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## RABBITS AND SOME MEN

**A**N INDIANAPOLIS hunter returns from the rabbit chase. He has not had a good day, for the tail of only one bunny protrudes from his bag.

All his life this rabbit spent in fear. In fear he gathered his daily food. Trembling at every sound he lay in his hole when the day's tasks were done. He was afraid of the falling leaf, of the chirp of the cricket in the night and of the footfall of a child.

If he could have been magically transformed into a man, he would have been one of those men who fear to express an honest opinion lest they might injure themselves in their business. He would have been one of those men who whisper against the evils that bother the community, but fear to speak out. He would have been a furtive man who never tells how he votes and will take both sides of a question, fearing to favor either.

Rabbit men! Unfortunately, there is no open season on them.

## BLUNDER OF A CENTURY

**B**UNDERS which literally make the hair stand on end to contemplate; blunders which have already cost the people of the United States billions of dollars and will cost them untold billions more; blunders which may yet reduce half the world to a shambles and result in a flareback on you and yours terrible to contemplate, have been committed cumulatively by your representatives in Washington during the last two years.

Secretary of State Hughes tells us, and truly, that the German reparations question is a world problem directly affecting the United States. He admits that unless it is quickly settled, what is already a disaster in Europe may spread around the world. It has already cost American farmers at least \$10,000,000,000 and merchants and business men generally incalculable additional amounts.

Other ranking officials admit reparations is the key to the world situation and that unless it is settled shortly, horrors yet undreamed of await Europe and, by repercussion, corresponding sufferings over here. We are even now preparing to feed 2,000,000 starving children in Central Europe this winter and no man can foresee the end.

Thus Washington at last confesses we are all inextricably bound up in an issue which less than a year ago it said was no concern of ours. When we had the chance to settle the problem, we turned it down. Congress turned it down, stupidly and short-sightedly, on the ground it was Europe's business and not ours. It was either lack of gumption or rotten politics. Take your choice. With the blood of our American boys we had bought the right to have a say in the making of peace, including the right to sit on the reparations commission which today virtually holds the fate of the world in its hands. Our interests are vitally at stake, yet we have no voice in the matter.

Whatever happens now, we have only ourselves to blame. We let petty politicians barter away what we paid for with good American lives—the right to help make the world secure, to help stave off another war, to help keep war-breeds from invading our homes and driving off our breadwinners to make cannon fodder of them on far-off battlefields.

We had the chance but we threw it away. They are beginning dimly to realize something of all this now in Washington and are trying to make repair.

We hope it is not too late.

## WHEREIN GEORGE TELLS US

**G**EORGE BERNARD SHAW, that English-Irish scribbler who writes with interest but talks through his whiskers, has been at it again. He tells an English educational journal that the marks of an educated man "are intellectual and moral imbecility."

That is bad enough, left as it is, but George prescribes a remedy. It is "the destruction of civilization by educated men."

This involves incidentally, he explains, the destruction of educational institutions and the consequent escape of mankind from education to "the comparative sanity and mental competence of savagery."

It will be seen at a glance that George is not in love with education. He doesn't say so exactly, but his deportment indicates it. He couldn't be more savage about it, were he not civilized.

Perhaps we are enjoying "the sanity and mental competence of savagery," even now. There are signs that may be read as we run. Take the man who obtained savage delight by placing a slimy frog in his wife's bathtub, for instance. Or that other one who grinned savagely because his wife became frantic when he made a daily pastime of setting the family dog on her. Or still the other one who found his savage kick in feeding lighted cigarette stubs to innocent monkeys in a zoo. Or, again, that nice, motherly woman who exploited her sanely savage ideas of charity by beating a weak little girl she had "taken to raise" until paralysis and heart trouble sent the child to a civilized hospital and the woman to a savage jail. Or the thousands of other instances of like savage character that mark, not the destruction of civilization, but the need of it.

Always there is to be found some mental structures that fail to comprehend education and civilization, but it is not due to the fault or falsity of the latter. What we really need and want is more and more civilization of the right kind and less of Shaw and his mental vagaries. We have too much savagery now.

WALL STREET is overjoyed with the extra dividends many companies are declaring. These announcements have made at most as big a hit in the Street as Secretary Mellon's tax reduction proposals.

SENATOR CUMMINS advocates holding the Republican national convention in Des Moines, because it would be like saying to the farmers, "Yes, we shall give your claims careful consideration." They've all heard that tune before.

