

To Make the Education of the Public School Children More Practical

By MARY KING SHERMAN, General Federation of Women's Clubs



Applied Education, as a General Federation department title, is so new that a definition from our viewpoint is justified and is found in one of the purposes of the department. This purpose is, in brief, to make the education of public school children more practical.

In this 1921 civilization "practical" cannot be comprehensively defined. Nevertheless, "Applied Education" includes certain essentials. It must be real education, of practical value as contrasted with academic teaching by schedule. It must give the pupil facts and training that will be always useful. It must deal with the realities of the environment of the individual. It must make clear the homely truths of everyday life. It must concern itself with the nature and working of the physical world around us. It must give full value to the educational, economic and spiritual worth of nature's methods and processes. And it must be education that results in a tangible, vital force in the consciousness of the individual.

The department is working for open county conferences in every county of every state. The purpose is to bring together the women of each county, to show them their community needs and how they may co-operate through community groups and to point out the ways in which the General Federation of Women's Clubs may be of service. These conferences are devoted to the consideration of the work of the three divisions of the applied education department—education, home economics and conservation of natural resources.

The beneficial effects of these open county conferences, followed by community group co-operation, cannot be overestimated. This program makes the women see for themselves their own home and community needs and shows them how these may be met. It is based upon action instead of theory and actually functions in the lives of women. It stimulates initiative, inspires and develops leadership and increases the sense of individual responsibility to the community. It results in the development of better American citizens.

United States' Foreign Trade Policy Should Be Live and Let Live

By FRANK A. VANDERLIP, New York Financier

The very necessity of her situation will compel Germany to organize her industries on the most efficient possible basis, which means low production costs. It is up to us to meet German efficiency with equal or greater efficiency, not for the purpose of killing off German foreign trade, but simply to maintain our position.

Our foreign trade policy should be live and let live, recognizing that in the case of both England and Germany, their existence as great nations depends upon their ability to export great quantities of goods. Their export trade is vital to them. With us foreign trade is important but not vital.

There had been developed over a period of many years a machine of the greatest intricacy and delicacy for the exchange of goods among nations. The war smashed this machine into bits. It will require time, great intelligence and much patience to put it together again.

With No Revolvers, the Holdup Man's Victims Would Have a Chance

By JOHN R. THOMPSON, Chicago Restaurant Man

Citizen disarmament! Aside from world disarmament there is nothing so important to civilization.

This is my opinion and incidentally explains why I have inserted in several newspapers an advertisement reading thus:

"I will pay \$1,000 to anyone who will give one good reason why the revolver manufacturing industry should be allowed to exist in America and enjoy the facilities of the mails."

The revolver always has been and still is a menace to any community. It is merely a weapon for the thug, the holdup man and the murderer. It is impossible to turn to any useful purpose, as one uses the rifle or shotgun. Where would our holdup man, doing such a thriving business in Chicago today, be, if he could not get hold of a revolver? He couldn't very well go round packing a shotgun or rifle, and if he carried only a piece of lead pipe or club the victim would at least have a fighting chance.

I have long been convinced the revolver should go and the advertisement is the first of a series to arouse public sentiment against it as the initial step toward a bill in congress banning the making of small firearms.

Matrimonial Happiness Wrecked by Helpmeets Who Wouldn't Talk

By JUDGE JOSEPH SABATH, Chicago

Novelists have devoted carloads of paper and barrels of ink in making people believe the most unfortunate of husbands is the one who has a talkative wife. But they're all wrong. Fifty per cent of the men who come to my court seeking a divorce have had their chances for matrimonial happiness wrecked by wives who wouldn't talk. The most dangerous sort of a helpmeet is the woman who sulks. I believe the majority of unhappy husbands are tired of their wives because the latter sulks and refuse to talk when they are displeased with something the husband has or has not done.

When a man says, "Dear, did you have a good time at the movie, this afternoon?" and the wife answers by tilting her chin in the air and calmly ignoring the fact that her husband has addressed her, there's going to be trouble.

