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LIGHTS AND SHADOWS.

The Longing. I want to go home to the old house I love— To the dear grassy yard, and the long winding lane,

There's a cool, shady orchard, where each wind that blows Threads the dim leafy silence with whisper and call,

When the crimson light closes in night shadows long, And a star beacon shines through the lace of a tree,

Remember This December, That love weighs more than gold! Help us spread the news to young and old;

THOUGHT FOR TODAY. These have insured their remembrance by their deserts.—Virgil.

Pick up The Gate City. Consult the advertising columns and then do your Christmas shopping.

The Burlington Gazette predicts that the Ford peace party will be fighting like cats and dogs before it reaches land.

The wheat market is becoming erratic again. It has friends on both sides. That's what makes the proposition interesting.

No fewer than 125 butchers were arrested in New York City the day before Thanksgiving for selling short weight. Beside, they took 35 cents for a shaved pound of turkey.

The fellow who has decided on his Christmas purchases and has them either purchased for delivery or already safely tucked away in some corner of the house—well, he should worry.

It would be just like Justice Hughes to get out an order temporarily restraining his friends by an injunction proceeding from boosting him for president. The people might file a petition for a writ of certiorari.

David Scott of Stanford, Ky., voted recently for the fifty-fifth time. He has never voted anywhere else, never missed an election, and has always voted the democratic ticket.

"It is all off with the 'widows' tag day" in Chicago. The wholesale touch was officially booked for December 14, but as soon as the council sobered up to the possibilities of the scheme, the members backed down and apologized.

Old Man Prosperity has struck the Southern Pacific railroad with earnings for October in excess of a million dollars more than for the same period of the preceding year. Well, the Southern Pacific can stand it. She has had quite a few lean months.

There are twice as many people in the United States as in 1880, three times as many as at the outbreak of the civil war and five times as many as in '49. The increase between 1910 and 1915 is said to have been equal to the entire population at the time of the revolution.

The Chicago Herald is conducting a symposium on advertising, printing articles from the leading advertising experts in the United States. The articles are appearing daily and are well worth the thoughtful consideration of every business man.

It takes several hours to set a three or four column advertisement. It takes time to set a smaller advertisement and The Gate City is crying for more time, which is another way of asking the co-operation of the merchants in getting their advertising copy to the printer at least a day prior to the time it is to appear in the paper.

The retirement of Rev. W. M. Baker as pastor of the First Christian church is regretted by the many friends that gentleman made during his brief residence in Keokuk. His work in this city extended over a period of one year. For reasons probably best known to himself, he decided to locate in Marshalltown where he received a unanimous call. The Gate City does not know the reasons which prompted the resignation of Rev. Baker but it is the opinion of this paper that long pastorates are the most profitable.

WORK ON THE RIVERS. Recommendations by the army engineers for the maintenance and improvement of rivers and harbors of the United States ought to be recognized as attesting to the value of the projects under consideration, and of their utility as a part of the nation's river and harbor improvement plans, says the Davenport Democrat.

Appropriations which total \$46,000,000 include about \$10,000,000 for the Mississippi river, and would insure the carrying on of the important steps toward securing a six-foot channel at low water from Minneapolis south.

THE CHRISTMAS DINNER. The Christmas dinner will be healthful if one keeps in mind constantly the after effects which are felt the next day. After the ordinary Christmas dinner come headaches, drowsiness, sour stomach, indigestion, and other things that make us vow to be more temperate in our eating next time—a vow which, however, we never keep, says Lena F. Cooper in Good Health.

Caution, of course, is to be exercised by the people who eat as well as by those who cater, and cook, for no matter how simple the food, nor how simply prepared, one is bound to suffer if he gorges himself with food enough for two or three Christmas dinners.

But a great deal depends upon the preparation of the meal. It must consist of dishes that not only appeal to the palate, but that will digest readily and that will not produce poisons within the system—poisons that cause the headaches and the languor and similar symptoms experienced after the usual Christmas dinner.

CHILD SUFFERED WITH SKIN TROUBLE

On Head for Two Years. Itching and Burning. Kept From School at Times. Scratched and Irritated. Used Cuticura. Entirely Well.

