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Japan is the latest to get into the shell game.

Gen. Leonard Wood took his medicine like a man and a soldier.

The coldest August 30th in 25 years—just about as good.

To complete the Spartan resemblance Germany is now coming from money, a five pinner piece worth one and a quarter cents.

The lot of policemen when they tackle a gang of small boys is no happier than that of policemen who join issues with adult gangsters.

The suggestion of a minimum pay for pastors is met with the retort that not a few of them are now getting it, which is just the trouble.

Use of electricity is mooted for destruction of mosquitoes in New Jersey. Twelve hundred volts ought to kill the strongest one in Atlantic City.

Secretary Garrison's story of the man in Maine, is the more effective because the Colonel has never been accused of having any sense of humor.

General Funston is now said to be convinced the border raids were framed up by Mexican authorities. His immediate concern, however, is to stop them, by whatever means.

A New York boy surprised the court by electing to live with his step father instead of his father. How the old man must have been disliked in that family.

The government's report of substantial increase in income tax return says nothing about any increase or decrease in the feelings of payers against those who put this burden on them.

One thing the war, or rather the war reports have done, and that is to increase greatly the average man's bump of caution. There is more of a disposition to wait to hear both sides—and believe neither of them.

The governors' convention in Boston adopted resolutions of confidence and support of President Wilson. The Roosevelt convention of one at Plattsburg, N. Y., recorded a dissenting sentiment. And there you are!

Crown Prince Umberto of Italy has become a Boy Scout. In this country it is a perquisite to membership in this society that the boy shall earn by his own personal efforts the money that buys his uniform. Does any one believe that this test applied to the crown prince?

Austria is reported still considering Uncle Sam's recent communication on her subject of millions of war. It will stand several careful readings. The military literature of this country will rank high in discussions of the future over questions now in course of diplomatic dispute among the nations. The final outcome is likely to be some real international law.

An inquirer if informed that the present Liberty Bell was cracked on July 7, 1845, while being tolled out of respect to the memory of Chief Justice John Marshall, who died the previous day in Philadelphia. The first Liberty bell, which was cast in London, had also met with a like misfortune. It cracked under a test in America in 1752. Two men, named Page and Snow, broke it up and making a new mold, recast it success-

fully, with the addition of some copper to the mixture. This is the bell now at the Panama-Pacific exposition.

THE FUTURE MAP OF TURKEY

It would be an interesting exercise the gift of prophecy, or the gift of guessing, which is but the same thing, to trace the future map of Turkey after the hopeful ending of the passing war. It is safe to say that no matter what destiny involved in the unparalleled European struggle the country of the "Sick Man of the East" will not have its present cartographic contour.

Since the days of Ghenghis Khan, and later of Solymen the magnificent, the political outlines of Turkey have been made and remade, scores of times. It would be one of the strangest of the ironies of fate if it should be wiped from the map of Europe by an alliance of old friends and old foes, or saved by some amazing stroke of good luck by the aid of Austria, which at intervals was one of its most implacable enemies.

In the war of the Crimea Russia would have had Turkey at her mercy if British and France had not intervened. Now Britain and France are leagued with Russia against Turkey, and are spilling barrels of blood and millions of money to force the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus and give Russia what they prevented her from taking in 1853-54-55. In 1795 Napoleon wrested Egypt from the Ottoman empire, and in 1801 the English drove the French out of Egypt. Now the English and French are allied against the Turks, and, sword in hand, in sympathy with the Russians, their former enemies.

These mere glimpses of the bloody history and strange enemies and alliances associated with Turkey in the past and now in the deadly struggle for European domination.

A PACIFIST POINT OF VIEW

The feature of "Internationalism and Christianity Week" at the Chautauqua Summer Assembly was the series of addresses by Dr. Charles T. Jefferson, pastor of Broadway Tabernacle, New York City, and chairman of the church Peace Union, whose work has resulted in a movement to organize ministers and churchmen in the United States against national armament.

