shallow, superficial patriotism may be a dangerous thing. It often inspires mobs to violence, as within recent years in the neighboring republic. But deep, broad, well-founded, reasonable and tolerant patriotism develops great statesmen, world leaders and world benefactors. The patriotism of the late Sir Wilfrid Laurier was of the true and earnest type.

One form of patriotism in which all races, all classes and all creeds can unite is civic patriotneglected today. Civic patriotism made Greece the glory of ancient history. State patriotism arms too far and eventually fall because she relied on mere external conquest rather than spiritual expansion. Thebes, Athens, Sparta are names that conjure up even today visions of

And Athens in her days of glory never was

True civic patriotism does not depend on Some of the most interesting excavations idle boastfulness or "boosting." in which the

> One should not grumble any more over neces sewer is usually regarded as a highly respect-

# THE MIDDLE TEMPLE MURDER

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"I think," answered Spargo, "that Market Milaster folk are considerably slow. I should have had that death and burial inquired into. The whole thing looks to me like a conspiracy."
"Well, sir, it was, as I say, nobody's business,"
said Mr. Quarterpage. "The newspaper gentleman

tried to stir up interest in it, but it was no good, and very soon afterward he left. And there it is." "Mr. Quarterpage," said Spargo, "what is your The old gentleman smiled.

"Ah," he said, "I've often wondered, Mr. Spargo, I really have an opinion on that point. I think hat what I probably feel about the whole affair is hat there was a good deal of mystery attaching to it. But we seem, sir, to have gone a long way from the question of that old silver ticket which you've got in your purse. Now-

"No," said Spargo, interrupting his host with an ecompanying wag of his forefinger. "No; I think The purr of a Curtiss, circling 'round we're coming nearer to it. Now you've given me a great deal of your time, Mr. Quarterpage, and told me a lot, and, first of all, before I tell you a lot,

I'm going to show you something." And Spargo took out of his pocketbook a carefully-mounted photograph of John Marbury—the original of the process picture which he had had made for the Watchman. He handed it over.

"Do you recognize that photograph as that of anybody you know?" he asked. Mr. Quarterpage put on a special pair of spec-Moving northward and—home again Murphy and Garber and Kid McBride

"No, sir," he said at last, with a shake "I don't recognize it at all." "Can't see in it any resemblance to any man

you've ever known?" asked Spargo. "No, sir, none," replied Mr. Quarterpage. "None "Very well," said Spargo, laying the photograph

on the table between them. "Now, then, I want you to tell me what John Maitland was like when you him. Also I want you to describe Chambe layne as he was when he died, or was supposed to You remember them, of course, quite well?" Mr. Quarterpage got up and moved to the door. "I can do better than that," he said. "I can show you photographs of both men as they were

just before Maitland's trial. I have a photograp of a small group of Market Milcaster notabilities which was taken at a municipal garden party; Maitland and Chamberlayne are both in it. It's been put away in a cabinet in my drawing-room for many a long year, and I've no doubt it's as fresh as when it was taken." He left the room and presently returned with

a large mounted photograph, which he laid on the table before his visitor. "There you are, sir," he said. "Quite fresh, you see—it must be getting on to twenty years since that was taken out of the drawer that it's been kept in. Now, that's Maitland, and that's Cham

berlayne. Spargo found himself looking at a group of men who stood against an ivy-covered wall in the stiff attitudes in which photographers arrange masses of indicated by Mr. Quarterpage, and saw two medium was nothing very specially noticeable.

"Um!" he said, musingly. "Both bearded."
"Yes, they both wore beards—full beards," assented Mr. Quarterpage. "And you see, they weren't so much alike. But Maitland was a much darker man than Chamberlayne, and he had brown eyes, while Chamberlayne's were rather a bright

"The removal of a beard makes a great differprofessed internationalism and are falling back graph of Maitland in the group, comparing it with that of Marbury which he had taken from his pocket. "And twenty years makes a difference,

their great, mystical native land with its end-"To some people twenty years makes a vast dif-The socialist, at least the regulation orthodox it makes none-I haven't changed much, they tell type of socialist, carries love of state in the abstract to a remarkable degree of fervor and in- five years. It depends, sir, on what they go rough."

man was once a boy. Let us remember that what a boy is, is usually what k

his hands in his pockets and looked steadfastly "Look here," he said. "I'm going to tell yo

heard all about what's known as the Middle Temple "Yes, I've read of it," replied Mr. Quarterpage. To get my paper. Three days out of "Have you read the accounts of it in my paper the Watchman?" asked Spargo.