THE Association Against the Prohibition Amendment has discovered "evidences that the Anti-Saloon League is 'snuggling up to the Administration.'" Is this an indication that the Coolidge regime is not as frigid as generally reported?

STATE Department says Japanese are "rigidly obeying gentleman's agreement." Labor Department says "11,571 Japanese entered California last year." Something lacking in the coordination department.

## MARKETING PROBLEM IS TOUGH ONE

Cooperative Associations Are Suggested as Palliative or Cure.

This is the fourth of a series of articles on the agriculture problem, written by Herbert Quick for the Indianapolis Times. Quick is a former editor of Farm and Fireside and is himself a West Virginia farmer. This article is on "Co-operatives for Marketing."

By HERBERT QUICK

**T**HE farmer sells for what the buyer is willing to give. He buys for what the seller asks. This has been his complaint always. I heard it when I was a child. It is in all the complaints of the farmers today.

One remedy strenuously advocated is cooperation. It offers the most hope of any of the palliatives suggested. It works. Take the case of the Eastern Shore truckers of Virginia and Maryland, for instance; though I might take the raisin growers, the cotton growers, the wool growers, the poultry men, the grape growers, the apple men, or many others in many places. But the Eastern Shore Truck-Growers Association will serve as an illustration. There are 50,000 farmers in this association. It cooperates in marketing its truck crops. One year it handled \$19,000,000 worth of products. It has a trade mark. These 50,000 men act as a unit. Their trade mark stands for quality in their crops.

Are Next Informed

They have men on the markets to look out for their interests. They keep informed as to the demand. They can divert their shipments from a market that is glutted to a place of scarcity.

They can cut out all the middlemen—at least, they can not as yet sell direct to the consumer. But the profits are shown by the increase in the value of farm lands devoted to raising their crops.

These cooperatives all over the country, when they get going, cooperate in many ways besides selling and standardizing their output. They buy fertilizers and other necessities cooperatively. They have men employed who study their problems. They can delve into the mysteries of the railway freight schedules and can get the best rates the law allows, which the individual man can not do. They can ship in and out in car lots. They can often maintain their own commission men on the great markets. They can know just what their grades are, as in cotton and tobacco. In livestock they can maintain breeding rings to pass breeding animals from neighborhood to neighborhood. They can improve their breeds. They can standardize butter and cheese. They can ripen their cheese properly. They can and do hosts of such things.

Cooperation Hindered

Cooperation in the United States among the farmers has been hindered rather than helped by the various organizations of farmers which have made the most noise. The Grange, the Farmers, the American Society of Equity, the old Farmers' Alliance and the present American Farm Bureau Federation have been organizations of farmers as farmers.

The cooperation of such organizations as the Eastern Shore Truck Growers is mainly cooperation in selling. We have all heard of Rochdale cooperation. Senator Brookhart makes it the chief plank in his platform and his trip to Europe makes him all the stronger in its advocacy. The Rochdale cooperation is the system worked out a century ago by the weavers of Rochdale, and has succeeded because it is just. It has grown up in a city. In a word, it attempts to eliminate the middleman in buying and selling. Brookhart is trying out a much larger program than a mere organization of farmers in distribution.

Has Its Limitations

After the great farm smash in 1920 the National City Bank called attention to the fact that this would depress morally and financially about half the people of the United States. Cooperation has its limitations—but it would help the cities a great deal.

But there are two sides to cooperation—the farm side and the city side. The great cooperative societies of the England are mainly city cooperatives. The great cooperatives of Germany, Italy, Scotland and England which come, or used to come, to America and buy their cotton for mills, wheat for their flour, their cheese, butter, meats and the like, were cooperative societies of city people.

Cooperation will not be in position to do everything it can do for the farmers or for the city folks until there are cooperative societies in the cities which will do business with the cooperatives of the farm. When this comes to pass there will not be such a crime as the present, with wheat going down in price as bread gets dearer.

## A Thought

I was eyes to the blind, and feet was I to the lame.  
I was father to the poor; and the cause which I knew not I searched out.—Job 29:15, 16.

It is not enough to help the feeble up.  
But to support him after.—Shakespeare.