1016 McKee St., Fort Wayne, Ind.—"My child, six years of age, suffered for about two years with an itching and burning on her head right behind the ear. It was just very small when first noticed and kept spreading until it got way up above her ear. I had to keep her from school as times it got so sore. It caused her pain for it itched and burned so badly that she scratched and irritated it all the time. It spread and spread until it was a good bit bigger than a silver dollar. It made her ear 'stuck to her head and I could not pull it away without her crying."

"I got a sample of Cuticura Soap and Ointment, washed the sore places with Soap and applied the Ointment and I began to see the relief it gave her. So I bought a cake of Cuticura Soap and a box of Ointment and she is entirely well." (Signed) Mrs. May Tegtmeyer, June 6, 1914.

Sample Each Free by Mail With 25¢ Skin Book on request. Address post-card "Cuticura, Dept. T, Boston." Sold throughout the world.

IOWA PRESS COMMENT. Ottumwa Courier: The thrifty man is usually the generous man. He who spends all he earns can help no one.

Marshalltown Times-Republican: A carload of Iowa prize poultry has just arrived back from the Panama-Pacific exposition. And it came back crowing.

Dubuque Times-Journal: The Turks are all total abstainers. There's a reason. Imagine a fellow coming home at two in the morning with a hundred wives waiting for him just inside the door.

DeWitt Observer: If Henry Ford escorts a brigade of windjammers and chatterboxes into Europe at this time he is liable to get bumped in the cove. The hour of talking is past in Europe. They are now fighting.

Burlington Hawk-Eye: Champ Clark thinks that Roosevelt will be the standard bearer of the republican party next year, but Champ thought that a certain Missourian would be the democratic nominee for president in 1912.

Tipton Advertiser: The people of Cedar county have been plowing through that sand at Rochester for 75 years, but the end is nearly in sight. That stretch of road will soon be to the best in the county.

Victor Record: In many a farm family raising its own food on which middleman or trusts pay a tax, where housewives still glory in cookery, gastronomic triumphs are still recorded that fully emulate the deeds of the fathers.

The Bollinger Brutality. R. F. Paine in Des Moines News: They purposely let that deformed, partially paralyzed "hopeless" Bollinger baby, at Chicago, die. The doctor refused to act. The mother weeping consented. They baptized the little one "in the name of the Father," and let it die.

And it was a deliberate crime. Who sent the baby, as it was? God, or the religion and all the exponents of religion are liars. And, according to the Bible, they've executed this child because of the sins or misfortunes of its fathers!

Since when has medical science been so infallible that it can certainly determine a life-failure by looking into the cradle? Yesterday, that same science was bleeding or burning fever patients today, a great surgeon down east takes a piece of an animal's heart and makes it grow in a prepared fluid. The errors of medical science are as numerous as the rocks of the seas, but its possibilities are as mighty as the mountains of the lands.

If it is right of motherhood, science and religion to condemn to death, as a failure, the child just born, the slaughter of all our dependents, the insane, the paupers, the helpless aged, the so-called incurable criminal and diseased is justifiable. Each slaughterer would be a cheap way of shirking responsibility, as watching the Bollinger baby choke and die was cheap.

If motherhood, medical science and religion can absolutely determine a failure in the cradle and righteously condemn it to extinction, why not when the subject is ten, twenty, fifty, sixty, eighty years of age?

Praise God for that there are few mothers who bury their children because they are weak, sick and without promise of other children! Praise God for that there are few physicians who will not hope and help as long as there is life!

Praise God for that there are few exponents of christianity who will pronounce a child of the Father too vile a creature to live!

Are we to become wholly utilitarian? Are we to work and live solely for profit, ease and irresponsibility? Shall we, like the Spartans, before Christ, slaughter our boy babies who don't give promise of ability to kill mercilessly and die uncomplainingly or ruler's whip, or something else equally uncertain for which they get men to kill and die? Shall our intense practicality, our eagerness, our new thought, or new fad so possess us as to extinguish all in motherhood, science and religion that have inspired and lifted us up?

