

# THE DAY BOOK

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**A BETTER USE FOR ICE.**—There wasn't any ice with which to keep baby's bottle of milk cold; it spoiled. Baby's mother didn't like to give baby that milk, but she couldn't get another bottle and baby was crying—so hungry was the baby!

The baby drank the milk and stopped crying.

A few days later a little white hearse carried baby away, leaving a lone, tired, heartbroken mother in her tenement room.

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On the same night that baby's milk spoiled a man and a woman sat down at a table in a restaurant, blocks away. The man beckoned to a waiter.

"A quart of wine?"

And pretty soon the waiter came back with a bottle of champagne wrapped up in lots of cool ice, nicely set off in a silver bucket.

The man and his companion would not have liked the champagne if it had not been cold. Of course, it wouldn't have killed either of them to have done without the ice; but they had the PRICE and so they got ICE.

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Baby's mother had not the PRICE; hence, baby did not get enough ICE to keep its bottle of milk cold.

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Don't you think there must be something wrong with the civilization that has enough ice for wine bot-

tles and not enough for babies' milk bottles?

**START RIGHT.**—The taking over by the government of the Sayville wireless plant is a proper though belated action. At the very beginning, not of the war, but of the discovery of wireless telegraphy, the United States should have pre-empted the right of operating itself all stations powerful enough to maintain direct communication with other continents. We have let a number of good things slip into the hands of private ownership in the past and now find it hard to pry them loose. It is just as important for the United States to retain control and have full knowledge of all lines of intercommunication with European countries as it is to control the imports and exports from and to those countries.

It is, as well, entitled to the profits of operating such radio stations if there be any profits and should bear the loss if there be any loss. In other words, they should be owned by Uncle Sam and operated for the benefit of his people just as the mails are and the cable and telegraph ought to be. There will come a day when the people will be awfully sorry they turned the wireless privilege loose.

## SHORT ONES

John Wanamaker might put over his plan if Belgium would agree to raise twice as much as Andy Carnegie will give and rename it "Belgium, founded by John D. Rockefeller."

Between peach cobbler and chortle-berry pie we really can't see any reason for this country to get embroiled in any of the European peevishness.

Henry James renouncing his American citizenship reminds us that the dividing line between a genius and a plain ass is hard to see.

The Better Race congress at San Francisco, however, does not refer to the races they use to have out there.