

THRIFT STAMPS TAUGHT THIS MAN TO SAVE

Armless Man Sells Pencils On the Streets of Detroit and Buys Two Thrift Stamps Every Day—"I Cannot Fight," He Says, "But I Can Spare Some of My Earnings to Finance the Fight."

One coat sleeve was hanging empty, and he was buying pencils over the counter of a Detroit stationery store. Curiosity drew us nearer just to get a better glimpse of the man and his purpose. But he caught our eye and being a little ashamed for our crude attempt to get this man's story, we stepped forward and commented on the morning, accompanying the word with an offer to shake hands.

He turned, smiled and shook both coat sleeves with two gruesome stamps at the shoulders. Both arms were missing.

It required four visits to the stationery store to get this man's story. His name is E. A. Westcott, of 814 Cadillac avenue, and he has been without arms for more than twelve years. It takes a sound philosophy to maintain a happy disposition with the misfortune that this man has suffered.

"What's the use of worrying," said Mr. Westcott, "if you are out of luck—you're out of luck. That's all there is to it." Every morning between 8:30 and 9 o'clock, Westcott calls at the stationery store to buy a supply of lead pencils. The clerk takes the money from his pocket, puts the change back, placing the pencils as directed on his coat.

Westcott has established a legitimate business in the sale of lead pencils. Many of the downtown merchants and office men are numbered among his customers. In this way he earns enough to live, enjoy life, study human nature and spread the philosophy of cheerful endurance to all who cross his path.

There was a time, just previous to the now historic first of May, when Westcott did not save money. Indeed, his happy-go-lucky philosophy kept him poor. Then, one day when he was buying his daily stock of pencils he noticed a thrift stamp on the counter.

"What's that," he asked. And the

clerk explained the thrift stamp movement—the plan that has been devised by the United States government to induce the public to curtail extravagance, save money and lend their savings to the government.

"That's the finest idea I've heard," said the pencil merchant. "I'm of little use in this war, but ever since the first of May I have been wondering what I can do with the money I am saving. I don't make a lot of money in this pencil business, but I make a living; and I have no one to care for but myself. Watch me—I'll buy thrift stamps every morning."

True to his resolve, Mr. Westcott instructs the wholesale pencil salesman to place two quarters in the machine and stick two thrift stamps on his card, every morning. Westcott is enthusiastic over the thrift idea. "There's not a working man but can spare a quarter for Uncle Sam every day," he said, "even though it means leaving pie off the noonday lunch, or a couple of packages of cigarettes less, or any other little inconvenience, I shall think every man would be eager to fill up thrift cards, both for the money-saving idea and for patriotic reasons. If I keep this system running till the war ends, I'll have a nice little nest egg. It's wonderful how quickly money piles up when you begin to save it, and with the U. S. security and U. S. generous rate of interest, this is the best thing I have ever started."

E. A. Westcott is 45 years old. He lost both arms 12 years ago in a wood-mill, and has lived in Detroit eight years. He is a well-known figure about town, and the fact that he has grasped the thrift idea so thoroughly and the evidence of what it has done for him ought to be a part of inspiration to many men who would like to save money in small quantities and lend it to the government.

LEGAL NOTICES

MORTGAGE SALE Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage, made by Costa, E. T. and Amanda Tost, his wife, to James Crispell, dated the 17th day of August, A. D. 1911, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the county of Gratiot and State of Michigan, on the 17th day of August, A. D. 1911, and Liber 124 of Mortgages, on page 447, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of four hundred sixty-six and 84/100 dollars, and an attorney fee of thirty-five dollars, as provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceeding at law having been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute in such regard made and provided, on Saturday the 8th day of July, A. D. 1918, at one o'clock in the afternoon, the undersigned will, at the north front door of the court house in the village of Ithaca, Michigan, that being the place where the Circuit Court for the county of Gratiot sits, hold, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, not herebefore released by said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount so as aforesaid due on said mortgage, with one cent interest, all legal costs, together with said attorney's fee, to-wit: The southwest quarter of the northwest quarter and the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section two, and the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section three, north of range four west, Michigan.

Said described lands on section two having been released from the operation of said mortgage by written release dated June 24, 1918, and recorded in said Register of Deeds, Liber 195 of Mortgages on page 632, the said sale for the purposes aforesaid will be made of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section three. (38-13-c) Dated: April 9, 1918.

