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JOHN D. SMALLEY

It seems hard to believe that John D. Smalley is dead. It is impossible of course for mortals to fathom why so good and sterling a man should be called in the prime of his life when others less worthy live on and on. He will be missed in a great many circles, his death regretted by a host of friends and admirers. No man could be associated long with John D. Smalley without wanting to be his friend; no man would know him without admiring him. We have yet to hear of a man who ever heard John speak ill of any one and this is much to say for in the heat of political fights it is hard for a man to refrain from speaking ill of those who wrong him and are his enemies. He was the personification of kindness and courtliness. If he could oblige any one it made him happy and of how many men can you say that truthfully. He was one of the best mayors that Hammond ever had and piloted the municipality when the piloting was hard. He passed through bitter political fights but never lost his geniality and his kindness. He won laurels for the performance of his duties as city controller by bankers and business men. He was as honest as the day is long and as sincere an official as ever lived. And so John D. Smalley goes to his long rest, mourned widely and honored much. He filled splendidly a niche in Hammond's history all respect to his name. His grieving widow and son and his wide circle of friends, fraternal and otherwise, can treasure his memory.

THE WEATHER.

It may not be permissible under the rules of formal logic to say that rainy and gloomy days must have their uses or there would not be any such days. The logician would surely find something wrong with such an assertion. But then life is not logical, and we may outwit the logician by assigning some uses to these dark and dismal days.

There is no end to the excellent uses which such days may serve. To the individual—and there are many such—who loves nothing better than to burrow down into the very depths of despondency, they afford glorious opportunity for this pastime. When the sky is overcast, when it seems as if the sun could never, never shine again, after a two or three day drizzle, our gloom dispenser ought to reach the very height of his happiness by finding himself in the utmost depths of his despair. He may then rub his hands with glee while he greets his somewhere-the-sun-is-shining neighbor with the cheering greeting: "Wonderful day, isn't it, for dark days?"

And our Pollyannas, little ones and big ones; our Mark Tapleys and Mrs. Wiggs and all the resolute crew of never failing optimists: With what unbound enthusiasm will they resolve on days like these "to be glad," and "to come out strong and be jolly." How they will make even the dreary mist feel ashamed of itself.

Those who are of a practical turn of mind will utilize days like these to catch up with their correspondence, writing furiously the while the drizzle en-

The-Passing-Show

A FEW men are good

FOR goodness sake

OTHERS are married and have to be good

PROBABLY no one is in

A MORE trying position in this

PERIOD of inflation than a

TIGHTWAD with a good appetite.

WE live in an artificial age and our

memory

GOES back to the time when a busy

mother

NEVER thought of attempting to

remove the blue lettering

FROM the four socks before making

THE children's underclothing and we

directly recall

A NUMBER of cases

WHERE bright and alert children

LEARNED to read from sheeting

their little sisters'

AND their friends as they played about

IN their active way

IT doesn't help a poor man any

TO ask for advice

HE will be advised to be content with his lot.

ANOTHER good thing to bear in mind

IN our just and righteous anger

AT those who are

SPREADING bolshevistic doctrine

IN our midst is that

SPREADING wouldn't accomplish anything

IF none of us would listen

THE bandit is not the only man

WHO lies in wait for folks nowadays

A RESOURCEFUL woman

CAN always find a way of putting

THE blame on her husband if she

BUTS something that proves disappointing

MANY a man has let a she big

JOB get away from him

velops the world. Or they may address themselves to the long-postponed tasks of clipping recipes and what not from piles of accumulated magazines; or for the fifteenth time they may inventory and arrange the rummaging in the attic. If their bent lies in this direction they may go over eight dozen canceled checks and an equal number of stubs in an effort to locate the \$28 discrepancy between what they think is their balance in the bank and what the bank clerk reports it to be. Delightful diversions for days of drizzle!

Here and there we may find an individual whose armor of philosophy has not yet been wet through by this aqueous atmosphere. In a reflective mood, not unmindful of the rules of formal logic, he may look from his office window out on a world of mist, and calling to mind the words of Abraham Lincoln, may remark: "For people who like this sort of weather, this is about the sort of weather they ought to like." Which would be puncture-proof logic.

THE SUBSTITUTE PARENT.

When you put an apple in your child's hand in the morning, kiss the ruddy little cheek and send your precious one to school do you dismiss the youngster for the day? Is your interest only formal past the school house door? Or if you do scan the report cards with some pride or else concern, does your care actually extend as far as the teacher?

That substitute mother, remember, sees about as much of your child as you do. The teacher, moreover, is watching the little mind unfold, develop, flower with a keen and appreciative eye. The teacher, chances are, has your child's confidence. Yes, the teacher can tell you several things about that child. So much for what you can gain from the teacher. But think of her also as a young woman. She is not single-minded—besides her school work she likes life. She likes folks and, especially if she is not teaching in her own home town, she has a rather lonely time.

Be human to the teacher. Show her as much consideration, as much human kindness, as you expect her to show your child. In other words, there is an opportunity to put the old-fashioned but reliable golden rule into practice.

THAT NEWLY RECRUITED Colorado giant who has to have his marine uniform made to order will be in hard luck if, in a hot battle some day, something goes.

