

Abracadabra

The Wayside Philosopher

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HOW have the mighty fallen! "Felix Penne" advocating the use of slang as "so expressive"! "Lallygag" and "Goo-goo," for example!

Perhaps Brother Felix will give us a few examples of the slang he finds so expressive, together with their equivalents in standard English.

Convocation cannot congratulate itself on the recent elections to the senate. There were too many unfortunate features.

Only two Old Country universities were represented by the nominations.

More unfortunate still, fifteen of the nominees were the graduates of one Canadian university.

Most unfortunate of all, the alumni of that university officially nominated a ticket composed solely of its own graduates and in number double that to which it was entitled on a per capita basis. What an example of the unselfishness of higher education!

May we hope that it will not be necessary to provide rules to check such unseemliness in future elections.

The Kaiser can now recall with such comfort as may be the well-known lines:

"The mills of God grind slowly,
But they grind exceeding small."

"God's in His heaven, all's right with the world." What sufficient reason, then, for neglecting the duties and opportunities of the hour here to indulge vain fears over the war and its results?

With our abundant natural resources, our splendid climate, our strategic position, and all the other advantages of British Columbia, let us prove worthy of our blessings and act as if we really believed in God, British destiny and ourselves.

Cheap optimism has no place in any sound philosophy, and the blatant optimism of yesterday was the cringing pessimism of the opening days of the present "drive," and equally disgusting in either form.

What we need here is that sound and sufficient reliance on God which realizes that it was not for naught that His divine decrees shaped in a forge like none else of recent history the virtues, capabilities and faults of the British peoples and made them "the one best bet" in the present struggle.

Nothing *Paul*-ine in an attack on Latin!

Come, Pauline! When you and others like you *know* English we will abolish Latin—if you then wish it.

The "mystery" of the "Finished Mystery" is why anybody troubles to read it.

There is an abundance of equally worthless reading matter.

If Sam Hughes would refrain from speeches and interviews about the official war reports we could forget his faults and remember only the splendid work he did in getting ready our first contingent.