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existing conditions, about half of these will be "made permanent." One wonders what cards are up the sleeves of the men in high places that will call for the absorption of the unemployed men and the many additional officers the new course will bring into existence.

WANTED: EXPERT HANDLING OF THE SERVANT QUESTION

Haphazard Methods and Failure to Recognize the Significance of Domestic Labor Problem Emphasized in Household Crisis

IF THE late Owen Meredith is to be accepted as a faithful interpreter of life—and he was by many of our elders—civilization has ceased to exist. It could not, he maintained in those lines once so gayly quoted, "do without cooks."

READY FOR BUSINESS

THERE are forty-nine Republican senators. Eight of them call themselves progressive. They sought to dictate to the others in the matter of the selection of the chairman for the finance committee and the committee on appropriations.

THE BATTLEGROUND IS HERE

WHATEVER happens in Washington, the equal suffragists are heartened by the victory in this state. For the second time the Legislature has voted to submit to the electors an amendment to the constitution which will permit the women to vote if it is ratified at the polls.

HOW WILL THEY SPEND IT?

IF IT is true, as alleged by the Curb Market Men's Association, that storekeepers in this city have raised a fund to prevent the passage by City Councils of the bill authorizing the establishment of curb markets, citizens will be interested in knowing just how the fund is expended.

GERMANY PREPARING TO FIGHT?

AN INDEPENDENT Socialist newspaper in Berlin charges that under the pretense of organizing a national guard units are being formed in every district and chief town, and adds that this is only the beginning; for "once the militia is formed in the boroughs, towns and districts they will be grouped to form provincial corps."

GOBS AND LIMEJUICERS

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY ROOSEVELT is said to be working out a plan by which college men may win commissions in a big naval reserve force which the Navy Department expects to develop. If the plan is adopted there will be a four-year course in nautical subjects in the various colleges and universities, supplemented by several months of post-graduate work at Annapolis.

with the spirit of truculence as with the word itself. Pride in their work was the essence of their success.

That sentiment must be reinstated in the contemporary class of domestic workers before the servant problem presents any other face than a blank wall. Beliegers on the side of either employer or employee is fatal. The duties of a domestic worker are honorable duties, difficult duties and immensely important duties. Just how vital they are is measurable by the chaos ensuing when they are unperformed.

Scientific consideration of these facts has been lamentably wanting. Scientific grappling with them now is imperative. Perhaps some system of domestic training may have remedial value. If the best measures should be but slowly productive of results, all the more reason to apply them as speedily as possible.

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TRAVELS IN PHILADELPHIA

By Christopher Morley

ANNE GILCHRIST'S HOUSE

THE Kensington car that goes northward on Seventh street carries one straightway into a land of adventure. Hardly have you settled in your seat when you see a sign. The Pickwick Cafe, 53 North Seventh street. Admirable name for a chophouse! Glancing about across the aisle is a lady with one of those curious hats which permit the wearer to scrutinize through the transparent brim while her head is apparently bent demurely downward. The surprising effect of impaling oneself upon so unexpected a gaze is startling. Bashfully one turns elsewhere. On a boarding stare a theatrical sign: "Did You Tell Your Wife ALL Before Marriage?" I GOT off at Master street and walked stolidly west. It is a humble causeway in that region, rich in junk shops and a bit shabby in its spelling. At the corner of Warnock is an impromptu church, announcing "Servers every Sunday, 3 p. m." The lithograph, which is such a favorite on South street, crops up again; the famous golden-haired lassie, with a blue dress asleep under a red blanket, guarded by a white dog with a noble, steadfast expression. Fawn and Camac streets reappear and afford quiet vistas of red brick with marble trimmings. I believe this is Fawn's first venture north of Bainbridge. As its name implies, a shy, furtive street. One could spend a lively day afoot tracing the skip-stops of these two vagabonds. Camac street has tried to concentrate attention on itself between Walnut and Spruce, calling itself arrogantly the "Greatest Street in the World." But it leads a multiple life. I have found it popping up around Race street, at Wallace, and even north of that most poetically named of all Philadelphia's thoroughfares, Rising Sun avenue. The greenery of Ontario Park is likely to lure the wayfarer from Master street for a detour. There is a large public school there, and an exceedingly pretty young teacher in a pink dress and shell spectacles was gravely leading a procession of thirty smallurchins for their morning recess in the open air. Two by two, with decent gravity, they crossed the street, and demurely in the park for hair ribbons, shoes and blouse strings to be retied. AS IT approaches Broad street, Master goes steadily up grade, both physically and in the spirit. At the corner of Broad it reaches its grand historic climax in the vast ornate brown pile where Edwin Forrest died in 1872. A tabby says, "This house was the residence of Edwin Forrest, the greatest tragedian of his time." It is interesting to remember (with the aid of an encyclopedia) that one of Forrest's favorite roles was Spartacus. Until the arrival of Lincoln he was supreme in that accomplishment. At the top of the hill, at Fifteenth street, Master street becomes almost suburban and frisky. It abounds in gracious garden vistas, rubber plants and an apartment house of a Spanish tinge of architecture. A patriotic Presbyterian church has turned its front lawn into a potato patch. At 1834 one of the smallest and most delightful black puppies ever seen was tumbling about on white marble steps. He was so young that his eyes were still blue and cloudy, but his appeal for a caress was unmistakable. I stopped to pay my respects, but a large Alfrede appeared and stood over him with an air of "You haven't been introduced."