"Little, helpless, innocent, suffering baby, we baptize thee in the name of the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost." Is what they practically said over the Bollinger baby, as it was slipping in to the Valley of the Shadow of Death, with their consent and connivance. By heaven, they should have added: "Go back to the Father. Son and

Holy Ghost. We repudiate their work in the name of human motherhood, science and religion!"

Down Comes the Flag. Lealle's: The new Seaman's law is the clearest instance on record of a nation playing directly into the hands of its competitors. While every other nation is busy subsidizing its merchant fleets, we are made ridiculous in the eyes of the world by legislating our ships off the sea so that even our letters to Japan must go in a vessel subsidized by that government. It must have humiliated every American to read in the news dispatches recently of the shipment from Philadelphia of a cargo of steel for Russia in a Japanese steamer.

The Seaman's law has made Japan's control of the Pacific complete. It forces from the sea, as Congressman Humphrey well said, "the few American officers and sailors remaining and leaves us without a single ship fit for a transport or naval auxiliary." And this at a time when the nation is calling for preparedness for war. One lumber mill in Washington has just been notified of the loss of a customer that bought of it for the foreign trade \$1,000,000 worth of lumber per month. He has transferred his orders to British Columbia, where he can use ships for his cargoes that are not subject to our Seaman's law. There seems to have been good reason, therefore, for the prediction made by Mr. J. J. Donovan, president of the Pacific Logging congress, in his recent address before that body at San Francisco, when he said: "Let no grandiloquent boasting of dreamer or demagogue deceive you. Our flag is gone from the Pacific. It will go from the Atlantic as soon as the great war ends unless we radically change our laws along lines which will enable us to compete with the fleets of maritime nations."

An eminent foreign writer years ago sought to impress upon his countrymen the need of developing its sea power and reminded them that "a nation without navigation is a bird without wings, a fish without fins, a toothless lion, a star on crutches, a knight with a wooden sword, a helot and slave among mankind."

Oh, for an era of constructive legislation.

Voice of the People

Bellefleur in Preparedness. To the Editor of The Gate City: The government of the United States must be supreme within its boundaries. It is the duty of every American citizen to stand behind and back up the president of the United States as expressed in his last message to congress. It reads like the message of Abraham Lincoln, March 4th, 1861, and of President McKinley, 1898. General Washington and Hon. J. F. Danahery are right. "that in time of peace be prepared for war." I endorse everything the Hon. Henry Ford is doing in the interest of peace, notwithstanding the criticisms of certain newspapers and wise ones. It is the proper thing to do when an American ship leaves from our ports for Denmark, Norway or Sweden—without munitions of war in the cargo—to convey her with American warships, with instructions that she is to be delayed only long enough for search for munitions of war. I deny the right of any nation to interfere with our commerce upon the high seas, and this nation should advise the world, that it is interfered with at peril. The United States being a sovereign is not required to explain why it does things or that a person is non-persona-grata, and it is impudence on the part of any nation to call upon any sovereign for its reason for a sovereign act.

W. B. COLLINS.

Mr. Royal Joy who had his right leg broken below the hip, last Wednesday morning, while trying to stop a team that had frightened and started to run, is still at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Hamm, where the accident happened. Mr. Joy is doing as well as could be expected.

At the home of her parents on last Friday evening a surprise was given Miss Beatrice Smalley in honor of her sixteenth birthday. Refreshments of peaches with whipped cream, two kinds of cake, nabisocs, candy, pop corn and apples were served. Dancing was the amusement of the evening, the music being furnished by Mr. McNeal and his Edna. Those present were: Bernice Newton, Verna Hazen, Blanche Woodroffe, Gertrude Judy, Eleanor Scholtz, Ester Sloat, Beatrice Smalley, Lela Smalley, Lerie Fischer, Frank Heubner, Samuel Henn, Kent Crabtree, Alfred Denny, Ralph Newton, Richard Hitchcock, Clyde Houston, George Rapp, Albert Lingenfelder.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Geale at the hospital at Fort Madison, a 7½ pound daughter. Little Hattie Henn was in Fort Madison for dental work last Saturday.

Riches. Kansas City Times: Our idea of dizzy wealth is to be able to send as long a cable message as Henry Ford sent the pope, and put in all the "a's" and "thes."



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