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### An Expensive Court House

After Marion county had paid \$1,700,000 in  
interest on bonds of \$900,000, incurred when the  
court house was built in 1872, the first payment on  
the original cost was made a few days ago when the county auditor turned over \$100,000 to  
Indianapolis banks, which hold refunding bonds.

The interest which the county has paid repre-  
sents a sum of money almost twice in excess of  
the original cost of the structure. If it takes  
another 49 years to pay off \$100,000, the tax-  
payers of Marion county will have expended a  
fortune in interest.

The county would have been thousands of  
dollars better off if its tax rate had been slightly  
increased each year to take care of the indebted-  
ness. Public buildings that entail an expendi-  
ture of \$1,700,000 in interest alone are expensive  
luxuries, even in a day when public funds are  
spent by the billions.

### Races on Memorial Day

Almost every one hopes that the suggestion  
offered by an Indianapolis newspaper to prevent the  
Speedway races on Memorial Day will be  
acted on favorably. This paper points out that  
the attendance will not be reduced if the race is  
held a day before or a day after Memorial Day.

High sentiment attaches to Memorial Day. It  
should be a day of reverence, of solemn reflection  
and pious regard for the nation's dead. On

this day the veterans of three great wars meet  
to pay tribute to their dead, and the thousands  
who meet with the experience a rejuvenation of  
their patriotism and a confirmation of their  
loyalty.

The Speedway races inject an element that is  
entirely at variance with the sentiment of the  
day and the purpose of the observance. Public  
interest, which should center on the sacrifices of  
men who died that the nation might survive, is  
directed to a sport event, which, judged by a  
patriotic standard, has no bearing on the per-  
petuation of the republic or the preservation of  
its institutions.

The Indiana legislature so far has taken no  
action on measures which have been introduced  
to prevent racing contests on Memorial Day, but  
if and Indianapolis newspaper sees fit to comment  
that the race might be held on another day without  
interfering with its success, the members of  
the next legislature might take it as an indica-  
tion of public sentiment generally. The whole  
state is interested in the Speedway races, but  
many of its citizens believe that Memorial Day  
should be hallowed by patriotic services and public  
assemblies conducted for the inculcation of  
patriotism.

Memorial Day has taken on a new significance  
in recent years. The tribute of love, which is due  
to the men who fought in the Civil war, has been  
impressed upon our hearts by the sacrifices  
which the World war entailed. Many a person to  
whom Memorial Day had no significance now  
sees its real meaning and attends the solemn  
services that mark its observance. Thousands of  
families also make this day on occasion to place  
flowers on the graves of their dead, even if they  
were not soldiers or sailors. The whole nation is  
beginning to look upon Memorial Day as one dedicated  
to the memory of the dead. The pious  
sentiment of the day deserves to be fostered and  
encouraged by the elimination of all detracting  
elements.

### Rippling Rhymes By WALT MASON

#### THE ONE TOPIC.

I'd like to talk of books and writers,  
of literary stars, but all the town is  
full of blighters who talk of motor  
cars. I see a bunch of guys conversing  
and I proceed that way, and in my  
mind, I am rehearsing things I mean  
to say. I'll show that authors of the  
present make fiction a disease; they  
do not make their endings pleasant,  
their heroes hint of cheese. But men  
won't listen to my talking, my views  
they don't despise, they speak of cyl-  
inders, knucking and spark plugs  
missing fire. They have a jargon per-  
sonal that jars my soul, by jings;  
it treats of gears and differential, and  
cantilever springs. They care no hoot  
if art's revering from her accustomed  
spot, or if the modern books we're  
reading show symptoms of dry rot.  
Connecting rods and tubes and pistons  
engage their domes of thought; I say  
wise things but no one listens, and I  
am sore distraught. The bookish world  
is badly shaken, such innovations rise,  
and I would speak of Francis Bacon,  
Sam Johnson and such guys; but  
nothing of that nature touches the  
boys who make their spids, concern-  
ing patent, dry disc clutches, sleeve  
valves and steering wheels.