O. G. TUTTLE, Attorney for Mortgagee. Business Address: Ithaca, Mich.

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas: There has been a petition filed in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Alma, Michigan, praying for the vacation, discontinuance and abolishment of all that portion of Oak street lying east of the Ann Arbor Railway Right of way, all of that portion of Pine street, now Boyer St., lying east of the Ann Arbor Railway Right of way, all that portion of the alley lying between Oak street and Pine street east of the Ann Arbor Railway Right of way, all of the above mentioned streets and alley being located in James A. Stutz addition to the City of Alma, Michigan, also Cleveland Avenue, from the south line of Ewell street to the north line of Virginia street, and from the south line of Virginia street to the north line of West End street, and from the south line of West End street to the north line of Iowa street, and from the south line of Iowa street to the north line of Orchard street, being in the Idelle addition to the City of Alma, Michigan, and petition being duly signed by all of the adjoining and abutting property owners, and Whereas, By unanimous vote of the Common Council of the said City of Alma, Michigan, taken at the regular session of the Common Council at the Council chambers in said City of Alma, on Tuesday evening, April 22nd, 1918, the street committee was instructed to investigate the matter of vacating, discontinuing and abolishing said streets and alley, and Whereas, In pursuance of such instructions the said street committee have made such investigation and have reported to the Common Council that it appears that the public will not be inconvenienced, nor public travel in said city become impeded by the vacation, discontinuance or abolishment of said streets and alley, but on the contrary thereof, that the public interested in said City of Alma will be and become benefited thereby.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved By the Common Council of the City of Alma, Michigan, regularly called and duly in session, that they deem it proper and advisable to vacate, discontinue and abolish said streets and alley as aforesaid, all being in James A. Stutz addition to the City of Alma, Michigan, and Be It Further Resolved, By said Common Council of the City of Alma, Michigan, in session as aforesaid, that the 15th day of July, A. D. 1918, at 12 o'clock in the noon, in the Council Chambers in said city hall in the said city of Alma, Michigan, be and where the said Common Council of the said City of Alma will meet for the purpose of hearing any and all objections that may be made to the vacating, discontinuing and abolishing of said streets and alley, and Be It Further Resolved, By said Common Council of the City of Alma, Michigan, in session as aforesaid, that due notice of said meeting of said Common Council for the purpose of hearing such objections heretofore mentioned of this resolution be published in The Alma Record, a newspaper printed and published and circulated within the said City of Alma, said publication to continue in said newspaper once in each week, for four consecutive weeks from and after the date of the adoption of the resolution.

Dated, Alma, Michigan, June 11th, 1918. Carl E. Gallagher, City Clerk.

NOTICE Whereas, By the resolution of the Common Council of the City of Alma, Michigan, at a session of the said Common Council held and had in said city, on the 15th day of June, A. D. 1918, it was deemed advisable by said Common Council to vacate, discontinue and abolish all that portion of Oak street lying east of the Ann Arbor railway right of way, all of that portion of Pine street, now Boyer street, lying east of the Ann Arbor railway right of way, and all of that portion of the alley lying between Oak street and Pine street east of the Ann Arbor Railway right of way, all of the above mentioned streets and alley being located in the James A. Stutz addition to the City of Alma, Michigan, also Cleveland Avenue from the south line of Ewell street to the north line of Virginia street, and from the south line of Virginia street to the north line of West End street, and from the south line of West End street to the north line of Iowa street, and from the north line of Iowa street to the north line of Orchard street, being in the Idelle addition to the City of Alma, Michigan. Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, the 16th day of July, A. D. 1918, at 12 o'clock in the noon, at said date, at the Council Chambers in said city hall, in the said City of Alma, the said Common Council will meet for the purpose of hearing any and all objections that may be made to the closing of the above mentioned streets and alley being located in the James A. Stutz addition to the City of Alma, as above described.

Francis E. Kinn, Mayor. Carl E. Gallagher, City Clerk.

The Doctor Away From Home When Most Needed. People are often very much disappointed to find that their family physician is away from home when they most need his services. Diseases like pain in the stomach and bowels, cholera and diarrhoea require prompt treatment, and have in many instances proven fatal before medicine could be procured or a physician summoned. The right way is to keep at hand a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy. No physician can prescribe a better medicine for these diseases. By having it in the house you escape much pain and suffering and all risk. Buy it now; it may save life.

