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THE POOR are always with us, but the rich go away for the summer.

A MOVIE star is in trouble because he got two marriages ahead of his divorces.

MAN'S WIFE wants alimony because of a watch. Must have been another woman in the case.

STYLE decries fringe for the bottom of a woman's skirts, but if a man adopts it we brace ourselves for a touch.

BERT MORGAN should have that still he has on exhibition at the Health Exposition patented to prevent infringement.

LUCIUS SWIFT'S criticism of Street Commissioner Walker's primary activities does no teexplain why the sanitary board has allowed the alleys to become congested with garbage and refuse.

SENATOR WATSON has requested President Harding's advice on the keynote speech he is preparing for the Indiana Republican convention. Who knows, he may consult Albert J. Beveridge next?

Democratic Stock Jumps

Preliminary discussions of platform measures by Democratic leaders gathered here yesterday at a meeting of the State committee indicated that they have largely grasped what is in the public mind, contrary to customary political procedure, and are ambitious to crystallize sentiment as they find it into comprehensive principles that will demand reforms the people most desire.

The Democrats rightly feel that the taxation scheme is still unsolved, and in this they will be supported by thousands of persons who are still fingering over their tax duplicates. The Goodrich tax law, despite its numerous amendments, is still far from the perfection it was promised to be.

The management of the State highway commission, especially during the recent primary, will give the Democrats further cause for demanding reforms, the framers believe, and the operation of the public service commission affords them still further opportunity for preparing what many believe are much needed changes.

The platform framers will do well to follow the suggestions of the new chairman, Walter S. Chambers, to confine their attention largely to State issues, leaving the definition of national issues to Samuel M. Ralston and the various congressional candidates. Although national affairs, due to the prominence of both senatorial candidates, promise, as usual, to overshadow purely State problems, the commissions and organizations of the present State administration should not be overlooked. In fact, they should be stressed.

That the leaders are keeping their ears pretty close to the ground is evidenced furthermore by the fact that moves to repeal the State-wide primary law and the injection of liquor issues are receiving scant attention. The platform builders will act wisely in leaving these affairs strictly alone.

With a new organization, a new chairman, who has long been a party worker, and a secretary, Miss Gertrude McHugh, who has been tried and found qualified in the files of many campaigns, the Democrats have reason to feel jubilant over the prospects.

Holding Aloof

I know you are interested in world restoration. So is your Government. But I beg to remind you we must always be right at home before we can be very helpful abroad. We do not mean to hold aloof; we want to play a great Nation's part, a great people's part in the world—from address by President Harding before the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, May 18.

It is rather difficult to reconcile the President's pronouncement, "We do not mean to hold aloof," with the Government's reiterated refusals to assist in setting the European house in order. Possibly it is true that the Harding Administration does not "mean to hold aloof" from concourse with other nations, but that is exactly what it is doing while Europe struggles futilely to regain its economic feet and which it confesses it cannot do without the assistance of the United States.

The Genoa conference failed because the Russian nut was too hard to crack, but, realizing that it must be done before the world's commercial vitality can be restored, European statesmen are going to attempt thefeat again at The Hague, hoping against hope that this time America will join with them.

President Harding makes the point that a revival of American industry is largely dependent upon commerce, yet this cannot be brought about until the world is in a buying mood. And it will not be in a buying mood until the menace of a militant and truculent Bolshevism is removed through the good agencies of international amicability and Europe is permitted to turn its thoughts from aggression and revenge to rehabilitation of its economic resources.

The purchasing power of Europe must be restored, and when it is American enterprise will find there a fruitful market. The United States must in time come to the realization that the European mess is not so much political as it is economic.

Harding and the Steel Industry

If the steel barons accept the good advice of President Harding and banish the twelve-hour working day in the industries which they control, a big battle in behalf of labor will have been won. The President suggested the abolition of the long working periods at the first of a series of conferences he is expected to hold with different business groups, and while the steel manufacturers did not subscribe literally to the executive's views they agreed in principle.

The adoption of shorter hours by this method would mark a new departure in the relations between labor and capital. The steel industry has adhered to the twelve-hour day and even weathered a strike a few years ago without receding from its policy of exacting long hours of labor from its employees. If the Harding suggestion is carried out, it will demonstrate forcibly the futility of strikes and the efficacy of mediation, especially by a third and uninterested party, such as the President should be.

The trend in American industrial circles for years has been toward the eight-hour day, and it has been adopted widely. The steel industry has been one of the largest employers, however, that has stood out against granting reasonable hours to its employees, and if it now subscribes, as is indicated, to the President's appeal it will mark a new era in American industry.

