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### Items Gathered in From Far and Near

#### City Lot Farming.

From the Portland (Ore.) Journal.  
Several large American cities have  
adopted to considerable extent the  
plan of city lot farming brought into  
prominence years ago by the late Mayor  
Pingree of Detroit. This is a good  
method of helping people to help  
themselves, to do useful work and become  
self-sustaining and more independent. Philadelphia is one of the  
cities where this plan has been carried  
out under an organization called the  
Vacant Lots Cultivation Association. It  
takes consent of as many vacant lot  
owners as possible to use the ground,  
free of rent, and turns them over to  
needy families, requiring pay, when it  
can be earned, only for seed and utensils  
furnished. This work not only  
benefits many poor people, but in most  
cases really improves the land used,  
and makes it more valuable. Barren  
wastes or dumping grounds for noxious  
refuse have become well tilled, agreeable  
potato patches or gardens. These  
are cared for in many cases by women  
and children, or some kinds of cripples  
and the produce is nearly clear gain.

#### Civic Betterment.

From the New York Evening Post.  
The widespread interest in the betterment  
of city government is indicated  
by the attendance of nearly one  
thousand delegates at the convention  
of the League of American Municipalities  
at Montreal. That city has recently  
discovered graft in its own administration,  
so that the choice of a meeting  
place proved most opportune. From  
the secretary's address, it appears that  
forty cities in this country have  
already adopted some variety of the  
commission type of government, and  
thirty-three other cities scattered over  
twenty-five states are at present con-  
sidering this new plan.

#### To Abolish Sweatshops.

From the Springfield Union.  
Particularly praiseworthy and striking  
is the latest plan for welfare work  
conceived by manufacturing interests  
in Chicago, where an association of  
garment-makers proposes to abolish  
sweatshops by establishing a group of  
some eighty buildings to include, besides  
commodious manufacturing  
plants, facilities for healthful living  
and recreation calculated to do away  
entirely with the old order of things.  
Homes, clubhouses, libraries and gy-  
mnasiums are features proposed in the  
broad plan for the amelioration of the  
garment-workers. The shops alone  
will cover 40 acres, and 8,500 employees  
will profit by the improvements, if  
present plans succeed.

#### Sky Scouts.

From the Springfield Republican.  
A Rhenish correspondent detects a  
fact of much interest to military men  
in the phenomenon "that an aeroplane  
flying low and head on is invisible a  
mile away." The next step in the  
adaptation of this machine to war will  
be to paint it green, or whatever color  
would make it indistinguishable from  
the surrounding terrain. Warships are  
painted colors to make them less  
conspicuous targets against the back-  
ground of sea and sky, and airships  
could be treated in the same way with  
equal success.

#### Locked Up.

From the Topeka Journal.  
Advices from Washington indicate  
that there is all kinds of money scat-  
tered throughout the west these days,  
but, as is usually the case, the banks  
have possession of it.

#### The Great Preservative.

From the Rochester Herald.  
What Mr. Harriman needs, accord-  
ing to the state pure food convention  
at Denver is a steady course of ben-  
zoate of soda.

#### And Prosperity Will Come.

From the Baltimore Star.  
Cheer up. Move quick. Get into the  
game. The way to make prosperity is  
to think it, talk it, work it and dream  
it.

"Everybody says that Jones has the  
finest mind, insight and sagacity be-  
cause he ran across. How did Jones get  
such a reputation?"

"Easy. Whenever you make a state-  
ment be says: 'By Jove, that's so! Why  
didn't I think of that before?'"—Cleve-  
land Leader.

## A CHANCE TO UNBEND.

There has been a tradition up to the last year or two carefully cherished by sister cities in Indiana, to the effect that Richmond is a sleepy town. This is not altogether true, and not altogether pleasing rumor has been knocked in the head by the operations of the Young Men's Business Club and the Fall Festival. There remains not the slightest evidence of the once famous ostrich-with-his-head-in-the-sand attitude as a whole town. There may be some of this type who still cling to the outward form of head burying lest the blight of enthusiasm should hurt their unaccustomed eyes. But if the truth were told this is more of a ritual and a pose of ultra-conservatism than it is of real pessimism. There are to be seen, it is true, some men who insist on having ten dollars worth of grumbling when they hand out one hundred dollars for the advancement of their own interests. But as we said before this is not real pessimism but simply the formula which must be gone through with.

