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GIRLS BEAT HIGH COST Who says that women are at liberty to make their hats and dresses, but a man is the only human capable of cobbling their shoes? And who says, when cobblers' prices rival those of furriers and diamond necklace-vendors, that the ladies, reduced to the proverbial tears, will submit to wooden clogs or barefooted discomfort? In Florence, Italy, when the price of shoes jumped from 30 to 40 lire a pair to 250 and 300 lire a pair—with the lire equaling 25 cents in American money—girls instead of going on a shoe hunger strike had an idea. They turned cobblers for themselves. Whereupon the perfectly ladylike dress-making classes of the Y. W. C. A. hotel encountered determined rivals in the shoemaking and repairing class which sprang up across the hall. According to Miss Emily Greenman of New York city, a Y. W. C. A. executive who has just returned from a 13-month sojourn in Italy, the one Y. W. C. A. cobbling class soon spilled over into four, due to the demands of the Florentine young women who eagerly came to solve their high cost of shoeing.

He who would open new paths through uncharted places must risk all in the effort. People afraid of toil or ridicule had better secure a safe berth and crawl into it. No one knows what lies just ahead until he pushes the curtains aside and beholds. Fearful souls shudder at the unknown and settle back upon the old standards. If they don't make the effort they won't get anywhere. It takes souls of the Columbus mold to defy accepted ideas and launch out into the realm of unproved convictions, says Grit. It's easier far to do in Rome as the Romans do than to brook their displeasure by revealing their follies. There's no chance of success so long as one doubts the product of his own thinking. You must be irresistibly driven by conviction before you can revolutionize age-acknowledged customs and traditions. He who is afraid to buck up will soon be compelled to back up.

The present business situation of farming seems to be making boys hesitate about taking up or completing their college courses in agriculture. In a recent article in the Agricultural Student, published by the students of the Ohio College of Agriculture, Dean Alfred Vivian discusses the matter in a level-headed manner. He points out that a general depression has followed every war and that farming has been hard hit each time, but has always recovered. It will do so again. He shows how the educated man is to find more and more success in farming, as in other business, and declares that the wise course for young men and women now is to follow out their plans to get a higher education while times are dull so as to be ready for action when the business revival comes, not far in the future.

Germany is the first country to publish complete details of the war's effects on population. In October, 1919, Germany had 60,412,084 inhabitants. Had there been no war, the normal increase in Germany's population would have given it an additional 11,013,900 people. While the money cost, debt burden and destruction of property in war are tremendous, the greatest loss of all is the toll death takes. That is permanent and everlasting, with increasing effect on every succeeding generation to the end of time. The evils of war last for all eternity.

Now, Turkey wants to borrow some American money, about the only kind in the world that it doesn't require a truckload of to buy a peck of potatoes or a turn of corn with. But Turkey will have to come across with rugs and things to get money in this country.

A Frenchman claims to have discovered a way to put the ocean tides to work and save 8,500,000 tons of coal annually. It would be wonderful, but it would be still more wonderful to find a way to put humanity to work. That might save civilization.

Astronomers expect to learn a lot of new things about Mars in 1924, because at that time he will be only 35,000,000 miles away. That's almost close enough to tell what kind of fishes swim in the Martian canals.

French financiers suspect Germany of a plot to go deliberately into bankruptcy. Taxation has developed so much expertise in locating intangible resources that this would probably be difficult.

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ABOLISHES DAYLIGHT SAVING England has discarded daylight saving time and is now working again under Greenwich time, summer time having ended on last Monday. It is stated that the daylight saving plan will not be resumed in the future. In an article written by Dr. Benjamin Moore, professor of bio-chemistry at Oxford, and published in the London Times, the doctor is credited with the statement that from the health point of view daylight saving in summer is not beneficial but an evil, especially during a season of intense sunshine and high temperature. Doctor Moore contends that the plan of advancing the clocks one hour during the summer months is particularly disadvantageous to school children, agricultural interests and some industrial workers. We are very glad to learn that one country at least is going to abandon all foolishness about daylight saving and we trust that the United States will become sane on this proposition in the near future and that we may not have this plan in force another year anywhere in this country, says the Wisconsin Agriculturist. It is a disadvantage, as the doctor claims, to school children and especially to the great agricultural interests of this country, and is opposed quite generally by organized labor. It should be abandoned, as it is of no advantage whatever, except to a few people who want hours of leisure in the early afternoon so that they may tour the country in automobiles and play golf or some other amusement.

