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THE EGG-BOILERS—THEY ARE THE AMBITIOUS WORKING GIRLS.

What girls and women who work and live alone in large cities want is a place to boil their own eggs. At least, that's what Miss Esther Packard, Californian, assistant secretary of the Consumers' league and investigator for the New York Y. W. C. A., says.

A whirlwind campaign for money brought in a large amount with the understanding that much of it be used to improve the living conditions of working girls who were alone in the city.

Miss Mary Dean Adams spent eight months living in various organized homes and boarding houses, visiting girls who lived in them, and talking with other girls who lived in such places.

"If there's one place more dismal than a 'home' it's a 'furnished room,' and the one place worse than a 'furnished room' is a 'home,'" agreed the investigators.

Many of the supposedly philanthropic "homes" have rules which are a burden. They close at 10:30, and if a girl goes to a theater or concert, or even a public lecture at a distance, she is locked out and has to spend the night in any place she can find open.

Some few of the "homes" were pleasant, of course, and some of the landladies of the furnished rooms were kind. These were the exceptions.

The recommendation made is for "socialized apartment houses." That is, buildings with tiny flats, one room, two or three, but each with its own kitchenette, so the tenant can boil her own eggs in comfort.

There are to be cafeterias and comfortable parlors for entertaining friends. The girl or woman can have her own home, make it homelike, and be responsible for her own conduct.

JOHN BARLEYCORN, DISRUPTER OF FORTY PER CENT OF HOMES.

Sometimes it is woman suffrage, in the orations of the timorous, which is surely going to disrupt the home. Sometimes it is socialism. Sometimes it is the economic independence of woman.

It used to be the higher education of women. If a woman knew a little Greek, it was going to unfit her for motherhood.

So many things were going to disrupt the home—pauit dishwashers and baby buggies among them—but somehow, the home as an institution continues to flourish, and ideals continue to come out of it as before.

Such homes, however, do manage to get disrupted. And the court of domestic relations of Brooklyn, N. Y., has tabulated the causes which it was able to trace in 1915.

John Barleycorn was an easy first, with 40 per cent of the total number of broken homes. The "other woman" did 10 per cent of the disrupting, the "other man" two per cent, the mother-in-law two per cent. The rest were scattering.

Figures have a way of upsetting prejudices. In this case it would seem that the most dangerous "other man" and "friend of the family" to have around the house is John Barleycorn. His frequent visits should be discouraged.

CANDY MEDICINES—THEY ARE ABSOLUTELY UNETHICAL.

Dr. Bernard Fantus of the University of Illinois College of Medicine, is engaged in an enterprise which to a layman looks extremely "unethical."

Other libraries in cities of mixed population are said to have the same experience. We're a neutral, judicious people, of course, always keeping our passions well in hand.

FIELD OF HUMAN LEARNING AND MONKEY TALK.

Prof. Richard L. Garner is about to sail once more for the French Congo, to pursue his studies of the life and language of the "bandar-log," the monkey-people.

LET RELATIVES OF VICTIMS SIT AS THE LUSITANIA JURY.

The nation is still glowing with indignation for the Lusitania outrage. There are still public voices demanding war, or steps leading to war, unless Germany without further delay grants full apology, reparation and pledges for the future.

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A woman who lost her daughter says she has seen too much of the war to want her fellow-countrymen involved in it.

Nearly all the replies are in this vein. These Americans who, from the personal and human point of view, constitute a natural jury to sit in judgment on the case, want their country to take a firm and dignified stand for law and humanity, and hold it without budging; but they do not want to plunge the nation into the bloody struggle because of the Lusitania offense, or because of all Germany's offenses together.

They are not absolutely opposed to war. They are willing to fight and to die, they say, if the nation is forced into a position that demands it for the sake of life and honor; but they do not want to fight and die for the Lusitania. They have not lost faith in the peaceful methods of maintaining a just cause. And they do not want to add horror to horror needlessly. In this view they speak as typical Americans.

GASOLINE ACCIDENTS AND THE THING CALLED "PETROMORTIS."