"Militarism is the greatest sin in the world. Peace at any price is better than war at any price," he said. "There is an increasing military sentiment in America. Tremendous pressure is put on President Wilson and on congress for more ships and guns. Such a policy for this country is utter foolishness. Europe tried it and instead of safety, self-protection and peace, it brought the bitterest war, the most hideous war mankind has ever seen.

"The Church of Christ must organize against this. Our great strength lies in a moral, not a military, resource. We must preach peace, not militarism.

"I don't think this country has any just cause to fight Germany. President Wilson has got into a ticklish position and without cause. There is no international code agreed on as to submarine warfare. Germany is at war on English ships and soldiers. It is a fight to the finish. Americans have been warned out of the danger zone. If they ship under British flags or fight in British trenches, it is their personal risk, not the country's.

"In Europe we see women harnessed with dogs and goats to drag carts and plows. In Russia serfs are taxed to death. In France the peasantry is crushed with old war debts. Everywhere the plain people are staggering under the burden of militarism, its debts and corollaries.

"We have studied Europe's military system intimately for twenty years. Europe is divided into armed camps which talk war, wear war, prepare for war. There was no way of avoiding the present conflict. The militarist ideals had crowded mankind so that was inevitable.

"In Europe the spirit of Christ has been crushed by militarism. The Lutheran church is dying. The Church of England is helpless in the hands of the state.

"A great national armament is undemocratic, un-American, out of date. America stands for a new era, one of peace and brotherly love, one without race hatred. Militarism and Christianity can not exist side by side in any country. One must die. We can not arm for peace. An armed peace is a physical impossibility."

The Clerk Guaranteed It. "A customer came into my store the other day and said to one of my clerks, 'have you anything that will cure diarrhea?' and my clerk went and got him a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and said to him, 'if this does not cure you, I will not charge you a cent for it.' So he took it home and he was back in a day or two and said he was cured," writes J. H. Perry & Co., Salt Creek, Va.

Off Agin On Agin
STRICKLAND W. GILLILAN
The Direction of Favors
If you will note the errands of the men
(And, by the way, of wily women, too)
Who send you messages by word or pen.

And wish to have a bit of speech with you,
You'll see that, in nine cases out of eight,
The thing they wish to speak to you concerning,
Is some fool thing for which YOU well might wait,
But for which THEIR poor souls have long been yearning.

Nine-tenths and more of all the mail you get
Is asking you for something; and the rest
Is of the self-same import, you can bet—
In which the other's bank-book will be blest.
While every note that starts with words of honey
Regarding what a crackerjack you are;
Will finish with a mild request for money,
And give your flattered soul an awful jar.

Information
"How long do you wear a pair of shoes, as a rule?"
>About ten and a half if they're on the E. last."

Parallel Case?
Some smartly asks us if the Allies' throwing grape in Smyrna isn't a fair equivalent to "carrying coals to New Castle."

A Comparison
My friends and I are like my hair—
This statement none may doubt.
We're not so thick as once we were;
Since we have fallen out.

Might Be
Another curious person that may be merely kidding us—we cannot think him sincere!—asks if a man herding cattle can be said to be driving steaks.

That Manuscript Speaker
We watched him when the hum
toastmaster said,
"we have with us to-night—"
you know the rest.
We saw him rise and bow his empty head
And reach his left hook to his right-hand breast.

We knew the tragedy we must endure—
That glad was going to read a worthy one in the air.
An optimist near by said: "Fine! He's sure
To know, as some folks don't, when he is done!"

That's Different
Miss Passay—Do you require a deposit at the time of the sitting?
Photographer—Usually, but not from you!
"O how kind! But—O I forgot to say, I don't want the pictures retouched in the least."
"Ah! Well, in that case, Miss Passay, I'll have to trouble you for full pay in advance."

Mighty Mean! Mighty Mean!
Dear Offagin—The other day I heard one young lady say to another,
"I can't bear to think of my thirtieth birthday."
And the other smiled sweetly and inquired: "Why—what happened that day?"
Do you think those girls were good friends, really?—A. S. P., Ashtabula, Ohio.