Lovers of nature are blaming the automobile for extermination of the wild flowers which formerly brightened the roadsides and meadows. Each spring witnesses the descent of untold legions of thoughtless flower gatherers who ravish the flora with hardly a thought of the damage they are doing, tearing away the flowers by the roots and robbing the plants of their only means of reproduction. As a rule these flowers last but a very short time after they are pulled and are thrown away, the roadsides being littered with the discarded blooms. The remedy is not in the prohibition of picking, but in impressing upon the pickers that they should not gather too many. The situation is said to be worse since the automobile makes it so easy for people to get out into the country and to carry great bunches of flowers which they could not handle ordinarily.

Europe is a land of monarchies, Asia is a land of empires and colonies, North America is the home of self-governing colonies and republics, Australia is entirely a self-governed colonial confederation, Africa has only two independent countries, but South America is pre-eminently the home of self-governing republics—ten of them, ranging in size from Brazil, which is larger than the United States, exclusive of Alaska, to Uruguay, which is not quite equal in area to Nebraska. There are only three colonial possessions of modest territorial extent on the continent, the Guianas—British, Dutch and French.

A contract covering the purchase of additional equipment for the large cotton-spinning mill at Mukden, China, was recently placed with an American firm, reports the American consul stationed there. The new contract covering the purchase of an additional 10,000 spindles and 100 looms, as well as the purchase of a 1,000-kilowatt turbine power plant, represents an expenditure of approximately \$620,000.

It is said it will be necessary for the United States to float another popular loan in 1922 to retire the Victory notes and to meet other treasury obligations. Such a loan may be floated, but where do they get that stuff about its being a "popular" affair?

THE RIGHT THING AT THE RIGHT TIME By MARY MARSHALL DUFFY

THE YOUNG MAN GUEST

Life is not so short but that there is always room for courtesy—Emerson.

STRICTLY speaking the invitation bidding a young man to be the guest of a household should come from the mother or wife, or whoever acts as hostess of that household. Actually one young man often invites a chum of his to be a guest for a day or two, and the mother does not send the letter of invitation that the strictest good form would demand. There is no great crime in this, only the young man who writes the invitation should word it so as to make it evident that his mother extends the hospitality, and in answering the invitation the one invited should be sure to bear this fact in mind and whether he has met the hostess-to-be or not he should express his gratitude to her for her kindness in wishing him to be a guest.

If you have visited in the house before it is courteous to take to your hostess, or have sent, so that it reaches her shortly before you do, with your card enclosed, a few flowers or some bonbons.

Never smoke without gaining permission of your hostess. If there are no other smokers in the family do not ask for permission.

If you see that others make a habit of smoking in the house then you may ask for permission to smoke even though none of the others are smoking at the time.

Do not plan to accept outside invitations or to leave the house when you are a guest without consulting your hostess. She may have something arranged for the same day and hour. If you are to have very important business engagements that cannot be broken during your visit you should make the fact known at once so that no plans will be made for the time involved.

Remember that while you are the guest of the family you should show many little courteous attentions to the women of that family. If there are young daughters it would be decidedly rude to devote yourself markedly to some other young woman whom you perhaps might feel more interested in than in the young women of the family where you are visiting.

Remember that it is just as important and necessary for the young man to write a bread-and-butter letter to his hostess as it is for a young woman to do. This letter should be written within one or two days of your departure. A married man may leave this to his wife to attend to but the unmarried man must write for himself, even though perhaps he has a sister who has been a guest of the same household and is willing to include his expression of gratitude in her note.

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The weather bureau is out with the statement that thunder storms don't sour milk. It's the atmospheric condition that causes the thunder storm that sours the milk. The correction hardly seems revolutionary.

That the only cure for unemployment is employment may not sound like a very profound observation, but it falls much more gently on the ears of many than to say the only cure for unemployment is work.

The British government is setting a good example in breaking up obsolete warships to give work to the unemployed. If it will also break up a few that are not obsolete the example would be even better.

As we understand the dope, the nation which leads in the dye industry will prevail in the kill industry.

Mother's Cook Book

Just stand aside, and watch yourself go by; Think of yourself as He instead of I. Pick flaws; and fault, forget the man is you. And strive to make your estimate ring true.

The faults of others then will dwarf and shrink; Love's chain grow stronger by one mighty link. When you with "He" as substitute for "I" Have stood aside and watched yourself go by."

EVERYDAY GOOD THINGS.

PRUNES are so wholesome and good for children as well as "grown ups," that we should serve them in a variety of ways.

When a pie which is very nice is to be served try this: Bake a shell and put in a layer of cooked stoned prunes, sprinkle with nut meats of any kind; black walnuts or butter nuts are very good; cover with whipped cream and serve.

Cream Prune Pie.

Put through a sieve a cupful of stewed prunes, add one cupful of milk, one teaspoonful of cornstarch, a third of a cup of sugar, the yolks of two eggs well beaten; mix well and bake in a pastry lined plate until firm. The whites may be used as a meringue or may be stirred into the filling just as it goes into the crust.

Corn Muffins.

