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### Christmas Cheer for Everybody

Reports to the Social Service Bureau show that the real spirit of Christmas is rife in the community. Scores of persons and many organizations have asked for the names of indigent persons and families who are so situated that they cannot provide Christmas cheer for themselves.

This is the spirit which should be shown at Christmas time. When persons who have not felt the pinch of hunger and want volunteer to aid those who need help, you may rest assured that the spirit of the Christmas holiday has taken hold of the community.

The thoughtful consideration of these men and women will gladden the hearts of many a poor man, woman and child. Many a little one that otherwise would feel disappointed and whose heart would be filled with grief, will be happy and contented on the day that marks the coming of the Christ child.

The requests for names of families that will appreciate a Christmas remembrance have come earlier than usual, members of the Social Serv-

ice Bureau say, indicating that the desire to help is not an eleventh hour decision, but one that has been pondered for some time in the minds of the persons who are making the donations.

Not a child in Richmond will be overlooked this year as a result of the manifestation of goodwill that has asserted itself so early in our community. The commendable action of persons who have expressed their willingness to help will find its full reward in the thankful hearts of the recipients.

### Join the Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber of Commerce has been organized for the benefit of every resident of Richmond. It proposes to serve the municipality and is so constituted that it can accomplish this purpose advantageously and expeditiously.

It invites the men and women of the city to volunteer their memberships in order that a large roster may enable its founders to perfect the process of organization and permit the body to begin its real work of serving the community.

This general invitation of the Chamber of Commerce should be accepted at once by hundreds of residents. Delay in answering the request postpones the beginning of the work for which the Chamber of Commerce was founded.

A loyal resident of Richmond, who is proud of the city and zealous for its welfare, need not be asked more than once. Knowing the scope of the Chamber of Commerce, he will realize that it offers him a medium through which his citizenship may assert itself actively and purposefully for the attainment of concrete betterments.

led so long that conscience is a bore. Our old tin cans are red with rust, they're long since out of style, and something's always sure to bust before they go a mile. We're always tinkering with tools, o'er motors broken down, and hiring farmers with their mules to haul us back to town. But when we smoke our evening pipes the fiction graft prevails, and Ananias has the gripes if he can hear our tales. And so we sit beside the sea, and tranquilly we lie, of how our auto climed a tree, and did the trick on high.

### Memories of Old Days In This Paper Ten Years Ago Today

Fred Bessellin, Sr., one of the largest real estate holders in Richmond, but who for the past three years had been living in Los Angeles, Calif., died on Tuesday, Dec. 13, 1910, at his home there. He made a large fortune here, and owned several fine residence and business places.

### Correct English

Don't say it this way: IT DON'T always snow Christmas. We don't pronounce it LIKE they do. I like THESE sort of apples. John and his sister are fond of ONE ANOTHER.

Go take THEM books to the library. Say it this way: IT DOESN'T always snow Christmas. We don't pronounce it AS they do. I like THIS sort of apples. John and his sister are fond of EACH OTHER.

Go take THOSE books to the library.

### Today's Talk

By George Matthew Adams

**THE DARKEST DAY CLEARS**  
We stumble over the obvious in life. It's the simple things that we neglect most. The plainest truths we pay the least attention to.

And yet these are the things that are the most vital to us.

Even the mediocre person shows his hidden metal at times of great stress or in the midst of dire emergency. The real hero, the great man, however, early recognizes that he must face and give his hand and heart and head to the commonplace facts and events of life.

To such an one the darkest day always—always.

The natural intelligence of the average person is not of a low order. It's the use to which we all put our abilities and observations that stamp us what we are.

We get very discouraged on dark, gloomy days. But when we come to think of it, we know that there have been many other days as dark and discouraging.

And how many times the day has opened dark and ended in a picture of beauty and sunshine!

So to help even things up, try to carry around an especially happy and cheerful heart when the day is unusually full of rain and clouds. For there are bound to come days when your heart somehow will be heavy though above you the sun shall shine, in all its glory and at nighttime the stars shall put on new lustre, like the finest polished diamond.

And just remember that the darkest day DOES clear!

### Dinner Stories

As the Londoner sat in the village inn, drinking a modest pint, and chatting with the local residents, he got on the subject of married life. He advanced the opinion that true happiness was more often to be found in the peaceful country than amid the turmoil of town.

