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SPITTING ON A FIRE TO PUT IT OUT.

Ever since last December this newspaper has pointed out that if Wilson would devote his study to internal problems instead of foreign questions it would be a great deal better for America. It has repeatedly predicted the crisis that confronts this country at present.

Wilson now throws a little water on a conflagration which he could have easily put out when it was but a smudge. His advice to the railroad shippers and to industry in general is good, but it is belated. Next week he is to start out on his tour of the country in a spirit of wanderlust, and tell the people that he wants Congress to accept his ideas. He is going to ask for the surrender of American independence, Shantung for the Japs and a lot of other things, most of which do not concern the people at this moment.

What the people want Wilson to do is to reduce the high cost of living. When he does that they will listen to him and not before.

LET'S CONTINUE SHIP BUILDING.

It is probable that the United States will continue to be the premier ship builder of the world. Having attracted the attention of the other nations with its marvelous record in building ships during the war, in the future they are going to look to the shipbuilding yards of this country to supply them with vessels for their water commerce.

The French government is taking the lead by making tentative contracts for the building of a number of ships by American yards to cost approximately two hundred million dollars, and Greek, Swedish, Belgian and other foreign interests have placed contracts for many large ships.

All this demand for ships from our yards is in addition to the demand from domestic interests.

For a number of years there is likely to be an extraordinary demand for ships to replace the heavy losses sustained during the war and to meet the expanding demands of world commerce. The United States has the raw material of both wood and metal for shipbuilding, and it has also the capital and the supply of labor skilled in the construction of ships to make shipbuilding one of the most important of American industries of the future.

MERRY ENGLAND.

Mr. Lloyd George gave to Parliament last week a somewhat gloomy picture of the condition of the United Kingdom. Perhaps some of it can be discounted as the natural inclination of a Prime Minister to magnify the obstacles that confront the Government, in order that the Government may gain the more credit from surmounting them; yet there can be no doubt that to a considerable extent his speech gave an accurate picture of conditions existing today.

But he did not tell all. Perhaps he told all that

seemed worth telling, but a different point of view seizes upon certain other facts in contemporary English life, facts which may escape the notice of Englishmen through their very commonplaceness, but seem wonderful enough to Americans. For example, a certain Oxford college sends out to its old members invitations to the annual dinner, the "gaudy," an institution which should live worthily up to its name now that the war is over and there is something to rejoice about, and the invitation concludes with the information that "unfortunately champagne is not procurable, but white wines, claret, beer and part will be provided at an inclusive charge of three shillings and sixpence."

Three shillings and sixpence! Eighty-five cents! To the citizens of a country where eighty-five cents will no longer buy anything much except postage stamps, and where white wines, claret, beer and port are abhorrent and prohibited fluids, desirable only to be turpitudinous and obtainable only by the criminal, this commonplaceness of English domestic life comes as evidence of the historic continuity between the England of today and the land Sir John Falstaff and Mr. Samuel Pickwick. Despite the war and the labor agitators, the old realm still has something of its ancient savor. The free American citizen, as he leans up against a bar covered with white oilcloth and puts down his eighty-five cents or thereabouts for a seidel of buttermilk, muses upon the conservative steadfastness of the British temperament and feels a certain wistful pleasure at the realization that Merry England is merry still.—New York Times.

SOME DRIVING FOOLS.

Those drivers of automobiles who neither stop, look nor listen as they approach street corners are a menace not only to themselves but to more careful drivers and even to innocent pedestrians in the vicinity. A little more observance of the laws of sanity and reason on their part is not only advisable but necessary, and the police and the city court judges before whom cases of outstanding negligence are brought should see to it that these men—and women—are brought to their senses. Some of them have as much regard for other people and other people's property as they have for the man in the moon. They are driving fools and nothing but that. They fear neither God nor man.

NEATNESS IN DRESS.

There was a time when political leaders affected carelessness in dress, seeking in this way to give evidence of democratic thought. The fashion has not altogether died, for we have in America—and in certain European chancelleries as well—men who disdain the ordinary niceties of dress. But if they hope to gain long by this display they may be disappointed. We have the assurance of no less keen an observer than Senator Capper that Woodrow Wilson is our best-dressed president. After an interview with the president, the senator remarked, "Next to the president's amiability I was most impressed with his dress. It recalled an old saying of my boyhood. He looked as if he might have just jumped out of a bandbox."

It is an old saw that clothes do not make the man. But they reveal them. Man's apparel is restricted by the nature of his work. It would be wanton extravagance for a coal heaver to wear to work a suit for a business man. And the clerk would not long hold his position if he appeared attired in a coal heaver's regalia. But when the man who works with his hands is at leisure there is no reason why he should be less neatly dressed than any of his fellows.

Neatness is not a matter of elegance. The neatest dress is the simplest. Neatness is essentially a matter of pride. And the man who does not have pride in himself cannot expect to command respect of others.

Mr. Wilson is setting a good example in observing the niceties of personal appearance, even amid the rush of domestic and international business. Like many other men, he may find that he can think more clearly, act more confidently when buoyed by the self-reliance which well-kept clothes give to men.

PROHIBITION doesn't seem to reduce the levitation acts frequently performed by pop bottles at baseball games.

IN OHIO they have found chickens in storage twenty-one months. Anything in storage that long is not chicken.

THE trail of the boss boarder, as developments disclose, leads from Chicago to various storage concerns throughout the country—north, south, east and west.

THE joke is on those who thought this crusade against high prices would be another "flash in the pan."

Fashion's Forecast

By Annabel Worthington

GIRL'S DRESS.

Just a simple little blouse dress, but the trick of cutting the front of the waist in the form of a short panel which hangs over the girdle gives an air of distinction. The collar, of contrasting material, is rounded at the front but square at the back. The sleeves may be long or short. The two piece skirt is gathered all around and a sash is worn.