THE present occupant of the house is Mrs.

Alexander Wellner, who was kind enough to grant me a few minutes' talk. She has lived in the house a year, and did not know of its Whitman association. The street has hardly been changed much—save for the new public school building—since Centennial days. The garden behind the house is curiously green and orderly. The house is being sold, and Mrs. Wellner is leaving it at a dramatic spot. There is a great

MARKING AN EPOCH

leaf. Perhaps Walt and his good friends may have sat out there for tea on warm afternoons forty-two years ago. But it seems a long way from Camden!

AS I came away, thinking of that romantic

and sad episode in the lives of two who were greatly worthy of each other, the corner of my eye was caught by a large poster. In a random flash of vision I misread it in accordance with my thoughts. THAT GOOD GRAY POET, it seemed to say. For an instant I accepted this as natural. Then, returning to my senses, I retraced my steps to look at it again. THAT GOOD GULF GASOLINE!

YEARS OF THE MODERN

YEARS of the modern! years of the unperformed! Your horizon rises—I see it parting away for more august dramas: I see not America only—I see not only Liberty's nation, but other nations preparing; I see tremendous entrances and exits—I see new combinations—I see the solidarity of races; I see that force advancing with irresistible power on the world's stage; (Have the old forces, the old wars, played their parts? are the acts suitable to them closed?) I see Freedom, completely armed, and victorious, and very haughty, with Law on one side and Peace on the other. A stupendous Trio, all issuing forth against the idea of caste; What historic denouements are these we so rapidly approach? I see men marching and counter marching by swift millions; I see the frontiers and boundaries of the old aristocracies broken; I see the landmarks of European kings removed; I see this day the People beginning their landmarks. —Walt Whitman.

What Do You Know?

QUIZ

- 1. What ship picked up Lieutenant Grieve and Hawker?
2. What kings were born at St. Germain-en-Laye?
3. What poet was a noted table-talker?
4. Describe the use and origin of "fey."
5. How many men drew up the constitution?
6. What color is indicative of truth?
7. What was the mystic cult called "Rosicrucian"?
8. What constitutes the heaven's azimuth?
9. Why is the present calendar Gregorian?
10. Why is a voice of power called stenorian?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

- 1. Thomas Jefferson had reddish hair.
2. Lieutenant Roget, is the French aviator who made a nonstop record of 1348 miles between Paris and a point near Rabat, Morocco.
3. Cape Finisterre is at the northwestern extremity of Spain.
4. The Sieges Allee is the ornate avenue of monuments dedicated to German imperialistic glories in Berlin.
5. South Carolina is the American state which does not grant divorces.
6. A plebiscite is the direct vote of all the electors of a state on an important question.
7. Substitutions for the horse have failed to diminish his number on farms, where he is mostly bred.
8. Haricot bean is another name for string bean.
9. Haecyde's famous "Largo" occurs in the score of his oratorio, "Xerxes."
10. A supercargo is a merchant ship man, who carries, etc., of the cargo.