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### Home Brew

A WORD FROM JOSH WISE

Some men are like the legislature—full of good resolutions that never go into effect.

Editor Home Brew: I read in The Star that a little girl in Illinois has talked constantly for a week. That's nothing. My wife has been doing it for 15 years.

Boston police have asked that \$250,000 more money be spent in lighting parks so that flitting will stop. The theory being, of course, that if a man gets a good look at a Boston woman's face he may not be so ready to flirt with her.

Jess Willard wants half the gate receipts to fight Jack Dempsey again. We don't blame him. We'd hate to get a second beating unless we were paid for it.

**ANSWERED**  
Do kings and emperors prefer bright, sunny days to all others?—J. D. T.  
No, indeed. They enjoy the reigny days most of all.

My wife wishes me to plant blue grass in our yard next spring. I tell her we should plant green grass. Whoever heard of a yard that was not green?—T. A. D.

Not all yards are green. Didn't you ever hear of a tan yard?

Has Thomas A. Edison ever written any humorous articles for the magazines?—F. D. R.

Yea, Mr. Edison has written a number of articles on light questions.

Now that we have prohibition, what is a good thing to whet the appetite?—J. H. L.  
You might try a hone.

Why does my vest wear out so quickly in the back?—H. H.  
It may be that your shoulder blades are so sharp they cut the cloth.

**UNANSWERED**  
Please tell me when will be the best time to harvest my chickens' crops?—P. A.  
Is it true that sailors are especially fond of navy beans?—R. S. T.  
Don't you think the bill posters would make good ball players? My, how they would waste the ball!—J. M. M.  
Kindly explain to me how I can sharpen an ice sickle.—A. L.  
Which is the easier to board, a man with dyspepsia or a Greenwood car?—E. P. G.

**HOUSEHOLD HINTS**  
Never throw away an old roll-top desk. Any man who has a few tools and a few pieces of wood can make a kitchen cabinet out of it.  
Nutmeg can be grated more easily when hot than when cold. Keep it in the oven half an hour before grating.  
A safety razor can be used to remove old wallpaper. Lather the paper well with shaving cream or soap.  
Window shades will not crack if given a coat of oil in the spring and fall.  
A turkey or chicken should be stuffed with wet beans before it is placed in the oven to be roasted. The beans will swell, and stretch the fowl, making it look more attractive.

**IT MUST BE A ROUGH GAME**  
Mrs. Cora Corbett will entertain the Flinch club next Thursday evening in her home on W. 23rd st. Burial in Rose Hill cemetery—Martin's Ferry, O., Times.

A Berlin cable says the study of only one foreign language in intermediate schools of Germany is proposed by the department of education. We don't care which foreign language the Germans learn to speak, but they're going to learn to count in both French and English.

**THE GOOD SAINT VALENTINE**  
BY DR. WILLIAM E. BARTON

When you are in Rome, and journey out on the Via Flaminia, you will find the cemetery of Saint Valentine, and you will be told that the saint whose body and name are there enshrined was an honored bishop, who was faithful to his trust amid the Claudian persecutions. You will be given a date for his martyrdom, and the year is 279 A. D., and the month and day are February 14. You will hear wondrous tales about this good old man. You will hear that he was cast into prison, and was unterrified; what is more, he was not embittered. He healed the jailer's daughter of blindness, and this kind act, instead of softening the hearts of his persecutors, made them the more hateful. So they beat him and beheaded him, and supposed that that was the end

of the old bishop and of his religion. They were mistaken. Valentine became a popular character.

But there were other noted men named Valentine, and one of them, a priest, met death on the same day and month, tho' in a different year.

Charles Lamb thus speaks of him, the patron saint of lovers:

"Thou comest attended by thousands and of little Love; And the air is brushed with the kiss of rustling wings. Singing Cupids are thy choristers and instead of crozier the mystical arrow is borne before thee."

So much for the good saint or saints whose name is given us as belonging to the day. For centuries the day has been celebrated with the giving of love-tokens. Any day is good for that purpose, and none too often for a day that honors such a custom.

No matter if you have been married a thousand years, or a period that seems as long, you should frequently say, "I love you." Say it in plain, unadorned words. Say it in a hundred daily acts. And say it occasionally in a valentine.

## An Open Letter to Senator Walter S. Davis, of Tacoma

TO Senator Walter S. Davis, of Tacoma. Dear Walter: We didn't think it of you, Senator No. sir!

We're so surprised to learn that you propose to establish a state board with the powers of a czar to tell the movies what they may or may not see on the screen.

