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OUR KEYNOTE  
"There is not a way, but a way."  
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Hoe up and keep hoeing.  
Hoe, but not Hohenzollern?  
Hep! Hep! Hep! Let everybody  
hep in one way or another!

All the world loves a lover—  
except the fellow who was jilted.

There are, tho, many kinds of  
slackers—those in the home for  
example.

No, we've never killed a man  
yet—but we're death to flies and  
mosquitoes.

"Give us this day our daily  
bread,"—and it may even come  
to that. Plant something.

"Springs skirts are longer."  
And just as we had gotten a pair  
of high power glasses, doggone it!

No, hanging out the flag is not  
the only way of displaying patri-  
otism. The Government needs re-  
cruits.

Spots on the sun, you say?  
They are only the marching hosts  
rushing to join the war of the  
universe.

We'll have two of them. The  
army of killers and the army of  
tillers—and one is just as vital  
to success as the other.

No sir we'll never go blind as  
long as we live in Andover. There  
are too many beautiful women  
and girls to look at.

Colonel Roosevelt wanted to  
lead a division to France. Im-  
possible, impossible—the boys  
could never keep up with him.

Carranza assures us of his  
neutrality which, being correct-  
ly interpreted, means the old  
cuss is plotting mischief again.

An exchange says that burial  
in flour will keep silver bright for  
a long time. Take the silver and  
let it tarnish. We want the flour!

Uncle Sam a weak Sister? Not  
a bit of it. Seven billion dollars  
and only trotting. Wait till we  
strike a gallop.

The Government is being flood-  
ed with applications for com-  
missions, and nine out of every  
ten want to be a general or ad-  
miral. Gosh! Give us a gun.

The Victoria Regia, a lily  
native to Brazil, has leaves meas-  
uring from ten to twenty feet in  
diameter. The Garden of Eden  
should have been located in Bra-  
zil.

What would be more attractive  
in the front yard than a growing  
bed of lettuce or onions or to-  
matoes or beets or any one of a  
dozen articles of food? It would  
be such a symbol of patriotism as  
the world has never before seen.  
And the odd moments would do  
it.

No, Mr. President, our soldiers  
will not lack for food. Every  
loyal American will do his or her  
duty, and that spirit of production  
will be in daily evidence right  
here in Andover and this whole  
community. We do not follow.  
We lead.

## LETTING GEORGE DO IT

It is not our desire to badger  
Congress at this time of national  
danger. We prefer to support  
the Government in every possible  
way, for in supporting the Govern-  
ment we are demonstrating our  
loyalty to our country and our  
earnest desire to aid it.

But we cannot refrain from op-  
posing the congressional policy  
of "Letting George Do It," in  
the matter of obtaining recruits  
for the army.

We do not believe in letting a  
patriotic few do the work of the  
whole. Many thousands of young  
men are ready to enlist as soon  
as Congress imposes the same  
obligations on all young men of  
military age who are physically  
fit, but they do not feel like  
being the goat that pulls other  
people's chestnuts from the fire.

Mothers and fathers are willing  
to send their boys to the front,  
as soon as they are assured that  
their neighbor's boys will be sent.  
But they are not inclined with  
the idea of having their sons face  
the cannon's mouth in defense of  
their country while other sons  
of the community remain safely  
at home.

The volunteer system penalizes  
patriotism and puts a premium  
on slacking for the patriot goes  
to war for \$15 per month while  
the slacker remains at home and  
earns from \$50 to \$100 a month.

The Congress should immedi-  
ately enact into law the President's  
recommendations for compulsory  
service. The Congressman or the  
Senator who cannot publicly de-  
fend the slacker should not in  
turn be a slacker himself.

Let Congress once pass a uni-  
versal service law and you will  
find an instant change in the  
sentiment of the young men of  
this country. There will be an  
enthusiastic rush to the colors  
that will surprise even the Presi-  
dent himself, for each young en-  
thusiast will have the satisfaction  
of knowing that he is not being  
asked to take his life in his hands  
to defend a neighbor who slacks  
at home.

The latent patriotism of this  
country is unbounded, but there  
is a smouldering resentment of  
injustice that is holding back  
patriots who are simply itching to  
get to the front.

If we are to fight a war of  
humanity let us first make it a  
war of justice to our own young  
blood.

We venture the assertion that  
if it were put to a vote of the  
young men of this community  
eight out of every ten would  
refuse to enlist under the present  
antiquated and unjust volun-  
teer system, but would heartily  
support universal service.

The blood of our young men is  
red and contains no water, but  
they believe in a patriotism that  
is founded upon justice.

Universal service must come,  
and it should come without an-  
other instant of delay.

The welfare of our country per-  
mits of no slacking either in  
Congress or elsewhere.

### PER MAN, NOT PER ACRE

We hear much about increased  
production and conserving back  
lands; much of utilizing back  
yards and vacant lots, even road-  
sides and railroad rights-of-way.  
Added to this will be the annual  
prize contests for the greatest  
yield per acre.

They are all good—excellent.  
But let us not lose sight of  
the fact that if this country is to  
meet and solve the food prob-  
lems the burning demand will be  
not for the maximum production  
per acre, but for the maximum  
per man.