This formula or ritual, or whatnot, is a trifle like the tale told of the well known attorney in this town, who while the whole world fondly cherishes the delusion that he enjoys a breakfast of nails, is to be found almost any afternoon in a most hilarious game of cards with his boon companions. Some one said of him that he was the most even tempered man in Richmond "because he always has a grouch."

All of which is manifestly untrue.

Underneath the hide that man is a kindly soul, longing for a chance to unbend and prevented by the mummy of a grouch reputation which he would gladly bury in the tomb of the past if the citizens of Richmond did not look at the funeral procession, everytime he headed it toward Earlham. He is afraid some one will see him.

And now we commence to arrive in Richmond by way of New York or some other circuitous route.

The city of Richmond is like the attorney just cited who would like to bury the grouch. There is nothing that tickles the fancy of conserving Richmond like the idea of being really frivolous. Richmond is really pining away for the unconventional. Richmond would like to be really exuberant, except for one thing. Your citizen is afraid of the other citizens, lest some one might see him unbend. As a matter of fact if one percent of the population would on a given day commence to be frivolous for twelve hours there would be a stampede to join the procession which would break all the hundred yard dash records and resemble a marathon race inside half an hour.

This, being a paradox, is true.

Now on the eighth of October there will be a chance to unbend. As the man who wrote some of the Fall Festival advertising said "It will be a day of merrymaking." And lest some Richmondite should be caught in the act of having a good time where any one of his fellow citizens might recognize him there will be masks and other means of concealment. No citizen need spoil the formula of grouch under which he has been posing in the fond delusion that he can make some one believe that he does not like to have a good time. To recur to the Fall Festival advertising again, "Citizens and visitors will turn out in mask and it will be a day of fun."

It is a trite commonplace that Richmond people when they get out of Richmond have a particularly good time and are the most cheerful, frivolous, and unconventional altogether likeable people to be found anywhere. That is the reason that they make an impression as being whole hearted and joyous persons. Many a man has been tempted to come to Richmond on that very account. When he comes he cannot imagine what a change has come over the very same people, he asks if there has been a death in the family. Then he is taken into the homes and is handsomely entertained, where no one can see it and thus the Richmond reputation is doubly saved.

This piece of most highly ridiculous nonsense is in itself the most elaborate joke that Richmond ever plays—only everyone else sees through it but Richmond.

In such a contingency it might be well to really act in an honest and natural manner on the eighth of October and really enjoy yourself as if you were away from Richmond. That is the way to make the other visitors have a good time.

The joke should be on those people who fondly believe that Richmond is really a stronghold of pessimism and gloom.

It is as we have said before a chance to unbend.

Pessimism has reached the status of a verminous appendix in Richmond and there are very few cases of appendicitis. No operation should be necessary for October 8.

### TWINKLES

#### (BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.)

**The Harmless Foe.**  
"Your political antagonist is calling you every name he can think of," said the agitated friend.

"Don't interrupt him," answered Senator Sorgiham. "It is better to have a man searching the dictionary for epithets than going after your record for facts."

**Chances for Practice.**  
"You found the people in Europe polite and obliging, did you not?"

"Oh, yes," answered Mrs. Cumrox. "Everything possible is done for the comfort of American tourists. Even the shops print their signs in foreign languages, and you have no idea how the custom helps you in your studies."

**New Version.**  
The breaking waves dashed high  
On a stern and rockbound coast,  
Where dwelt the lobster and the pie,  
Baked beans and tea and toast.

**Disillusioned.**  
"Did you say Mr. and Mrs. Meekton have had a misunderstanding?"

"No," answered Miss Cayenne. "Instead of a misunderstanding they have come into a condition of mutual comprehension."

**Endangered Peasants.**  
"You will be careful not to hit any of our rural natures when you go gunning, won't you?" said the English sportsman's friend.