Now, Senator, you know better. We know you are better founded in the principles of democracy than to believe in such a narrow-between-the-eyes doctrine as censorship. That's what surprises us so.

First, Senator, you know there isn't anything democratic, free, liberal or American about a censorship policy. You know that.

Second, Senator, God hasn't made the man or woman or set of men and women with enough brains and intelligence to judge what all the people really ought to see and what they ought not gaze upon. Sufficient intelligence doesn't exist in any board that could possibly be appointed.

Third, Senator, the people of these United States resent this censorship business. You will recall the newspapers had to put up with only a voluntary censorship during the war. They did that simply because it was the way to beat the Huns.

Fourth, Senator, there's too much danger in a censorship of the theatre and screen. It would be impossible to handle it fairly. Not the wisest preachers, priests, politicians or purists could put it over. It would be a blow at our American freedom.

Fifth, Senator, it isn't necessary. There is no call for a censorship. The films, as a rule, are not so good. But they are not so bad, either. They average up fairly well with our other institutions. The movies are undergoing a big change. They'll be better by and by. And there are more effective ways of hastening that day than the one your bill proposes.

Sixth, Senator, you can't get away with it any more than you can with a blue law program. The people don't want either a censorship or a set of blue laws. Both insult their intelligence. After all, Senator, you and all the rest of us aren't so almighty high above the average run of humans in intelligence. And this country belongs to the folks and not particularly to you or us.

Senator, forget this blue law and censorship business. You have always been liberal in your views and you have fought shy of the machine. You have more intelligence than the most of your comrades in the state senate, but don't impose on their ignorance and prejudices by handing them this censorship bill and blue laws.

THE STAR.

## Back to Buffalo Bill Days

UNCLE SAM has another bison problem on his hands. Not long ago he was fretting because the buffalo was sliding out of existence. Now he's fussing with the same puzzle from another angle.

Too many buffalo babies. Bison herds heard about the anti-race suicide stuff somebody preached. Result: 500 bison calves a year, and birth rate climbing steadily upward.

"The dark day of the bison has passed," says Dr. E. W. Nelson, chief of the United States biological survey. But the dark day for your Uncle Samuel is just breaking. "As a matter of fact," continues Dr. Nelson, "with the present rate of increase, it may become a problem in a few years how we shall care for the buffalo on the national preserves."

Those prehistorians who feared the extinction of the bison may now sit back and let the taxpayers hustle out and buy more pasturage for the buffalo.

This is exactly what Dr. Nelson wants the government to do—buy a few thousand acres near Yellowstone park for the rapidly growing buffalo family.

Congressman Welling, of Utah, has introduced a bill in congress appropriating \$300,000 for the purchase of a bison-stocked island in Great Salt Lake. He says if Uncle Sam doesn't take this buffalo herd off the owner's hands they'll all be auctioned off to sportsmen, as many already have been, for shooting, at \$200 a head.

And this is what we may be coming to—back to the Buffalo Bill days when every boy again may dream of hunting the buffalo.

Protest against staging these buffalo hunts has been made to the United States department of agriculture, which, however, gives notice that it will take no steps to halt the shooting.

The buffalo is something of a white elephant. It may be that the thing to do is to preserve the buffalo as we preserve other prehistoric animals, stuffed, on pedestals, in museums. There they'll eat no hay.

## Parents, Talk to the Taxers!

ASSEMBLYMAN THEODORE ROOSEVELT urges increasing the New York income tax exemption for children from \$200 to \$500.

While New Yorkers only will benefit by this Rooseveltian legislation if Teddy, Junior, puts it thru, congress may be induced to take it up and extend it to the nation.

"An exemption of \$500 for each child is little enough," says T. R., Second, "with food and clothing costing what they do today."

Col. Roosevelt is a father, and knows the facts about the high cost of rearing children.

When the next congress is framing the new revenue bill, fathers and mothers should keep this exemption demand right up front.

In these piping days of bargains, "window shopping" tempts one right into the store.

Whereas now Ben Franklin is hailed as the patron saint of thrift, not long ago he was just an old tightwad.

Kansas proposes a law to pay wages to housewives. Will it provide for overtime when baby has the colic?

## In the Editor's Mail

**WHEN WIDOW IS MOTHER OF FOUR**  
Editor The Star: In regard to the policemen's widows, I will say they are being wonderfully cared for. But what of other widows whose husbands were not lucky enough to be policemen. It is true, the policemen held worthy positions. But can every man expect to hold that position? No; and just because he was a hard-working, noble citizen in there any reason why his widow should not receive her just rights?

