

the social scale than he is. It isn't politeness: it's class feeling.

The London street car conductors say "Thank you," when you give them your fare. For the first few days in London it pleases you. Then, after that, you begin to see that it's not politeness. If you'll notice, you'll discover that he doesn't say "Thank you" to anybody in old clothes. And, after you've been in London for a time, his "thank you" nauseates you.

In America, as I see America through European eyes, humanity got a new start, a new toe-hold, on the road of progress, for it was born at a time when ordinary human folks had been all but utterly licked by the upper classes of Europe. It gave tired humanity another grip. I like to call it the land of humanity's second wind.

#### MYSTERY IN FINDING OF CHILD'S BODY IN STARCH BOX

Clinton, Ill., Sept. 26.—Wreckers tearing down the famous old mansion erected here forty years ago by Col. Thomas Snell unearthed the remains of a child buried in a starch box that had been skilfully concealed within the walls of the house. The flesh had dropped from the bones, leaving only the skeleton remaining.

No evidence was introduced to show how the body may have reached its hiding place. Col. Snell lived in the mansion until his death seven years ago and only one family has occupied it since.

Col. Snell's death was followed by a sensational attempt to break his will on the ground that he was insane, and testimony was introduced that at least one husband consented to his wife selling her affections to the mansion owner and that both connived in using their 14-year-old daughter as a lure for his wealth.

Hinecliff, Miss.—Nine men were arrested as mob leader following lynching of Walter Brownlee, negro charged with attacking planter's wife.

#### SAYS SPEEDERS' COURT MAKES MEN "FOUR FLUSHERS"

The following is a copy of a letter sent to Judge Fry:

"Judge S. H. Fry, Auto Speeding Court, City:

"Dear Sir—As reform all along the line is the watchword of the Public Safety Commission even among those at the top, permit me to call your attention to an everyday procedure in your court that stimulates fraud, suggests lying to men otherwise honest and helps to perpetuate 'four flushing' on the part of both prosecution and defense.

"When an automobile driver is unfortunate enough to run down a pedestrian and is confronted in court with the brutal and mediaeval charge of having made an assault with a deadly weapon with intent to do bodily injury he naturally reacts with certain feelings and sensations.

"At first the grotesque, exaggerated charge seems like a practical joke, but on realizing that it is being entertained seriously by the attorneys, the police and the court, he proceeds to erect a battery of lies with which to defend himself, and with such an example of gross, indefensible bombast on the part of our authorities what are we to expect from commoners?

"Suppose we agree that our traditional court procedure must still be hampered by this fantastic phraseology in other fields of jurisprudence, why cannot the Speeding Court be the first to encourage the truth and be on the square by simply charging the culprit in plain terms with having run down a pedestrian with his automobile and that he is haled into court to ascertain the extent of the injury and to fix the blame. I would like to hear of just one case being conducted on the square without 'four flushing' on the part of the police, the court, the attorneys for the defense. Respectfully,

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"5523 Dorchester Av."