You see, a man is vain. He thinks every statement he makes should be carefully heeded. When his wife attempts to chastise him by refusing to talk, his pride is hurt. Frequently he tries the same plan. Then it is not very long until the home is as quiet as a tomb and the air is charged with divorce electricity.

Saburo Shimada, Japanese orator—The nations of the world are staggering under the pressure of the evergrowing burdens of naval and military expenditures, so that the limitation of armaments will meet with an enthusiastic reception from all peoples. A restriction of armaments can be realized if an understanding is arrived at between the United States, Great Britain and Japan.

Senator James E. Watson of Indiana—We should make definite arrangements with our debtors to pay a fixed amount each year, whatever the sum, so we may have definite assurances of just how much we may expect from each quarter.

OUR FEATURE SECTION

Department Devoted to Attractive Magazine Material

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

By F. A. WALKER

THE QUESTIONER.

WHEN Shakespeare wanted to express the tragedy involved in the snuffing out of the life of his most intellectual character, he did it by these words, "The rest is silence." He might have put it in another way, by saying that Hamlet would ask no more questions. For that was his most disconcerting habit. Keeping silence before a puzzling world, and a puzzling universe, is something that man has never done. The human being who just asked the reason for the first nightfall and the first appearance of the stars stood on the threshold of all modern scientific investigation.

So, if it were necessary to find a definition of man which would differentiate him from all the rest of creatures, it would be sufficient to say of him: "He is the animal that asks questions."

Rudyard Kipling in a striking line talked of "the law of the jungle."

The writers of fables have not pulled the long bow in attributing to the beasts the sense of justice, even if they were making fun of society in doing so. So the lion stands for the maker of rules, and the monkey for him who evades them.

So law is not peculiar to the children of Adam. The animals know political economy. "Go to the ant thou sluggard," said King Solomon.

This little creature shows what can be done through the organized efforts of thousands of insects, whose operations could be stopped in a moment by the foot of a passing giant in the shape of a mischievous boy.

So business organization is not exclusively human.

It is impossible to look at the combs of a beehive without realizing that the creatures who made it know geometry and architecture.

The cells are so constructed as to give the maximum of strength with the minimum of expenditure in the way of material.

So the Brooklyn bridge, or the dome of St. Peter's, is not a proof of human superiority.

There is a solitary eagle to be seen every day, soaring over a lake in western Ontario. Once he had a mate. But she disappeared one winter. Since then the widower has never married. The natives say that it is the habit of these birds to be perpetually true to their first and only love.

So constancy is not the exclusive virtue of our race.

When Christ wanted to express his affection for Jerusalem, he could think of nothing better to say than that he would have gathered his people about him, as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings. This timid bird will face any peril if she thinks that her young are in danger.

In the same way the bear of the North woods, which will fly before man under ordinary circumstances, will fight to the death if she thinks her cubs are threatened.

So family affection and devotion do not set mankind apart from the rest of the animal kingdom.

Only the other day a raccoon at the Bronx zoological gardens in New York, was in danger of starving to death because the gatekeeper who had tamed

THE GIRL ON THE JOB

How to Succeed—How to Get Ahead—How to Make Good

By JESSIE ROBERTS

AN AVERAGE JOB.

ARE you going to be content with an average job, which can be filled by any girl, or do you want a career? If the latter, you must recognize the importance of sound training.

Take two girls. Both determine that stenography is the opening they will seek. One takes the usual course and enters an office at the ordinary salary. She can do the average thing, and that is all.

The other girl isn't satisfied with such a future. She takes Spanish and French, and studies English, both commercial and cultivated. She studies the requirements of a big position, and works for it. She puts in an extra year of work before accepting a position and once at work she continues her studies.

She will be one of the few thoroughly equipped women for the position she has in mind. She will get that position in time. And she will be making two or three times what her friend is at the end of ten years, and have, moreover, the assurance of a permanent position and real recognition. Because the thoroughly trained person is rare, and the firm who secures her won't let her go if it can help itself.

A girl can specialize in bank work, in technical work, secretarial work or for big business. And this is only in the one line of stenography. There are hundreds of other lines, and in each the trained and ambitious worker will be at a premium. Don't be content with the average job. (Copyright.)

