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## PRICES HAVE BEEN WORSE.

Let harassed housewives be of good cheer. Prices have been worse than they are now. And from past history, there is ground for hope. An old grocer's bill resurrected in Chicago shows these prices in 1865, at the close of the Civil war:

Sugar, 25 cents a pound.  
Starch, \$1 a pound.  
Tea, \$1.75 to \$2 a pound.  
Salt, 35 cents a bag.  
Rice, 17 cents a pound.  
Blackberries, 45 cents a quart.  
Kerosene oil, \$1 a gallon.  
Oatmeal, four pounds for 50 cents.

Most other groceries cost proportionately. How would anybody like to pay those prices now? Let it be remembered, too, that wages and salaries were much lower in 1865 than they are in 1919.

And that wasn't the record, either. Going back to Revolutionary war days, a time when the present generation imagines that living was absurdly low, we find such prices as these, according to a Chicago authority:

Meat, \$1 to \$2 a pound.  
Corn, \$25 a bushel.  
Potatoes, \$10 a bushel.  
Molasses, \$12 a gallon.  
Cheese, \$2 a pound.  
Butter, \$3 a pound.  
Sugar, \$3 a pound.

In the year 1779 sugar rose to \$1 a pound. In 1789, a year comparable with 1919, because it was the year after the war had ended and the year when the American Union or League of States was established, butter sold for \$12 a pound and tea for \$40. Those prices, of course, must have been reckoned in depreciated currency. But it was the only currency in circulation, and was no doubt as hard to get as present-day money.

Prices have always been abnormally high after wars. And here is where the hope comes in—they have always gone down again—never, perhaps, quite to the previous low level, but greatly below the high level caused by the waste and disturbance of war.

Glance back at that 1865 list, and then remember the days since when sugar could be bought for four cents a pound and bread for five cents a loaf and milk for five cents a quart and eggs for 25 cents a dozen. These current prices will not last forever.

## THOSE KNOBBY MEN.

A woman who likes to go in swimming at Atlantic City has become incensed at the strictness of the rules affecting women's bathing suits this year, and still more incensed at the laxity of rule affecting the costumes of men. Her letter to the head of the beach patrol says:

"The way men are allowed to parade the beach makes them repulsive. Their limbs are simply awful, full of knobs; and besides, most men are bow-legged. Could anything be more unsightly? The men, not the girls, should be compelled to wear stockings. Nobody wants to see them, and they only clutter up good-looking scenery."

The letter is amusing enough, and the whole situation no less so. And of course it is true. Nineteenth of the men on any bathing beach are unsightly caricatures. The women who correspond to them in lack of beauty are apparently too canny to display themselves in this way, or perhaps they use the well-known feminine gifts of camouflage to help them out.

Why are the men knobby and bow-legged and scrawny and other wise cluttering up of good scenery?

A government bulletin recently issued helps to answer the question. It deals with the malnourished child. The children of today who are not given proper food, proper exercise, proper sleep, plenty of fresh air, become the bow-legged males and knock-kneed females, the scrawny and knobby and ugly adults of tomorrow.

The parents of today may be all these unbeautiful things. Their children do not have to become so. A little study of the means provided at every hand, a little effort to apply the matter learned, a little firmness in attending to the habits of the child, will help these children to grow up into sturdy, clean-limbed, beautiful creatures who will add to and not detract from the ocean scenery of later years.

## TOWN MEETING RETURNS.

The "town meeting" is to be revived in Lawrence, Kans., as a part of city commission government. The mayor will issue a proclamation setting aside one evening each month for the meeting. All citizens will be expected to attend, and to come with an intelligent, public-spirited interest in the affairs of the city.

This plan is intended to do away with the evil of public indifference to civic affairs, said to be especially fostered by the commission government system.

The town meeting is not new. It still exists in some parts of New England. Our forefathers knew

More Truth Than Poetry  
By James J. Montague

## THERE MUST BE SOME OF IT LEFT OVER.

When a town in the state of Kentucky went dry  
The officers emptied the whisky supply  
In a swift little stream, and the fishes therein  
Partook of the same with a welcoming grin.  
Next evening a person named Casey pulled out  
Of the murmuring waters a sizeable trout,  
He ate it that night, and—to make the tale  
short—

Turned up with a tide in the morning in court.  
At least Mr. Casey was free to admit  
That this was the way that he chanced to be lit.  
But the judge didn't think that the story was true,  
And neither, dear reader, will you!

The corn in a silo on Hennessy's place  
Turned sour and "worked" (as is often the case).  
The cow ate the corn, and the milk in the pail  
That evening was flavored somewhat like Scotch  
ale.

When Hennessy drank some for supper, with  
bread,  
He found that it suddenly went to his head,  
So he cranked up his flivver, and, scorching  
through town.  
Ran a couple of sheep and a constable down.  
At all events, this was the gist of his tale  
But the sheriff was sure that the yarn was a lie,  
And so, gentle reader, am I!

An apple tree grew on a brewery site  
And burgeoned and fruited, and one autumn  
night

The Peterson kid, who was wandering by,  
Took some of the apples down home for a pie.  
Next morning the Petersons—numbering nine,  
Came issuing forth in a wavering line,  
Their voices upraised as they sang to the moon,  
In clamorous accents a loud Swedish tune.

They acted that way, they replied, "Apple pie."  
But the stall didn't go in the town worth a cuss,  
Nor will it, dear reader, with us!  
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## The Tower of Babel

By Bill Armstrong

Collar prices are going to 35 cents, of two punctures.  
The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Frank Allen and Lloyd Greenan were absentees from the meeting.

One thing about that Memphis editor they sent to jail—they certainly did not jail his press agent!

By the way, that's a kind of a funny name for an editor hasn't it?—Leech.

The next Dollar day in South Bend ought to be pretty well advertised by the time it rolls around again, because we read in the paper where the merchants are going to have a booth out at the fair for the purpose of advertising it.

It's easy to slip a shoe on a child's foot and say: "That looks good."

## GEORGE WYMAN &amp; CO.

Come and See Us.

See Page 3 for Large Ad.  
about Thursday's

## \$ DOLLAR DAY \$

## Bargains

## School Shoes



## Be Careful What You Put on Children's Feet

It's easy to slip a shoe on a child's foot and say: "That looks good." It usually does. The wrong size or shape, too much or too little room, not often noticeable at first, will hamper the healthful growth of children's feet.

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Finding

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—AT—  
CLAUER'S  
BIG VALUES FOR  
'DOLLAR DAY'  
THURSDAY, August 21st

Dollars will do double duty here Dollar Day. Only a few articles of some items. Better come down early. See our window for bargains.

## IN CUT GLASS

Bowl, 8-inch, floral cut	\$1.00	SILVER, IVORY, ETC.	\$1.00
Cream and Sugar, floral cut	\$1.00		
Handled Basket 12-inch	\$1.00		
Water Pitcher, grape design	\$1.00		
Relish Dish, heavy cut	\$1.00		
Celery Dish, 12-inch	\$1.00		
Mayonnaise Set, 3 pieces	\$1.00		
Tumblers, heavy cut, odd sets, 6 for.	\$1.00		
Vase, 10-inch, floral cut	\$1.00		
Candy Jars, floral cut	\$1.00		
Ice Tea Glasses, grape design, 8 for.	\$1.00		
Sherbets, heavy cut, 6 for	\$1.00		
35 year plates, set of 3	\$1.00		
Salad Forks, Wallace, set of 3	\$1.00		
Clocks, one day, desk	\$1.00		

These are only a few of the many good values offered here on Dollar Day. No article laid away or delivered on this sale.

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