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## A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

*One secret act of self-denial, one sacrifice of inclination to duty, is worth all the mere good thoughts, warm feelings and passionate prayers in which idle people indulge themselves.*  
—Cardinal Newman.

If we only had hogs rooting for us!

Don't mistake the green goods man for a sign of early spring.

It would never do to let the barber know that you were in a hurry.

It do seem that both Pinchot and Ballinger are in line for admission to the Ananias club.

Mr. Taft undertook to show his teeth, but we haven't noticed that it has improved his smile.

A Tucson scribe writes of "the kiss that won't come off." That must be the one that the other fellow got.

We might stand without a murmur if March had a whole year of such days as we have been enjoying recently.

"El Paso's sky line keeps a-climbing," exclaims the Times. Sure, if measured from a hole in the ground.

J. P. Morgan has a red-headed female librarian. And it is a notorious fact that the old boy is partial to white horses.

An exchange warbles of the glories of the peekaboo season. And are dropped stitch hose to be worn again this summer?

Paradoxical as it may seem, the water wagon has the happy faculty of kicking up a lot of dust every now and occasionally.

Beatrice Fairbanks is writing a good deal these days about "gossiping and borrowing." An old story in almost every neighborhood.

Durango has raised one-half of a proposed bonus of \$100,000 for the Globe road. Globe will get this line purely on her good behavior.

They might accomplish the same purpose if they would pass a law prohibiting an Indian from coming within twenty-five miles of a saloon.

Globe school district will be called upon to elect a trustee this year. What is the matter with our old college chum, Andy Jackson Hammons.

They are writing about the "stage drink" in the east. If it is in the same class with stage money and the stage fowl it is 'no, thank you' with us.

With Mr. Taft's assurance that he didn't mean it, Wall street seems to be doing business at the same old stand with the same reckless abandon.

"Pockets will be very ornamental," says a spring fashion writer. In these days of high living prices we had concluded that they were merely ornamental.

A Texas paper insists that Mr. Peary must show his proofs. Ad wouldn't this Lone Star paper permit Mr. Peary to profit by the doleful experience of Dr. Cook?

According to government engineers, San Juan county, New Mexico, has 24,000,000,000 tons of coal deposits. The Globe-Durango line will tap this wonderful deposit.

If it is true that there be 2,000,000,000 microbes in the average dish of ice cream, as scientists assert, why not fatten the critters and quit worrying about the price of beef steak?

## In The Halls of Congress

BY TAV.

Special Washington Correspondence.

One hundred and forty dollars for street car tickets; \$237.66 for horseshoeing, \$429.55 for soap and brushes!

These are a few of the expenditures of the state department in 1909. The horseshoeing item refers to the shoeing of four horses, except during a period of about three months, when the number was six.

The expenditures referred to were brought to light as a result of a meeting of the house committee on expenditures in the state department. The meeting was the first that has been held since the republican party has been in power.

The committee was one of several committees on expenditures in the various departments of the government that had never held a meeting. Yet there are no more important committees appointed by the speaker than the committee on expenditures of the state, treasury, war, navy, postoffice, interior and agriculture departments—that is, if these committees do their duty. Under the rules they are charged with the examination of the accounts and expenditures of the several departments and the manner of keeping the same; the economy, justness and correctness of such expenditures; their conformity with appropriation laws; the security of the government against unjust and extravagant demands; retrenchment, the enforcement of the payment of moneys due to the United States; the economy and accountability of the public officers and the abolishment of useless offices. Secretaries and janitors have been appointed for these committees, and luxuriously appointed rooms are provided. With one or two exceptions, however, these committees have held no meetings since the republican party has been in power.

The investigation of the expenditures in the state department followed three years of the most skillful and ingenious maneuvering on the part of Representative Courtney W. Hamlin of Missouri, the ranking democratic member of the committee. It so happened that three of the five members present were democrats—Hamlin of Missouri, William B. Craig of Alabama and Martin Dies of Texas. Finding themselves unexpectedly in the majority, the three democrats proceeded to get busy.

Secretary of State Knox, and Assistant Secretaries Huntington Wilson and Wilbur J. Carr were sent for to go over the expenditures of the state department for 1909, aggregating \$428,557.68. The three state department officials were practically useless as witnesses, however, for they frankly admitted they were not sufficiently familiar with many of the items to explain them. However, they promised to look into the various matters called to their attention.

