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## HOTELS AND HOMES.

It is not surprising that the consensus of opinion of delegates to the convention of the American Hotel Men's association was that in another 10 years every body will be living in hotels. The wish is ever father to the thought.

Undoubtedly the trend is in that direction. First in the evolutionary process, as the hotel men say, came the home with garden and flower bed. Then came the apartment. Then, as rents increased, and with them the difficulty of obtaining help, the family hotel seemed the solution of domestic difficulties. But there is a stage beyond, which is the individual home again—only this time with most of the ancient drudgery taken out of it by competent planning and machinery.

Somewhere the reports of the building of small individual homes all over the country rather counterbalances the reports of migration of city-dwellers to hotels. The hotel does, indeed, eliminate domestic difficulty. But long continued, hotel life offers instead the most deadly forms of boredom.

The main purpose of a hotel is the accommodation of the transient guest. The normal being does not take root in a hotel. He likes the life only so long as he knows it will be followed by a real home.

Increase of travel, of normal enjoyment of hotels, is a thing greatly to be desired in American life. Indications are that through the proper fulfillment of its proper function the good hotel is in for increasing prosperity.

But as a permanent proposition, hotel life does well only for people without children and without sane ambitions. Too easy a life, life too far removed from the primitive touch of the earth in ministry to primitive needs, makes weaklings. The instinct for the individual roof-tree is deep-founded in American ideals of growth, opportunity and liberty.

Consider the fate of a nation of children brought up without kitchens and backyards!

## SPIRIT OF DISCOVERY.

Scarcely had the announcement of a New England professor that he had invented a rocket capable of shooting to the moon been received by the world than he was handed an application from a man eager to be sent with the missile to the satellite. Now he has received nine such applications. They remind us that no matter how hazardous an undertaking proposed there are always some ready to try it.

Whether it may be described as mere dare-deviltry or consecration to science and progress, it is of the spirit of discovery that guarantees advancement of knowledge. Here, without waiting to inquire whether the project is feasible—ignoring the danger if they ever gave a thought to it—are men contending for the privilege of risking their lives by venturing not only upon a new method of human travel, but also to set foot upon an object 238,000 miles from earth and test whether life can exist on it.

While we talk learnedly of the moon and in comparison with the distance between here and the stars of the other systems, as if it were almost rubbing us, it becomes deep with mystery and at a vast distance when we speak of traveling to it. Yet it is to be only the initial trip in rocket traveling. After exploring the moon, the next trips are to be millions of miles in length instead of hundreds of thousands; to Mars and Venus, from 35,000,000 to 40,000,000 miles from earth.

While no end of flippant remarks may be made on the subject, and particularly when most of us have about all we can do to shoot to the high cost of living, there is something majestic about it that shrivels ridicule and adds to confidence in the capacity and destiny of the human race. Nothing has ever been found to daunt the "human element"—the cravens in war are always exceptions. A frail little mother, though she might be startled by a mouse, would defy fire, flood, cannon or any other terror to save her child. Science has always found the "human element" ready to test any device, whether it called for going under the ground, into the depths of the sea, or into the air. Man is so much bigger than any of the material instruments he can devise; he is impatient because his fastest means of travel does not carry him many times faster, and even before he has learned how to govern the earth, he is trying to chart the universe and interpret how its system is run. True, some are timid and conservative, but always there are on hand the dauntless souls when risk is to be run or test to be made for progress.

It is well when thinking of the errors and misadventures charged to the daring of the "human element" to give some consideration also to the heroism and martyrdom of it in the interest of industrial and intellectual progress as well as in war. "Dare deviltry" is not seen only in physical performances; the man who presents a new idea, regardless of the ridicule that usually falls upon him at first, has his claim upon heroism as ready to make a try at testing anything. Inevitably, then, as the projected trip to the moon may strike us, it might be well

not to laugh too much about it. It can scarcely seem funnier to us than the notions of Columbus did to some of those of his time.

At any rate, there is this certainty: If any way can be found of getting to the moon or to our neighboring planets, there will be no lack of volunteers for the trips.

## IF SOCIALISTS RULED.

The Albany legislature was able to expel its five socialist members, and thus practically disfranchise the socialist party in New York state, because it had an anti-socialist majority that was willing to take such un-American action. What this procedure might lead to if it became an accepted policy may easily be seen if we imagine the political situation reversed.

Suppose the socialist party should, some time, in the course of political evolution or in a sudden wave of protest, elect a majority of the state legislature. This is not an impossible supposition for New York, and still less so for some other states. That socialist majority would then organize the legislature, as the majority always does. The socialists would establish the rules of procedure and decide the qualifications of members. And the first thing they would do, if they followed this remarkable precedent would be to expel non-socialist members—republicans or democrats, or both together.

