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expenses, yet Uncle Sam still is a borrower at an ever increasing interest rate.
What would be said of an individual or a business firm that persistently spent its income before receiving it? Not only is the government doing this but congress is engaged in an effort to provide new ways of spending money.

THE DAWN OF LOWER PRICES.
A survey of the textile market has led the Dry Goods Economist to the conclusion that the reign of high prices in garments and the substances of which they are made is approaching an end.
Stationary or falling prices are noted all along the line.

In the textile markets, it says, it seems that speculation has finally shot its bolt, and the fact that a settlement is under way has now become unmistakably clear.
Apart from the silk market, where liquidation in raw material has been drastic, the outlook is extremely complicated at present.
From every point of view a recession in the price level would appear to be the inevitable prospect.

Both raw cotton and gray goods, it continues, have begun to suffer from the slackness in demand which has affected dry goods generally for some time.
The raw cotton market continues to be narrow, but on the whole, the tendency since the middle of April has been downward.
A survey of the crop prospects promises some increase in acreage, and this, added to the improving weather and the hesitation in the goods market, has taken much of the aggressiveness out of the raw cotton bulls.

Business in finished goods is also slow and movement continues to be hampered by transportation difficulties.
Goods on order appear to be ample for the needs of distributors, except in so far as they are being held up in delivery.

Neither jobbers nor retailers are much inclined to place new business—an attitude which seems to be cordially shared by the consumers.
Raw silk, says the Economist, has undergone drastic liquidation and prices are now down over 50 per cent from the recent high, but until the market becomes stabilized the future price level of finished silks is problematical.

It will be a somewhat lower level than has lately ruled is certain.
In the meantime there is a considerable liquidation of finished silks at cut prices in both wholesale and retail channels.

In regard to wool goods it says: "It seems pretty clear that production of wool goods has overtaken demand, although on some fine dress goods there is still an apparent shortage.
There is a general feeling in the trade that the mill owners will make advantage of this situation to force a slow-down on the forthcoming demand of the operatives for wage increases."

The buying public apparently is sobering up and a speedy recovery from the spree of reckless spending seems to be in prospect.

If the wage earners of America were to save ten per cent of their salaries and invest it at the rate of interest carried by government securities, says Henry L. Doherty, more wealth would be accumulated in a single generation than in all the years since the days of the early colonists.

Senator Watson, in his keynote speech to the Indiana convention, declared it to be the task of the Republican party to reduce taxation and repeal the excess profits tax.

Senator Watson's party there appears to be no good reason why these reforms should not be inaugurated as once without waiting until after election.

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EXPERIMENTAL MATRIMONY.
New York, May 10.—The news that Fannie Hurst, authoress of many stories depicting the simple and wholesome joys of family life, is also the authoress of an experimental marriage which puts family life in the discard, has excited widespread interest; but not nearly so much comment as such an experiment would have caused a few years ago.
For here is not really an isolated case. Every once in a while some new form of marriage, designed by the parties thereto in accordance with some idea, is recounted in the newspapers, and there are many such ventures which do not get into print at all.

At the same time a wave of reform in marriage laws is sweeping across the world.
England has passed a law making divorce much easier, and one involving considerable expense, but on her own estate, which is about as well protected from the winds of change as any legislative body in the world, has been the divorce law proposed to make the divorce law uniform for the States.

The senate refuses to make public its hearings, and there is no information at all as to what the senate thought about it at all is highly significant.

Changes.
All of this is very disturbing to us of the older and more pious generation, who have long regarded matrimony as a sacred if not an absolutely indismissible bond.
However unpalatable, must be faced and recounted. There is a world-wide trend toward the more liberal and uplifting conception of marriage which has served so many generations so well.

Nothing, cant a man pick up his own plate if he wants to?
And as soon as he starts to eat I gave the ball squeeze and pop plate went up and down twice, and pop quick pushed his chair back and looked at the matter.
What is it, Willyum, wats the matter?

Nothing, sed, pop. And he started to eat a lot of peas on his fork.
I squeezed the ball again and pop plate went up and down once, and all the peas went off the fork and pop quick grabbed up his plate and looked up at me without seeing anything on account of the flat thing being all the way under the table cloth, and ma and me, and the waiter, were all over the table cloth.

Look at them yourself, sed, pop.
Just then I made his plate go up and down twice, and pop quick grabbed up his plate and looked up at me.
Goonies, Willyum, wats yer see too?
Pop sed, O, you see it too, thank heaven. And he looked at me and I looked at him, and the waiter, and pop plate and the table cloth and everything and I had to go rite to bed without hardly anything in my stomach.