Lame Back Relieved. For a lame back apply Chamberlain's Liniment twice a day and massage the muscles of the back over the seat of pain thoroughly at each application.

No Chesterfield. "Some men have the worst manners!" indignantly declared Claudine of the rapid fire restaurant. "Why, this morning when me and Heloise were talking about the bartenders' ball last night, a bald-headed guy kept hectoring me at a couple of o'clock, and he had the nerve to say, 'Chesterfield'—he had the nerve to say 'Chesterfield'!"

Boils Eggs by Central's Ring. A telephone subscriber in Newark asked his operator to ring his bell in three minutes, and immediately hung up his receiver. At the appointed time the supervisor rang on the line and the subscriber responded merely with "Thank you." Later he called again and thanked the operator, and explained that he had been boiling eggs and wanted to time them. They had been cooked to the queen's taste, he said—YOUTH'S COMPANION.

SEED SHORTAGE

Farmers Should Begin to Prepare Now to Meet Needs of 1919 Michigan gardeners who would like to be sure of a supply of seeds in 1919 had best begin to prepare to raise enough this summer for their future needs, in the opinion of the department of horticulture of the Michigan Agricultural college. This precaution must be taken, the department declares, because the seeds upon which the country would normally depend will not be forthcoming in 1919. "The reserve supply of seed usually carried by the seed houses has never been so low in the history of the business," a bulletin from the horticulturists says. "This is attributable to a number of causes, among which may be mentioned the failure of the supply from Europe; the use of many seeds for food, an increase of about 50 per cent in the demand for planting, and the adverse weather conditions which have much reduced the usual California crop."

"The old-time practice of saving one's own garden seed can in this emergency be revived with advantage—remembering that the fundamental principle in successful seed saving is selection of seed only from the best plants."

Not an Author. "He has furnished the world a great many stories." "A literary man?" "Oh, no; a structural steel contractor, and has built skyscrapers everywhere."

This Dog Got to Hide

There is an ironclad rule on the surface cars in this city which forbids dogs of all kinds from riding. And conductors rigidly enforce the rule. The other afternoon a man with a Russian wolfhound, almost as big as a horse, boarded a Thirty-fourth street car. "Take that dog off this car; he can't ride," ordered the conductor. "I guess he can, all right," returned the passenger. "You got a permit?" questioned the conductor. "No, I didn't get a permit," said the owner of the dog, "but you and your dog, then," shouted the conductor. "Not hardly," was the reply. "The rules are against it, sir. The car won't go until you take him off." "Well, I won't take him off." "Why?" And the man held two transfers out toward the conductor, and suggested that he take them. "I got a transfer for myself and one for the dog, and the conductor on the other car said it was all right. Now, you'll take 'em, or the car don't go. I stand on my rights." "You win, old top, if you don't mind me calling you old top," said the conductor. And he pulled the bell rope and the car was off.—New York Tribune.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness, and Rev. Clingenpeel for the comforting words during the death of our beloved son and brother. Mrs. Delta L. Miller and family.

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The Continuation of this SALE Means a saving of Hundreds of dollars to the public for miles around. Help us raise the cash by helping Yourself to the Bargains.

WILL YOU SAVE FOR YOURSELF AND SERVE YOUR COUNTRY. Illustration of a man in a military uniform.

GOVERNOR'S WAR SAVINGS DOCUMENT

PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN MUST PLEDGE THEMSELVES TO LOAN \$70,000,000 TO THE GOVERNMENT.

JUNE 28 IS WAR SAVINGS DAY

A Definite Movement is On Foot to Encourage Savings Among the People for War Purposes.

Michigan must raise \$70,000,000 through the sale of war savings stamps in 1918. The government has given us this task to do, and we dare not fail. The month of June will see a new activity enter the war savings work, for Secretary of the Treasury, McAdoo, has now requested that Michigan's quota in war savings stamps be fully pledged by June 28, but it is expected that every man, woman and child will pledge himself to save a certain sum at regular intervals and lend that money to the government for war purposes. The money will be returned with generous interest in five years or earlier on demand.

Polks who failed to pay for some of the "sineas of war" during the recent Liberty Loan drive, can now buy some excellent 25c "sineas" every day by purchasing thrift stamps systematically.

NEW COLLEGE YELL. W. S. S. W. S. S. Every quarter that you get, buy a stamp and make it wet, stick it on a little card, it will hit the kaiser hard. W. S. S. W. S. S. Victory!

