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Possibly we may have overlooked it but we have not seen anything in the reports from Montpelier about a law under which extortionate charges might be punished. Under the laws of every land stealing is a crime but what worse is it to take a dollar from a man's pocket by force than to rob him of the dollar by an unjust charge for goods or for service? A law against profiteering would be hard to enforce but occasionally unscrupulous persons would get caught and punished and every such case would serve as a check on others who might be tempted.

Some of the up state papers are making the mistaken charge that Bennington county fishermen are proponents of the plan to end the trout fishing season August 1. Undoubtedly there are a few here but by far the largest number support the present open season as the best that can be arranged to suit the various demands. Bennington county is so much interested in the summer visitor business that this county ought to be the most emphatic in the state in favor of August fishing. Under the state constitution it is impossible to close many of the small streams permanently as probably ought to be done but it may be possible to make a shorter season for these streams by opening them later or closing earlier or both and we doubt if there would be any serious opposition to the plan. With the increasing number of fishermen all those who fish ought to take an active interest in maintaining the fishing. By applying common sense methods and moderation there can be enough good fishing in Vermont for Vermonters and visitors but the desired condition cannot be brought about by the old wasteful and careless methods.

London women are denouncing the immodesty of men's bathing suits. We agree with them, though the immodesty is not the only horror of them; but the knobby, handled, hairy, shabby exhibit that attends the immodesty, remarks George M. Bailey in Houston, Post. The "natter" the average man goes naked, the more attractive becomes the physical splendor of frogs, apes and octopi.

The self-destruction of a girl of eleven, who killed herself to avoid punishment for a trivial offense, is one of the minor instances whose volume illustrates the nerve strain of the times which is driving men to crime and children to suicide. What the nation needs is more strong, enduring moral fiber and its systematic incultation in the young.

In Paris they not only sentenced food profiteers by imprisonment and big fines, but they also forced the culprits to pay for notices of their punishment in the Paris papers at advertisement rates and to have a large copy of the advertisement posted on their doors for a year. The way to repress profiteering, as this method shows, is to do it.

The housewives will, in cleaning out the house, throw away or burn great quantities of waste. The lessons learned during the war should not be forgotten; let it be borne in mind that the reclamation of waste is a problem which is not only fitted for war times but for the times of peace as well. The argument which may be advanced from time to time that the utilization of waste material in times other than war is not necessary is fallacious, because it is essential that some means of offsetting the high cost of living be found. Do not waste, but turn it back into the channels of commerce, says Indianapolis News. You will be surprised at the money that can be derived by turning over all character of old papers, rags, rubber, metals and other odds and ends to the junk dealers, who will in turn start this waste back into useful trades.

Government price experts are predicting a reduction by fall in prices of food and clothing. But the public has heard such optimistic prophecies before and is now reduced to the purely philosophical attitude of hoping for the best, but prepared for the worst.

London regrets the appearance of shoes ornamented with feathers. They are probably intended for ladies who were caught in the bird protection movement and agreed not to wear feathers in their hats.

Our Object Accomplished

Because of an attack upon us in the courts by a shirt manufacturer of New York City we designed to liquidate enough of this large stock of merchandise to enable us to pay every indebtedness of this firm, banking and merchandise, due or undue and this we have now accomplished.

We do not owe a dollar to any bank, person or firm. This sale has gone far beyond anything supposedly possible. Many thousands of dollars of war merchandise have been disposed of at distress prices and not over twenty percent of the stock is at cost prices above present distress market quotations.

Thousands of dollars worth of goods have come to us during the last two weeks at almost half and this merchandise we have sold you on the same low basis at which it was bought at.

Because mills are beginning to open merchandise prices are beginning to stiffen and the time is now ripe for us to place large orders with manufacturers for spring requirements.

Some manufacturers have not as yet awoke to a realization of the fact that the war price era is history—such manufacturers will receive no buying consideration from us.

We are this day advised by The Independent Chain Stores Inc., that their committees on purchases have completed their labors and have arranged with twenty manufacturers to exhibit their lines in convention in Boston this week.

The buyer for this store will be there and place future orders for spring merchandise.

We have decided until we know just what the spring prices are to be that we will continue this sale on the basis of the prices at which all merchandise is marked.

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E. S. BUSS.

SHORTENING TROUT SEASON

Brandon Fishermen Do Not Approve August Closing.

Brandon, Jan. 23.—A petition signed by more than 100 residents of Brandon to Frank B. Chandler, town representative, with the request that he present the same to State Fish and Game Commissioner Leavens. This petition protests against shortening the season for taking trout by closing it August 1 instead of September 1. Suggesting that if it is necessary for any reason that the season be shortened that it open May 1 instead of April 1, as at present.

It seems to be the general opinion in this section that trout taken in April are of very poor quality and lack their natural fighting ability shown later in the season.

One of the numerous local fisherman who has a personal acquaintance with Mr. Leavens has written him suggesting that Windham and Bennington counties should not be permitted to influence legislation that would not be beneficial to the whole State. Several sportsmen in this section are of the opinion that the non-resident license fee for fishing should be higher than charged at present, thinking that it should be doubled.

No Trouble at All

The cackle of a hen when she lays an egg, says a scientist, is akin to laughter. And with some of the eggs we have met we can easily guess what the hen was laughing at.—London Punch.

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Atlantic City Saturday Noon

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Spill this "hump" question first time you're in a bunch of live ones—if you want to see fur fly! Never heard such a wind-jamming squall in my life as tonight when I passed it to our crowd! You know Betty Ellen Jones. Well, she said a dromedary was a he-camel hunting a date in the desert! And Betty's "Vassar, 20"—rah, rah! All right, Betty!

All you've got to do is dig out your deck of Camel cigarettes. That "bird" out front clinches the argument—apparently—but!

In the classic language of bigger business circles—"you tell 'em Cricket, Katy did!"

Report your luck quick. Try it on old Jig Jones! And listen, Peter. I'll shortly slip you some smoke news that'll make Jake's ideas rattle like a tin can tied to a tawser dog's tail! S'long!

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Prehistoric Cemetery.

An interesting discovery was made at North Ferrisburgh recently. When some men of the telegraphic department were at work on the west link they unearthed a stone coffin with a human male skeleton inside. There is nothing to show the date, but it is obviously of great antiquity and probably belongs to the same remote period as other stone coffins that have been discovered at various times near the old burgh.

FATHER OF THREE CHILDREN WRITES FROM PANAMA CANAL ZONE

Ba'boa, Canal Zone. A father of three children writes: "Will you kindly send me by mail two bottles of your Dr. True's Elixir. I cannot buy it here in Panama, and don't care to be with it in the house, because I have three children, and the Elixir is the best family remedy I ever used. When one of the children isn't feeling right, I give him a dose of Dr. True's Elixir and he comes out hale and hearty in the morning. Our children have showed no signs of worms since they have taken the Elixir. Last summer one of our boys was very sick—but one small bottle of your Elixir fixed him in fine shape." P. H. Burlington.

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