When the other day ye called at my place and talked to me about that election call and notice that he would support him to the limit.
"Whin the other day ye called at my place and talked to me about that election call and notice that he would support him to the limit."

A Challenge to Marriage.
This is in effect a taunt and a challenge to the married ladies.
It says they are sedentary-headed and that they are doing nothing in modern marriage which makes them so.
This taunt is really an old one. The feminists have been making it for years, and it has done nothing to a married woman has nothing to do, that she is merely a kept woman, and that she is doing nothing in modern marriage which makes them so.

DEBS FOR PRESIDENT.
Eugene V. Debs has been nominated for the presidency by the Socialists.
He will be prevented from making an active campaign for the office by an important engagement in Atlanta, Ga., which will occupy his time until after election.

It is reported that the Republican delegation from New York in the Chicago convention will propose the name of Nicholas Murray Butler for the presidency.

sociologists are pointing out, the thing which is threatened is that ancient and revered institution, the home.
Will a generation of young women want to establish a home?
I will not, like Fannie Hurst, refuse to be an encumbrance.

Centuries seemed to telescope as I gazed upon this pivotal eminence.
Alone at God had called the nations of the world to the banner of Jehovah.
Goshawk and Light Horse Cavalry exhibited their proverbial dash and courage—what a story their work in Palestine makes—the Prophet Samuel at God had called the nations of the world to the banner of Jehovah.

LITTLE BENNY'S NOTE BOOK
BY LEE PAPE.
I bought a majjler at Mommy Simminses store yesterday afternoon.

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International Sunday School Lesson
BY WILLIAM T. ELLIS.
For May 16 is, "Victory Under Samuel."—I Samuel 7:2-17.
A Hill, and 3,000 Years.

Less than a year ago I stood on the tower of the self-flaming German hospice on the Mount of Olives, and heard from the lips of a British staff officer the story of the progress of the army which captured Jerusalem and drove the Turks out of Palestine.
One of the strategic eminences first taken by the British troops in the final attack upon Jerusalem was a point about four miles to the northeast of the city called "Nebi Samuel" or "Prophet Samuel," the traditional home of the king-making prophet of Israel.

The Eternal Theater of Nations.
What a place-book is the Bible! Its geography seems forever alive.
Today there is a new struggle under way in the world, and apparently the final decision is to come within the area of Bible Lands.
It almost looks as if the nations are being drawn back to the theater of His great providences in the past, the place of His greatest self-revelations, there to decide the fundamental questions of political peace and justice.

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And we are reminded of the spiritual musings. Personally, I have been poring over the maps in the back of my Bible, and the wonderful battles, and the great events of history.

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the chosen people were losing their peculiar character. The Lord has chastised His wandering children, and they had become a people of the world.

And Samuel spoke unto all the house of Israel saying, If ye do return unto Jehovah with all your heart, then I will send away the foreign gods and the Asherahim from among you, and direct your hearts unto Jehovah, and serve Him only; and ye will deliver your hearts from the hand of the Philistines.

Then Samuel took a stone and set it between Mizpah and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, Hitherto hath Jehovah helped us.

These International Lessons are more than history; they are a message for the present times; the light of the Bible upon the life of today.
Even a cursory reading of the present lesson story reveals the possibilities of applicability to our own national affairs.

Simple is the answer. Strange gods must be put away, and we must be content with the one true God, who will abundantly pardon.
With prayer and sacrifice and worship, as did Israel at Mizpah, we are to prepare for a restoration of the divine favor, and victory over the foes that afflict our souls.

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JUST FOLKS
BY EDGAR A. GUEST.
THE PROMISE OF SPRING.
The blue has returned to the sky and the green has come back to the trees.

There are glad days of pleasure in store for all, there are charms we shall find in all.
There are blossoms and blooms coming into the world to gladden the pulses we shall tread.

There is gladness on earth, there is beauty for use, and days of contentment to come.
And the world's getting ready its playgrounds for all when the tollers of life rest and be free.

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Now the promise of Spring in the weary of hearts that soon they shall rest and be free.

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Dorothy Dix Talks
BY DOROTHY DIX
World's Highest Paid Woman Writer.
At What Age Should a Man Marry?—I A correspondent asks: "At what age should a man marry?"

That depends upon the man, and his circumstances.
The only age which a man should marry is when he is not a man, but only a boy, with a boy's changing taste and standards and emotions.

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