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SUNSHINE IN "DULL MONTHS"

EVEN in normal world conditions, July and August are known as "the dull months" in a good many branches of business in America and it is perfectly natural that these months should be somewhat "duller" than usual this year. Those concerned might as well prepare for it, if they haven't already done so.

People who travel back and forth over the country testify that in the manufacturing districts of the East and Middle West there has been decided recuperation and that the harvesting of the enormous new crops of cereals throughout the Middle West is bound to give conditions a boost.

Cotton interests, particularly, are in much better shape than at this time last year and there is no question as to good prices for pretty nearly everything grown.

They say that if the weakest spot is now in Pacific Coast conditions, it is due to the fact that this region feels hard times last and naturally is behind in recuperation.

The more eastern regions are dependent largely upon the iron and steel manufacturers and the South upon cotton. Both of these got a sudden and serious blow, a year ago, as the Pacific Coast did not.

But, finally, this latter part of the country felt the effects of the general depression.

Panics come suddenly, while recuperation comes by degrees, so that it is doubtful whether the coast region would immediately respond to even the highest degree of improvement in the Eastern business world.

Certainly it is that the producers are going to have plenty to sell at unusually high prices, and

that the financial situation of the nation is the best of all nations.

The banks have plenty of money and new enterprises are largely a matter of a little time and growth of confidence.

It is no time for the fellow who can hold on to "sell out cheap" his investment in real estate, railroad or other commercial securities. We're already quite a way above the bottom of the worst that the war can do to us.

If we put our luxuries on the shelf, for a time, and get beneath and boost upward every bit of improvement that comes along, we'll soon be back in high clover, all right.

WORLD'S GREATEST WATERFALL

EDITOR THE STAR: Which is the greatest waterfall in the world? I always thought Niagara was, but I've been told there's one still bigger.

Niagara is so wonderful a cataract that many people naturally think it is the greatest waterfall in the world, but as a matter of fact Victoria falls in the Zambesi river in Africa is the greatest of all waterfalls. The Victoria has a descent of 400 feet, and Niagara's drop is only 165 feet at the falls proper, tho within a distance of five miles from rapids to the gorge into which the cataract falls, the Niagara river drops 300 feet.

Victoria falls was discovered by Dr. Livingston in 1855; traditions of Niagara may be traced back to 1613, when Champlain explored the Lake Erie region. Of this majestic and ageless cataract Abraham Lincoln once wrote:

"When Columbus first sought this continent—when Christ suffered on the Cross—when Moses led Israel thru the Red sea—nay, even when Adam first came from the hand of his Maker—then, as now, Niagara was roaring here."

HERE'S A REAL IDEA, FOLKS!

HERE is a booster suggestion which The Star thinks is one well worth adopting. A. Tope, of the Enterprise Furniture Co., in the university district, brought it to The Star office today.

"We are always talking about Alaska and Seattle—how much they mean to each other," he said. "There's a lot of literature about it, but we should have something which would slap Easterners in the face with the significance of the fact that Seattle is the gateway to Alaska."

"I suggest a metal arch, to span Fourth ave., just in front of the union depots, the arch to have on it illuminated letters, spelling, 'Seattle, the Gateway to Alaska.' Have the letters easily read in the daytime, as well as night."

"The man from Missouri, and his brothers from Arkansas and New York, couldn't help seeing it when they arrive in Seattle. The significance of what that slogan really means would have a strong psychological effect on them. It would set them to thinking."

"The arch wouldn't cost much. The money could be raised by popular subscription. I'll give \$10. The railroads probably would give a generous donation. The city would furnish the light. And there you are!"

Well, as Mr. Tope says, there you are, Seattle people. Go to it!

SIXTEEN WITNESSES in one day swear that Thaw has no "delusions." He had one when he married that ought to be enough for one lifetime.

IN THE Spanish-American war, 27 per cent of the wounded died, in the Russo-Jap, 3 per cent, and in the present war less than 3 per cent. Does war raise the efficiency of doctors?

MRS. HORACE DE CAMP, widow of a Titanic victim, swears that the crew of the lifeboat she occupied didn't know how to row. Yet the Pacific Mail Steamship Co. and Robert Dollar threaten to quit because it can't have crews of cheap Chinese and Lascars, under the new law.

EL CENTRO, CAL., boomers got together to cuss and deny newspaper reports of earthquakes, when the earth went to quaking again. Occasionally, the Lord is on the reporter's side.

THE ARMENIAN, 'tis reported, carried 10 Americans to look after her cargo of 1,422 mules, about 13 1/2 mules to the man. Either most fiery or most precious mules.