"Well, I ain't so sure about that," said one old fellow. "But I do know as I sat last night and held my old woman's hands for two hours by the clock."

"There" said the visitor in triumph. "That upholds my argument and shows how much you love her!"

"Loe her!" gasped the old chap. "Why, if I'd let go she'd ave scratched my bloomin' eyes out!"

A woman bargained with a cabman at a station to take her into the town with her parrots and cats, a dog, the boxes and the baskets.

Cabman: "Beggin' your pardon, ma'm, but you ain't expecting a flood, I hope?"

"Dear me, no; whatever made you ask that?"

"I thought I'd ask," said Jehu, "cos L ain't certain as how my horse can swim, and I fancied that you were a-takin' my keb for a Noah's ark!"

### Rippling Rhymes

By WALT MASON

#### ALL MEN ARE LIARS.

We all sit around at extende, and tranquilly we lie and tell of how our cars can climb stupendous hills on high. We used to be a truthful lot before the auto came; we used to ween and wist and wot that falsehood was a shame. And when from fishing trips returned, we stretched the truth a yard, our conscience like an bonfire burned, and searched us pretty hard. But that was in a time gone by, a time that's vague, remote; and now we sit around and lie, each of his old tin boat. And when we to our beds repair, some alto snores to spring, does conscience, while we are lying there make night a solemn thing? Does she point out that falsehood's wrong? She tries that stut no more; we've lied so much, we've

One of the greatest dykes in Holland is forty miles in length, and has been holding back the water for seven centuries.

### HAPPY WOMEN

Plenty of Them in Richmond, and Good Reason for It.

Wouldn't any woman be happy, After years of backache suffering, Days of misery, nights of unrest, The distress of urinary troubles, When she finds freedom.

Many readers will profit by the following:

Mrs. R. W. Routh, 207 Randolph St., Richmond, gave the following statement: "Several years ago I used Doan's Kidney Pills and found them to be an excellent kidney remedy. I took them because another of my family had used them with such good results for backache and irregular action of the kidneys. Doan's relieved me in a short time."

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### Cured His RUPTURE

I was badly ruptured while lifting a trunk several years ago. Doctor said my only hope of cure was operation. Trusses did me no good. Finally I got hold of something that quickly and completely cured me. Years have passed and the rupture has never returned, although I am doing hard work as a carpenter. There was no operation, no lost time, no trouble, and I am working well. I have no time to give information about your son and a complete cure without operation, if you write to me. Eugene M. Pullen, Carpenter, 539 Garellus Avenue, Manasquan, N. J. Better cut out this notice and show it to any others who are ruptured—you may save a life or at least stop the misery of rupture and the work and danger of operation.

### Good Evening

By Roy K. Moulton

A law making high heels a crime is urged by Massachusetts doctors. The law won't go over. All these other prohibitions that have recently been voted were laws that took something away from the men. But when it comes to taking privileges away from the women, then look out for the women's vote.

A statue of Binzwin, the Japanese god of healing, was touched by health seekers until they wore the god's face completely away, says a Tokio dispatch.

#### PERSONAL PREJUDICES.

I am always sure any secret will never get out when only fifteen or twenty of us know it.

I never eat eggs. I don't like them when they are plentiful and I can't afford them when they are not.

I presume it is allowable to wish almost any movie star a merry Christmas.

I do not care for the blue laws nor for anyone who does care for them.

I never have accepted any graft, but like a lot of other honest men, I don't know exactly what I would do if any way were ever offered me.

I always read the advertisements in a magazine and thereby manage to have quite a pleasant and instructive evening.

I don't know what John Drew is playing in now, but I'll bet it's a dress suit.

According to a deposition made by Marc Klaw, the entire chorus of the Ziegfeld "Follies" is paid \$2,056 a week. We had always, in our ignorance, believed that one of those magnificent creatures alone got that much.

An acre will produce about 6,000 pounds of indigo.

### "Gets-It" for Hard or Soft Corns

Satisfaction Guaranteed With This Corn Remover.

Common sense tells anybody that the way to cure a corn is to remove it, cap and root—banish it entirely.

**REFUSE TO ACCEPT GERMAN EXPLANATIONS**  
(By Associated Press.)

BERLIN, Dec. 15.—General Nollet, head of the allied control commission here, has informed the German government that its explanations regarding the disarmament of peoples' guards cannot be accepted, and has ordered the government to direct the destruction of several siege guns before Dec. 15. He has declared these guns were kept in contravention of the Versailles treaty and in spite of the reiterated demands of the allies.