Zeppelins
Zeppelins are something you can't speak or spell on a typewriter unless you are sober.
They are just like some people—they are all puffed up, full of hot air, and are usually up in the air.
But unlike these same people, the Zeppelins are guidable.
When you find a person who thus partially resembles a Zeppelin, people are always telling him where to go, but they merely say it profanely and don't really mean it.

Any Londoner who hasn't stiff neck can look up and see a Zeppelin anytime, whether it is there or not.
London oculists are treating cases of Zeppelocitic every day.
It is very prevalent in that foggy burg.

Recently we met an intoxicated man who wasted half an hour of our precious time telling us he was "a Zeppelin—full but not d'rihible."

The Young Lady Across The Way
The young lady across the way says it may be bad taste to use lax, but she doesn't suppose it's really anonymous.

HEALTH TALKS
WILLIAM BRADY, MD
The Mineral Oil Craze

EVERY laxative has its day. At present purified petroleum oil enjoys the vogue which castor oil never attained in its palmiest days. There must be forty different brands of petroleum oil marketed to meet this big demand for a laxative. In the matter of flavor it may be that some brands are pleasanter to take than others, but so far as the effect goes one is as good or bad as another.

So-called "Russian" oil is in no sense superior to out-and-out American refined petroleum—but you know how it is, anything imported seems higher class than plain home-made goods, to some people. The virtues of mineral oil as a laxative which make it preferable in some cases to other laxatives are, first, that it increases the peristaltic or wave movement of the bowel without being absorbed and producing other effects simultaneously, as many laxative remedies do; second, it is apparently not habit-forming, as some laxatives, not all, undoubtedly are; and third, it is supposed to absorb a certain proportion of the toxic substances in the bowel which make the constipated person feel so wretched. This latter virtue, however, must be largely theoretical, for the maximum quantity of toxic material mineral oil could possibly absorb in the doses usually employed would be something less than a drop in the bucket.

Anybody who feels impelled to "try" purified mineral oil, liquid paraffin, liquid petrolatum, alboline, Russian oil, or any of the laxo this or that trademarked brands on the market, would do well to take it an hour away from mealtime, and rather two or three small doses daily than one full dose.

Dr. Brady will answer all questions pertaining to Health. If your question is of general interest it will be answered through these columns; if not it will be answered personally if stamped, addressed envelope is enclosed. Dr. Brady will not practice for individual cases or make diagnoses. Address all letters to Dr. William Brady, care of this newspaper.

Vest Pocket Essays
by GEORGE FITCH

LILLE, which has just celebrated the first anniversary of its German career, with the reverse pedal on, is a city of 200,000 people located 150 miles northeast of Paris. It is a fortified city of the first rank and was undefended last year by twenty forts. The guns in these forts speak German as readily as they do French, which is a source of great grief to the people of Lille who have been busy paying for them for fifty years.

Lille is the most important city in northern France. In times of peace it makes linen, thread, handles flax, weaves cloth, makes guns, locomotives and railroad supplies and entertains tourists. For the last year, however, it has been largely engaged in taking in boarders. Lille probably does the largest boarding house business on earth just now. The boarders are all German and do not pay anything at present, but their credit is simply magnificent.

Lille is a very young French town, having been founded less than 900 years ago. It has some magnificent public buildings and is a very handsome town, but its main street since the visitors came has looked like the main street of Pompeii. However, Lille is used to being stepped on by Mars. It had scarcely gotten a good start when it was destroyed in 1313. It was rebuilt by Joanna of Castile, which was a good deal better than they are now.

Being captured is also no novelty to Lille. It was captured in 1297, in 1667 and in 1708. The English, Dutch and Spanish have all taken Lille. This fact enables the oldest inhabitants to make great nuisances of themselves, comparing the present occupation with the hard times when they were boys.

The Austrians also tackled Lille in 1792, but could not take it. Because of this fact a great triumphal arch was erected. It is closed just now, however, for lack of business.

Lille is full of factories and railroads, but it does not allow itself to sprawl frowlsly over the landscape for all of this. American mayors of busy cities which average an acre of beauty per square mile of profits should be compelled to visit Lille in times of peace armed with a notebook weighing at least four pounds.

