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THE DESPICABLE SPY

Speaking, or rather thinking of wars-and we have plenty of that now-leads the mind towards their results as well as their atrocities; the suffering they impose upon innocents; the murders and destruction of property and all that, and reveals the hideousness of human actions that from childhood nature has taught us to abhor, portraying a most despicable picture to contemplate and give us nightmares, which should be bad enough seemingly. Unfortunately, however, it does not end there and we proceed to face the spy who appears as harmless as a new born baby, but who in reality is the most despicable rattle snake under a human skin.

The rattle snake as dangerous as it may be to human beings, in its natural form, and while it may strike from ambush, given half a chance, it will give warnings. Not so with the spy. The spy will cunningly work his way into your confidence, accept gracefully your hospitality, your protection and friendship and in his black heart lies the venon of betrayal ready to lead you to slaughter. And just think, governments of civilized nations encourage him-. Now, why should we wonder that private "gumshoe" organizations exist.

### THEY'RE AFTER HIM

Two years or more ago, a United States District Attorney was needed to represent the department of justice in the Third Division. A man by the name of Spence, or something-from Down East-or he may have been from Oregon somewhere, put in his application for the position and the presumption is, he had a pull and got the plum; although there were many good enough men in Alaska, unfortunately, they had no pull and were sidetracked. However that may be, when Mr. Spence first came, the newspapers as well as the people of that division accepted him at his face value-a mighty poor asset-and have regretted their faulty judgement since.

Recently that same carpetbagger got into his noodle that he must save some money to the government and accordingly planned to reduce the number of his assistants and show his devotion. That little plan was alright until the Seward people got wind of it, and then there wah h- apopping. Now, for his impudence in daring to cut off a feeder from the old plum tree, they want him removed. To this, all we can say is that we wish them success, provided, however, they reciprocate, for we are in the same fix,

JUST A LITTLE COMMON SENSE

Perhaps one of the best habits that should be cultivated by a mother in the home is the habit of conversing with her little ones; and a deplorable mistake is made if this is neglected. It would be far better that a mother would make fewer clothes, give simpler food and even forget little outside education than not have time to converse with her children. The little ones are composed of both spirit and bodies, and to drown the spirit while covering up the body is contrary to proper education. A mother should talk freely and intelligently to her children, always remembering that their little minds are just as hungry for knowledge as their stomachs are craving for food. The best children, intellectually do not always come from the best schools. They come from homes where mothers impart thir knowledge to their children intelligently. -+++-

PARTY UNITING FOR 1916

(From the Post-Intelligencer)

Samuel W. McCall's election to the governorship, an event of highest credit to the Bay state, because it gives recognition to a fine type of New England statesmanship and scholarship, is of political moment in eliminating the Progressive party as a factor in that commonwealth and simplifying the situation for the greater contest to come. The Republican party there is now united and the division of 1912 only a memory.

Election returns from other states, all not fraught with the same deep significance, are nevertheless similarly expressive of party unity and restored party strength, and a full appreciation of the folly of internecine political warfare. United, the Republican party is invincible always, and this latest casting of ballots, even in usually rock-ribbed Kentucky, presages clearly enough a return of something like old-time

The president's own state, in its legislative aspect, gives no assurance of steadfastness to the party in power, and the election of Republican congressmen uniformly to fill existing vacancies becomes an object

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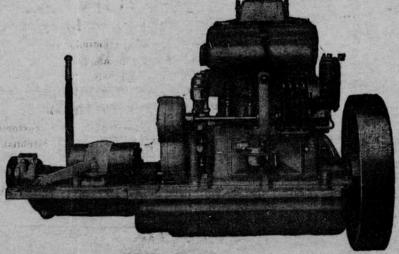
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