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WEIGHING EGGS.

It was very funny, in an old Italian play, when a miser swore that he would buy no more eggs unless they were too large to get through a certain ring that he established as a standard. But that miser had the right hunch. There are hotel stewards in this country now that use a similar test, rejecting all eggs that will not pass through a ring an inch and a half in diameter.

This test, however, is not perfect, since it concerns form rather than substance—a long egg may pass through the ring while a short egg that is really of the same volume will not. The only dependable standard, according to experts is weight; and there is a growing demand that eggs shall be sold by weight as most other kinds of food are, instead of by the dozen.

The absurdity of the present system is obvious. There is an informal sort of agreement that an egg ought to weigh two ounces, thus running a pound and a half to the dozen; but this rule has no binding force, and is seldom observed in practice. One egg may weigh an ounce and a half and another two ounces and a half, and yet both are sold at so much a dozen, as if the number were the main thing.

As a writer suggests in a current magazine, a butcher might as well sell chops at so much a piece regardless of size.

The size of an egg varies according to the breed of the hen, according to the individual hen's age, according to the feeding, the time of year and the freshness or staleness of the egg. In "selected eggs" there may be a rough attempt at giving definite value for a definite price, but it does look as if the only really fair method is to sell them by the pound.

"BUTTON FAKERS."

It is well to listen very critically to any hard luck tale told by a uniformed peddler. In fact, any man in soldier's or sailor's uniform who comes to the door vending buttons or any other petty commodity, whether he has a tale of woe or not, is liable to suspicion.

The federal labor department has been investigating this sort of business in many cities, and reports that it has not found a single case of a uniformed man selling things on the streets because he was forced to do so.

Many of these men, the department finds, have never been in the service at all. They have bought the uniforms for the purpose. Most of those who are actually discharged soldiers or sailors are men who were doing the same sort of work before they entered the service. Among them are said to be "crooks and fakers of every class." They are shamelessly capitalizing the uniform, which ought to be as sacred as the flag, for their petty or nefarious traffic. They make a good thing out of it, too. Many men arrested by the military authorities have been clearing \$10 to \$25 a day.

THE FRUITFUL ARCTIC.

The Arctic regions seem to have been misunderstood. They are not bleak and barren. They are wonderfully fruitful, or may be made so by a little of the care which man has lavished on other parts of the earth.

No less an authority than Stefansson, the scientific explorer, says that the Arctic and sub-Arctic lands can provide great quantities of food, particularly wool, meat and milk. He has gone so far as to lay before the Canadian parliament a plan for introducing and domesticating on a big scale the animals necessary for this purpose.

They are the reindeer, which furnishes milk and meat, and the musk ox, which furnishes wool. There are from 1,000,000 to 2,000,000 square miles, he says, in Arctic North America, where ordinary cattle cannot live, but which can provide grazing ground for these animals the year around. He says that Arctic Canada alone will support 7,000,000 reindeer, which number would produce as much meat every year as 14,000,000 sheep.

It is no untold theory that Mr. Stefansson submits. The United States government introduced more than 1,000 reindeer in Arctic Alaska 20 years ago, and they have been increasing rapidly ever since, the herds doubling their numbers every three years under Eskimo care and every two years under the care of white men. There is a herd of 15,000 reindeer in Lapland owned by a group of American capitalists. From this herd there were sold last year in the American market 1,500 carcases of 150 pounds each, at prices considerably higher than were paid for domestic beef.

The Canadian government seems much impressed with the idea. The railway men say that transportation can be arranged. There will surely be no difficulty about the refrigeration problem. We may yet see the whole Arctic region, and most of the great

Antarctic continent too, utilized for the benefit of man.

Alaska offers opportunities for much development along these lines, and the United States should not lag behind Canada in the matter.

HEALTH CENTERS VS. CLINICS.

"Health centers" rather than "clinics" for the child of pre-school age are urged by Dr. Merrill Champion of the Massachusetts state board of health. He says:

"The word clinic is undesirable, because it carries an unpleasant connotation of sickness and medical treatment. 'Health Center' will be another term for a disease-prevention and health preservation center."

It is true that most clinics are regarded by the public as places where the suffering poor can receive medical aid free, and they are not sought until sickness has laid its hand upon some member of the family.

Far more appealing would be the health center, where people could go for instruction as to cleanliness, home hygiene, the choosing and preparation of foods and all the various branches of knowledge which have to do with keeping well.

In the case of small children such centers are doubly desirable. Most of the illnesses of childhood come from the ignorance or carelessness of the parents. Many of these cases long neglected and finally brought to the clinic for treatment have passed the curable stage, and have already done untold damage in contagion.