A new word, "petromortis," has come into use lately. It is a queer word, derived according to no recognized rule from the "petrol"—the European term for gasoline—and the Latin word "mors," meaning death. But its meaning is simple and plain enough. It means asphyxiation by fumes from a gasoline engine.

Several cases have come into public notice recently. Automobiles have lost their lives by letting their engines run, in closed garages, until the air was vitiated. The burnt air-and-gasoline fumes may not be actively poisonous, but they cause death when breathed for any length of time, just as do the fumes from a gas or charcoal stove in a tightly closed room.

Most gasoline accidents are of a different sort, caused by explosions. Gasoline as a liquid will not explode. Even gasoline vapor by itself is non-explosive. It becomes dangerous when combined with air. The principle of the gasoline engine is the utilization of this explosive power of mixed air and gasoline vapor.

Some government bureau of mines expert reports that 1,040 persons were burned to death and 3,120 were injured from gasoline fires in the year 1915. The casualties from this cause are doubtless far greater now.

UNITED STATES POPULATION NOW NEARING 102,000,000 MARK.

We have hardly got used to speaking of our national population as 100,000,000. It is less than a year since the census bureau assured us that those rotund figures were justified, and most of us still use them with a sort of mental reservation.

For three years and more there has been wide divergence of view whether the United States should intervene in Mexico. Pres't Taft adopted the easy course of doing nothing, transferring the problem that arose through the revolution of that storm-stricken country to his successor.

It is announced in the news columns of the daily papers, however, that there is a form of intervention that has been determined upon by private citizens which will meet the approval of all Americans, whether they be disciples of the doctrine preached by Wilson, exemplified by Byran and made patent by Villa and his bandits, or the doctrine preached by Roosevelt.

LIBRARY BELLIGERENTS COMMON SINCE EUROPEAN WAR.

Nearly every day somebody is ejected from the New York public library for quarrelling about the war. In Chicago the belligerency takes a different form. Ever since the war began the librarians have been annoyed by the mutilation of newspapers, magazines, and books dealing with war topics.

Occasionally some reader, driven to a paroxysm of rage by a war article, will rip a magazine in two or tear out a handful of pages. The foreign newspapers appear to arouse the most wrath. In the early parts of the war it was a common thing to find English dailies torn into strips.

Most of the acts of vandalism consist in slashing or pencil-marking offending articles, or in scribbling the reader's personal opinions on the margin. In many cases the comments written are indecent.

Other libraries in cities of mixed population are said to have the same experience. We're a neutral, judicious people, of course, always keeping our passions well in hand. We're especially calm and collected when we go to libraries in quiet quest of printed facts. But of course, when those facts don't suit us—that's different.

STAYING IN COLLEGE.

One of the chief causes for dropping out of college is the fact that so many young men and women who entered college are not properly prepared to do college work.

WILLIAM H. FAUNCE, head of Brown university, in an interesting discussion of the problem of "staying in college," suggests that the big trouble with the average young person is not "how to get into college," but rather, "how to stay in after he has entered."

Some 25 per cent of those who enter college each year drop out before graduation. In some large, loosely knit institutions, more than 50 per cent of those entering leave without graduating.

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THE MELTING POT

FILLED BY THE EDITORIAL STAFF

NEVER TOUCHED US. Being the wife of a humorous writer fails to make life the least bit brighter.

For he sits at the table and forgets to eat. And salts his coffee and sweetens his meat.

The kid's got the colic, I say to this gink. And his only answer is, "Yes, I don't think."

"Get up some coal if you have the time." But his lone reply is a humorous rhyme.

I talk of the neighbors, but I get no rise. He's trying to get a rhyme to the word advertise.

He rolls and tosses and talks in his sleep. But the names he murmurs are far too deep.

I lay there and guess, but know I'm wrong. The Mauds he mentions are all in the song.

He used to be happy and cheerful and free. Before he got stung by this humorous be.

R. F. D. Was Darwin Right? "Sixty-two Rotarians stood on their hind legs and applauded to the echo the declaration of —" says the evening Fence-Rider.

