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If we must have war, trot it along.
This uncertainty interferes with our
Sunday dinners.

Bankers don't like the new coins be-
cause they are hard to stack. But we
are not running a bank.

An exchange says a man should have
a good excuse ready before committing
a mean act. The average man has
He's the excuse.

Well, anyway, Tom Lawson has been
swallowed up in a bigger scare. Verily
there is some consolation, even our
greatest misfortunes.

Some sensitive people are beginning
to wonder if a man will feel any better
in the next world after being blown
by a mine, than he would have felt
had he been sunk by a submarine.

If Villa gets to sloshing around to
recklessly in Pershing's old shoes Uncle
Sam may yet be forced to pull the
strings.

In these strenuous times we forget to
mention in our last that Old St. Valen-
tine made his periodical visit without
creating even a ripple on the zone
waters.

Universal service wouldn't be so bad
after all. Instead of ogling young
girls on the street, our nineteen-year-
old mashers would be devoting their
valuable time to the delightful occupa-
tion of digging trenches, peering spuds
washing dishes, and drilling in the
boiling sun. Make it universal!

PERTINENT TO FARMERS

Every hour seems to draw this coun-
try nearer to war. No man can assure
us that he will escape, for no man
knows.

The year 1917 may see us shut off
from all sources of supply from the
outer world, and dependent entirely
upon local production.

Facing such a possibility, it is incum-
bent upon every farmer to cultivate to
the limit of his acreage and ability,
and the town person who has a vacant
lot should do the same.

The time to begin is now. If we
plant armies in the field those armies
must be fed—and the products come
from the farms.

LEAN LAWYERS VS CROP LIEN

That seems to be the fly in the oint-
ment. The poor lawyers in the legis-
lature, fearing a slump in business, and
seeing their opportunity, are trying to
create some work for themselves next
and following years. That must be the
explanation for the Senate passing the
crop lien law, for surely it cannot be
that the members of the honorable
house of Senate are pandering to the
apparent aspirations of the Governor.
Which ever way you look at it the
results are bad—very bad. Not only
is the law absurd on the face of it, but
it is not workable, and if the Senate is
composed of three-fourths lawyers, as
they say, they have not used much
brains else they would know in a mo-
ment that no merchant is going to take
the risk of crediting the poorest class
of farmers, and be out of their mer-
chandise for an entire year, and often
longer for a paltry ten per cent above
cash prices, so the man who wants to
raise a crop, and doesn't have the mon-
ey cannot get the wherewith to start,
consequently the very men the legisla-
tors say they want to help will be the
real sufferers.

And yet these self same men prate
about "back to the farm."

**ENCOURAGE HEALTHY AMUSE-
MENTS**

The writer of this article remembers,
when a boy, reading a book which
treated of the customs of the people
during the days of the old New Eng-
land Puritans.

The feature of the book that pro-
duced the most lasting impression was
the seemingly utter absence of amuse-
ments among the children of that day.

And we remember wondering if those
sober little children ever smiled, and
if they really enjoyed committing to
memory Psalms by the yard.

We should encourage healthy amuse-
ments in old as well as in the young.
Fun—pure, unadulterated, carefree
enjoyment, unhampered by thought of
anything serious—is as necessary to the
right development of the human animal
as is daylight to the plant. We qualify
it only by adding "in moderation."
Were you ever on a large stock farm
where number of colts were herded in
a pasture? If so, you have noticed
that very little of their time seemed
to be given to the serious problem of
cropping grass. When they were not
engaged in games of romps, teasing
each other, they were prowling over
the field, investigating every nook and
corner. Their restlessness and curios-
ity were never satisfied.

Young people—and many older ones,
too—are just like those colts. Life is
not a serious problem to them. That
comes only in later years. They know
not, as yet, that life holds for them
any serious problems to be solved. In
fact, they couldn't understand them if
confronted with them.

Since, then, our young people WILL
have amusements, what are we of this
town doing about it? Are we furnish-
ing it for them, or are we simply per-
mitting them to seek as they can find?
We should keep in mind the fact that
just as they are incapable of grasping
the serious side of life, so are they in-
capable of judging the merits or dem-
erits of their amusements.

It is our duty as guardians of the
morals of the community to see that
our young people are not only kept
from the WRONG amusements, but are
FURNISHED with the Right kind.

An up-to-date opera house or CLEAN
moving picture show is a modern neces-
sity in every town. A first class gym-
nasium, ball park, etc., are essential to
the right development of our young
people.

The churches and parents are charg-
ed with the moral development of our
children. The schools are held account-
able for their mentality and education-
al qualifications.

But amusement alone can develop
that physique which will insure suc-
cess in the commercial pursuits of lat-
er life, and which will supply the
health that leads to ripeness of age.

Study this subject over carefully,
you mothers and fathers. Consider the
buoyant spirits and overflowing ener-
gies of your boys and girls, and recog-
nize the plain truth that they MUST
have an out let. Then ask yourself
the question: "Are we furnishing them
SAFE and HARMLESS means of div-
ersion?"

Never fear but they can find amuse-
ment in plenty if we turn them loose
to hunt for it. They'll find it, and it
may suit them, but will the QUALITY
suit us?

It would be well for us to pause in
the chase of the dollar long enough to
make sure that the young people of our
community have a sufficiency of SANE
and Healthy amusement.

We spend thousands in fitting them
to chase the dollar. It were better if
we spent a portion of those thousands
in tiding them over the period of their
lives when they are most liable to con-
tract habits that will UNFIT them for
ALL of life.

Our boys and girls will be what we
make them—or permit them to make
of themselves.