The girl's dress No. 9383 is cut in sizes 6 to 14 years. The 8-year size requires 2 1/4 yards 36-inch material, with 1/2 yard 36-inch contrasting material. Price, 10 cents.

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The Passing Show

WE have always believed in THE high possibilities of the movies AND more particularly since one of our dear GIRL friends told us she found YOU could hold hands just as well at an EDUCATIONAL film as any other kind.

WELL, we see that Storker Storkenson AFTER sitting on a cake of polar ice in the INTEREST of science for about a year HAS finally drifted back to the place HE STARTED from and we trust he had GOOD heavy pants on.

PERHAPS, however, he wore stork pants.

WE are unable to say which is having THE most trouble ARCHDUKE JOSEPH of Austria or W. K. neighbor's cat who is preparing for the maternity hospital.

IF your memory goes back that far PARCEL POST was expected years ago to reduce THE cost of living—but it didn't.

NOTHING does.

IT is hard for a mother TO make the children understand that she WOULD rather have a little MORE sympathy while she's alive and LESS bawling over her when she's dead.

A BABY is so contrary THAT he will pick up bread with a spoon AND apple sauce with his fingers AND a man is nothing but a grown-up baby.

ONE of our lady friends just back from her SUMMER outing SAYS she was charged in the bill for everything except TWO days of fine weather and some-bow THE landlady forgot to put it in the bill.

IF there is anything more PATHETIC than a woman with four children DRAGGING herself back after a FOUR weeks' vacation we would like to KNOW what it is.

LATEST cause for divorce bill threats at our house QUARRELsome husband raising Ned around the house because he CAN'T find his hat in the morning AND will tell him that he didn't have it on.

WHEN he returned sometime after midnight THE evening amusements at our house CONSISTS in reading in the papers how much THE price of foodstuffs is being reduced AND then looking over the GROCER's bill and finding how much they have gone up.

ONE of our charming girl friends SENDS us this new maxim which she PICKED up somewhere: "TO know thyself is better than trying to find out all about the neighbor women."

WELL, dearie, what the neighbor women don't know about us ISN'T worth knowing.

YOU know a man on a salary is not NEARLY so prosperous AS his wife dresses.

TO view the joyous young things in their fractional BATHING suits and bare legs at THE beach carnival yesterday WE must admit that none of them ARE being underfed anyway.

"ALMOST any wife can look fascinating IN a wrap of eastern mink WITH a lot of little minks on the front," says ONE of those pestiferous fashion mages.

YES, but how will the husband look who HAS to buy an outfit like that.

FRENCH WRITER DENOUNCES JAPAN

Calls Japs Menace to World Peace and Criticizes China.

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) PARIS, Aug. 28.—Vigorous denunciation of Japan's aims and commercial ambitions in China is contained in an article written by Henri Cordier, French expert on Far Eastern questions. "America realizes more than Europe the menace to world peace in Japan's ambitions," said M. Cordier. "A satisfactory settlement is necessary to insure world peace, because, in addition to the United States, England and France are directly interested in the problem."

M. Cordier then went on to criticize China for the laxness of her administration and the weakness in her defense and the presentation of her case to the peace conference. He added: "But China is now awake. Everywhere Japan goods are being boycotted and Japan shipping magnates, who also control trade, are becoming alarmed over this economic situation."

M. Cordier charges that while the war was in progress, Japan cunningly encircled China, menacing her independence and her economic life.

SAYS JAPAN REAPED HARVEST IN CHINA.

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) WASHINGTON, August 29.—Written charges that Japan was not only encouraging a widespread traffic in opium, morphine and other drugs in China, but was reaping from it revenues amounting to millions of dollars annually, were filed this afternoon with the senate foreign relations committee by W. B. Macklin, a medical missionary of the Christian Church who said he has resided for 33 years in China as the head of a hospital at Nanking, near Shanghai.

Senator Lodge to whom Macklin was introduced by Senators Nelson and Kellogg of Minnesota, ordered the charges read in the record of the committee's open meetings.

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KIDDIE KAPERS

By BILL BAILEY

"You musn't waste your time," says Pa, "Just do your best, and learn." But as I'll live a hundred years, You see, I've time to burn.

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HANK and PETE

By KEN KLING

GOSH, THE WAITERS IN THESE LONDON FEED HOUSES ARE A TRIBE OF ANTS!

HEY-A LITTLE SERVICE PLEASE!

YES SIR—WHAT DO YOU WISH?

I WISH I WUZ HOME!

LET ME SEE—I'M SO HUNGRY!

IS THERE ANY 'ENGLISH STEW' ON THE BILL OF FARE?

YES, THERE WAS THIS MORNING—

BUT I WIPED IT ALL OFF!

ASSORTED NUTS

LEND ME TEN, WILL YE?

THE NUT WHO MEETS HIS OLD PAL AND BRACS TO HIM ABOUT ALL THE MONEY HE'S MAKING—

Bringing Up Bill

WHY SPOIL A GOOD BEGINNING?

A Task

BAM!! BAM!! SLAM!!!

IN THE KITCHEN JOE—IN THE KITCHEN!!

OH THAT'S TERRIBLE! WHY DON'T YOU STOP THOSE HORRID BOYS?

STOP 'EM—?

IT TOOK ME A HALF HOUR TO GET 'EM STARTED!!

Splinters

PEOPLE WE DON'T CARE TO MEET—

HAW HAW—RIGHT ON HIS HEAD THAT'S RICH—

THE SIMP WHO CAN LAUGH AT ANYTHING FROM A BROKEN NECK TO A FUNERAL—