To follow the precedent completely, they might make this declaration, to explain and justify their action:

"The republican and democratic parties of America, as now constituted, and with their present programs, are not loyal organizations or political parties disgraced occasionally by the traitorous act or declaration of a member, but are disloyal organizations composed exclusively of perpetual traitors."

This would be harsh language; but it is what the present legislative majority at Albany has said of the socialist minority, and it is well known that socialists as a rule do not think any more of the other parties than the other parties think of socialists.

If anything like this were ever done, very likely we should have revolution. That is precisely what the New York legislative majority has invited by its virtual disfranchisement of socialists. It requires no belief in the fallacies and vagaries of socialism, and no love for the socialist party, to convince any unprejudiced American of the folly of the Albany procedure and the peril it invites.

## MUSIC AND UNREST.

The recommendation of Charles M. Schwab of music as a cure for industrial unrest will at least contribute to what gaiety of nations there is. It will be readily admitted that anything that promotes good humor is an enemy of discontent, but in view of the conduct of Germany, long regarded as one of the most musical nations, there may be raised some questions as to how far music can go in combatting discord in other activities.

Besides, music also is an inspiring factor in war-making. By "thrilling martial airs" men have been led to enlist for fighting, and they have been similarly stimulated to violent charges.

Thus, while "music hath charms to soothe the savage breast, to soften rocks or bend the knotted oak," it also has something in it to cause a rabbit to spit in the face of a bull dog. Indeed, only recently one of the slacker Hohenzollern princes was so worked up by a mixture of national anthem and of the demon rum in a Berlin hotel as to cause him to throw plates at a Frenchman.

Despite all these things, however, no one can dispute that there is enough truth in what the genial steel master says to justify and call for greater use of music to produce social harmony. In addition to the pleasure that music—where the performances are worthy of the name—always gives, there is the social value of bands and other musical organizations among members, but pride is taken by the community in having a musical organization of its own.

The more musical organizations the better.

News comes that Alexander Berkman and Emma Goldman cannot get enough to eat in Russia. They might try eating some of the words with which they tried to incite revolution and anarchy in this country.

A French writer declares that Germany is moving inevitably toward a catastrophe. He possibly means that she is still pursuing the course she has been following for six years.

The war was worth what it cost; but this peace isn't worth what it costs.

## Other Editors Than Ours

## THE ACCEPTANCE OF WILSON'S PLAN FOR FUME.

(Philadelphia Ledger.)  
The report from Italy that Premier Nitti has sent an emissary to Fiume to notify d'Annunzio that Italy has decided to accept the Woodrow Wilson terms of settlement while not officially verified is most probably true. This contemplates the making of Fiume a free city. It is a consummation devoutly to be wished. For the plans in the Adriatic and concerning Fiume contemplated by nations of the entente are a brazen repudiation of the principles on which the war was waged. The Wilson plan works no possible hardship on Italy and will be of service to her in the long run. The d'Annunzio position is sheer imperialism and cannot be maintained.

## THE PROTEST OF THE MINERS' PROPER.

(Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette.)  
The complaint of Mr. Scarles, representing the United Mine Workers, that the increase proposed by the operators in the price of coal to the consumer is entirely out of proportion to the wage increase scarcely requires demonstration. It is so clear that the blind can see. The purpose of the operators is quite clear.  
They assume by this method they can turn the indignation of the public not against the operators who raise the price not merely to cover the increased cost of production but to add still more to the profits of themselves already in many instances scandalous, but against the miners. That the plan represents a conspiracy among the operators will be the general opinion of the country, and if there is no way to jail conspirators of this sort there ought to be.

The increased cost of production because of increases in wages permit in reason a sufficient increase in price to cover the increase in cost, but the game is and has been right along to increase the price to the people enormously in excess of the increasing cost of production. That is a dangerous playing with fire in these critical days.

## The Tower of Babel

By BILL ARMSTRONG

PA PERKINS

SEZ:

The reformer  
will likely wantto blame the cigar  
for the paper

shortage.

BOB HAS GOT 'EM AGAIN.

