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IS THE WORLD BETTER?

Christmas again, and is the world any better? Is it more comfortable? Is it more peaceful? Is it more confident that the future is going to be worth the adventure of testing it?

One can hardly call it a gay world yet. There are cheerful people in it—a good many in this country especially—but it is not yet a gay world.

There were many people who were improved by the war—deepened in their feelings and experience—made aware of what was in them.

It is not comfortable yet nor good-natured. It is anxious; it is perplexed. It is not sure what is going to happen to it, and is dubiously impatient and un-

reasonably. No, the world of the moment is not very nice. It tastes strongly of "the morning after." All the bad of the war is on its hands but the good of it has yet to be worked out, says Harper's Magazine.

THE RARE GENIUS.

"We turn out more mediocrities than we ought to" is one of the lamentations of the senior class of Cornell University in its attack upon co-education.

Why, bless your hearts, Cornellians, how many geniuses do you estimate your alma mater should turn out each commencement day?

It's folly, not to say unfair, gentlemen, to rail at mediocrity. Why, mediocrities rule the world, have always ruled the world. Such job as the work of civilization is, it is the work of mediocrity with a big M.

The trouble is we're not at home with geniuses; we don't know what to do with them when we have them with us. Of mediocrities we make our captains and our kings, and from mediocrities as lords and masters we take our orders.

SOME FOLKS are away so much that sleeping is about the only thing that would create a housing problem for them.

SOME FOLKS use up so much energy in getting somewhere that they are not of much account when they arrive.

A TIGHT-SKIRTED woman probably gets enough punishment without being criticized by mere man.

The-Passing-Show

A YOUNG man devotes MOST of his attention to the hair BELOW the ear line while an OLDER man devotes all OF his attention to the hair ABOVE it.

AS he is fond of being THOUGHT fond of it, ONE of the interesting evidences of the plentitude OF money in circulation is the notable INCREASE in the amount OF patent medicine advertising apparently ON the principle that the people CAN now afford to have more things the matter with them.

IT might also be well for some PEOPLE to remember that if THEY are anxious to make fools OF THEMSELVES prohibition won't stop them.

IF there was as much kissing AFTER marriage as there is before marriage THERE wouldn't be so many divorces.

WE are anxious now to get the first SUIT of asbestos underclothing that comes TO this garden spot of the world SO we can scare the wif out of her wits.

SOME bright and happy morning BY being found sitting nonchalantly ON THE kitchen stove apparently occupied IN reading the paper BUT in reality just waiting to hear her scream.

A MAN may be so honest THAT he would not steal a thousand dollars BUT don't tempt him by leaving A HALF pint lying where HE can get his hands on it.

A MAN never knows for sure what he WOULD do until he's tempted AND while we feel at present that WE'D much rather not have any

MONEY at all than to make it out of PROFITING in necessities like GROCERIES we are not absolutely certain HOW we should feel about it.

IF we had a thousand tons of groceries done up NEATLY in one-pound packages AND locked up in our elegantly appointed garage.

TEN minutes of hustling WOULD enable you to get rid of a TROUBLE that it takes YOU ten hours to tell about.

YOU may have noticed THAT the man who is always in dighting THAT something ought to be done NEVER does anything.

THE way the girls in the corn cobs advertisements DRESS, it always looks as IF they had something the matter WITH them somewhere above the knees.

THAT demanded immediate and close attention. ALL the Vassar and other college girls will soon be coming HOME for Xmas and we must have our Vassar union suit.

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- 1—Who discovered the Hawaiian Islands? Answer: They were discovered by Captain James Cook, an English navigator.
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- 3—How long is Long Island? Answer: Long Island is 115 miles long.
- 4—Where is Lookout Mountain? Answer: It is in Tennessee. The battle of Lookout Mountain was fought November 24, 1862.
- 5—When is Quinquagesima Sunday? Answer: It is the fiftieth day before Easter.
- 6—What is a sasaparilla? Answer: A sasaparilla is an Indian tribal chief.
- 7—Where is the Sperm-whale found? Answer: It is found only in warm seas.
- 8—What state in the union is known as the "Sunflower State"? Answer: Oklahoma.
- 9—What does the president of the United States have on his personal cards? Answer: A photograph of his family.
- 10—How many acres are there in a square mile? Answer: 640.
- 11—How many words are there in the English language? Answer: About 400,000.
- 12—What is a sobriquet? Answer: A sobriquet is a nickname.
- 13—What are the "articles of war"? Answer: They are the rules enacted by congress providing for a system of military discipline and punishment in the army.
- 14—What was "window tax"? Answer: A tax or duty levied in England on all windows or openings above the number of eight.
- 15—How many lives were lost on the Lusitania? Answer: A total of 1,194 men, women and children lost their lives when the Lusitania was sunk May 7, 1915.
- 16—What per cent of an egg is water? Answer: About 74 per cent of the contents of an egg consists of water.

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