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**RIPPLING RHYMES**

(By Walt Mason.)

**Lamentation.**

When man, too tired to travel, lies down and cashes in, we plant him in the gravel, and raise a mournful dirge; we buy some crape and wear it; our grief, we cannot bear it; the passing of such merit is certainly a sin. We sorrow for the neighbor who's taken to the tomb, who turns from useful labor to face untimely doom; we say, "The world seems bleaker, since Jim Adolphus Meeker grew weaker still and weaker, and then passed up the flume. How sad to contemplate him, cut off while in his prime. He died, we had to crate him, and plant him in jig time. He's in the honeysuckle, who was so good and trusty; his virtue ne'er grew rusty—his going was a crime." But if old Jim could twitter, perhaps he would remark, "It's not so doggone bitter this sleeping in the dark; where endless calm is reigning I'm free from all the straining the heartache and complaining, and all the cares that that cark. Beneath the vagrant thistle I slumber in the soil; no early morning whistle is calling me to toil; I'm glad that those who love me saw fit down here to shove me; I sleep while those above me go broke for gas and oil. I sleep while men are breaking beneath their load of fears; I sleep while hearts are aching, and eyes are shedding tears, oh, friends, cut out the weeping! Mourn not for one who's sleeping! This stunt I will be keeping for sixty million years!

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**THE FARMER'S SON.**

The city has a great attraction for the farm boy and annually thousands leave the old farm and go out into the world to try their success. The excitement, the adventure, the variety of entertainment and the larger opportunity is the lure which robs the farm. To stay at home there is nothing for the boy as he sees it but an endless round of dull and colorless toil, with little pecuniary reward.

There is another fact which bears on the case. There has been for some time a steady movement from the country to the city, due to the rapid increase in the efficiency of machinery which eliminates the need of farm labor, and the possibilities the cities offer for profitable employment. The population of the great cities is increasing and the rural districts are less densely populated in many localities than formerly.

But the country boy shows the stuff which is in him by taking the leading positions in the city. It is a fact that the leaders in industrial and political life are to a large extent men born in the country. Trace the parentage of the successful man of affairs in the city and you are very liable to arrive at the farm.

There is a tendency on the part of city men toward the farm again, which is encouraging. The modern farmer is dealing with a complete problem which requires education and ability. The farm boy would do well to train himself to do farming in a big, intelligent and successful way, and stay at home.

**COMPELLED TO WORK**

Maryland has set a good example for the rest of the states. She has passed a compulsory labor law. Every able bodied man in the state is compelled to register. If a man is found who is idle or cannot find work the State gets a job for him. If he does not want work he is forced to do so. Farms and factories will be supplied with help in this way.

There seems to be a general tendency toward putting all capable men to work. It is stated on authority that there are not as many tramps now as for years heretofore. The reason given is that the good wages offered are inducing the hobo to do honest work. Another reason is found in the more strenuous attempts on the part of the authorities to keep the hobo moving along until his life becomes unbearable.

It would no doubt be the wise thing for the various states to enact laws similar to that Maryland has placed on her statute books. Or probably the National Government can find a way to draft men into the ranks of in-

dustry as well as into the military services. The way of the idler is getting hard.

**GET TOGETHER.**

The Unitarian and Universalist churches of Denver have united for their Sunday services. The coal shortage and the expense of heating two buildings is the reason.

Is there any reason why the denominations should not get together more and save an enormous waste of money? Some think not. Here is a little town with five hundred people and five churches which spend annually several thousand dollars to maintain their various denominational programs. It is a wearisome struggle to keep them going and there is so much rivalry and jealousy that the real purpose of a church is not very apparent in the activities put forth. Two churches at most could really serve that community better than five. Another little town has six churches with three hundred and ninety members and five hundred population. Practically no real aggressive Christian work is done so hard is the struggle to keep the churches alive.

Many are coming to feel that it is only by our emphasizing their non-essential differences and ignoring the great fundamentals for which they stand is it possible to maintain so many organizations. If as a war measure to save expense the little churches would unite the result would be so satisfactory that it is doubtful if the old plan of division would ever be again followed. If the Allies need one management to win, why should not the churches get together for a mighty attack of old Nick,

**HELP AT HOME.**

The men who risk all they have and go to the front in the service of their country in this war are worthy of all honor.

But it is well to remember that those who stay at home can serve their country with just as true a devotion and pure patriotism as those who pass through the curtain of fire and abide in the hellish trenches.

"Shooting off one's mouth" against the war may be about the same mortal status as shooting off one's gun from the German ranks. One of the best ways to win the war is to talk in favor of the war, as a dire necessity thrust upon us and from which there is no honorable escape.

The housewife in the kitchen can help almost as much as Sammy in the trench. The man with the hoe is as patriotic as the man with the gun. The man who does his best to keep all the wheels of industry moving on in the same old way is doing much for his country. It is the part of a patriot to serve his country in the place where is.

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