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It is announced that Lady Godiva will ride a white horse in Chicago. No doubt a lot of the boys will go out to see the white horse.

We will all have to work fast if we succeed in getting the necessary contracts to make it possible for Col. Gallagher to arrange the finances for the big enterprise. Don't lose a moment.

Make it your own duty to see that if you can't plant beets this year and the only good reason ought to be that you haven't any place to plant them—to get some one to do it. We must not let the present opportunity slip.

The New Year Day is over but the new year is with us and we should start right in trying to make every one happier and every thing better. If a hundred million people do that a few weeks, the victory will be won and will be a glorious one.

The beet acreage is coming along and every body is hoping their best that the desired amount will be secured by Monday night but hopes alone won't do it. Urge your friends to contract for beets, tell them how important it is, be responsible for securing at least some acreage.

Freight rates are to be boosted Monday to stand until March of next year. We hope this will help the general situation but doubt it for in this highly competitive period it seems to us—and we don't know a thing about it—that efforts to increase business rather than rates, would be wiser.

We believe the new contract for the sugar factory will be the fairest ever made. It guarantees the grower his expenses and then gives him a 50-50 split on the profits. In Michigan where a similar plan was used this year, every one is happy about it and eager to sign up for 1932.

The fire loss in Decatur during 1931 was about \$3,000, a record that was probably not equalled in any town this size in the state. This city has excellent fire protection, a good fire fighting organization, excellent water facilities and consequently was able the past year to hold the loss down to a minimum. We hope the coming year will be just as perfect along that line.

If the postal inspectors can locate the party or parties who are sending deadly bombs through the mail

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Decatur, Ind.
Representative.

they ought to use all the machinery at hand to speedily and thoroughly punish them. We have no room in this country for reds who believe in destruction of lives and property and the recent wholesale bomb mailing looks as though it was a big plan to start something.

The city of Chicago may be forced into a receivership control because of the controversy over \$100,000,000 of unpaid taxes. The court has just ruled that the assessment is unfair and that taxes do not have to be paid, so the teachers, employees and other creditors are holding the sack and its getting to be a heavy sack. Its a tough situation and not good for the rest of the country.

Even though the year 1931 was rated a slow one generally, this city progressed and there was considerable building and improving. The program for the coming year should likewise include sufficient building to show the world that we have faith and propose to keep up with the procession. Communities which do that will certainly be in better condition when the time comes to spurt.

The time is here for most of our subscribers — by mail — to renew their subscriptions. We propose to work harder than ever to give you the news when its new, to keep you posted on the affairs of the day and to help you every way we can. The price is less than a penny a day and we hope you cooperate by responding to your notice immediately.

Wisconsin is a dairy state and does not propose that the industry be interfered with by the sale of substitutes for butter. The legislature passed a bill providing a six-cent tax, \$1,000 annual license fee by the manufacturer and a \$500 fee by the wholesaler. Restaurants and boarding houses which use oleo must pay a special license and it cannot be used at all in state institutions. That will probably leave the field clear for the dairy products and is expected to aid farmers and all others so engaged.

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Household Scrapbook — by ROBERTA LEE

When one wishes to set the color and shrink goods before making into a garment, dissolve one pint of salt into four gallons of water and soak the material for at least an hour.

Stains on Leather

Dab the spot carefully with spir its of sal-ammoniac. After allowing this to act for awhile, wash with clean water. Repeat the treatment a few times if necessary. Be careful not to discolor the leather.

Apples

pare apples with a silver knife and it will prevent discoloration.

Lessons In English

Words often misused: Do not say "Give me a little bit." Say, "a small portion," or "a piece."

Often mispronounced: Often. Pronounce *o-n*, *o* as in "soft," and not often.

Often misspelled: Trouseau. Observe all the vowels.

Synonyms: Simple, artless, innocent, naive, unsophisticated.

Word study: "Use a word three times and it is yours." Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day. Today's word: Canine (a verb, not a noun); dog-like. "The fox belongs to the canine species."

Modern Etiquette — by ROBERTA LEE

Q. How may one announce a wedding engagement?

A. By sending a notice to the newspapers, or sending engraved announcements to relatives and friends.

Q. Is the Sunday night dinner popular?

A. No; it is neither popular nor smart.

Q. Is it proper for all men's cards to bear the prefix "Mr.?"

A. Yes.

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U. S. Marine Band.
WEAF—NBC network, 8 p. m.—
Gypsies.
WABC—CBS network, 8:30 p. m.—
An Evening in Paris.
WEAF—NEC network, 2:30 p. m.—
Parade of the States.
WABC—CBS network, 10:15 p. m.—
Toscha Seidel.