The health center, which teaches the prevention of both the disease and the contagion, can not be too highly praised. The childish illnesses which reap their yearly toll in all the public schools would find a narrow field in any community which through the activities of such centers sent its children to school well fed and sound-bodied from the start.

"Compared with the Brest-Litovsk treaty, the terms of the Paris treaty are moderate," admits the German newspaper, Freilicht. That Brest-Litovsk ghost will haunt Germany forever.

How disappointed Germany would have been if those peace terms had not proved worse even than she hoped!

Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau will make himself unpopular at Versailles, if he isn't careful.

Why hasn't somebody thought of calling these made-over saloons "salons?"

May day was to be bolshevist day. It turned out to be America day.

A lot of daylight-savers are now sighing, "Backward, turn backward, oh time, in your flight."

Other Editors Than Ours

AMERICAN DIPLOMATISTS. (Topeka Journal). Under the stress of the world's greatest war, which sundered relationships and subverted international law in every continent, the American system of choosing the country's diplomats from among men of affairs rather than from a professional caste, has been retrospectively justified. In the case of at least two of the great belligerents—Germany and Austria-Hungary—the old method of selection has been a conspicuous failure.

American policy in this respect has been founded on the conviction that men who have succeeded in winning their way to success in commercial or literary or scientific spheres demonstrate by that fact that they are fitted by native ability and large experience to represent their government in its official dealings with other nations. For, after all, modern diplomacy is primarily the task of adjusting and maintaining contact between the business in this connection being only another term for affairs in the widest sense.

It requires tact and skill and poise to achieve a place of distinction in a country of more than 100,000,000 intelligent, progressive people. Only a man of exceptional acquisitions can succeed. Having succeeded, such a man is equipped to be his country's agent and spokesman in other lands. The Washington Star (an independent journal) has editorially uttered an appreciation of the American system, and in particular of its workings during the war.

"The American fashion, so to say, has justified itself under many administrations," says the Star. "The latest justification is familiar. Not a man appointed under the present administration to an important diplomatic post had a day's experience in the diplomatic line. And yet not one has failed in office. All have been tried unusually in times unprecedented in the history of diplomacy. With all the world shaken, and all affairs more or less dislocated, making it difficult for even the veteran diplomats of other countries to find their way, our men, all new recruits, have been reasonably sure-footed, and have made good."

SOME CURIOUS SOUVENIRS. (Manchester Guardian).

Apparently M. Clemenceau's practical mind and hate of show are going to deprive his admirers of the right of gazing at the famous perforated coat and waistcoat in one of the Paris museums, for this is not to be included among the relics of greatness for a future age, like Nelson's coat and the Napoleon relics.

There have been some curious souvenirs of the kind, apart from the half smoked cigars of royalties which are treasured by Americans and others. Most curious of all undoubtedly was Lord Anglesey's "leg." Lord Anglesey lost a leg at Waterloo, and it was buried in the garden of the villa to which he was taken. In after years he used to recall how parties of people visited the spot "to view the grave." A relic of another kind was George II's famous coat, and it was a pleasant trait in the fiery little king that he squeezed himself at Dettingen into the coat he had worn years before at Oudenarde. Horace Walpole's "researches" after Queen Mary's comb, Wolsey's red hat, the pipe which Van Tromp smoked on his last sea fight, and the spur which King William stuck into the flank of Sorrel are famous.

NEW YORK SMILES AT OUR GOVERNOR. (New York Sun).

Certain distinguished Indiana republicans come to New York to welcome the Indiana soldiers in the Rainbow division, have not been able to refrain from looking into the seeds of time, for 1920 is getting near, and without a Hoosier candidate for president it would be a lonely and an unhappy year. Therefore, this Indiana delegation solemnly declares that Gov. James P. Goodrich of Indiana will be the choice of the delegates of that state in the next republican convention for president.

It would be wrong to class Gov. Goodrich with Mr. Harding of Ohio and Mr. Sutherland of West Virginia, and we know not how many other favorite sons, a boom or yet to be boomed. It is the historic mission and duty of Indiana to furnish to both parties candidates for vice president. Even at this early date it is a happiness to shout for Blank and Goodrich.

The Tower of Babel

By Bill Armstrong

The Soldiers' Friend. Editor The Tower of Babel, South Bend, Ind.

Dear Friend—I am placed in a very peculiar position on my return from the service. It happens that the top sergeant in our outfit is now working under me and I am debating on whether to treat him nice or kill him. What would you advise? ANXIOUS ONE.

Answer—Simply this, a top sergeant would never understand if you treated him nice.

The Tower of Babel, South Bend News-Times, City. Dear Comrade—Would you be willing to write me a recommendation to assist me in getting a position? ADELBERT.

Answer—If you were in the army, certainly.