LYRICS OF LIFE

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

GEE AND HAW.

A FELLAH had a pair of mules That knew no laws and knew no rules But geed for haw and hawed for gee And went contrary generally. The darndest mules you ever see.

If both had geed when it was haw, While that ain't just exactly law, It would've worked out purty good, If once the thing was understood And they done what you thought they would.

But not these two. If old July, When you yelled "gee," to gee would try, Old January, 'tother one, Observin' what July had done, Would start to hawin' on the run.

So gee and haw and haw and gee, But never simult'neously, They went through life, and kicked more dirt And done less work and done more hurt

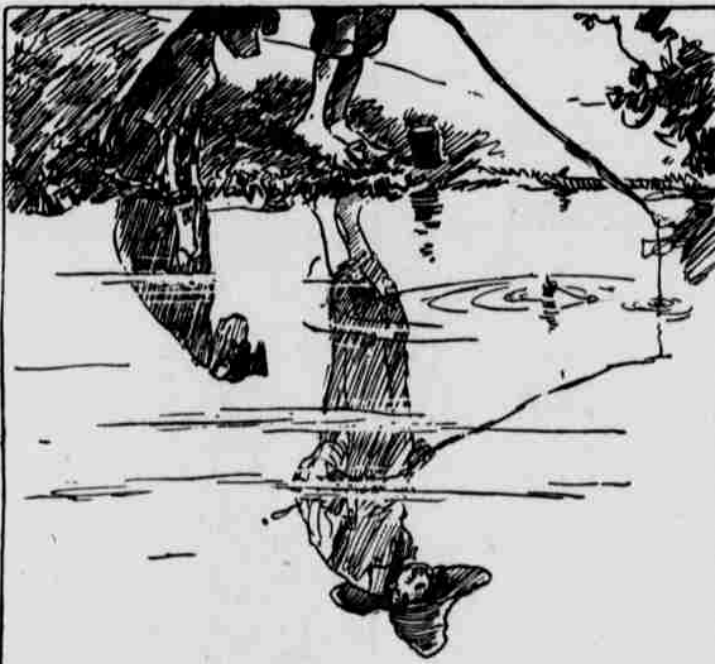
Than two hyenies, I assert. And I've seen folks just like them mules.

Who wed, but never read the rules, Who didn't know you had to wear The marriage collar fair and square And pull together everywhere.

One can't have haw and one have gee: To gee or haw you must agree And then go forward, gee or haw, Accordingly, without no jaw— And that's good sense, and that's good law.

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SCHOOL DAYS



Sick 'im, Dan!

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Mother's Cook Book

The wisest pilgrim is the one who goes Along the highway, hour by hour content To take the rain or shine the skies have sent; Who counts his riches in each budding rose;

Each song the thrush through vernal branches throws; Each marvel of the sunrise; each dusk gleam

Of mystery and fragrant sacrament; Each star that in the heaven burns and glows.

PALATABLE DISHES.

A HANDFUL of green onions, a cupful of cooked rice, a cupful of thick white sauce, a cold hard-cooked egg and a little cheese may make a very palatable luncheon dish. Cook the tender young onions until well done; drain. Butter a small baking dish and put in the rice, cover with the drained onions, add a sprinkling of grated cheese the white sauce and bake until bubbling hot. Serve from the dish. The rice should be well seasoned with butter, or with a chicken broth while it is cooking.

Banana Cream.

Slice three ripe bananas, press through a sieve, add a small box of crushed strawberries, reserving part of the juice; beat together lightly and set on ice to cool. Serve in glass cups with whipped cream to which has been added the reserved strawberry juice. Serve very cold.

During the hot weather the simple and less expensive desserts appeal to the housewife. Frozen dishes, when prepared at home, are always acceptable and cost very little.

Lemon Sherbet.

Take three lemons, two cupfuls of sugar and a quart of rich milk. Mix the sugar and lemon juice, add a grated rind if desired, then stir in the milk. The mixture will curdle but when frozen will be smooth and very palatable. Serve in sherbet glasses.

