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IT'S NOT SO BAD

The world is going to the dogs, they say, the dogs of war. In Europe there is no emotion but hate. Each man is bent upon the destruction of his fellow, determined himself to survive.

Greed rules our actions in America. We worship gold, they tell us, and sell out our brothers to gain the more. We barter fuel to feed the consuming flames in Europe, and Midas-like, turn everything into jingling coins in our own purse.

Our standards of morals are loose. We jeer at religious tradition and dogma. We tend to govern our actions according to individual reasoning rather than established custom and common law. We are becoming social anarchists.

But have you read George Ade's "Looking Back from 50" in the February American Magazine? This essay, written upon the fiftieth birthday of this most typical of American philosophers, places things in their real light. It demonstrates the wholesome, healthy mode of thinking which should be adopted by every American. How much better we would all be if we could see life through the eyes of Mr. Ade!

Here are a few quotations from Mr. Ade which may clear up several gloomy subjects:

"Looking back from fifty, it seems that every year has been kicked full of dust in an effort to improve physical conditions." "The times show an easier standard of morals and, strangely enough, a better average of behavior. People are dancing more and drinking less." "Let us not worry. It's a cleaner, bolder, more candid, less hypocritical world than it was in the happy seventies."

"While we are pulling for France and Great Britain and the perpetuation of democracy, we are supposed to be getting rich making shrapnel. And yet, 999 out of every 1,000 Americans, wouldn't know shrapnel from scrapple if they saw it in a show window."

"There is more brotherhood of man at large than ever before. That is my conclusion, looking back from fifty—war or no war."

GREAT IS PORK

Hazard, Ky., has 600 inhabitants. It will soon have a beautiful \$40,000 postoffice. Not that Hazard really needs a postoffice of such pretensions. Oh, no; but then a \$40,000 postoffice will look so well in Hazard.

This is only one example of the wholesale distribution of pork that goes on in our national Government. When the gentleman from a certain state thinks that he may get votes for his re-election by obtaining an expensive building for Podunk he goes to another representative who is in the same position and agrees to vote for a building for Squeedunk if his friend votes for a building for Podunk.

Great is the pork practice, but it will not always continue. The American people are long suffering, but there is a limit to their patience.

LOVE'S LABOR LOST

The mustache is doomed to oblivion. That silky nothingness which the college man has nursed through many a month of doubt and which finally blossomed into being must meet an untimely end. As usual, it is because of the war.

In the days before the European conflict facial foliage was a military necessity. No soldier went without a mustache. The citizen followed his example, and the American tourist, to prevent being mistaken for a waiter, cultivated the upper-lip adornment. And so the fad reached America.

Now the military authorities have placed a ban upon the mustache, and

citizens, both European and American, are mobbing the barber shops. To the mature man who can raise a crop of bristles in a few days, this news is not startling; but to him, who for weeks—and perhaps months—has coaxed and teased those few delicate hairs into existence, it is a calamity.

That first thrill when, after countless morning inspections, the tiny mustache moved, waved and became a reality has been in vain. The moments spent in the application of vaseline and the singeing of reluctant hair have been wasted. The breathless uncertainty of those first days when the life of the coveted hirsute adornment hung in the balance was all for nothing.

That which was desired, when attained, has proved an emptiness; for the smooth face is now the fashion and the whack of the barber's razor on the strop is sounding the death knell of the mustache.

BUSINESS AND OLD AGE

Even in these days of rolling prosperity the young man thrust out into the world to gain a living imagines that there is a huge conspiracy among employers to keep him from displaying his capabilities to an ignorant world; but, judging from the activity that is going on and the protests that are accumulating, the lot of the elderly man in the busy business world is much to be deplored. The men past middle age are not complaining that the young men are given the preference, and in every way possible the older men are trying to demonstrate that age by no means impairs their efficiency.

In Chicago and other cities of the new generation, organizations are taking up seriously the problem of the middle-aged man and are attempting to find out whether there is any real loss of efficiency and whether there are not special kinds of work for which the older man is better adapted.

