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### Senator Harding Studies Conditions

Senator Harding not only is making good his campaign promises of consulting with the leaders of his party on important matters of state, but also is going a step farther, for he is inviting to Marion men prominent in different walks of life and is not overlooking members of the Democratic party who are informed on matters that are of serious moment to the country at the present time.

Out of the mass of information thus obtained and from the varying opinions of many minds, he hopes to evolve those policies, which represent the mind of America, will soon restore to the country a normal status. If President Wilson seemed to disregard the experience and wisdom of others, relying solely on his own, President-elect Harding invites many expressions of opinion, in order that he might arrive at conclusions by a process of selection.

No one could have followed the course of the conferences held at Marion in the last few weeks without being impressed by the sincere earnestness of the president-elect to learn exactly how the American people feel about proposed legislation. This data will give him what he is seeking for—the right foundation on which to serve the vast majority of men and women who elected him to the presidency.

His attitude toward the people thus far has been an admirable one. One looks in vain for an indication of mental vanity or a manifestation of superiority. One sees only a conservative American citizen who is preparing himself to execute faithfully the duties of a high office.

### Rippling Rhymes By WALT MASON

OUT OF WORK  
A lot of factories and mills are closing—more will close, I fear, and countless sad-eyed Jacks and Jills are out of work, and winter's here. And they have seen their fortunes smile, with wages high, and more in sight; I wonder if they saved their pyle, or blew the roubles left and right. I

ber when I was at Boggleywallah I tamed an oyster. He used to follow me all over the house like a dog. He would sit on the table at my side with his shell open and crack my nuts—most affectionate little creature."

"Have you still got him, major?" asked the doubting auditor.

"No, sir; he came to an untimely end. A friend of mine came into the dining room in my absence, saw the oyster with his shell open and swallowed him! I shall never have another pet," said the major, with a sigh.

"No doubt your friend found it easier to swallow the oyster," said the colonel, "than we do the story."

### Good Evening By Roy K. Moulton

The fellow who invented the dollar probably thought that he turned out quite a piece of work. So did the one who invented the high-wheeled bicycle, but they lacked vision. Both neglected to add the element of speed required by the present generation. We hear a good deal about the days of real sport. It was also quite exciting back in the days of real dollars.

YOU MAY FIRE WHEN READY. I herewith invite a dispute. Would it be an offense if I'd shoot

The young thing who said "With a toss of her head—That Niagara Falls was "real cute."

—M. P.

A Boston woman's pet dog wears goggles when automobile to prevent eye strain. They were fitted by an oculist.

Continues the report: "Nemo appears to regard them as a necessity, but is glad to be relieved of them for play with his consort Tessie, unsupervised."

As Mazarin said to the Chevalier D'Artagnan: "Twaddle, my kind sir, twaddle."

Mrs. Hiltzman has complained to the officials that the landlord keeps her apartment too warm. It is our opinion that Mrs. H. has discovered the only landlord of his kind in captivity and that the landlord has discovered the only tenant of her kind in the world.

The milk of human kindness also seems to have gone up several cents a quart. At least it is more expensive than ever before.

What we need now, in the language of our president, is an open winter openly arrived at.

"I'm going to get a nice little wife. I'll have a cozy little home, well-cooked meals, my slippers ready for me when I get home at night, my pipe always handy to me, and peace and contentment for the rest of my days."

"You never ought to marry."

"Why not?"

"Well, when a man has a dream like that he ought not to risk waking up."

At a mess dinner the conversation turned on animal training.

"Ah," said Major Binks, "I remem-

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Service to the American republic seems to be the motto of the man.

We may feel assured that this is the spirit in which he will soon assume office and which will characterize his administration. Practically it will assert itself in a new feeling of mutual helpfulness and co-operation between congress and the White House, a factor that has been lacking for many months, and has resulted in the blocking of legislation, from which the country has suffered in no small degree.