Tower, News-Times, City. Sir—I am just out of the army. I am thinking of embarking in the saloon business. What would you recommend? THIRSTY SOUL.

Answer—Go back in the army.

Tower of Babel, News-Times, South Bend, Ind. Comrade—I hear a great deal of discussion since I came back from France as to the relative merits of the work done over there by the various war organizations. Now just between us, which do you think did the boys the best, the Y. M. C. A., K. of C., Salvation Army, or Jewish Welfare League? HENRY.

Answer—Yes.

Editor Tower of Babel, City. Dear Tower—I am very much in love with a young man who is still in France serving with the engineers.

I happened to know that you were in France and felt that I should write to you to find out if he has really been true to me while he has been away. Of course you will have no trouble in identifying him when I tell you that he had red hair, lipped slightly and his name is Stanislaus Hogan. He holds the office of first class private. Shall await anxiously your reply.

ISABELLA. Answer—This is a very peculiar circumstance. I must confess I do not recall Stan although I was under the impression I had met all of the engineers in France. Maybe he was known only by his nick name. I am sorry I can't answer your question but will gladly run over to France and look the matter up just as soon as I have time. Of course it will be necessary for you to furnish me with a stamped envelope to insure a reply from me on my return.

Editor Tower, City. Dear Comrade—You have been doing so much yelling about your having been in the service I am taking the trouble to look up your war record to see whether you should be allowed to wear a uniform on special state occasions, or should be at Leavenworth. (1) Were you an officer or enlisted man? (2) Did you have any special qualifications as a soldier, or didn't you? (3) What battles did you fight in and why? (4) Did you receive any medals for bravery or didn't you? (5) Did you volunteer in the draft? (6) Where were you when the Germans attacked Nancy or did you see any other girls abused by the brute Hun?

Answer—(1), (2), (3), (4), (5) and (6)—No.

Trip is Much Delayed. The News-Times Least Wire Service: SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH, May 17.—Delayed by the terrible drought that the south is suffering with, the South Bend delegation to the International Kiwanis convention at Birmingham, Ala., that is making the trip to Birmingham in machines, was making very poor headway today. It was thought however that had affected every member of the party, leaving Louisville, that the South Benders would reach Birmingham before the close of the convention anyway.

Nelson Jones, the affable undertaker and perpetual treasurer candidate, is planning to attend the convention sessions at Birmingham in the day time and visit New Orleans en route. New Orleans is 500 miles from Birmingham and seems to be the only city south of Louisville that has not been hit by the nation-wide drought.

All the members of the party are well and are making arrangements for having Louis Hammerschmidt elected to every Kiwanis office that they can possibly get hold of.

If men could show the same enthusiasm in their business they display in a convention, ZOWIE!

A conversation in a southern tank town between George M. Platner of South Bend, a member of the Kiwanis delegation going to Birmingham,

ham, and a southern gentleman of African descent.

Gent of African Descent—Powerful nice car you all is travelin' in.

The Pride of the J. M. S.—It certainly is Mose. That's a Studebaker, made at South Bend, Ind. G. of A. D.—I never heard tell of it, sah. Henry Ford is mighty popular down in these parts, sah. Wanda! where you is all govin'.

The Pride of the J. M. S.—We don't mind telling you that we are going to the convention of Kiwanis.

G. of A. D.—Oh, Lordy, ah hopes that there Spanish disease never hits these parts. Ah have heard of it, sah.

CHAIR 115 YEARS OLD. S. L. Warfield, a respected colored farmer of Anderson, South, has a very interesting collection of old articles, among which is a home-made child's chair claimed to be at least 115 years old.

This chair was made for and used by Nick Andrews, who died in the Hadesville neighborhood in 1878 at the age of 75 years. It was made of hickory with round posts, high back and low seat, with split bottom.

Warfield also has a cedar tobacco pipe which he has been using since 1848, and two tobacco knives which he got in 1878. Also a butcher knife which he says was used for butchering sheep at the construction camp at the time the E. & G. railroad was being built.—Todd County Times.

ALL WRONG. The feller seemed dismayed as he stood there and surveyed some bits of broken bottle on the walk.

From his eye he brushed a tear, So we undertook to cheer His gloomy heart with optimistic talk.

"Friend, there is no use to cry Over split milk—wipe your eye." We told him, but the poor man only sighed.

"What you say is very true. It's a foolish thing to do— But it wasn't milk, my dear sir," he replied.

—Indianapolis Times.

MARRIED. I love my love in springtime, The poet used to sing. 'Tis the joyous ringtime, And all that sort of thing.

But now he paints the shutters And toils like any Turk. "I love my love," he mutters, "But how she makes me work."

RESEMBLANCE. "Man is like an hour glass," "Huh?" "No earthly good without sand."

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