## Heard in the Smoking Room

**V**ICTOR HUGO, said the literary smoker, "was a great writer, but a man of insufferable conceit and a total lack of humor. In his late life nothing pleased him more than to have his friends drop in and talk about him. He would listen enraptured as their foolish praise of him fell on his ears. Sometimes they rather plastered the salve on thickly, but it made no difference to Victor. There seemed to be no limit to his high estimate of himself, and he was so devoid of humor that he could not recognize the fact that, very often, he was being teased. One

## UNUSUAL PEOPLE

### Colonel to Mechanic

By NEA Service

**V**ANCOUVER, B. C., Nov. 22.—Vladimir Dmohovsky used to be looked up to as one of Russia's military elite, a colonel of the imperial Russian staff, trusted intimate of the Grand Duke Nicholas, member of the famed Cadet Corps Militaire of St. Petersburg.

Now Dmohovsky is looked down upon as a mere apprentice mechanic, learning in a strange country a craft that will provide himself and his wife with bread and lodging.

But the former colonel, as clean and slick on the job in Roy Howard's garage here, as he used to appear at the head of his company, is also storing information that may help him when the call comes from overseas. For he has this hope for the overthrow of the soviet republic.

When that times comes he hopes his knowledge of auto engines will help him in the aircraft division of the anti-soviet army.

## TOM SIMS -/- Says

**I**F people look like what they eat, as a London doctor says, a great many are eating beeta.

You would think you were sleeping longer if you could watch the clock while you did it.

Hard thing about getting rich is there are so many ways not to do it and so few days to do it.

Astronomers say we will have no sun in 86,000,000 years. Others say it is 86,000,000 years too long.

Most of the Russian names should be against the law.

Movie stars are getting so they get real mad if their weddings make them late for dinner.

Train conductors report the rising generation healthy. Many kids of four look to be ten.

Only safe place for a speeder is the Sahara Desert, where roads are as wide as they are long.

Statistics show that, much to the cow's disgust, the people are eating more beef.

Lighting three cigarettes with one match or stepping off a moving car backward is bad luck.

When making marmalade, it is easier to go buy the darn stuff.

A disgruntled grocer tells us he is broke because he not only gave credit where credit was due.

One lightning bolt hit two People (Ill.) churches. Quit putting buttons in the collection.

A political party is an organization to split about something.

Washington scientists produced a temperature 425 degrees below zero, but it is not for sale.

Every time we see a headline from French Lick, we wonder if it means French Lick, Germany.

## Tongue Tips

Rev. H. A. Quimby, Tabor Evangelical Church, Detroit: "Dry propaganda, election propaganda, criticism of men and of the Government, politics, literature and what not are drawn on for sermon topics. Such things have no rightful place in the pulpit. The business of the Christian Church is to preach the gospel, to 'teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded.'"

Dr. W. F. Slocum, president Japan Society, Boston: "The responsibility resting upon Japan, Great Britain and the United States is beyond any one's ability to estimate. The opportunity that confronts them, if they keep in union as they should, is of the highest importance to the whole future of the human race. They will hold places of masterful and constructive power for centuries to come."

Thomas E. Johnson, superintendent public instruction, Michigan: "Too many of our children eat candy at recess time or at lunch time. Let us urge them to eat an apple instead. We have heard about vitamins. Apples have them. If we can change the inclination of the youngsters from candy to apples, we will have accomplished for them a vast measure of good."

Dr. D. J. Evans, teacher of Kansas City's great Bible class: "A man asked me what I taught that drew so many men to the First Baptist men's class. I told him I forgot all theology I ever knew and I searched for the fundamental things, the vital things that enter into a man's life. The fact is, we preachers have been chaperons for societies when we ought to have been talking to red-blooded men and getting down to the realities of life."

## ELECTION WILL FORCE FORD'S HAND

Auto King Must File Intentions by Dec. 4 in Dakota if He Makes Race.

BY LAWRENCE MARTIN

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**W**ASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—The country soon will know definitely whether Henry Ford will be a candidate for the presidency. The South Dakota Democratic State convention, which will be held Dec. 4, will end the uncertainty about Ford's intentions, if he does not end it himself before that.

Under South Dakota law, a declaration of intention must be filed by any person receiving even minority support in the State convention and who desires to figure in the presidential primary March 25.

It now appears likely the Democratic convention there will be divided between Ford and McAdoo. County proposal conventions held Tuesday gave McAdoo a lead, though it was agreed doubt concerning Ford's willingness to be a candidate had something to do with throwing some delegates to McAdoo.