The restoration of harmonious relations between the chief executive and the legislative branch of the government is greatly to be desired in a period in which important problems of reconstruction and readjustment have been pushed to the front sharply. The co-operation of the two branches of the government will hasten the enactment of laws to remove threatening conditions and to restore confidence.

### The Legislative Session

At a conference last week of Governor-elect McCray and Republican members of the general assembly the thought was expressed that the people of Indiana do not want many laws enacted, but want old ones amended and a few good new ones passed.

At the beginning of every session this opinion is voiced, but before the assembly has proceeded very far the hopper is loaded with bills. Some members fear they are not doing their duty by their constituents unless they introduce bills; and others, who are adverse to sending up measures, are forced to introduce bills which their constituents send in.

It is impossible to check the introduction of bills, but they can be killed quickly in committee. If petty measures met this fate, the nuisance would be curbed. It also would give members time and opportunity to study bills of major importance. These are the measures that deserve careful consideration, for they affect the welfare of the whole state. If the legislative track could be kept clear for them, the whole state would reap a benefit.

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### Answers to Questions

Constant Reader—What is radium used for; is it mined, if so, where? Why is it so valuable?

All the radium that has been mined to date could be accommodated in a pill box. It is worth several million dollars an ounce. Radium is a very high retroactive metallic element obtained from the uranium mineral pitchblend, by Pierre Curie and Madame Curie, his wife, and C. Bemont, in 1898. The discovery was one of the greatest events in the history of chemistry. The Radium Institute in London, founded and endowed by Lord Kelvin and Ernest Cassel, was opened in 1911 for the treatment of patients and the prosecution of researches into the effects of radium on the human system.

Student—Please tell me how to get admission to the Annapolis Naval Academy.

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Readers may obtain answer to questions by writing the Palladium Questions and Answers department. All questions should be written plainly and briefly. Answers will be given briefly.

The Gift For Her

### A Manicure Set

BROWNED BY FIRE  
I have been thinking about the lesson of inspiration contained in a loaf of bread. Take it when it is warm and particularly well browned—

Which part do most people like best? It's the brown part—that was nearest the fire!

I spent a wonderfully happy evening recently with an old friend who related to me, in his modest fashion, some of the thrilling events of his trip to the frozen North, where for three years he lived and worked.

I do not make friends any too easily, but the minute I met this young man I liked him. For I knew that you could bank on him under any circumstances or in any emergency. He looked the part and impressed it right into you.

He told me the other night of times when it looked as though he would never live to tell his story. But he did! He told it to me. And you could see his "days of fight and privation stamped in his face and in the manner of his voice. He had been browned by soul-fire.

A man doesn't amount to much until he has been pretty close to the fires of life. And become browned and soothed.

Then he presents a fine spectacle of heroism.

You who simply get through your day in the easiest way possible, has it ever occurred to you that the time may come when your soft character will be swept like sand from its bearings and you left friendless, alone and helpless? For the race is not to the swift—but to the strong.

It isn't mere misfortune that brown's one soul, but the brave facing of misfortune without a whimper.

A character that's worth having comes high and hard. The fire burns pretty hot at times. But people will like you and stick to you—because you will be as true and genuine as you are "browned by fire!"

### Correct English

Do Not Say It This Way:  
He took **HOLT** of it.  
He is an **AWFULLY** bad writer.  
I can not do **NO** more.  
Neither he nor **NO** one else can do it.

Say It This Way:  
He took **HOLD** of it.  
He is a **VERY** bad writer.  
I can not do **ANY** more.  
Neither he nor **ANY** one else can do it.

### MILLERAND ORDERS AIRPLANE LIMOUSINE

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, Dec. 20.—President Millerand, despite the earnest contrary advice of Madame Millerand, is reported to have ordered an airplane limousine for the purpose of making official visits to foreign capitals and cities in the provinces.

Should the report prove to be well founded it will mean a departure in the mode of traveling of Presidents in France and the permanent side-tracking of the Presidential train. A regular squadron will have to be provided for the treatment of patients and the prosecution of researches into the effects of radium on the human system.

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