**THE WHATCHAMA COLUMN
(By George Martin)
READING
WIVES AGAIN.**

A friend of our came home one day
last spring with a large, durable wife.
She had a long nose and a short upper
lip; a beard, a mole, a mustache and a
jaw, ladies and gentlemen, that would
make a chunk of chilled steel green
with envy.

About the same time another friend
trooped in with a small, compact, two
gill creature who fiddled. Fiddling and
dawdling over everything she did was
her specialty. Nero fiddled while Rome
was burning. She fiddled while the po-
tatoes were doing the same thing.

Now we struck a middle ground. We
got one neither tall nor short, dawdling
nor a damant, iron nor mush. We took
her in cold blood, after due considera-
tion. She fits. And we don't expect
to take her off to Reno.

We favor the three quarter length
wife.

**GERARD TALKED OF AS TAMANY
CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR OF
NEW YORK CITY**

New York, Feb. 23.—James W. Ger-
ard, recalled American Ambassador to
Germany can be Tammany's candidate
for Mayor of New York this fall if he
wants to, Tammany leaders indicated
here today. The boom has been start-
ed and it remains for Gerard to squash
or endorse it when he gets home. He
refused a similar offer on his recent
visit to the United States, saying he
would not think of deserting his Berlin
post at such a critical time. Mayor
Mitchel, the present incumbent, prob-
ably will be the Fusion candidate whom
Gerard will oppose if he makes the
fight.

**A SAN FRANCISCO DIVORCE
COURT JUDGE'S RULES FOR
KISSING**

1. The husband who kisses his wife
plentifully keeps out of the divorce
court.

2. The wife who kisses her husband
sparingly does not cheapen the product.

3. Two kisses a day, husbands, one
"good-bye" and the other "hello",
won't do.

4. The thoroughly kissed wife will
make any sacrifice for the man she
married.

5. When you kiss your wife, you're
saying "I love you." That's what
she wants.

Note:—The following is judge Gra-
ham's own statement of why and how a
plentiful supply of hubby's kisses
will keep the family out of the divorce
court. Judge Graham has practiced his
preachment so effectively in his court
work that he has come to be nationally
known as "The Great Reconciler." Thousands of unhappy homes made
happy by his kiss recipe are to his cred-
it.—Editor.

(By Thomas F. Graham)
(Superior Court Judge, San Francisco)
(Written for the United Press)

When your wife and you fall out,
Don't strut about and shout,
Don't growl at her, or scowl at her, or
hiss her;

You will find it doesn't pay;
Try your luck another way;
Just take her in your arms and gen-
tly kiss her.

When your wife and you MUST fight,
Make her think she's in the right;
Don't rush off to your club, where you
will miss her;

Should a fight with wifey start
You will play the big man's part
If you take her in your arms and
gently kiss her.

The kiss of a husband is a pledge of
his love for his wife.

I have advised men to kiss their
wives.

I have not advised wives to kiss
their husbands.

The kiss that a wife gives to her hus-
band does not mean as much to the hus-
band as the kiss that a husband gives
to his wife.

To a husband a kiss is only a kiss.
Man only wants to be loved; he isn't
particular about being perpetually be-
ing told about it.

To a wife a kiss is more than the
mere meeting of lips. A woman isn't
content merely with being loved. She
wants to be continually told that she
is being loved. A husband is telling
and retelling his wife of his love every
time he kisses her. A woman is happy
every time she is given a reaffirmation
of her husband's love with a kiss. A
woman who is conscious of her husband's
love will make all necessary sacrifices
for her husband, will bear every trial
willingly, will strive to avoid every
quarrel. A woman is conscious of her
husband's love when her husband kisses
her frequently.

To many wives a kiss only means
"good-bye". To others it is only the
equivalent of "hello." But the kisses
that are given when the husband is not
either going or coming mean much more.
They are expressions of love, expres-
sions for which every wife is constant-
ly yearning.

I know of only one variety of kiss—
the kiss of a pure man for a pure woman.
I care not whether it be planted
on the forehead, the cheek or the lips—
the kiss of a husband to a wife is the
re-pledge, the reaffirmation of his love.
If more husband would kiss their wives
more frequently the judges who have
to try cases wouldn't be so far behind
in their work. And the divorce lawyers
would starve to death.

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* and pays nothing but his re- *
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New York, Feb. 23.—Dorothy Gray
who uses her fingers in an attempt to
make new millionaires' wives out of old
ones, has insured her fingers for \$50,
000, her press agent declared here to-
day. It is learned from the same source
that "Miss Gray has developed velvety
little mounds of flesh on the tips of her
fingers and that is what makes her
price prohibitive to every one but the
very wealthy.

NOTICE TO MUSICIANS
* You have always wanted a high *
* grade piano, but have not hither- *
* to had the opportunity of select- *
* ing the kind that would suit you *
* in your own town. A large as- *
* sortment is now on display by *
* the Corley Company at W. T. *
* Hancock's store and the repre- *
* sentative will gladly demonstrate *
* them, and at the same time esti- *
* mate on your old instrument. *

Certain articles of diet tend to check
movements of the bowels. The most
common of these are cheese, tea and
boiled milk. On the other hand raw
fruits, especially apples and bananas,
also graham bread and whole wheat
bread promote a movement of the bow-
els. When the bowels are badly con-
stipated, however, the sure way is to
take one or two of Chamberlain's Ta-
blets immediately after supper.

A HINT TO THE AGED

If people past sixty years of age
could be persuaded to go to bed as soon
as they take cold and remain in bed
for one or two days, they would recov-
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