Views Of The Press
The Case Of Poland
ONCE the Kingdom of Poland was the big bully of Europe. The weight of its warlike hand fell across the sea and straits into Asiatic countries, too, now and then, and the Turks were once driven from a new foothold in Europe by Polish borders. These were the proud days when Poland was strong and the other nations of Europe petty kingdoms. Poland was called upon by Venice once to save her from the Mohammedan invasion, when most of the European countries had failed. The Polish troops went forth and the Turks were driven across the Hellespont. But Poland became too proud, and was made to bow her head in the dust of defeat. She had been strong and invincible, when she had made her lands cold but fertile. Russia laid claim to a portion and far-away Austria looked longingly in that direction. Poland was dismembered, in a measure, but still allowed a sort of local government over a portion of her lands. This lasted for years; then the strength of surrounding nations, played against the approaching weakness of Poland, told on the latter and she withdrew into herself at Cracow. It was the last left of once proud Poland. Cracow remained for a time an independent city and the remainder of the country was divided. Later Cracow was taken over by Hungary and Russia, as a nation, was wiped from the map of the world. Since that day she has been held in control by the governments of Vienna, Berlin and Petrograd. What becomes of Poland, now, matters little to the Polish people, save that their native land is the big battleground of the east. Her fields are torn, her cities sacked and burned and her industries ruined. But her government could hardly be worse than it has been for a century and will hardly be any better, no matter if the Germans and Austrians should take over the remaining portion now in the control of Russia. Poland has suffered much and more than almost any other European nation, but a thousand years before this the Poles were the bullies of Europe, the military bosses of tribes that were weak.

CARTOONS OF THE DAY

A DOUBLE HEADER



The PEOPLE'S LEGAL FRIEND
by E. R. BRANSON

Carrying Concealed Weapons
Please inform me whether the provision of the law forbidding the carrying of concealed weapons, or the carrying of deadly weapons, applies to a person who does so on his own premises.

Alimony Again
Where a woman is suing for a divorce, will alimony pending the suit be allowed?

A Special Partnership
Please tell me what is meant by a "special partnership."

The Money Clinched It
My cousin owns a farm which he rented out to a certain man and his family. There were several conditions in the lease, which was in writing, and this man has failed to observe them. My cousin, however, continues to receive the rent. Could he compel the tenant to leave, because of the latter's failure to observe the conditions of the lease?

More Than One Executor
May a man, in his will, appoint more than one person as executor? A. Yes.

May Not Alter Plans
An architect whom I employed to superintend the erection of a building made numerous changes in the plans and as a consequence there are claims against me for extra work. Did he have the right to do this?

Contract Made By An Agent
An agent of a corporation made a contract with me. It seems that, at the time, he did not have authority to make this particular kind of an agreement, but I rather think the company will stand back of it. Do you think the contract would be good, from the facts as I have given them to you?

Go Ahead; Sue The Bunch
A certain man came to me and made a contract with me. I did not know at the time that he was acting as the agent of another man, but it has subsequently come to light that this was the case. I supposed all the time that this agent was acting for himself alone. Since then, the contract has been broken and I want to know whether I can sue either one of these men, and, if so, which one? A. You may sue either one.

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Snapshots
By Jay E. House

A man may be said to be making progress as soon as he discovers that the soap box at the corner grocery is a mighty poor seat.

When a lecture is free you are expected to buy a book or a shaving-strop from the man who delivered it.

When a millionaire dies it generally develops that he was worth about \$100,000, and that he had been paying taxes on a valuation of \$20,000.

A good camel will travel 100 miles in a day. An ordinary camel travels only 75 miles in a day. In buying camels make it a point to select only those having both speed and endurance.

Life has many inequalities. The piccolo player, who never has an idle moment, gets the same pay as the bass drummer, who loafs two-thirds of the time.

Jasper Ellington spreads such a fine line of salt that a good many are advising him to put it up in boxes and place it on the market.

If a man doesn't have to get down to work early he would just as soon do it.

Eph Wiley says he has noticed that the man with a long coat is the one most likely to accentuate it by wearing whiskers.