Mr. Quarterpage shook his head. "I've only read one newspaper, sir, since I was young man," he replied. "I take the Times, sir—place, we always took it, aye, even in the days when newspapers were taxed.

"Very good," said Spargo, "but perhaps I can ell you a little more than you've read, for I've They're been working up that case ever since the body of he man known as John Marbury was found. Now, if you'll just give me your attention. I'll tell you the whole story from that moment until now." And Spargo, briefly, succinctly, retold the story They do just as they please. of the Marbury case from the first instant of his own of the Marbury case from the first instant of his own should they care connection with it until the discovery of the silver Whether we hay seeds get the newstacket and Mr. Quarterpage listened in rapt attenicket, and Mr. Quarterpage listened in rapt attennodding his head from time to time as the younger man made his points.

"And now, Mr. Quarterpage," concluded Spargo. 'this is the point I've come to. I believe that the How man who came to the Anglo-Orient Hotel as John Marbury, and who was undoubtedly murdered Middle Temple lane that night, was John Maitland -I haven't a doubt about it after learning what you tell me about the silver ticket. I've found out a great deal that's valuable here, and I think I'm getting nearer to a solution of the mystery. That is, of course, to find out who murdered John Maitnd or Marbury. What you have told me about the Chamberlayne affair has led me to think thisthere may have been people, or a person, in London, who was anxious to get Marbury, as we'll call out of the way, and who somehow encountered him that night-anxious to silence him, I mean, because of the Chamberlayne affair. And I wonism, and no form of patriotism is so deplorably dered. as there is so much mystery about him, and as he won't give any account of himself, if this Was Yes, I He man Aylmore was really Chamberlayne. wondered that. But Aylmore's a tall, finely-built man, quite six feet in height, and his beard, though it's now getting grizzled, has been very dark, and he did." Yes. made Rome, vaunting and intolerant, extend her it's now getting grizzled, has been very dark, and Chamberlayne, you say, was a medium-sized, fair

"That's so, sir," assented Mr. Quarterpage. "Yes, a middling-sized man, and fair—very fair. Deary me. Mr. Spargo, this is a revelation. And you really think, sir, that John Maitland and John Marbury

'I'm sure of it now," said Spargo. "I see it in this way. Maitland, on his release, went out to back, evidently well-to-do. He's murdered the very district visitor. day of his arrival. Aylmore is the only man who knows anything of him—Aylmore won't tell all he knows that's flat Put Aylmore's tell all he did not try to evade the question. knows, that's flat. But Aylmore's admitted that he knew him at some vague date, say from twentydid Aylmore know him? He says in London. That's a vague term. He won't say where-he won't say anything definite-he won't even say what he. Ayl-

more, himself was in those days. Do you recollect anything of anybody like Aylmore coming here to see Maitland, Mr. Quarterpage?"

"I don't," answered Mr. Quarterpage. "Maitland was a very quiet, retiring fellow, sir; he was about the quietest man in the town. I never remember of such a friend of his as this Aylmore, from your description of him, would be at that time."

"Wild Moitland on up to London much in these

"Did Maitland go up to London much in those Mr. Quarterpage laughed.

"Well, now, to show you what a good memory I have," he said, "I'll tell you of something that occurred across there at the Dragon only a few months before the Maitland affair came out. some of us in there one evening, and, for a rare thing. Maitland came in with Chamberlayne Chamberlayne happened to remark that he was oing up to town next day-he was always to and and we got talking about London. And Maitland said in course of conversation that he helieve he was about the only man of his age in England -and, of course, he meant of his class and mean -who'd never even seen London. And I don't think in fact, I'm sure he didn't, for if he had I should

To Be Continued.