Is it customary for Rotarians to perambulate around on all fours?" E. K. T. A Terre Coupee correspondent contributes to the daily news of the world by telling about a buggy horse running away. We always thought that horses were troubled with heaves and distemper.

SOME ALIBI. J. Frank Hanly has been given No. 13 on the primary ballot. That

ought to make a good alibi, win, lose or draw. Blondes are fickle; they're not wise. Though they're pretty and have blue eyes.

We'd much prefer one coy brunette To all the blondes that we've seen yet. Nice, black hair and big brown eyes To us are the things that hypnotize. Along with these have complexion dark.

And Cupid's arrow will find its mark. Now understand when we say this We're speaking of no particular miss; It's only in general that this we assert. For we are not chasing any one certain saint. N. B. W.

A HEAVENLY TRAGEDY. "So long Veen," said Jupiter. "So long Jupe," said Venus. "There are things we can't deter. The world must come between us." E. J. M.

Speaking of famous triples what about Keller to Clem and Ruppel to Montgomery. "Largest Fighter" does not necessarily mean Jess Willard.

We wonder what the Russians intend to do with all the Turkeys they captured since Thanksgiving is so far away. We see by the papers where "a bad fire takes one life."

"Robbers pick pocket of vandeville actor," says paper. No reason given. Wilson's cabinet seems to be troubling about everybody in the United States, but every body.

"Yes indeed."

With Other Editors Than Ours

are unavoidable, good reasons. Financial disaster, ill health and pressure of home obligations sometimes intervene to bring the student's college work to an untimely end.

Sometimes pernicious friendships formed in early days of college nullify and destroy individual ambition. Sometimes it is difficult for the student to get through because he is left alone to sink or swim, neglected by the institution that ought to be his next friend.

By far the most important reason for student quitters in college is the lack of preparedness. The boy goes to college full of life and hope. But perhaps he has not acquired or cultivated staying power, no disciplined capacity for attention, no ability to concentrate on his tasks.

One of the characteristics of Young America is heedlessness, lack of attention, failure to concentrate. The schools in the grades and in high school, can not lay too much emphasis on teaching the young how to learn. Fortunate is the child who consciously concentrates and uses his mind attentively and sustainedly in early life.

That child is building unconsciously but surely for a worthy future of effectiveness. Idleness, sloth, the boy or girl who wanders through school and into college without knowing what it means to buckle down to a task and center attention and thought on the matter immediately at hand for solution. The most brilliant mind, lacking concentration and attention, the disciplined staying power that surmounts difficulties, will be little credit to his alma mater or to himself. Therefore, a special responsibility is put on educators to give to the individual student the counsel and direction that will lead to concentration, to attentive effort and disciplined sticking powers.

RIVER AND HARBOR BILLS. (Hartford, Conn., Post.) Give a dog a bad name and he becomes a bad dog. The same is true of a legislative policy. Give it a bad name and it becomes a bad policy. This appears particularly to the river and harbor legislation. This legislation is generally discredited before the country. The cartoonists usually illustrate it by drawing a picture of a pig with both feet in the trough labeled United States treasury. The result is that river and harbor legislation is about on a plane with burglary in the popular mind.

And yet the river and harbor legislation always contains a very large number of meritorious projects. It is true that the bill is always loaded with certain items which never ought to be in it for the dredging of creeks which would not accommodate a fleet of rowboats and for work on sea-inland waters that have no connection with navigable waters. And many times these items which find their way into the bill merely because legislators are keen to have public money spent in their districts, are left in because the members who have meritorious projects need the votes of the members who simply have projects. The basic trouble is that the same log rolling system exists with reference to river and harbor legislation as has always existed with reference to the tariff—items have been voted for not on their merits, but because by voting for a fellow member's projects a member is assured of his fellow's vote and so it goes on in an endless chain.

River and harbor legislation is not intrinsically evil or bad, but bad and vicious practices have been resorted to in its name, and as is always the

The Public Pulse

Communications for this column may be signed anonymously but must be accompanied by the name of the writer to insure good faith. No responsibility for facts or sentiments expressed will be assumed. Honest discussion of public questions is invited, but with the right reserved to eliminate vicious and objectionable matter. The column is free. But, be reasonable.