SEE THREEFOLD BOMBING PLOT OF TERRORISTS

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wrapped in burlap, bore no address. Two copper wires protruding from it first aroused suspicions. The package was 12 inches long and six inches wide and weighed 11 pounds. It was immersed in a pail of water and placed in charge of the chemical division of the fire department. The package will be subjected to a volley of gunfire today to determine its contents.

Chicago police definitely established that the package addressed to Giuseppe Castruccio, Italian consul in that city, was another bomb, the second sent to Chicago by express. The bomb was exploded in a stone quarry and its force was reported as strong enough to wreck a building.

The other infernal machine sent by express to Chicago was addressed to Oscar Durante, editor of a pro-fascist newspaper. He refused to accept the package. His fears were confirmed when police fired into the box and found it contained high explosive.

A heavy guard was placed around the Philadelphia home of Judge Harry S. McDevitt, following receipt of bombing threats. Judge McDevitt sentenced Orlando Spartaco, who was convicted of heckling Italian Foreign Minister Dino Grandi. Spartaco is out on bail now awaiting an appeal. Judge McDevitt furnished the bail, explaining his act would remove the martyr's cloak from Spartaco.

The laundry is being moved from 2nd St. to the new building on Jefferson St.

William H. Teeple, brother of Mayor Judson Teeple is bit by dog. Miss Marie Allison honors Miss Frances Dugan with party.

William Harting and son, Andrew, leave for Texas for month's visit.

Methodist Brotherhood enjoy meeting with talks by D. N. Erwin, Horace Callow, Henry Krick and Reverend Seman.

Bayonet in Warfare

Bayonets were used as early as 1647. They consisted of a steel dagger fixed in a wooden hilt which fitted into the muzzle of a musket. The bayonet became the typical weapon of the infantry. In 1805 Sir John Moore introduced a bayonet fastened to the musket by a spring clip. The triangular bayonet (so called from the cross-section of its blade) was used in the British army until the introduction of the magazine rifle, when it was replaced by the sword bayonet.

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which occurred on October 2," the prosecutor continued.

In this latter robbery the bandits kidnapped Elmer Lucas, assistant cashier of the bank and mayor of Hartford City, taking him as a hostage to a point three miles north of the city where they released him unharmed.

"The first positive evidence which will also lead to the solution of the Montpelier bank robbery which occurred on November 25, last, has also been uncovered," the Blackford county prosecutor added but would not elaborate upon the nature of the evidence obtained.

"All new disclosures continue to link all persons already implicated."

KIDNAP RING IS CAPTURED

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of John J. Lynch, general news bureau head. Lynch, whose syndicate distributes racing information was reported to have been released last August after Al Capone had been instrumental in reducing the ransom demand from \$200,000 to \$50,000.

Another believed victim of the same syndicate was James Hackett, a Chicago gambler. He was said to have paid \$75,000 for his freedom.

It was believed the ring maintained constant communication between a headquarters in Chicago and units operating out of Peoria and St. Louis. Arrangements between members of the band were made for holding prisoners, making ransom demands and obtaining payments from victims.

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DON'T QUOTE ME (U.P.)

Washington, Jan. 2.—(U.P.)—When George Washington died he left a will with a provision in it bequeathing stock in the Potomac canal worth 5,000 pounds sterling to the government for the establishment of a National university in Washington. He picked as a site for the university the knoll of what is now

Massachusetts avenue now occupied by the United States naval observatory. For years it was known as University Circle.

The Potomac canal parallels the Potomac river from Cumberland, Md., to Georgetown, once a town but now a residential section of Washington. Washington was the builder of the canal, which was in use until a few years ago.

But that is beside the story. After Washington's death the canal became unprofitable and the value of the stock dwindled to almost nothing. John Adams and Lafayette thought it a pity that Washington's dream should come to such an end. They raised \$25,000 in cash and placed it in the United States treasury to cover the full value of the bequest.

Years passed and still no National university was founded. Finally the government turned over the money to Columbian College, now George Washington University, large and thriving.

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Lectures would be qualified to comprehend membership in the university be limited to persons least a degree of Mass. Work would be mainly research and advanced in toward the Doctor. All government laboratories and the like would be open to the school, and the government would have the right to the university for any desired done.

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Ed Berling is spending his time visiting his sister, Sr. M. For Du Lac, Wisc.

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