Some women think it is foolish for a woman to raise a family, because her husband may die and leave her. Suppose we all felt that way! How would the world stand? I am thankful to say I have four healthy children, from 2 to 8 years old. My husband died a little over a year ago, and I have had no pension of \$37 a month to live on, either. If I did, why should I complain? I have, and am not at all, as you think, a thankless wife. But of that I have to pay part of my grocery bill, fuel, water and what clothes we get. I also am paying regularly on my home, trying to pay off the \$600 mortgage on it. I work when I can, but am not strong, and I like to stay home with my babies and care for them in the right way, I take in whatever work I can get to make an honest dollar. Of course, we do not suffer, but how far, does any one know, will \$35 a month go where there is a family of five?

This is to prove to the good people of America that there are more than policemen's and firemen's widows, and starving children of Europe, that need help.

I had kept quiet and said little. I paid my taxes last year, but was working then. I will soon have to pay taxes again, and nothing to pay them with. So, you see, we are placed on the same scale with the people that have plenty. The taxes and such are to be paid by the poor as well as the rich. We treat our country fairly, but are we treated fairly in return?

A MOTHER OF FOUR.  
Edmonds.

**LIFE FOR TOTTERS OF GUNS WITHOUT PERMITS**  
Editor The Star: The case of the four Seattle policemen recently murdered, their families and the deficiencies in the Seattle police force, are certainly terrible circumstances, but as serious as they are, they are by far not the most serious aspect of the incident. The condition which permits (yes, invited) just such things, not four human lives, but thousands, perhaps, the country over, is not once touched upon or considered by your paper, nor any others, as far as I am informed.

But all sections of society are repeated, probably many times, present conditions will have to be changed. If we do not change them, we cannot reasonably expect to put a stop to this sort of thing.

Prosecutions and executions are not new. They are the old order; they are results, not causes, direct & contributory.

One great reason why we have so many killings by automobiles and firearms, is because our laws, are trying to stop such things, are a joke, and our judges are a joke. This assertion cannot be successfully combated, because inefficiency of the law and the judgments of judges are too evident on every hand.

As long as we slap the murderer on the wrist as a reprimand, so long will we have murderers and more murderers among us; in fact, we will be inviting them. As long as we have murderers, we shall need no further evidence of the laxity of our laws.

As long as we are satisfied to reprimand a murderer solely by confining him in some penitentiary for perhaps one or two years, when he attempts murder without success; so long as we treat alike the petty thief and the man who tries to kill another, but who fails—just so long will we be inviting murder.

The man who carries a firearm with which to kill another, not in self-defense, is as bad as the man who actually does pull the trigger. In fact, he is in exactly the same class, and the interests of society and justice require that the murderer shall be either hanged or permanently isolated, and here is the point which should not be lost sight of. The man who carries a gun and uses it in attack, not in self-defense, whether he actually fires, kills or only warns or mimics, is a murderer, and for society to treat him otherwise than as a murderer is but to license murder.

I am informed that in England a man caught with a firearm about his person, without a police permit, is punished with life imprisonment, with the result that the practice of carrying firearms by criminals and police is unknown.

Why continue to consider the murderer the man who is out to murder, and deny that just citizen, his family and his children? Such procrastination is short-sighted, foolish, foolhardy and manifestly far from sufficient.

As I am not in a position to influence the legislature in this matter, I am writing to ask, you, if you will, to exercise influence to place upon our statutes a law which will send to a penitentiary for life any person caught carrying a firearm or other common instrument for murder, without a police permit.

I acknowledge that the responsibility is fundamentally the public's, for such crimes, and therefore enclose what I hope is my share of the cost to be contributed to the families of the four policemen recently murdered in consequence of our laxity.

W. A. GLEASON.

**FEEDING STONE- WEBSTER BABY**  
Editor The Star: It's good to have a paper like The Star, which caters to no one and does not blow up and get peeved, and howl with a persistence that knows no let-up, until it has done its duty, and then goes back to us to roar for. And then the big guns are aimed at the target and fired with accuracy, and when the smoke and noise have disappeared, the target is seen by enemies and friends, full of holes, and battered out of shape, and not every shot.

The municipal car lines will pay when a lid is put on the treasury box and locked, leaving only a hole large enough to drop the coin in, and one at the overflow.

It is easy to create expense when you do not want to think, pay, Stone Wall Webster have now received every concession they ever asked, from tearing up tracks, raise in fares to banishing the jitney. Mr. Caldwell and others, who put together the machinery of the steering gear did not receive, and do not expect to receive for services rendered, any compensation that could be put into circulation.