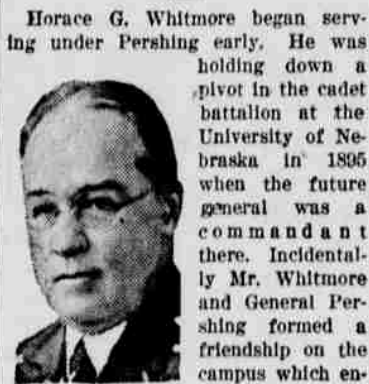
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THE AMERICAN LEGION

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LEGION MEN LIKE HIS TYPE

State Adjutant of Minnesota Made Numerous Efforts Before Accepted for War Service.



Horace G. Whitmore began serving under Pershing early. He was holding down a pivot in the cadet battalion at the University of Nebraska in 1905 when the future general was a commandant there. Incidentally Mr. Whitmore and General Pershing formed a friendship on the campus which endures to the present day and which found expression after the armistice, when the C-in-C, inspecting the One Hundred and Fifty-first field artillery in Germany, left a crowd of generals, walked over to a stubby little first sergeant, thrust out his hand and said:

"Whitmore, I am glad to see you." Whitmore was born in Dayton, O., in 1873; was brought up on a farm in Nebraska, and graduated from the state university there in 1905.

He was a contractor in Minneapolis in 1917, when he presented himself for admission to the first series of officers' training camps. He was rejected as being overweight. Back to the farm went Whitmore. In four weeks he took off 20 pounds and asked to be admitted to the second series of training camps, but the surgeon said: "Too fat to fight." Another examiner said: "Too old."

Whitmore went from recruiting office to recruiting office until he became a private in Battery B, One Hundred and Fifty-first field artillery, Forty-second division. He went overseas with the outfit and served with it through the war, participating in every engagement in which the Rainbows took part.

When discharged he was induced to become state adjutant of the American Legion for Minnesota. He has done much for the development of the Legion in the Northwest. Mr. Whitmore recently resigned from that position to accept the directorship of a company formed for the manufacture of an automobile accessory device which he invented.

WAS BORN UNDER LUCKY STAR

Indianapolis Legion Man Sustained Twenty-Six Wounds During His Service in War.

Wounded 26 times and glad it wasn't 27, William N. Evans, Indianapolis, Ind., still believes he was born under a lucky star.

He walked into national headquarters of the American Legion the other day seeking "just any kind of work that will keep my mind occupied." He said he was an overseas veteran. "I'm still a bit weak," he explained. "I was wounded."

When pressed for details he owned up to 26 wounds in four major offensives. A job was made for him, clerical work that would "keep his mind occupied" but which would be consistent with 26 wounds.

Evans was a private in the Twenty-eighth infantry, First division. A machine gun got him at Cantigny, a bayonet came next at Soissons; he was struck by shrapnel in the St. Mihiel push and in the Argonne a one-pounder shell hit him a glancing blow on the chin before it exploded. When it went off almost under him 22 pieces of shrapnel peppered his body. He remained on the battlefield 36 hours before he was picked up. "But I'm happy just the same," Evans says. "This job keeps me from being a loafer and pays just enough with my government compensation for me to get married. I guess I was born lucky."

Benefit Performance.

For some time the benign old gentleman sat watching the novice in his vain attempts to land a fish. Finally the angler was reduced to his last worm and still no catch.

"Cheer up, son," said the old gentleman. "They're biting well for you at any rate."

"No, they ain't," retorted the other aggrievedly. "They're bitin' for their own personal benefit, that's what they are."—American Legion Weekly.

The Latest Alibi.

The Boss—Well, what excuse this time? Grandmother dead again, I suppose?

The O. B.—No sir! Grandmother wants me to take her to the game and point out all the best-known players.—American Legion Weekly.

Flag for Each Casket.

The American flag is henceforth to be draped about the caskets of all ex-service men dying in hospitals in this country, as a result of conferences between members of the American Legion's national legislative committee, the surgeon general of the United States public health service and the director of the bureau of war risk insurance. A Treasury department ruling has now been obtained whereby the purchase of a flag for this purpose will be permitted as a part of the funeral expenses defrayed by the government.