In Portland, Ore., these advocates of the removal of age limits in the commercial world recently demonstrated by a vaudeville show that age in no way impairs physical activity. Most of the performers, who did such things as acrobatic work, bicycle riding, violin playing and singing, were past 60, and all, it is reported, put on their acts with the ease and skill of much younger actors.

This agitation against persons remaining active in their advanced years seems to have started when Doctor Osler made his statement as to the uselessness of older men. Since then, and possibly before, the tendency has been to replace the middle-aged employe by the new generation, thus constantly speeding up the hum of the industrial machinery.

Whether this constant replenishing of the commercial world with finer and younger workers will continue or whether the new men will be taught to use properly, and thus conserve, their energies and abilities for the riper and wiser years of middle age is one of the questions that must be looked into by the leaders in the business whirl of today.

SAYS "GREEKS" ARE IMPROVING

University of Chicago Professor Thinks "Larks" Are Condemned.

Studying has replaced loafing among Greek letter men, and these men have become a vital factor in educational progress since the abandonment of "larks" and the beginning of co-operation among them in scholastic work, is the opinion of Dr. Francis W. Shepardson of the department of American History, University of Chicago, who left Sunday night after visiting the Beta Theta Pi fraternity for two days.

Doctor Shepardson is secretary of the Inter-Fraternity Conference and of Beta Theta Pi. He has visited almost every college and university in the South and Southwest during a three-month leave of absence.

In a recent address in Kansas City, Doctor Shepardson said that reports from every college president where fraternities exist are flattering to the "Greek." In nearly every fraternity a record of a member's scholastic standing is kept, and a wavering member is spurred to better efforts with

in his own circle. There has been a great change in spirit within the last ten years. Formerly the fraternity man was apt to be a careless, mediocre student, and of not much importance in college. But that day has passed, and today he is a leader, according to Doctor Shepardson.

H. J. HADFIELD HERE TOMORROW

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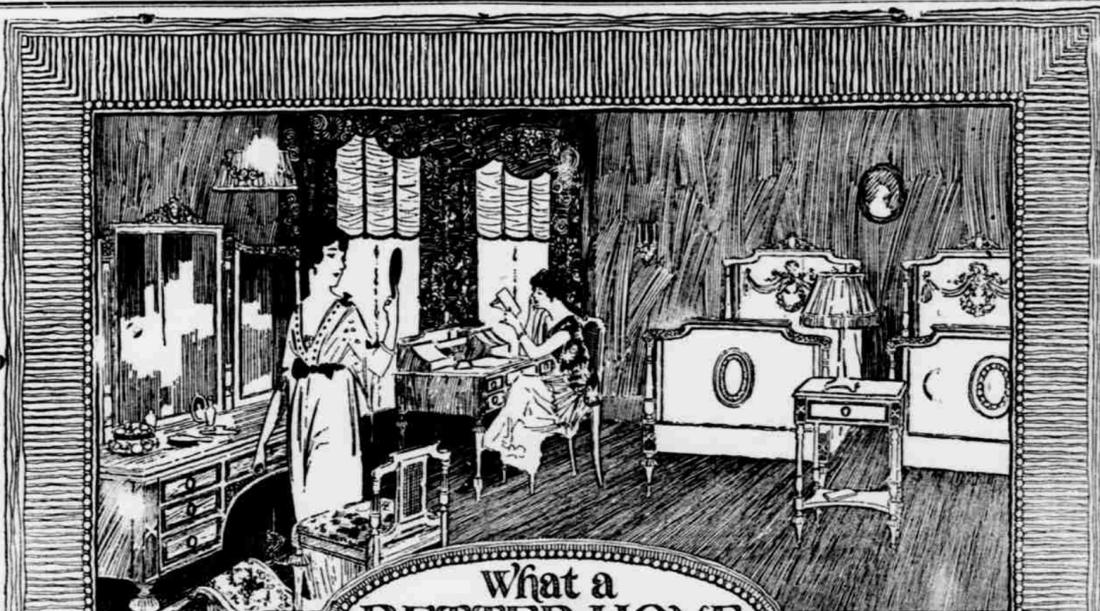
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