### Good Evening

The ladies, bless 'em, etc., etc.  
They are distinctly the finest people  
in the world, but—

It would give us a thrill we have  
never had before if we could see a  
picture of King George standing all  
by himself, right out in the open, with-  
out Queen Mary standing in front of  
him. The most we have seen of his  
majesty in five years has been his hat  
and eyes, as he has looked around  
from behind the queen and tried to  
get into the picture.

A WIZARD IN THE MAKING.  
Dear Roy: My little boy promises to  
be a second Thomas A. Edison. He is  
always asking questions that nobody  
can answer.

—B. V. Dee.

Physician has discovered a new var-  
iety of ether which forces a person to  
tell the truth. It might be well to  
try it out first on the press agents.

Short skirts have decreased the  
number of injuries to women pedes-  
trians, according to report. We always  
said they were all right.

FAMOUS LIES WE HAVE HEARD.  
These are the two very best seats  
in the house."

Mustapha Kemal says Turkey can  
wage war without money. If we had  
only had Mustapha's recipe three or  
four years ago.

### Correct English

Don't Say:  
The widow became EXECUTOR of  
the estate.

I visited the Longfellow HOME  
when I was at Cambridge.

That man is the PARTY to whom  
I referred.

He was SCARED of the law.

This congressman is poor, but  
PROMINENT among his fellow-states-  
men.

Say:

The widow became EXECUTRIX of  
the estate.

I visited the Longfellow HOUSE  
when I was at Cambridge.

That man is the PERSON to whom  
I referred.

He was AFRAID of the law.

This congressman is poor, but  
EMINENT among his fellow-congres-  
samen.

GOOD FOR WOMEN, TOO  
Poly Cathartic Tablets have long  
been a favorite physic with men. Women  
suffer as much as men do from  
indigestion and grippe, and a  
regular scientific remedy to keep  
the stomach sweet, the liver active and  
the bowels regular. Mrs. Geo. Powers,  
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ache, bloating. A. G. Lukens and Co.,  
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### Answers to Questions

READER—Will you kindly tell me  
something about Thoreau—Henry  
David Thoreau was born in 1817 and  
died in 1862. He was of French and  
Scottish extraction and was born in  
Concord, Mass. His father was a  
manufacturer of lead pencils and  
young Thoreau worked at his trade  
from time to time. He graduated from  
Harvard College in 1837, and for six  
years taught school. Like J. Berroughs  
he lived alone for some time in a hut  
on the border of Walden Pond on the  
outskirts of Concord, in order to give  
him the time to the study of nature.  
Thoreau had but little money and he  
was content to support himself by doing  
odd jobs of gardening, land survey-  
ing, carpentering, etc. His chief study  
was nature, Greek, Latin, French and  
English literature. He rambled about  
some. Of the ten volumes which com-  
prise his works, but two appeared in  
his lifetime, one of which was "A  
Week on the Concord and Merrimac  
Rivers" and the other "Walden, or  
Life in the Woods." Some of his other  
books are "Excursions," "The Maine  
Woods," "Cape Cod," "Early Spring in  
Walden."

Massachusetts," "Summer," "Winter,"  
and "Autumn." There is a life of  
Thoreau by F. B. Sanborn in the  
American Men of Letters Series."

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.

### Dinner Stories

A lady going from home for the day  
locked everything up and for the  
grocer's benefit wrote on a card:

"All out. Don't leave anything."

This she stuck under the knocker  
on the front door.

On her return home she found her  
house ransacked, and all her choicest  
possessions gone. To the card on the  
door was added:

"Thanks. We haven't left much."

—A. J. Rich, local financier, who  
declared the money for the project had  
been subscribed.

Engineers' plans have been com-  
pleted and the terminals have been se-

lected.

Kidney and Bladder  
Troubles HAVE TO GO

Clogged Up Kidney Deposits Are  
Dissolved and the Toxins (Poisons)  
Completely Driven Out. Druggists  
Told to Guarantee It in Every  
Instance.

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