Asked whether he thought \$237.66 was not a somewhat large amount to expend for the shoeing of four horses in a year, Mr. Carr admitted that it seemed excessive. It developed that although the state department has but two vehicles and four horses, it cost \$2,824.49 to maintain the stables last year. Mr. Knox added that the horses are little used, as he generally rides in an automobile.

When considered in connection with the recent statement of Senator Aldrich that he could run the government for \$300,000,000 under the present annual cost, the failure of the committees on expenditures to pay any attention whatsoever to the expenditures of the several departments has made improper use of its appropriation. His position is that it is the duty of the committee of which he is a member to investigate the accounts and see that everything is correct, and to require economy in the expenditures.

The Ladies Home Journal should call for another revised installment of those papers captioned "How a couple can live on \$25 per month." Pork, for instance, has pied all the old forms. Maybe some of the dear sweet contributors would advise keeping the baby on the breast until he had attained the age of fifteen years.

An admiring newspaper expresses the wish that Henry Watterson may live to celebrate his two hundredth anniversary. As great men approach the windowless palace of rest the world begins to plant its flower seeds. Henry Watterson's walk through life has not been over a rose-strewn path.

Two men were arrested in Colorado the other day for killing a duck without a hunter's license. Texas should take a tip from the incident and exact a license from some of the residents of that commonwealth who semi-occasionally go gunning.

Those southern California beach boosters should keep their business eye on the Arizona thermometer. It has been hovering around that point where the "sad sea waves" are almost audible during the past few days.

## A PRAYER FOR BUSINESS MEN

We plead with Thee, O God, for our brothers who are pressed by the cares and beset by the temptations of business life. We acknowledge before Thee our common guilt for the hardness and deceitfulness of our commercial life, which leads so many into temptation and causes even the righteous to slip and fall. So long as it must be that man is set against man in a struggle for wealth, help them to make their contest in some measure a test of excellence, by which even the defeated may be spurred to better work. If any man is pitted against those who have forgotten fairness and honesty, help him to put his trust resolutely in the profitability of sincerity and uprightness and, if need be, to accept loss rather than follow the others on crooked paths. Establish in unshaken fidelity all who hold in trust the wealth of our nation. The property and welfare of our nation controlled by our business men. Help them to realize that they have high public functions and let them not betray the interest of all for their own enrichment. Grant them far-sighted patriotism to subordinate their work to the public weal and a steadfast determination to transform the disorder of the present into the nobler and freer harmony of the future. Let the spirit of Christ, which goes out from Thee and which is ceaselessly pleading within us, prevail to bring our business life under Christ's law of service, that all who guide the processes of factory and trade may feel that high consciousness of a divine calling which blesses only those who are the free servants of God and the people, and who are consciously devoting their strength to the common good.

## CAUSE OF INCREASED PRICES

Professor J. P. Norton of Yale University, expert in trade statistics, has just given out some figures relative to the increased cost of living which he declares knocks the props from beneath the assertion that the ever-advancing prices are due to the "increased proportionate output of gold."

He shows that prices in this country, under protection, have advanced 50 per cent more than in England, under free trade. In all countries under the gold standard, the output must operate uniformly. Therefore, Professor Norton concludes, there must be some special cause at work in this country. He suspects it is the Payne-Aldrich tariff law!

## WOMANLY WISDOM

Some girls would be successful in obtaining a husband if they would remove the hatpin before setting their caps.

Never wash flannels in water in which cotton clothing has been washed, as there is lint always left in the water that "fills" the flannel.

Books, music and good lights may not increase the corn crop, but they wonderfully increase the heart crop; and that is worth a good deal more when it comes to keeping the boys and girls on the farm.

If your oven does not bake, don't get mad about it and think that the stove is a nuisance. Just clean out the top and bottom of the stove. You will be surprised at the amount of soot you will get and how much better the stove will bake.

A week filled up with selfishness and a Sabbath stuffed full of religious exercises will make a good Pharisee but a poor Christian. There are many persons who think Sunday is a sponge with which to wipe out the sins of the week.

It is natural for children to like candy; and good candy is wholesome for them, taken at the proper time—which is not between meals. A good plan is to serve it for dessert several times a week; a few pieces are enough for each child. Used in this way it is not extravagant, as it saves the making of other desserts.