One Memorial Day

There is nothing more fitting, nor more aptly illustrative of the pure American spirit, than the proposal of the American Legion to assume the trust of caring for the graves of the Union and Confederate soldiers and, of course, those who fell in the World War and the other conflicts in which Americans paid the supreme sacrifice. In thus embracing those who wore the Blue and those who wore the Gray, the legion demonstrates that the Mason and Dixon line is no more and that those who once were foes are now soldiers of the United States.

"Why not let us have just one national Memorial Day for the decoration of America's soldiers?" is another proposal in the legion's letter that merits thoughtful attention. "Our membership is comprised of the sons and, largely, grandsons of Confederate veterans and Union veterans. It is composed of your children and your children's children; we belong to you and you belong to us. The glory and the heroism that you wrought is our priceless heritage."

This proposal from the young men who also served should come as comforting news to the veterans whose ranks are steadily thinning. Year after year they have been wont to gather to pay tribute to those who have heard "taps," and it should bring joy to them to know that when they have passed on their glorious work will not be dropped.

Linda See, Inc.

by LOUIS JOSEPH VANCE

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To forget the bitter troubles of her domestic life.

LINDA DRAKE accepts the invitation of her friend,

FANNY LONTAINE, a school girl chum,

to visit with her English husband,

HARRY, the film studio of the famous

ALMA DALEY. Fanny explains that

Harry hopes to form a moving picture

company in California. On the trip to

the studio, Linda, Nellie, and Linda

muses over the break with her husband,

BELALY. Wealth, youth, beauty, had

failed to bring happiness to their Fifth

avenue home after five years of mar-

ried life. Heavy drinking and an in-

satiable appetite for promiscuous flirt-

ing had brought about the break which he

destroyed her early love for him. And

now

RICHARD DARTENEY, her old sweet-

heart, had returned to New York. The

trip to the studio would give her a

chance to forget.

CHAPTER VIII—Continued.

Stage, as the layman understands that term, was none; but the floor space as a whole was rather elaborately cluttered with what might be called up-to-date technicals known as "sets" in various stages of completion and demolition; a set being anything set up to be photographed, from a single "side" or "flat" with a simple window or door, or an "angle" formed of two such sides joined to the sides of a room, or a set of the whole, consisting of a series of construction which occupied fully one-half of the left and reproduced the Palm room at the Ritz-Carlton.

At the far end of the room a substantial set represented a living room, part of it was made from Linda's view of it, a number of massive but polished metal screens, or stands arranged in two converging ranks, at whose apex stood a heavy tripod supporting a small

Ye TOWNE GOSSIP

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By K. C. B.

HE LIVES in a house.

WITH A lot of ground.

AND A low stone wall.

AROUND IT all.

AND HE's very old.

AND VERY rich.

AND I'VE been told.

THAT YEARS ago.

BEFORE AGE came.

THEY KNEW him.

IN THE business world.

AS VERY stern.

AND VERY cruel.

AND IN his age.

THEY TELL me, too.

HE WANTS no friends.

EXCEPT THE grounds.

HE WANDERS through.

AND HOW I learned.

OF THIS strange man.

WAS THROUGH a child.

WHO TOLD me.

THAT HER mother said.

THAT HE was "queer."

AND SO it is.

THAT WHEN I pass.

I LOOK for him.

AND YESTERDAY.

I SAW him there.

AND WAS convinced.

THAT HE was "queer."

FOR HE walked about.

WITH A ball of twine.

AND A pair of scissors.

AND CLIPPED short places.

FROM THE twine.

AND LET them fall.

UPON THE grass.

AND STANDING there.

WITHIN THE shadow.

OF A tree.

I WATCHED.

AND SAW a bird.

COME FLUTTERING down.

RIGHT ON his trail.

AND GATHER up.

A FULL bird's nest.

OF BITS of twine.

AND FLY away.

AND SAW him smile.

AND WATCH its flight.

AND I am sure.

HE DOESN'T care.

THAT OUTSIDE.

OF THE low stone wall.

THEY THINK him "queer."

I THANK you.

BRINGING UP FATHER.



By GEORGE McMANUS.



Five Good Books for Plumbers

Indianapolis Public Library, Technical Department, St. Clair Square.

FREE BOOK SERVICE.

"Elements of Plumbing," by Dibble.

"Standard Practical Plumbing," by Starbuck.

"Plumbing," by Gray & Bell.

"Country Plumbing, Practice," by Hutton.

"Plumbing Design and Installation," by Gray.

Porter on Dining Car Grows Rich From Tips

CHICAGO, May 20.—Tips, whether monetary or informative, always were acceptable to William Taylor Johnson of this city during his twenty years' service on a cafe club car of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad.

As a result, John's reputed wealth to-day is \$100,000.

Johnson's principal holding is a thirty-six-acre farm at Angola, Ind., where he has installed the latest methods in scientific farming and has never known a failure.