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SAM S. VIGRAN  
617 Main St.

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### Answers to Questions

R. H. S. Student—What are the addresses of some technical schools? Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind.; Rose Polytechnic Institute, Terre Haute, Ind.; Armour Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh; Case School of Applied Science, Cleveland, Ohio; Mass. Inst. of Tech., Cambridge, Mass.; Georgia School of Technology, Atlanta, Ga.

Reader—How many individual claims for indemnity have been preferred by Belgians against the Germans for war losses?—About 75,000, representing close on \$200,000.

Sport Reader—Has Man-o'-War been sold? If so, for how much?—The race horse has not been sold. The owner recently rejected an offer of \$400,000 for the horse.

Fred J. R.—Has the Polish army been demobilized?—Not entirely, but dispatches in November said that seven classes of the Polish army had been demobilized.

Reader—May I obtain answers to questions by writing to the Palladium Questions and Answers department? All questions should be written plainly and briefly. Answers will be given briefly.

### 23 Freshmen of Miami Requested Not to Return

OXFORD, O., Dec. 15.—Twenty-three members of the freshman class of Miami university have been requested by the school authorities not to return after the Christmas recess. This action is due either to the inability or the disinclination of the young men to keep up in their studies.

"Dolls," a pretty little play by Louise Van Voorhis Armstrong, will be presented by young women of the senior class of Teachers College, Miami university, Friday afternoon. Eleven are in the cast.

The Social Farmers' club held its December meeting today at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Beard. Three papers will be read: "The Art of Handling Men," W. L. Hamilton; "Christmas Carols," Mrs. W. E. Dickson; "The Whole World Our Market," Dr. Edwin S. Todd.

The greatest gain, 13,000,000, is in Kansas, the leading producer of winter wheat. In that state the increase was helped by an area of over 1,000,000 acres of volunteer wheat sprouted from shattered grain in the autumn of 1919, which, despite its unpromising beginning and doubtful prospects in the spring of 1920, came finally to harvest.

In general it appears that the reduction in crop acreage in 1920 below 1919 is less than was thought and reported at the beginning of the crop season. Notwithstanding the early unfavorable conditions for farm work, the efforts of the farmers to fully seed their fields, assisted by favoring days that came late in the planting period, resulted in plantings greater than anticipated.

#### Increases Are General.

Increases in almost every crop were reported in the revised production figures, as compared with the preliminary estimates announced in November. Corn, with a record crop, shows an increase of about 33,000,000 bushels; winter wheat an increase of about 48,000,000 bushels; spring wheat a decrease of 10,000,000 bushels, oats an increase of almost 70,000,000 bushels; barley increased almost 11,000,000 bushels; potatoes increased 9,000,000.

#### Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure Itching, Blistering or Protruding Piles. Instantly relieves Itching Piles, and you can get restful sleep after first application. 60c.—Advertisement.

### 1920 FARM CROP VALUE \$5,000,000,000 LESS THAN 1919 ALTHOUGH HARVEST IS ABUNDANT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Shrinking of values of the country's farm crops has placed their total worth this year at almost \$5,000,000,000 less than last year, although the 1920 harvest was one of the most abundant in the country's history, with half a dozen crops breaking records.

The important farm crops which comprise about 90 per cent of the value of all farm crops were valued this year at \$9,148,519,000 by the Department of Agriculture Monday in its final estimates. Last year these crops were valued at \$16,212,122, last year.

The extraordinary character of the harvests, which have proved to be among the most abundant in the country's history, notwithstanding beginning about as unpromising as ever known, is emphasized by the December revisions of estimates," the department said in a statement commenting on today's report. "The final outcome to the 1920 wheat harvest, winter and spring combined, is now estimated at 789,878,000 bushels, compared with 934,265,000 bushels in 1919, this being an increase over the earlier estimates for 1920 of 39,230,000 bushels.

#### Abandoned Arceage Less.

"The 1920 acreage abandoned from winter killing was less than expected and indicated by the very bad and unpromising conditions on May 1, and the increasingly favorable character of the later season permitted much wheat then considered hopeless to develop and come to harvest. The reports of increase over earlier expectations of winter wheat produced come from almost every important winter wheat state.

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