There are too many people who are like a new teakettle. You can pile fire under it, and polish it all you please, but it won't sing; all it will do is to grunt a little, and if you take the lid off, it will scald the hand. Isn't that a picture of grumpy, surly people who don't appreciate kindness? Give me the old iron kettle that can sing, and the old jolly people who can sing, also.

While we have had no direct wire from the jungles we are inclined to believe that a gentleman named Roosevelt has killed the March lion. The lamb seems to be living right here in Globe.

There is an old saying to the effect that there are only two classes who run to fires—firemen and fools, which suggests the idea that there is only one class who break into politics—and they are not—firemen.

## REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR

Politics is naturally bad, but the people in it are unnaturally worse.

A heap of nonsense in this world comes from people trying so hard to show its sense.

People can't save money now staying home, because they can spend it over the telephone.

No matter how much money a man could win by saving it, he'd rather lose by gambling with it.

A woman loves a man because she thinks she does; a man loves a woman because she knows he does.

## THE HABIT OF CHEERFULNESS

Orison Swett Marden in Success Magazine: Cheerfulness will attract more customers, sell more goods, do more business with less wear and tear than almost any other quality. Optimism is the greatest business-getter, biggest trader, the greatest achiever in the world. Pessimism has never done anything but tear down and destroy what optimism has built up.

In the business office, as in society, anywhere, the favorite is always the cheerful person. Good-natured, cheerful people do not waste their vital energy as rapidly as the grumbler or the too sober, too sad people. They work with much less friction.

Good cheer is a great lubricant; it oils all of life's machinery. Shakespeare says:

"A merry heart goes all the day,  
Your sad tires in a mile—a"

There is no other life habit which can give such a prolific return in happiness and satisfaction as that of being cheerful under all circumstances. If the resolution to cultivate cheerfulness is strongly made at the very outset, it will not be difficult to form the cheerful habit, and it will be the best protection against suffering and disappointment.

Cheerfulness is also a great producer. It adds wonderfully to one's active ability, and increases mental and physical power. It makes hosts of friends, and helps us to be interesting and agreeable.

## POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Brains may come in handy if your money gives out.

And many a cheerful dentist looks down in the month.

Don't be an eavesdropper. Brace up and butt in like a man.

An undertaker by any other name would lay us out, just the same.

The man who digs the hardest doesn't always get out the most dirt.

The secret a woman can't find out may become her secret sorrow.

Let your mind work overtime, if it will, but give your tongue frequent vacations.

There is much low grafting that cannot be stopped until the man higher up is behind the bars.

It's a man's inability to understand woman that places him at a disadvantage in the matrimonial game.

If Senator Aldrich would make himself solid with the masses let him invent a dollar with eight quarters in it.

Why is it that an otherwise sensible man is seized with a desire to say idiotic things when alone with a pretty woman?

Many a man has kicked himself out of a good job.

Two-thirds of all a man's troubles wear petticoats.

It is easy to see the silver lining of other people's clouds.

Thermometers make more liars than the big fish that get away.

Politics may be a game for men, but the original boss was a woman.

Men may come and men may go, but women's tongues go on forever.

Why is it one can find a pin almost anywhere except in a pin cushion?

He is a wise poet who annexes himself to a girl with a millionaire father.

We wouldn't know that some people had ever lived but for their obituaries in the papers.

At the age of 18 a girl is afraid of two things—being an old maid and not going to heaven.

Any woman can make an impression on a man who has either a soft heart or a soft head.

When a youth begins to sow wild oats it is time for father to start the thrashing machine.

When a baby talks without saying anything it attracts a lot more attention than a man who is doing likewise.

## MORNING SMILES

"Should a man use perfumery?"

"Well, a trace of gasoline is permissible nowadays."

Wife—Sebastian, I just heard you sigh again. Now, you must understand that, once and for all, I forbid you to sigh.

Why has Miss Susan's battery ceased firing? Staff Officer—Misunderstanding of orders. The quartermistress sent up the wrong powder wagon.

"Er—may I call you Miriam, Miss Montague?"

"Yes, if you like, Mr. Tompkins, but my first name is Florence."

"What was that terrible noise going on in Popkin's apartment last night?" asked Wickley of the janitor.

"They were celebrating their wooden wedding," smiled the janitor. "Mrs Popkin was hitting Popkin on the head with a rolling pin."

"Knocking wood for luck, eh?" grinned Wickley as he passed on; while the janitor chuckled.



## THE WORLD SMILES

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