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tution. The legislatures are left to their own devices in approving or rejecting the proposition. Congress, however, directs that "Whenever official notice is received at the Department of State that any amendment proposed to the Constitution of the United States has been adopted, according to the provisions of the Constitution, the Secretary of State shall forthwith cause the amendment to be published in the newspapers authorized to promulgate laws, with his certificate specifying the states by which the same may have been adopted, and that the same has become valid, to all intent and purposes, as a part of the Constitution of the United States."

Since the time of Patrick Henry, there has been much criticism and discussion of the necessity of the approval of three-fourths of the states, and more particularly of the principle of allowing states equal power regardless of their population or wealth, when a proposed amendment is to be voted on. A statistician has estimated from the 1900 census that one forty-fourth of the population distributed so as to constitute a majority in the twelve smallest states could prevent the ratification of a proposed amendment even after it had passed both houses.

Next Sunday will be a good time for everybody to write to his friends and relatives. It will be the last opportunity to use the two-cent postal rate, and on twenty relatives he can save twenty cents.

A "carried-home-by-a-patriot" day will soon be observed by the National Retail Dry Goods Association in efforts to cut down on the number of deliveries as a war economy measure. The newspapers of the country might

try some such plan, but nobody could think of carrying such a heavy thing as a newspaper all the way home.

It is to be hoped that the Halloween of 1917 will go down in history as a quiet one. Destruction of property, wrecking of fences, gates, sidewalks and barn-doors as it has been practiced by mischievous youngsters and allowed by careless parents is a most unnecessary waste.

An entirely new idea for a photograph would be that of the University columns, with the moon rising in the north.

THE OPEN COLUMN

The World Series Hero.
Editor of the Missouriian:
The World Series is over at last. And the White Sox won with ease. As usual, of course, a new star was born. And he's a real star, too, if you please.

While Faber and Clette and Collins did well; In fact, better than most players can. There's one boy who surely outshone them all— You all know him—Chick Gandil's the man.

With his bat Chick was timely and sure; All pitchers looked alike to this chap. When a hit was needed to score a run, Chick always was there with the "rap."

He's an unassuming, modest man. Doesn't care for the limelight at all; In truth, doesn't care for any one thing Except just to "sting that old ball."

Chick came from the Capital City to Chi; He's played splendid ball to this day. And Griffith of Washington wonders now Why he ever let Chick get away.

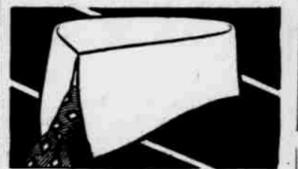
So while scribes are writing of heroes galore, Of pitchers apt in craft and in trick. They can mention a dozen or more, I suppose. But they've all "got to hand it to" Chick.

—H. D. L.
Christmas Treats for Soldiers.
Editor of the Missouriian: With less than a month to plan Christmas treats for the Americans in France it seems

that the students of the University ought not to forget the men who went over last spring to engage in the ambulance and munitions transportation service. These men represent the University, and while their friends and relatives will probably provide many gifts, it should not be forgotten that these men represent the student body. Some recognition in the form of a Christmas treat should not be overlooked.

As The Pages Turn

"The Soul of a Bishop." As in "Mr. Britling Sees It Through," H. G. Wells shows the astounding effect of the great war on the normal civilian life of England, so in "The Soul of a Bishop," his newest novel, he shows its effect on that bulwark of society, the church. The bishop, brought up in reverence for the forms of religion, is overwhelmed by the terrific questions that the war huris upon him, questions which these forms do not appear to help him answer. Mr. Wells' solution is revolutionary, yet his book is deeply religious. He puts his thesis to the



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"Salt of the Earth." In the flood of literature dealing with Germany there are few more entertaining volumes than "Salt of the Earth," by Mrs. Alfred Sidgwick. Mrs.

Sidgwick knows Germany, its customs and its peoples. She has the gift of interpretation. Her characters are flesh and blood. She reveals to us the heart of Germany, lovable in many respects but in some ways sinister, hideous, a threat to the world. As we read we seem to understand better the ambitions of the German military castes that lusts to dominate the whole world. But the truth taught by this novel is not its only merit. It is a charming story. There are bits of realism that give the reader a new appreciation of war's hatefulness. Yet in the end there is happiness for those who have grown through suffering. The novel will leave a memory of the sort that makes for patriotism while it thrills and satisfies. (W. G. Watt & Co., New York; cloth; 313 pages; \$1.40.)

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AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION

The United States Senate, by the required two-thirds vote, passed, in the last session, the Sheppard Resolution proposing a national dry amendment to the federal constitution. The House will act upon this resolution at the next session. If the resolution passes the House by the necessary two-third vote, it must be ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the states.

The How of Amending the Constitution of the United States is very simple as set forth in Article V of the Constitution:

"The Congress, whenever two-thirds of both Houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose amendments to this Constitution, or, on application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the several States, shall call a convention for proposing amendments, which, in either case, shall be valid to all intent and purposes, as part of this Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States, or by conventions in three-fourths thereof, as one mode of the order mode of ratification may be proposed by Congress."

While the system is simple, it requires such large majorities both for initiation and ratification that amendments are impossible under ordinary circumstances.

Article V, as above offers four possible ways of amending the Constitution, but only one has been used. The proposition to amend may originate in Congress, pass both Houses by a two-thirds vote and then be ratified by the legislatures in three-fourths of the States, and that is the way it has been done; or instead it may be ratified by conventions in three-fourths of the States. But instead of originating in Congress the resolution may be presented at a national convention called for that purpose by Congress on application of two-thirds of the States. In this case the ratification may be by either of the two processes mentioned.

Many questions regarding the make-up of the national state conventions, the procedure to be followed by the state legislatures in passing upon an amendment and like matters are not taken up in the Constitution but are left to Congress.

On the occasions when the Constitution has been amended Congress has been very brief in its instructions. Resolutions proposing an amendment are submitted in the following form: Resolved by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, two-thirds of both houses concurring, That the following article be proposed to the legislatures of the several states as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States which when ratified by three-fourths of the said legislatures shall be valid as a part of the said Consti-

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To those who still feel the inspiration of Patrick Henry's immortal words;

To those who believe in the divine utterances of our Constitution, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created free and equal";

To those of us who see clearly through the haze of misrepresentation and sordid ambition;

To those who hear the cries of the babes where the bulk of the Lusitania lies buried in fathomless depths;

To those who hear the wall of anguish from ravished and murdered Belgium;

To those who protest at the use of poisonous gas, liquid fire, Zeppelin bombing raids on unprotected and unsuspecting women and children;

To those who believe in democracy and who are opposed to autocratic feudalism;

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