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What have become of the old-fashioned wits who used to refer to the post-season and championship struggles in the major league baseball arena as the World's Serious?

Evidently, the conflict in Europe is going to be some war before it is ended, that is if those who have been putting out peace feelers to the belligerents, and who should be in a position to form a fairly accurate opinion in the premises, are hitting reasonably close to the mark in their suggestions that its finish is still in the future.

Surely some sort of an adequate reception should be given by Topeka to her soldier boys and those of Kansas on their return from the watchful waiting they have been putting in on the Mexican border; inasmuch as nothing that savored of a farewell reception was given to them when they started for the "front."

Trees and shrubbery evidently come as high as other things when they are injured or destroyed by a corporation that takes in a lot of money.

Whenever any suggestions are made that it may be the greed of the packers that is responsible in some measure for the high prices of meat that have prevailed in this country for so long, an array of statistics is at once trotted out to show by figures that the margin of profit on which the packers do business is even smaller than that which reaches the pockets of either the producers or the retailers of it.

September, recently gone, may have been cooler in these parts than is usual for the ninth month of the year, but October appears to be working overtime to make up the deficiencies in this respect of its predecessor.

Germany will probably be insulted, or at least peeved over the recent announcement at Washington that the United States trade with Germany has been cut off absolutely by the war.

And the result of the first game in the World's Series would seem to indicate that Boston has finally become as pre-eminent for her brand of baseball as she has been for so long for her variety of beans.

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his usual voting place by reason of his occupation or business. This amended act first went into operation in the presidential election of 1912, when about five thousand absent voters took advantage of it.

GIVE THAT A PEOPLE DIE NOT. Saturday, October 21, and Sunday, October 22, have been set apart by proclamation of the President of the United States when special efforts should be made by the whole people of the country to give of their means for the dying that they may live in Armenia, in Syria and in Persia.

"The Armenian Nation, sufferer and martyr beyond all of our present day, lies near death as a people. Unless aid come, the race perishes from the face of the earth."

"All who have come to it. Captivity, pestilence, the sword, starvation. Half are gone. The rest starve and die. For two years, a thousand a day have perished. For miles and leagues of long roads and trails, their bodies lie, men, women and children, dead as they fell. The remnant is in the desert, where no food is, dying by scores, by hundreds, by thousands, by hundreds of thousands."

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"Give, that these may live. Give, that a people may be saved. Give, that once more these thousands that are left may be fed today and in due season be set in their homes again."

"This good work has begun behind the advancing Russian army. Already, homes are rebuilt, the naked clothed, the hungry fed, and plows and seed corn promised for the harvest. Give that this may spread. The plate dotted with change, that goes down a aisle will save a family. Small gifts and large will save a nation."

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public that they must give to their employes their patrons, and the public. Every change in rates made by public authority should be preceded by expert investigation, not only as to whether it would be fair as between different shippers and communities, but as to the effect it would have on railway earnings.

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ON SPUR OF THE MOMENT BY ROT K. MOULTON.

But if it's not Your Own. The meanest little squatter that you folks have ever heard, his disposition is as good as dead.

Helpful Hints for Burglars. If there is one thing more than another that we hate to see, it is a house all the way up.

Does His Hair Grow? Window sign in Ottawa street north. FOR SALE AT BARGAIN HOUSE BY CONTRACTOR WITH TILE ROOF.

SIDE TALKS BY RUTH CAMERON.

A Difficult Position. A friend of mine has recently had an offer to give up her position in a library and go to live with a rich friend.

"Don't. But if you do, put the position on business basis. Make some definite time arrangement so that if you are not happy you can part with it on a break."

JAYHAWKER JOTS. An observation by the Toronto Republican that is as pointed as it is pertinent. Some of the more valuable as enemies than as friends.

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GLOBE SIGHTS. [From the Atchison Globe.] There are those who are too meek to fight.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS. [From the Chicago News.] Man is a target at which a woman is always aiming.

SONG. Only thy dust is here, thy dust. But when child May unclothes Her petals and in a breeze Her down be like the roses.

EVENING STORY. Sophie Advertiser. She was vague, indefinite, blond, with the look one born to be imposed upon. Not that she ever really was, for no one ever paid enough attention to her for that.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS. Veal Cervet's Worthily. Get thirty cents' worth of lean veal to fry; cut it in small pieces, roll in flour, fry in butter and hard until real brown on both sides.

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BED TIME TALES BY CLARA INGRAM JUDSON.

LITTLE BROTHER'S FISH. When Father Beaver and Mikey Muskrat and Policeman Billy started out to find Mother Beaver, Mikey was sure, certain sure, that Policeman Billy knew more about where Mother Beaver was than he did.