They are satisfied when Stone, Wall & Webster pat them on the back and say, "Well done, my faithful servants; now get under the wagon and lick your paws."

Many a man has taken a death chance for no other reason than to be called a hero.

Stone Wall & Webster will sure love their baby, which has been on a week-end vacation, when it comes toddling home, all dressed up in new clothes and grown so large dad has to say out loud, "You sure was well fed, boy."

YOURS TRULY.

**NO JUSTICE IF IT KEEPS JOB FROM UNEMPLOYED**  
Editor The Star: In passing thru your beautiful city, I regretted to find the atmosphere tainted with such foul ideals as those quoted in a letter in your columns from "One Who Will Work Any Time She Chooses." In what sense does she figure that the word "Justice" is used in the paragraph she mentions in our pledge to our flag? Is it justice for her to be the means of keeping the necessities of life out of some one's mouth, while she enjoys the luxuries?

I understand this controversy was started in an effort to give our unemployed men a chance, especially our ex-service men, and any woman who holds a position when she has

## AS OTHERS SEE THE WORLD

Editorials and Comments Reprinted From Various Newspapers

**THE MINERS HAVE SPOKEN**  
(From the Pittsburg Press)  
American mine workers, by their enthusiastic re-election of John L. Lewis as president, indicate clearly where the bulk of miners stand—for the American organized labor idea and against bolshevism and communism.

The United Mine Workers of America decides to stick with the American Federation of Labor.

This much may be gathered from examination of the election figures just made public by the miners' organization.

John L. Lewis, the "iron-jawed chairman," continues in office and in control of miners' policies. He defeated Robert H. Harlin, Washington, leader of the extreme wing, by the largest majority ever given a candidate for president in the miners' union.

Lewis was fiercely fought. The fact that he long has been right-hand man to Gompers was a muchused argument for and against him. That his policies were conservative was hurled at his head. He gave battle on those issues—and won!

Lewis is destined to play a prominent part in national labor matters of the future.

The man who first saw the light of day on Lincoln's birthday, 1880, in a little Iowa village, now has a wonderful opportunity to follow in the Lincoln footsteps of service to the people.

Lewis himself realizes that the people to serve are not only those who wield the pick, but include all who consume coal, directly in the home stove, or indirectly in the factory furnace.

## WHAT BECOMES OF GERMAN PROPERTY?

BY GILSON GARDNER  
What to do with the \$400,000,000 worth of German-owned property seized in this country during the war, has become a puzzling question.

It is the theory of international law that the "alien property custodian" holds such property in trust during the war and when peace is restored it is returned to its former owners.

German-American citizens have hoped and expected to get their property back.

The Versailles treaty sets aside the usual international practice by providing that this fund should be used to partially pay claims of Americans against Germany for American property seized or destroyed during the war.

Germany is left the job of compensating "her nationals" in the United States for the alien property thus taken.

As things stand there is no redress for either the Americans with claims against Germany, or Germans with claims against America, because "we are still at war" with Germany.

Other means of support is deserving of the contempt of the world at large. Her type didn't work for Uncle Sam's benefit during the war, and I am sure the ex-kaiser feels that his propaganda is still doing its work when the married women of this country are the means of killing off what soldiers his bullets didn't get!

BELLINGHAM GOLDEN RULE.  
For Good, Justice Steak, go to Bold's.—Advertisement.

## Inquiring Reporter



**TODAY'S QUESTION**  
What are you saying on your Valentine card?

**ANSWERS**  
MRS. DAN SULLIVAN, 209 27th ave. N.—"I express my sentiments in other ways, thank you."

ADAM BEELER, 1217 Third ave.—"If you hadn't spoken, Valentine's day might have come and gone without my knowledge. Anyway, it has no significance for me."

MRS. L. STORVICK, 527 Seventh ave. N.—"If I send any at all, I have to think up my message on the spur of the moment."

CRAWFORD E. WHITE, 730 20th ave. S.—"I have written it. Chinese, just to steal a march on you. What do you think of that?"

MRS. H. G. HILBISH, 5220 W. Genesee st.—"I'm not bothered about it. I'm sending no Valentines this year."

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Not only are these pimples and blotches disfiguring, but they lead to serious skin diseases that spread and cause the most discomforting irritation and pain. Sometimes they foretell Eczema, boils, blisters, scaly eruptions and other annoyances that burn like flames of fire, and make you feel that your skin is ablaze.

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