(Western Union Telegram.)  
Brambach Grand Piano Co.,  
New York, N. Y.  
Place order for 6 Queen Anne  
models with curved legs.  
(Signed) ELBEL BROS.DONT IT MAKE YOU MAD  
to drop your lead pencil in the  
darkened coal bin?"Pussyfoot" Johnson is said to be  
on his way back to the United States  
to look for violators of the 18th  
amendment. Well, if we are any  
judge, "Puss" will wish for his other  
eye many a time after he has started  
his search."Please pass the revolver, Chicago  
is way ahead of us on April  
murders," said a member of South  
Bend's underworld the other afternoon,  
as he picked his teeth carefully  
with a 12-inch dirk.We're a little afraid to see the  
war officially ended in the UnitedStates, because it may pave the way  
for a new declaration.

## ANOTHER SCOOP.

The discovery of three rare paintings, evidently hundreds of years old, has attracted wide attention among the many art enthusiasts of South Bend. The paintings are in water color and are entitled, "Lunch Time," "Caught," and "Asleep at the Switch." Because of the great age of the paintings, they are in a slightly decomposed condition and are badly frayed, but this does not interfere with the enthusiasm of local art lovers. Throughout the day Friday, art lovers mingled with collectors in the office of Charley Frazier's garage on Lincoln way E., eager to lamp the ancient paintings.

The paintings were done by the renowned artist, I. Daub, shortly after the beginning of the 17th century. They were discovered in the bottom of an old barrel in the garage, an employee having started a search for some heavy oil when an old friend dropped in unannounced from Naper.

Three of the figures on the paintings have been identified as Sam Leeper, Sam Lantz and Charley Frazier, but the identity of the fourth figure is still a mystery although it is believed to be that of old Peter Navarre, the man who started Navarre place. The paintings were made during a voyage of the four down the St. Joseph river hundreds of years ago. Although worth thousands of dollars, Mr. Frazier is offering the paintings free with Ford inner tubes so long as they last.

About the only people not on strike in South Bend is the mothers!

More Truth  
Than Poetry

By JAMES J. MONTAGUE

## THE GRASSHOPPER AND THE ANT.

Though the ant is alleged to be wise,  
He wears himself down to a splinter  
Collecting the household supplies  
His family needs for the winter.  
All summer he rushes around,  
Excitedly searching for forage,  
Which he tollfully drags under  
ground  
And carefully places in storage.The grasshopper rates as a fool,  
And yet in the torrid weather  
He lolls where the shadows are cool  
For hours and hours together.  
What terrors has winter for him,  
Let others take thought for the  
now.And, filled with content to the brim,  
He sings away trouble and sorrow.  
The ant, we are frequently told,  
Keeps hearty and warm through  
the blizzard.While the grasshopper dies with the  
cold  
That freezes his ill nourished  
gizzard.  
But while we've no reason to doubt  
That the ants are remarkably  
clever,  
The grasshoppers always come out  
In the spring, just as plenty as  
ever.The moral, we're sorry to say,  
(You may differ as much as you  
may wish it)  
Seems to teach us that loafing will  
pay  
If the loafer can just get away  
with it.AS WELL AS THE RAILROADS.  
Spring couldn't have been any  
longer over due if the government  
had had control of the weather.WELL WORTH TRYING FOR.  
Think what a salary Mr. Bryan  
could get from the vaudeville managers  
if he happened to be elected  
president on an "Ireland first" issue.REAL PERSUADING.  
The best propaganda for meat  
saving week is the butcher's price  
list.  
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## WHAT'S IN A NAME

Facts about your name; its  
history; its meaning; whence it  
was derived; its significance;  
your lucky day and lucky jewel.  
BY MILDRED MARSHALL.FLORA.  
Flora is as springtime a name as  
any maid could wish. It means  
flowers, of course, and commemorates  
the goddess of flowers, who was  
so called from the Latin name for  
spring blooms, "flor.".Flora came into use through her  
masculine counterpart, curious to  
relate. From the goddess was  
evolved Florus chiefly memorable as  
the name of the procurator whose  
merciless rule drove the Jews to  
their last rebellion, and Flora wassubsequently derived as the feminine  
of the former name.The first Flora was found in Spain.  
She was the daughter of Count  
Julian who was much disliked and  
is recorded in Spanish ballads as "la  
Cavi," the wicked.The martyrdom of a Spanish  
maiden called Flora by the Moors  
in 851 redeemed the reputation of  
Flora as a feminine name and its  
use became widespread in Spain;  
whence it was introduced to France  
as Florie, Scotland, which has an extraordinary fondness for flower  
names, adopted it, and soon it was  
brought to England where it still  
enjoys the greatest and most widespread vogue.The emerald, symbol of springtime,  
is Flora's talismanic gem. It  
promises its wearer keen intelligence,  
gentle charm and prophetic vision.  
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she is said to have such perfect  
psychic power, as to be able to  
foreshadow future events. Wednesday  
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