LEGION CHAPLAIN SETS PACE

Iowa Department Official, Elected Sheriff, With Aid of Buddies, Rounds Up Criminals.



When veterans of the World war in Des Moines, Ia., elected Rev. W. E. Robb, chaplain of the Iowa department of the American Legion, to the office of sheriff of Polk county, they disregarded party lines for the good of the community. The Legion chaplain ran far ahead of his opponent in the face of a landslide.

After he assumed his office, Sheriff Robb set a pace that woke up the county. He seized more illicit liquor and bootleggers in the first 90 days of his term than his predecessor obtained in two years. His 21 deputies were almost all members of the American Legion.

Then he turned his attention to an alleged graft ring composed of Des Moines police officials. He caused the demotion of the chief of police, his assistant and the chief of detectives.

Chaplain Robb was a theological student at Drake university in Des Moines when war was declared. In some manner he succeeded in obtaining a commission as a chaplain in the army before he was ordained and went overseas with the One Hundred and Sixty-eighth infantry. He served 18 months in France, was decorated with a D. S. C. for bravery under fire and was idolized by the doughboys of his regiment.

Upon his return he wrote and published "The Price of Our Heritage," a book depicting the prominent part in the World war taken by men of Iowa.

MANY NURSES BEING SOUGHT

Three Hundred Graduates Are Needed to Serve in New Hospitals for Veterans.

A nation-wide canvass to obtain three hundred graduate nurses to care for sick and wounded veterans of the World war is being made by Mrs. Mary A. Hickey, assistant superintendent of nurses, U. S. public health service, and a member of Springfield (Mass.) post of the American Legion.

"We are ready to open up two new hospitals for our wounded and disabled men at Chelsea, Mass., and Quilport, Miss., as soon as we can recruit 300 nurses to take care of the boys," said Mrs. Hickey.

The record of Mrs. Hickey in the World war includes service as nurse with both the French and American armies. She was a member of Base Hospital unit No. 87 at Toul and later served as chief nurse at Fort McHenry, Baltimore, Md.

Mrs. Hickey can be reached at the Polyclinic hospital, 345 West Fifth street, New York city, and will give full information upon request. Application blanks, however, for this service may be obtained from the chief nurse, Polyclinic hospital, or direct from the surgeon general, U. S. public health service, Washington, D. C.

FOLLOWED YANKS BACK HOME

Member of London Rifle Brigade Likes American Boys and is Anxious to Be Citizen.

Tommy Atkins and the doughboy might have aired different views when London entertained a portion of the American Expeditionary Force, and there are few cases where Tommy followed the Yanks back home.

Baden Grindle of the London Rifle Brigade did, however. The Americans were his buddies up and down Piccadilly Circus and he swapped yarns and magazines with them in London hospitals. He grew homesick for them last summer and caught the next boat out of Liverpool.

Although he will not be eligible for membership in the American Legion until he becomes an American citizen, Grindle wanted to show the ex-service men's organization where he stood. While in hospital he passed away his idle moments in making a large replica of the American Legion emblem on a brass plate. A buddy lent him a Legion button as a model. He took the plate to national headquarters of the Legion recently as a token of friendship and asked if someone wouldn't have a lap passed so he could become a citizen without further ado.

Grindle is now working in a photographic studio in Indianapolis, Ind., counting the days until he can become a full-fledged buddy.

Nipped in the Bud.

A buddy stopped drinking Budweiser. His buddy said to him: "Bud, why, sir?" The first buddy said: "I've a much clearer head and feel certain I'm a bud wiser."—American Legion Weekly.

Will Attend Convention.

A delegation of 150 American Legion members will attend the annual convention at Kansas City from one Legion post at Blackwell, Okla. The post is already making arrangements for special Pullmans to be attached to the American Legion train which will carry delegates from the western part of the state. The train will start at Oklahoma City. Delegates from the eastern part of the state will travel on a train which will originate at Tulsa.