"I told you," was the stern reply, "that I was going to shoot pheasants. I fancy, I know a pheasant when I see one."

"Yes. But, that's the game I'm especially afraid of. You have such an uncomfortable habit of dropping your's."

**Sig. Ideas.**  
When Mrs. P. thought Robbie old enough to wear trousers she, like many another frugal mother, brought out an old pair of her husband's and began to cut them over. "What are you doing, mamma?" asked small Rob. "I am cutting out a nice little pair of trousers for you," said mamma, thinking how much pleasure it would give him. "But, mamma, why do you cut them little? If you would only leave them big, like they are, everybody would know then that I am a man," replied Robbie, much grieved.—Deleator.

**Ice Creams and Ices.**  
"Everybody says that Jones has the finest mind, insight and sagacity be-  
cause he ran across. How did Jones get  
such a reputation?"

"Easy. Whenever you make a state-  
ment be says: 'By Jove, that's so! Why  
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Ice Creams and Ices, the very best,  
nine flavors at Price."

The three linked chain links.

## ARCTIC CLUB PLANS GREAT HOMECOMING

Preparations Made to Give a  
Monster Reception to  
Dr. Cook.

### WILL INVITE PRESIDENT

FORMER RIVALS, INCLUDING  
SHACKLETON, ABRUZZI, NAN-  
SEN, AMUNDSEN, GREELY AND  
MELVILLE ALSO INVITED.

New York, Sept. 3.—Preparations are already afoot here to make the homecoming of Dr. Frederick A. Cook an event of national and possibly international importance. If the plans outlined by members of the Arctic club are carried out, the welcome home which Dr. Cook will receive in New York will be an ovation in which city, state and nation will take part, while prominent explorers—Cook's former rivals—from all parts of the globe will gather to pay their personal tribute to his achievement.

**Will Invite Shackleton.**

Among the most notable of those who in all probability will be here to greet Dr. Cook on his return will be Lieutenant Shackleton, the intrepid Englishman, whose recent explorations in the antarctic, during which he succeeded in pushing nearer to the south pole than had any previous explorer, made him a figure of worldwide prominence. Members of the Arctic club hope that President Taft may himself be present as the nation's representative to welcome Dr. Cook.

**No Date of Arrival.**

No definite date has yet been set for Dr. Cook's arrival here. Captain Bradley S. Osborn, secretary of the Arctic club, said tonight that the explorer is not expected for several weeks.

"He is due in Copenhagen in three days," said Captain Osborn, "and if he came straight home would arrive in New York about the middle of September, but his friends believe that he may make several stops on the way home.

"For one thing, the geographers and

scientists of Copenhagen will tender him a welcome. He may go to Christiansia to meet Captain Amundsen, the discoverer of the northwest passage; it is likely that he will visit Belgium where he has been decorated for his services to science and it is scarcely conceivable that the British geographical societies would allow him to pass them by on his way home without an invitation to London."

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON.**

March—"Turkish Imperial Guards" ..... Luscomb  
Overture—"Sunshine and Showers" ..... Floth  
Song—"If I Had a Thousand Lives to Live" ..... Solman  
Selection from "The Soul Kiss" ..... Levi  
Intermezzo—"A Terrible Turk" ..... Van Alstyne

**Part II.**

March—"Mary" ..... Moret  
Potpourri—"Remicks Hits No. 5" ..... Lampe  
Characteristic—"Rollyking Friars" ..... Klein  
Two-Step—"Pony Boy" ..... O'Donnell and Smith  
Waltzes from "The Red Mill" ..... Herbert  
March—"Scott's Special" ..... Phillips

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON.**

March—"The New Colonial" ..... Hall  
Overture—"Faust" ..... Gounod  
Song—"I Wish I Had a Girl" ..... LaBoy  
Selection from "The Girl and the Governor" ..... Edwards  
Intermezzo—"Rainbow" ..... Weinrich

**Part II.**

March—"Yankee Dude" ..... Powell  
Potpourri of "Latest Song Hits" ..... Lampe  
Schottische—"Henry's Barn Dance" ..... Henry  
Waltzes—"Remembrance of Naples" ..... Bennett  
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