Take one cupful of corn meal, three-fourths of a cupful of flour, three teaspoonfuls of baking powder, one teaspoonful of salt, four tablespoonfuls of molasses or two tablespoonfuls of sugar, one cupful of milk, one egg well beaten, and one tablespoonful melted butter.

For the housewife whose husband likes griddle cakes and whose household does not enjoy the smoke from a greased griddle, try putting two to three tablespoonfuls of melted fat into the cakes the last thing and not greasing the griddle. They will brown nicely without sticking to the griddle.

Codfish With Cream.

Shred the fish and then prepare as usual, then make a white sauce, using thick sour cream; thicken, using butter and flour, cook until thick and stir in the fish. This is delicious with baked potatoes.

Mock Pate de Foie Gras.

Wash a small calf's liver, place in a stew pan with an onion finely chopped, two bay leaves, a blade of mace, a dash of black pepper, a teaspoonful of salt, six cloves, a lump of loaf sugar, and one pint of stock. Cover and stew gently for three hours. When cooked cut the liver in thin slices and place on a platter, pour over the strained liquor from the saucepan and let stand over night. The next day, pound the liver to a paste, adding slowly one-half cupful of butter. Press through a colander. Pack in small jars and cover with melted paraffin. Cut in thin slices when serving.

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A LINE O' CHEER By John Kendrick Bangs.

WEAKNESS.

I'VE known a human of such strength That he could hold at fullest length The full weight of a man, yet he Was weak as foam upon the sea, For when by some misfortune stung He had not strength to hold his tongue. And with lament and wrathful curse Made bad enough so much the worse. (Copyright.)

SCHOOL DAYS



Urges County and Town Road Co-operation

Commissioner Babcock Points Way to Get Bigger Results on Local Roads.

Cook county, with other counties in the state, can secure a complete system of good local roads in the shortest time and with least expense by adopting a definite program of systematic improvement; pooling its road and bridge funds with those of the townships, and applying modern roadbuilding methods.

Charles M. Babcock, state highway commissioner, this week made the foregoing statement, and recommended a call for an early convention in each county seat, or centrally located town in the county, at which county commissioners and the supervisors from every township may meet with the county highway engineer to work out a definite systematic plan of county good roads development. By ending common patch-work practices, he added, the proposed plan will produce the greatest results and biggest measure possible from the money used.

Funds available for roads other than trunk highways in Cook county last year were nearly \$70,000, he said, indicating the importance of prompt action. Good roads conventions are being recommended to all Minnesota counties—even Renville, Carlton and some others which already are operating with success under the plan but where a general meeting promises additional benefits.

"Minnesota county and township road funds combined are now considerably larger than the trunk highway fund total," said Mr. Babcock. "While the trunk mileage is less, it requires more costly improvements and maintenance, and all things considered, local road improvements should easily keep pace with those on the trunk routes. We are suggesting the county roads conventions because we believe great accomplishments possible from county-town co-operation."

Commissioner Babcock, made it plain that the criticism is drawn by the practices of long standing, and not by the efforts of the county or town road authorities whom he credited with earnest work to get results. But new and far better methods can be employed to great advantage, he added predicting hearty co-operation of the local officials to that end.

"County and town road officials in convention with the highway engineer should agree upon a definite plan of road improvements based on the actual needs and importance of each road and extending over three or more years," said Mr. Babcock. "They should then pool town with county funds to carry it out. Better methods, heavier equipment and so forth, and the systematic plan can be combined for economy and best results—increased satisfaction for taxpayers and even more road jobs for farmers. Every county engineer, I am sure, will be glad to assume the extra work put upon his office because of the bigger benefits that will come. "Just as the trunk highway projects disregard county lines, so will town lines disappear from the best county plans, and as the state highway department advises and assists county with state aid and other work, so will the counties help the townships."

Current funds in Minnesota last year totaled \$18,790,529 for local roads entirely under county and town control, and \$8,690,000 for trunk highways under the state department, according to official figures quoted by John H. Mullen, deputy commissioner and chief highway engineer.

To \$10,843,682 of county and \$6,862,560 of town tax funds was added \$2,084,000 of state aid to make up the local road total. That was exclusive of \$1,308,794 of street and road funds in the cities and villages outside of St. Paul, Minneapolis and Duluth. Motor vehicle taxes of about \$5,750,000 and federal aid of \$2,840,000 represented the trunk total, aside from reimbursement bond funds estimated at \$8,250,000 voted by counties under laws no longer in effect.

"So it is plain," said Mr. Mullen, "that the great sums raised for local road work should be well used; also that the Babcock plan is mainly a farmers' road plan, the so-called farm road funds exceeding the trunk funds even in 1921 when the big part of the bond money was used."

Many a man thinks he is driving his own car when his wife on the back seat is actually doing it.

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