



### Courierettes.

THE most unpopular thing in the United States just now is the hyphen.

The Panama Canal seems to be just as good at sliding as is Ty Cobb.

Mexico is said to be still solvent, in spite of her worries and wars. At that rate it should be impossible for Europe to go broke.

Those interviews with General Joffre seem to consist of questions by the interviewer and nods of his head by the general.

There is cold weather consolation in the thought that the duty on ice is only 7½ per cent., while on woolen clothing it is 42½.

A man is judged by his works—and also by his lack of them.

Everywhere they are talking of erecting monuments to Edith Cavell. Her memory will live without them.

Cincinnati gave 70,000 majority against prohibition. Those figures cannot be said to be dry.

John D. Rockefeller, jr., says he wants to help the workingman. Well, he has a large chance.

Thomas Edison says war can be made so terrible that nobody will want to fight. The U. S. seems in no need of such an added dissuader.

The man who is always talking leaves himself no time for thinking.

Bryan says he has a right to criticize Wilson. He has. Everybody else has a right to roast Bryan, and everybody seems to make use of the right.

Sunday Schools report an increasing attendance. Well, Christmas is coming.

The Wilson administration is steadily solving its problems. The wedding march is to be played by Mrs. Galt's sister.

Rev. Arthur Goodenough has been pastor of a church in Connecticut for 45 years. Evidently he is a Good-enough preacher to hold his job.

How true to nature it is that when a girl is offered a match her face lights up!

**The Reason.**—Automobile stealing is on the increase in Detroit and 1,000 cars have been swiped in 1915. Well, it takes a hero to steal some cars, and perhaps there are chaps to aspire to prove their right to a Carnegie medal.

### Too Much.

He drove at sixty  
Miles an hour—  
He died because  
Of too much power.

**It Must Be.**—When a young and pretty widow marries a rich old fogey it must be that she wants something to match her antique furniture.

**A Misnomer.**—We note in the newspaper ads, on the real estate signs, etc., a phrase which should never be used in these times. That phrase is "Easy payments." There ain't no such thing, as Ald. Sam McBride would say.

**Votes For Women.**—If women got the vote the next thing they would demand would be a voting costume.

The men who say that woman suffrage would be a menace to the country at large are really afraid that it would be a menace to some men at large.

But if the dear girls get the vote it will be a good thing for the poor

husbands. Their wives will be afraid of moving so often, lest they lose their votes.

The fellow who argues that woman's place is in the home usually means his wife or his sister—not the chorus girls that he winks at from the front row.

**The Retort.**—The social reformer was making a speech. "Do you know," he shouted, "that one half the world does not know how the other half lives?"

"Yes," said the rude voice in the rear of the hall, "there are some folks who mind their own business."

### WAR NOTES.

Britain calls for millions more of fighting men. Sure sign of an earlier peace.

Heading says "Greece will stay neutral for the present." What kind of a present is Greece expecting?

John Bull has been bearish of late, while the Russian bear has shown a bullish disposition.

Bonds between America, France and England are very strong. In fact, they can't be bought under 98.

After all, it's not such a bad outlook when the British have time to do a little scrapping among themselves.

Reports from the front of yards gained or lost make us think of the football game descriptions.

Russia has ordered 10,000 Pullman cars. The Czar's latest strategic move is evidently to mobilize the Pullman car porters. They would make any man run.

Poor little Serbia no doubt feels in the mood to issue a Black and Blue Book about now.

**Makes Old Faith Firmer.**—Over in the United States they have lately exposed a new religious cult which called itself "The House of David." Such exposures serve to give us a firmer faith in the good old-fashioned brand of religion that our fathers and mothers found good enough for them.

**He Surely Will.**—Owner of Detroit Tigers claims to have signed "an unbeaten pitcher." He will be a lone-some chap on that team.

**Uncle Sam's Policy.**—Woodrow Wilson proposes an army of 500,000 and a fleet almost equal to England's. Will that fleet share with Britain the sovereignty of the seas or support Britain's mastery of the main? Will Roosevelt come along with a proposal for an army of 1,000,000 men? Old Uncle Sam has some problem to solve.

**Money and Matrimony.**—Of all the religious organizations, the Salvation Army probably has the best business enterprise. It loses no chance of turning an honest penny.

In front of the Salvation Army Temple in Toronto the other day stood a large sign, painted in red letters, and reading somewhat as follows:

"Brigadier Adbey  
Will Unite In Marriage  
Two of the Young People  
Of the Temple.  
Come and Bring a Friend.  
Collection at the door."

**Waiting.**—Carranza is now said to be getting ready to crush Villa in

Mexico. What is he waiting for? The moving picture men?

**Tragedy.**—Newspapers tell us the story of a boy who heard that a circus was coming and wanted so much to go that he sold a pet chicken to raise the money. He was paid in bogus money, the circus did not come, and he was arrested. Was there ever such a tragedy in the world's history?

**A Dutch Blunder.**—Holland has issued an Orange book. If the Dutch want war the Irish will now be ready to give it to them.

**Knockers Missed a Chance.**—With so many pessimistic knockers in Britain, we are amazed that nobody has protested against the King falling from his horse and arguing that he should have stayed in an automobile.

**More Than Noise.**—Some of the U. S. naval experts say that the guns on the new American ships are the best in the world. We prefer to wait for a report later than that of the guns.

**Optimistic Note.**—Facing a long and dreary winter, we note with joy that the price of one of the commodities of life has dropped. Radium is now down to \$36,000 a dram.

**Allies.**—Richmond Pearson Hobson, America's much-kissed hero and statesman, has joined William Jennings Bryan's peace at any price party. These two gentlemen seem determined to waft a gleam of sunshine into these drear November days.

### MARY WAS WISE.

Mary had a little lamp,  
Well trained, beyond a doubt,  
For every time a fellow called  
The little lamp went out.

**Fashion Note.**—Lillian Russell announces that she returns to the stage. Her dressmakers must have completed her new dramatic sketch.

### Yesterday's Slang.

Where is the slang of yesterday?  
Let's start a slaughter's quest.  
Where is the gink who used to say:—  
"Go on, pull down your vest?"  
—Youngstown Telegram.

The slang of yesterday is pat,  
Though laid upon the shelf;  
You used to hear some lobster blat,  
"Say, you, go chase yourself."  
—Plainsville Telegraph-Republican.

The dear old slang of yesteryear,  
So pat and so unkind,  
How hot we were sometimes to hear:  
"Your necktie's up behind."  
—Houston Post.

Gone is the slang of yesteryear,  
No more it comes to bat;  
Remember when you used to hear,  
"Where did you get that hat?"  
—Grand Rapids News.

And we rejoice that Father Time  
Doth plagues and boredoms bury,  
So that it's now become a crime  
To echo "I should worry."

### SURE DELIVERY

A United States manufacturer of munitions created somewhat of a stir recently by the announcement to some of his Canadian friends that he was making shells for the Germans.

The Canucks were incredulous. Finally they thought they had him floored with the query: "Well, how do you deliver them to the Huns?"

It was the question he had been waiting for. Not a crack of a smile on his face, he replied: "I ship them over to the Allies and they fire them into the German trenches."



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