IT DOES NOT help much to tell a man that the coal supply will last a hundred years or so, when what he wants is enough to last him through the winter.

WHEN WOMEN get on the police force the married street loafers will know better than to talk back when they are ordered to move on.

IT IS AN ODD sort of man who does not admit deep in his heart that he deserves all the nice things that are said about him.

WHEN A GIRL agrees with everything a young man says it is time for him to be on his guard unless he wants to marry her.

NOW THAT prices of hogs are below the pre-war level, there is hope that other hog prices will come down as much.

THERE WAS a time when a wet cellar was considered a menace to health, but that was before prohibition.

NATURE GAVE man the power of speech, but he is supposed to use some judgment in exercising his tongue.

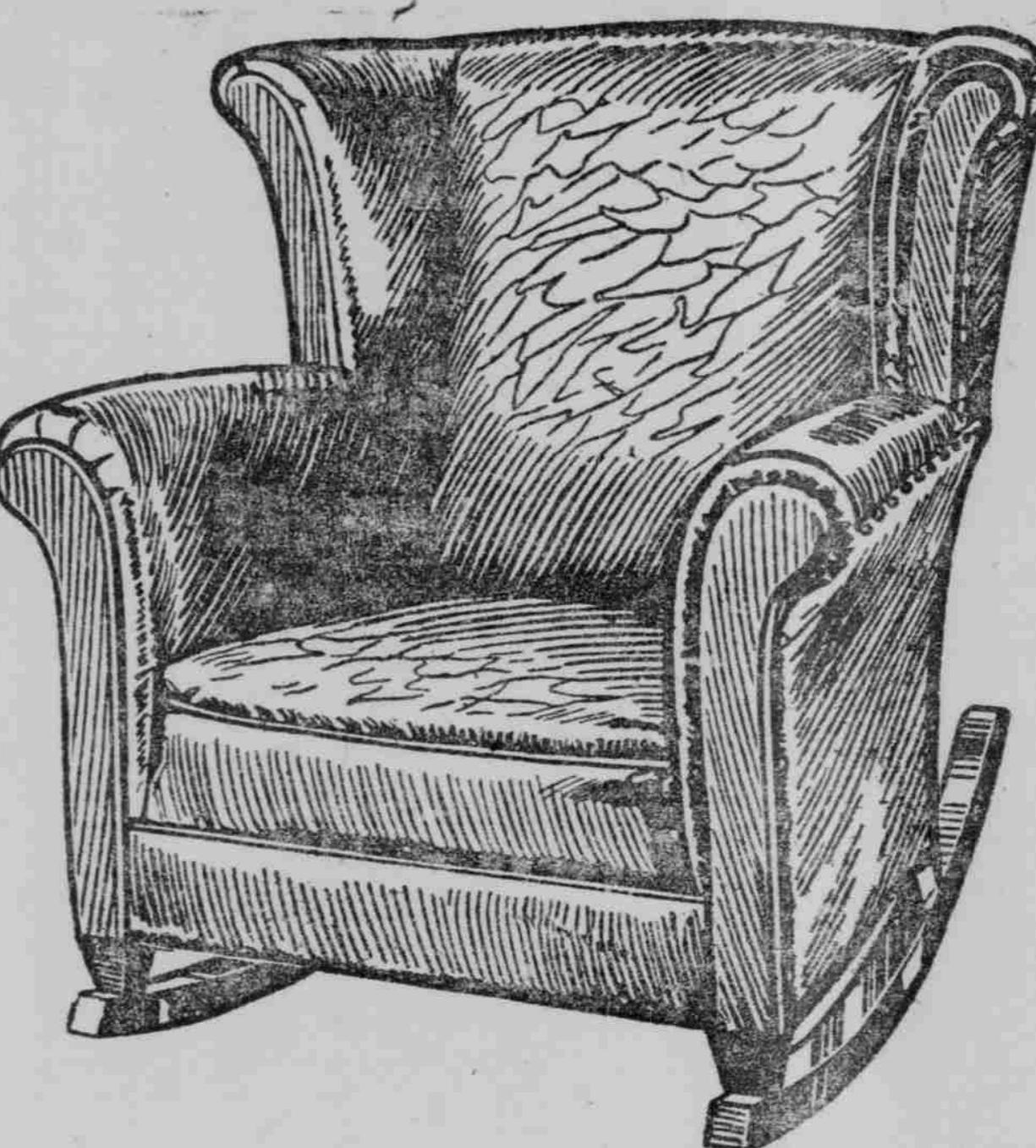
IT IS NOT SURPRISING that money is reported tight after the spree it has been on.

SENATOR CAPPER has a bill to make gambling in grain taxable. Why not make it criminal?

AS PRICES decrease the money a man has in the bank gains in value.

STOCKINGS ARE some cheaper, but they will go up again Christmas.

THE AVERAGE child was never so obedient as at present.



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DO YOU KNOW?

1. How many bones are there in the arm?
2. When a muscle acts does it expand or contract?
3. How are the different colors produced in fireworks?
4. Who wrote "The Fall of the House of Usher?"
5. How did Samuel L. Clemens come

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