Will File Declaration

McAdoo's declaration will be filed promptly following the South Dakota convention, and this will put him formally in the race.

Ford's position was uncertain, due largely to conflicting reports and statements. Ford himself has been quoted as saying he did not desire the presidency and would not campaign for the nomination.

Settlement of the question by an authoritative announcement such as a declaration in South Dakota, is awaited with great interest by the chief lieutenants and supporters of other candidates, both Republican and Democratic, for the campaign will be one thing with Ford and another without him.

If he gets into the Democratic race that eliminates him finally from the Republican campaign. His chance of getting the Republican nomination has never amounted to much. Ford probably will have some delegates in the national convention.

Much to McAdoo

Ford's decision is of tremendous importance to the McAdoo forces. They have counted all along on eventually getting the Ford delegates in the Democratic national convention. If Ford stays out there will at once be a scramble to line up his delegates. The McAdoo group has the "inside track" here, but it would really be a free-for-all fight.

"If Ford stays in, McAdoo's work will have to continue their present efforts to arrange for taking over the Ford strength if it becomes apparent in the national convention that Ford cannot be nominated."

## Indiana Sunshine

Police at Ft. Wayne are looking for a huckster who sold Thomas Blackwell, local grocer, ten cases of "strictly fresh eggs." The man collected \$123 and departed. Some time later the grocer unpacked the eggs. In each case there was one layer of eggs. Beneath this nothing was found but paper and bricks.

Earl Pope of near Shelbyville went coon hunting. His prize hunting dog picked up a hot trail. The way led across a road. As the dog followed it an automobile halted, bundled the animal in the machine and sped away. Pope says taking a dog off a coon track is outrageous.

Probably the only law office in the State of Indiana located in a log cabin is that of Attorney R. L. Morgan of Bloomington. Morgan, an antique dealer, bought a log cabin 194 years old, and fitted it up at his home as an office. Over the door is a flint-lock gun. Over the fireplace hangs an old-fashioned iron kettle, and beside this is a spinning wheel and flax. In one corner is a grandfather's clock, 150 years old.

The Jackson County jail is a pretty lonesome place these days. It has but one inmate, Charles Sheldon, who wouldn't have been there, but failed to pay his taxes. His sentence of fourteen days will end Friday.

The old Billy Glass tavern, reputed to be the oldest building in the town of Adams, Decatur County, later to be torn down to make room for a garage. It is the last reminder of the pioneer families in the early 80s.

## Science

The study, in recent years, of the green leaves of plants has opened an astonishing vista into the existence and structure of all living things. The substance within the leaves that makes them green is called chlorophyll. It is this substance that makes possible all life on this planet.

Carbon dioxide gas exists in the air—about one part of the gas to 3,000 parts of the air. This gas, when acted upon by sunlight, in the presence of chlorophyll, with water containing minute particles of earth salts, manufactures the food that makes plants grow. All birds, insects, fishes and animals, including man, are dependent upon green plants for their lives. The loftiest tree in the forest and man himself is only a skeleton of carbon atoms around which circulate the invisible gases of oxygen, nitrogen, hydrogen and others.

Taboo

Next year the W. C. T. U. will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of its formal organization. What! Can it be possible that it took nearly half a century to bring national prohibition? To hear some people talk, you'd think prohibition was thrust upon us overnight while we slept.

Of some 2,500 counties in the United States only about 150 were wet when national prohibition became effective. The others already had climbed on the wagon, mostly by popular vote.

## "Do Your Christmas Shopping Early"



## QUESTIONS Ask—The Times ANSWERS

You can get an answer to any question of fact or information by writing to the Indianapolis Times' Washington Bureau, 1322 New York Ave., Washington, D. C. enclosing 2 cents in stamps for reply. Medical, legal and marital advice cannot be given, nor can extended research be undertaken. All other questions will receive a personal reply. Unsolicited requests cannot be answered. All letters are confidential.—Editor.

When was the manufacture of casing-head gas begun and what is the process?

Casing-head gas has been made since 1904. An oil which has the faculty of absorbing gasoline from natural gas is sprayed downward through a tall pipe or tower, while the natural gas is forced up. The natural gas coming out at the top is practically without gasoline, while the oil at the bottom has absorbed it. Then, by a simple process of distillation, the gasoline is derived from the oil, and the oil goes through the same operation again. A good-sized plant can treat 30,000,000 cubic feet of natural gas this way, and obtain at least 8,000 gallons of gasoline a day.