# Poetry and Jest

KID MCBRIDE OF THE RIO GRANDE [Will Ferrell in Kansas City Star.]
The eerie whir of a rattler's tail,
A muffled curse by the cactus trail;
The thread of shade the yucca made,
The "rip" of the wireless, undismayed
Flinging its notes to the mounted band
Waiting, in leash, at the Rio Grande

From evil lips, as his bullet Three thinning belts; three Murphy and Garber and Kid McBride Flat in the "coulee," side by side.

The gasping youth at his rubber The wireless drone—like an anray hurry call at the noonday hour; brief reply to the wireless cry; swirl of dust as the troops ride temming the river's turbid swell-

Dark-skinned faces everywhere, The shallow sun of a desert day;

The shallow sun of a

A glass aslant to the broken ground; A view of the trap in the desert lap The galloping troops at the mountain A signal flashed from the scouting

tacles and studied the photograph from several The wireless strapped to

hand, That wirelessed for help—at the R

"He fired with his right and 'sent'
with his left,
Holdin' his post in th' shallow cleft
Sizzlin' hot like a bilin' pot—
Swingin' his 'Colt' with a shot fer

shot,
They don't make youngsters with
much mo' sand
Than Kid McBride of th' Rio Grande." THE DAY IT'S DELIVERED. "When will this telegram be deliv-

'Yes, but what day?" THE SIXTH SENSE. [Louella C. Poole, in "Our Dumb Animals."]
I was a stranger in the house;
The big dog lay before the door,
And eyed me furtively the while
He crouched there quiet on the floor

"About 2 o'clock," answered the

He was so silent, grim as death;
No overture of friendship made
Till "I love dogs," he heard me say;
"Dick's a good dog—I'm not afraid.

"His heart is true, though flerce his looks."

Thus to his mistress, in his praise, I spoke, he listening all the while, And fixing on me his clear gaze.

I know he must have understood;
He rose, and came and licked my
hand,
Raising his soft brown eyes to mine
As though to say, "I understand."

Ah, call it instinct, if you will; They have some power that man knows not,

Some psychic sixth sense that divines the heart's deep inmost

WHAT IS A BOY?

That was a good answer which was given at a Band of Hope meeting, when visitor asked the question, "What is a A little fellow replied, "A boy, sir, is That was a true answer, for every

'TIS SIXTY YEARS SINCE. [G. S. B., in New York Tribune.] The other day I met Elnathan Cobb. old man said. "I've just

Those dratted mail clerks take the papers on o'clock

And we don't get them until almost night. wearing watch charms blo complain. Nobody dares say 'Boo!' Their votes When I hear folks like them make

nt their wrongs and rights, I sometimes think was sexton of Church here, he late fifties, right before the the building out and built swept the fires: ed. filled, and lit the lamps. Cleaned. and rang the bell. never missed a service. I received ive dollars yearly. Abner Esta-The senior deacon, after meeting once

wondered what was up. 'Bub,' Abner committee pay you well 'Does the enough? 'Yes, sir,' I said. (Oh, he was pretty 'Well, then, don't you meant it, realy can spare "And so. of course, you gave your bit?" I laughed.
"What," asked Elnathan Cobb. "do you suppose would say if he came back to-Abner

> GOES A LONG WAY. [Spare Moments.]

"Where did you get that dreadful black eye, Mrs. Hawkiins?" asked the tercation wiv my 'usband, mum," answered.

"How very, very dreadful! what wicked man your husband must be to treat you so cruelly!"

"Not at all, mum—not at all," retorted the other, assuming a dignified "Awkins is 'asty, but he's "Awkins is 'asty, but he's "can asanswered very, very dreadful! What a man your husband must be to

POPLARS [Witter Bynner.] Poplars against a mountain Seem frequently to me To be little-windowed cities

Those beckonings of fire, Waves that have often crumbled, And windows of desire.

Another year and someone. Standing where I now stand, Shall watch my tree rekindle



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