IS DIFFERENT WOLTMAN.

Editor News-Times: I ask if you would be so kind as to announce to the public that Mr. Casmier Woltman, at present running for some office in the present political campaign is not a relative to Mr. R. Woltman, coal dealer located at 830 S. Chapin st., residence at 827 Prairie blvd.?

It might also be of interest to you that Mr. R. Woltman is of German birth, while Mr. Casmier Woltman is of Polish.

Mr. R. Woltman has no relatives residing in the United States with exception of wife and two sons, namely Theodore C. Woltman who is a member of the Woltman coal yards and Emil H. Woltman, office manager of the local branch of the Burroughs Adding Machine company.

Should you desire further information in regard to the above matter, kindly call on Mr. E. H. Woltman who may be found at 328 J. M. S. Bldg.

Thanking you in advance for your kindness, I am, Yours truly, R. WOLTMANN.

PRaises PROSECUTOR'S ACT.

Editor News-Times: The apparent endeavor of democratic politicians to put something over the heads and eyes of the rank and file voters to me seems most deplorable, and I believe, is one of the basic reasons why democracy has received such severe blows in other parts of the state in its use of unfair methods in gaining votes.

Had it not been that friends of Mr. Metzger rallied to his support and threatened to bring the election board to time by recourse to the courts of law, it is probable that the primary would have been held without anybody finding out about it until later. Then would come the real rumpus.

Mr. Montgomery's action in requesting the election commissioners to accede to Mr. Metzger's demands is praiseworthy. That sort of spirit bespeaks well for a party, while the opposite is true when those in control seek to play ring-around-the-rosie with the voters. Lack of harmony often makes party splits which all the honey coated, sugar encased promises, and sweet words given in promises and pledges, cannot seal up.

Play fair, fight clean, and in the open should be the slogan. MISHAWAKA DEMOCRAT. Mishawaka, Feb. 18, 1916.

IDLENESS KILLS.

(Cincinnati Post.) Fate is a discriminating highwayman, who plays favorites. It is fate's way to rob most of us of our faculties, our talents and our efficiency as we enter the darker road which we call age. But some few of us he exempts from the toll.

Sarah Bernhardt, for instance, to her was given a great gift, of which she has been permitted to retain possession. Even after the ordeal of an operation, which deprived her of a limb, she returned to her profession.

None of us would marvel if the dauntless Sarah would, after all, defy death, which hovers at her bedside, and return to the stage for another engagement.

Perhaps the reason that the highwayman we call fate finds most of us such easy prey is that we don't fight back.

We surrender too readily. In youth we yearn for the time when we can retire from work. We must learn the lesson that it is idleness, not work, that kills.

HIS NUMBER.

Teacher — I'm surprised at you, Sammy Wicks, that you cannot tell me when Christopher Columbus discovered America? What does the chapter heading of the week's lesson read?"

Sammy—"Columbus—1492."

Teacher — Well, isn't that plain enough? Did you never see it before?"

Sammy—"Yes'm, yes'm; but I always thought it was his telephone number.—Harper's Magazine."

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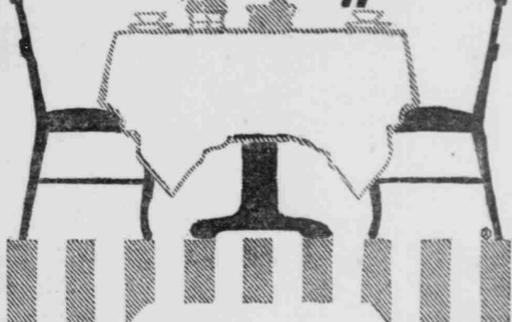
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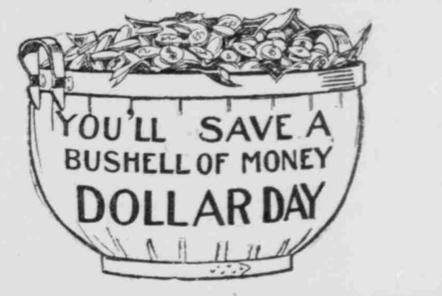
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