War Savings Stamps. War Savings Stamps. They help Uncle Sam put the kaiser in chains.

A certain dignified patriotic lady, selling war savings stamps in Bay City, was shocked by a weary looking, unshaven man who approached her and said that he wanted a "thrift stamp." He probably needed one, for it is a long time since last April.

AN EXCELLENT SUGGESTION

Take the interest from your Liberty Bonds and buy Thrift Stamps with the money. In this way you get interest at 4 per cent, compounded semi-annually, on the interest from your original investment. If you combine patriotism with good financing, you can't beat this.

Sing a song of Thrift Stamps. Lending all our money, This will make the kaiser's threats Sound very, very funny.

The thrift stamp movement touches everybody, for there is no one so poor or so hard pressed but who can lend a quarter to the government in its time of need.

Edgar A. Gess, of the Detroit Free Press, says that the War Savings Stamp movement is the old "16 to 1" game revived; and explains further by noting the fact that 16 thrift stamps mean one war savings stamp.

Tortoise and Water. Tortoises in tropical islands require much fresh water for drinking and have often discovered springs of which the human inhabitants were ignorant. When such a fountain is found the whole surrounding district is soon covered by "tortoise roads" made by these large creatures in their journeys to and from the water.

The Only Way. Only way to get the genuine mince pie is to marry into the family where it is made.

PROCLAMATION OF THE GOVERNOR

To the People of the State of Michigan: WHEREAS, the President of the United States has summoned the American people to universal savings, so that more men, power and material may be obtained for the Army and Navy of the United States in time to win the war, and WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, through the National War Savings Committee, has asked the people of the State of Michigan to pledge themselves between June 28th and June 29th to loan \$70,000,000 to the Government before December 31, 1918, by buying War Savings Stamps of that amount during the remainder of the year. Now, therefore, I, Albert E. Sleeper, Governor of the State of Michigan, do hereby set aside Friday, June 28th, as War Savings Day. On this day, all adult citizens, primarily heads of households, shall appear in person at the nearest schoolhouse or other designated place of registration, to register their pledge to save and economize to help win the war, and as evidence of such service and to provide the Government with funds to carry on the war, to further pledge to invest in a specified amount of War Savings Stamps during the remaining months of 1918. (Signed) Albert E. Sleeper Governor of the State of Michigan.

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23c Men's Dress Hose. 50 dozen regular 30c men's Dress Hose to go at 23c

39c Silk Neckwear. 30 dozen Spring and summer Silk Ties, worth 65c to go at 39c

\$1.50 Dress Shirts. 25 dozen men's regular \$1.50 Dress Shirts will go at \$1.19

\$5.98 Boys' Suits. One lot Boys' Spring and Summer Suits worth \$8.50 go at \$5.98

\$1.49 Leather Gloves. 25 dozen Leather Gloves, worth \$2.00, going at \$1.49

'Getcher' Order in Quick

Men's \$18.00 Suits. One lot special value up to \$18.00 will be sold at \$11.75

Men's \$25.00 Suits. The entire line of men's \$25.00 Suits all marked at \$19.75

Men's \$30.00 Suits. Regular \$30.00 Spring and Summer Suits all going at \$23.75

Men's Underwear. 50c shirts and drawers, 29c 75c shirts and drawers, 49c \$1.50 union suits, . . . 98c \$2.00 union suits, . . . \$1.19 \$3.00 union suits, . . . \$1.98

Rain Coats. All \$10 rain coats, . . \$7.50 All \$15 rain coats, . . \$10.75 All \$18 rain coats, . . \$12.75

Men's Straw Hats. Men's \$1.50 straw hats, 79c Men's 2.00 straw hats, 98c Men's 2.50 straw hats \$1.29

GOODIES The Clothier. 111 E. Superior St. Alma, Mich.

\$4.98 Men's Sweaters. Entire stock of Men's \$7.50 and \$6.50 Sweaters to go at \$4.98

13c Work Sox. 50 dozen Work Socks, value 18c will go at 13c

39c Susp'nders. One lot of 50c Suspenders fresh stock to go at 39c

79c Men's and Boys' Caps. 25 dozen Men's and Boys' Caps, values up to \$1.00, to go at 79c

25c Canvas Gloves. 50 dozen extra heavy Canvas Gloves to go at 17c