FRANK OLIN, wealthy N. Y. importer, is sued for divorce because he spanked his wife in the presence of the hired girl. There's a place for everything.

IT WOULD seem that if Evelyn Thaw really believes Harry to be insane, her cue would be to keep as quiet as a mouse about now.

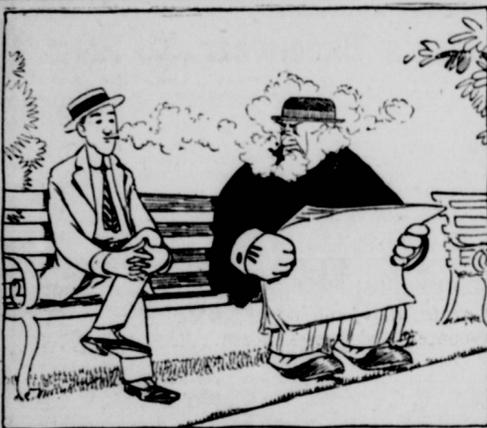
MAYBE INTERVENTION by Huerta would cause Carranza to confer with Villa.

GERMANY HAS driven one lesson into Russia, anyhow. Russia's private industries have now been put at command of a commission charged with producing enough powder and guns.

AMERICAN \$5 GOLD PIECE is worth \$5.05 in Canada. Even our money is going into the jitney business.

"THEY WANT to vote and yet are afraid of mice," is the anti-suffrage argument of an Easterner who, being a man, is afraid of women who are afraid of mice.

Outbursts of Everett True



A Married Man's Troubles



By Allman



Stella and Gertie



By Bert



A LITTLE BIT OF MOST ANYTHING

Judge (to actor found guilty of murder)—And is there any announcement you would like to make before I pass the sentence of death?
Actor—Yes, your honor, I would like to announce that this will positively be my last appearance!
At the Ribbon Counter (Characters—bashful youth, pretty girl, cool floor walker. Time 4 p. m.—Scene, department store.)
Youth—I w-w-wish to get a-a-a-ribbon for a r-r-red baby!
P. Girl—Oh!
Youth—I mean some baby for a ribboned r-r-red one!
P. Girl—Beg pardon, sir!
Youth—That is, you know, I mean some ribboned red baby for some one's red baby's ribbon—some one's red baby's ribbon—and lightning—where's the door!
P. Girl—Really, he is dippy!
Floor Walker—This way out, sir!
"Sure, then, you are related to Barney O'Brien?"
"Very distantly; Barney was me mother's first child—I was the sixteenth!"



WHY BOSS, WHEN HE ALTERS CASES!

"You know that Wright case that you've been engaged in for the last 12 years?"
"Yes," admitted the old lawyer. "Well, what about it?"
"I've settled it!" exclaimed the boy.
"Settled it?" shouted his father. "You great lumbering fool! Why, I gave you that case as an annuity!"
"I would like 25 good cigars for my husband."
"Do you want them strong, Madam?"
"Yes, very strong. The last ones broke in his vest pocket."
Here's a Scramble! (In Pittsburgh a citizen has petitioned to have his name changed. His name is Egg.)
He's sort of egg-cited about it. He calls his six kids the "half dozen." His name is undoubtedly eggasperating. He has been beaten, no doubt and whipped often. Now and then, we venture, he manages to scramble home!

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HINTS TO HOUSEWIVES

"PEPPER THE PORK WELL" GET OUT OF HERE!
KNUT SHELLS WHY ARE GENERAL KITCHENS'S HANDKERCHIEFS AND NOSE BITTER ENEMIES? BECAUSE THEY ARE ALWAYS COMING TO BLOWS!
CUTHBERT DROPPED IN FOR LUNCH! YOU MIGHT HAVE PLACED A PAD ON THE FLOOR!
ANSWER! PEGGY—YES, PEG, THE GIRLS WHO DANCE THE NEW DANCES MUST BE RIGHT BECAUSE THOSE WHO DON'T ARE ALWAYS LEFT.
B.B. THE BIBLE ANSWERS YOUR QUERY. LOTT'S WIFE WAS TURNED INTO A PILLAR OF SALT BECAUSE SHE LOOKED BACK. IN OTHER WORDS SHE WAS TOO FRESH!

KELLOGG STRICKEN
FAIRBANKS, Alaska, July 9.—Troubled with gallstones, W. R. Kellogg, of Battle Creek, Mich., manufacturer of a famous cereal, was stricken here yesterday while sight-seeing, and is today returning to Seattle.

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