What are the yearly expenses of the Veterans' Bureau?

According to the director's report for the fiscal year 1921-1922, \$480,000 was spent for all purposes by the Veterans' Bureau. The appropriation for the present fiscal year is \$431,000.

What are some Indian names suitable for men and women?

For women: Cholena—bird; Otokson—star; Winona—first born daughter; Ziskaka—little bird; Kimmela—butterfly; Nittum—my daughter; Namid—dancer. For men: Swangwided—brave; Ogima—chief; Migisi—eagle; Viho—leader.

Where was the last notable victory of the American Expeditionary Forces in France? Describe it.

At Sedan. Proceeding the advance of the Americans upon Sedan, came a cloud of aviators in pursuit and bombing planes, headed by the famous aces of the American forces. The 1st and 2nd Divisions of the 1st Army led the way. In the van of the 2nd Division were the Marines. The famous Rainbow Division made the most savage thrust of the action, pursuing the foe ten miles and sweeping the Freya Hills clear of machine nests and German artillery.

A teacher has written to our Washington Bureau asking for a list of good books for children for use in connection with "Children's Book Week," Nov. 11 to 17. Any other reader interested in securing such a list may obtain a bulletin on the subject by writing to our Washington Bureau, enclosing a two-cent postage stamp for reply.

What does Ohio mean? This is an Indian word meaning beautiful water.

When was Chicago settled? The site of Chicago was discovered in 1673, but the first house was not built until 1773, by Jean Baptiste Point de Saible. In 1796 he sold his claim to Le Mer, a French fur trader, who in turn sold to John Kinzie, the first white man to make his home there. In 1803 Ft. Dearborn was erected on the south bank of the river.

Which is the best form of the verb, "plead" or "pleaded"? Either is correct, but authorities prefer "pleaded."

What is meant by "Stone Age"? A term commonly used to denote the earliest recognized stage in the development of human culture as defined by the materials used by man for weapons, utensils, etc. The phrase is somewhat misleading, since it is probable that primitive man made use of wood and other perishable materials to a far greater extent than of stone, and consequently the stage is defined by the prevailing material of the relics which have survived, not by that of actual implements in common use.

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## Hopeless

(The Bridge Fiend's Lament)

BY BERTON BRALEY  
Oh, she is young and slender,  
And pretty as a peach;  
Her smile is warm and tender,  
And gracious is her speech.  
Few girls are any fairer,  
Yet my affection slumps;  
I can't forgive this error,  
She won't get out her Trumps!

Sweet, kind and altruistic,  
Bright, sensible and sane,  
She's gay and optimistic  
And has a clever brain.  
She's thrifty, wise and canny  
And gives my heart the thumps,  
But this thing gets my nanny,  
She WON'T get out her Trumps!

She'd be a wife and mother  
To make a fellow proud,  
There isn't any other  
Can match her in the crowd;  
There's no one any truer,  
But—here's the fact that stumps,  
(Oh, Bridge Fiend, dare I woo her?)  
She WON'T get out her Trumps.  
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## Know Your City

Indianapolis, at the end of 1922, was conservatively estimated by the United States census bureau to have a population of 342,718, an increase of 28,524 over 1920 figures, according to Activities, organ of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce.

## Family Fun

Tip Dodger.  
Albert Keller, the well-known hotel man, was telling stories about tip dodgers.

"A mean man," he said, "ate a good meal at a restaurant, and then, when he was through, dropped a half dollar on the floor."  
"Waiter," he said, as he paid his bill, "I just dropped two half dollars. Find them for me, will you?"  
The waiter obligingly disappeared under the table, and in a short time emerged very red in the face.

"I've found one of them, sir," he said. "Thanks," said the man, as he pocketed the coin and rose. "When you find the other keep it for yourself—tip, you know."—Judge.

She Fooled 'Em All.  
"Before we were married you used to beg me to sing."  
"Well, you were making a fool out of me, too."—Judge.

Son From College.  
"Well, Dad," said the youth just home from college. "I made it all right and got my A. B."  
"Good," said the proud parent. "Now you can go out and get your J. O. B."—American Legion Weekly.

Willie's Strong Excuse.  
"Dear Teacher—Please excuse Willie's absence for the last two weeks; he caught a skunk."—Mass. Ag. Squib.

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