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Something We Overlook

Most of us are wedded to the theory that
money will buy everything. On that premise
we argue that increased wages will give us more
money to meet living costs and to purchase sup-
plies. But we don't stop to think that all the
money in the world will not be able to buy sup-
plies and commodities that do not exist.

Robinson Crusoe found a big lump of gold on
his island, but he spurned it as useless because
its possession did not enable him to procure tools,
clothing and other necessities of life. These sup-
plies did not exist on the island, and all the gold
he could discover would not enable him to obtain
a shovel or hammer.

So also today. We are in the position of a
Robinson Crusoe. We do not need more money,
but more supplies of all kinds. If the wages of
every man in the United States were doubled
overnight, putting him figuratively speaking in
possession of Crusoe's lump of gold, it would
avail him nothing, for his 100 per cent increase
in wages would not provide the commodities that
do not exist.

It is an indisputable fact that we are short of
supplies. Prior to the war the world carried a huge
surplus in its warehouses. Four years of war
depleted these stocks, and conditions since the
war have prevented not only the accumulation of
a surplus but even of a sufficiency to meet
present needs.

We see this illustrated in the sugar shortage,
for instance. The government's forecast of win-
ter wheat, moreover shows that it is only 75 per
cent of normal. Farmers in Indiana and Ohio say
they cannot till all their acres this year because

on our farm. They are Minkeys and
Heffers."

"I can spare you five minutes," said
the busy business man; "but you know
my time is money."

"I shall be happy to take it in that
form," agreed the gentleman of leisure.

Good Evening
By Roy K. Moulton

So mine is but a sorry lot
And mournful is my place,
I must become a drug fiend just
To kiss my darling's face

And when my friends walk slow be-
hind
This stark and rigid frame.
And scatter flowers upon my bier,
Just say that I died game.

Tips to Reformers

Horseshoes. It is rumored on good
authority that there is still consider-
able horseshoe pitching going on in
this country. Little knot of men can
be found here and there, hiding behind
bars and country postoffices,
pitching these shoes at pegs. This is
a particularly pernicious game of
chance.

Checkers and Dominos. It is be-
lieved there are at present more than
50,000 regular checker and domino
games going on in grocery stores and
other vile resorts of that character.

How could this rampant evil have
been overlooked so long? Brothers,
let us be up and doing, so that the
youth of our country shall not be con-
taminated.

Apply at Lumber Yard
BOARD WANTED.—Want ad. in
Baltimore paper.

What has become of the old-fash-

STOP ITCHING SKIN

Zemo, the Clean, Antiseptic
Liquid, Gives Prompt Relief

There is one safe dependable treat-
ment that relieves itching torture and
that cleanses and soothes the skin.

Ask any druggist for 35c or \$1 bottle
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liquid, is all that is needed, for it
banishes most skin eruptions, makes
the skin soft, smooth and healthy.

The W. W. Rose Co., Cleveland, O.

they cannot obtain farm laborers, which fore-
casts a diminution of foodstuffs of all kinds this
fall. And so in all lines.

It is a truism that you cannot have that which
does not exist. If there is not enough wheat,
corn, potatoes, rice, vegetables, etc., to go around,
all the money in the world cannot conjure them
from the ground or put them on our tables.

It is also a well tested maxim that if there is
overproduction, or a surplus of any commodity,
prices go down. In that case you have a reversal
of present conditions. A dollar will buy more
goods than it does now, because the price of sup-
plies is low.

Logically, then, the best way to bring down
prices is to produce more in factory, farm and
mine, so that the empty warehouses will be filled,
and the shelves of the jobbers and shopkeepers
be loaded with merchandise.

The present price level, however, is affected
not only by the scarcity of commodities, but also
by a considerable degree of unholly profiteering.
Avaricious men have taken advantage of a situation
to exact more than an honorable, decent and
just profit from their operations. This conduct
is reprehensible.

But one check to this dishonest and immoral
practice would be an abundance of goods. Profiteers
would be unable to realize extravagant profits if the markets were flooded with goods, be-
cause the people would absolutely refuse to buy,
and the operation of the economic law would force
the profiteers to sell goods at a fair price.

If an abundance of supplies is really the solution
of present conditions, every cessation of produc-
tion interrupts the accumulation of a surplus
and virtually plays into the hands of the profiteers,
who can persist in charging exorbitant
prices for articles.

The "outlaw" strike of the switchmen, for instance,
has already thrown more than 400,000 men out of employment, checked the production
of goods, and made inevitable further increases
in prices, which the consumers must pay. As
commodities become scarcer prices are going up.
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Answers to Questions

F. C.—Give a brief biography of
Marshal Joffre.—He was born in 1852.
Entered the army as second lieuten-
tant during the Franco-Prussian
war, commanding a battery in the
Siege of Paris. Later served with distinc-
tion in Asia and Africa. Appointed chief of the general staff of
the French army in 1911; assumed
active command at the outbreak of
the World war and his fame became
world-wide when he stopped the Ger-
mans in the battle of the Marne.
Aroused great enthusiasm for France
when he came to this country as head
of the French commission. He was
succeeded in active command in 1916
by Gen. Nivelle, who was superseded
by Gen. Petain. He was made marshal
of France.

Pupil—What is the difference be-
tween rear and raise?—A parent rears
a child; a farmer raises animals.
Raised the rent is incorrectly used for
increased the rent.

V. B.—What is the Talmud?—It is a
Hebrew word meaning doctrine. It
is a name applied to a work contain-
ing traditions respecting the usages
and laws of the Jewish people.

D. G.—Who was postmaster general
under President Benjamin Harrison?
John Wanamaker.

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questions by writing the Publishing
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