It is imperative that every  
worker in the soil this year use  
every means possible to make his  
work count to the utmost in his  
volume of production. He should  
cultivate every acre possible, and  
in order to increase his capacity  
he should employ every available  
implement for reducing man  
labor while increasing the work  
done.

This is no time to be dabbling  
in a garden with a weeding hoe  
while a tractor and a gang plow  
stand idle. The garden and back  
yard available for the aged and  
the very young and the town-  
business man who has no field to  
cultivate. But the husky young  
man is vitally needed in driving  
the big implements of production  
and making the broad acres bloom  
and fruitful.

A full yield per acre is essen-

tial, but the salvation of the  
United States will depend large-  
ly upon better yields and more  
acres per man.

Last year we learn millions of  
acres went uncultivated. This  
year every acre should be made  
to produce to the limit of its  
possibilities. An idle field in  
1917 will be a reproach to its  
owner, and it is to be hoped that  
there will be not one in this whole  
community.

If the owner is without the  
means of securing improved ma-  
chinery and seed, in order to in-  
crease his acreage, and his yield,  
then the men with money have  
already volunteered to come to  
his assistance. The financier is  
indebted to this country for his  
wealth, and in the hour of na-  
tional danger that wealth will be  
placed unreservedly at the legiti-  
mate disposal of the farmers who  
must toil early and late that the  
people may not suffer for bread.

The big implement makers  
should also come to the front  
with a rush. If credit is needed,  
then credit should be extended in  
order that more acres may be  
tilled.

When more farm hands are  
needed they should be drafted  
from the cities. If they are un-  
willing to go and do their share  
government authorities should  
compel action. Every able-bodied  
man should either fight or work.  
There is no room for slackers, and  
the public is in no mood to con-  
done them.

The United States does not  
look for the means to produce the  
crops necessary to feed the peo-  
ple in this hour of peril, but  
those means must be employed or  
we fail.

A wise boob once remarked that  
"sooner or later, every man  
reaches his level." Witness, for  
instance, the former czar of  
Russia as an expert shoveler of  
snow.

The farmers are complaining  
about the cost of clothing and  
other products, and town people  
are complaining about the cost  
of spuds and other farm products.  
What's the matter, anyway!

Mr. Townsman, plow up the  
back yard and let the women  
and children handle it while you  
go after the vacant lot. Every  
little helps, and ten or twenty  
million littles will make a whale  
of a big one.

In 1898 the United States freed  
Cuba from the rule of Spain.  
To-day, when we are at war with  
Germany, Cuba comes right to  
the front with an offer of her  
entire army of 25,000 officers and  
men to be employed in any man-  
ner this Government may desire.  
There is gratitude for you and  
our hat is off.

### AGRIGRAPHS

Plan to keep your garden rows  
busy all summer.

Under the present necessity for  
high speed in meat production no  
animal machine compares with  
the hog.

The success of agricultural co-  
operation in Denmark is said to  
be due largely to the influence of  
the "folk high schools."

More and larger horses in a  
team is one way to meet the  
scarcity of farm labor. Larger  
machines can be used with larger  
teams.

Many of our ancestors had  
white bread only on Sunday—and  
now there are millions of people  
who don't know how good corn  
bread tastes.

The farm home garden located  
near the house is the garden that  
gets the best care. This is be-  
cause the work on it is usually  
done during spare time, when the  
gardener has no time to waste in  
walking to and from the garden.

Some of us remember what a  
play-room the old farm "smoke-  
house" used to make during a  
part of the year. Why shouldn't  
hams, cured meats, hams, bacon,  
dried beef, and sausage come  
back to-day? More smoke houses  
would mean more dollars that  
stay on the farms. Ask for Cor-  
nell publication 119 from Ithaca.

From the New York State  
School of Agriculture, at Cornell  
University.

FOR SALE—Carpet-loom in  
first-class condition, very reason-  
able. Mrs. John Strait. 17

## TREAT ALL SEED POTATOES

Necessary to Kill Disease Germs  
Before Planting Tubers.

By F. R. Stevens, Agriculturalist of  
Lehigh Valley Railroad

During our trip over the line  
with the potato special we have  
examined a large number of sam-  
ples of seed potatoes, and a  
very large percentage was found  
to be affected by disease, espe-  
cially the rhizoctonia. This disease  
is not easily noticed unless the  
potato is washed, when it appears  
like small bits of muck attached  
to the skin. Another reason it  
does not effect the tuber. The  
disease germs merely live on the  
skin of the potato and when the  
new shoots start attack and kill  
them. One of our county agents  
reports that he found this dis-  
ease in 75 per cent of the potato  
fields last year and that it was  
one of the factors in the reduced  
yield. It is also evident that un-  
less checked it will continue to  
increase and be a still more ser-  
ious factor.

Fortunately the remedy is easy  
—four ounces of corrosive subli-  
mate dissolved in thirty gallons of  
water will not only kill this dis-  
ease but also common scab and  
black leg. The potato should be  
soaked in this solution for one  
and one-half hours, and the same  
solution can be used three times;  
then a new one must be made.  
Only wooden or earthen vessels  
should be used. Thirty gallons  
will nicely fill a fifty-gallon bar-  
rel full of potatoes. This solu-  
tion is very poisonous, and both  
it and the potatoes, after they  
are soaked, should be kept from  
animals.

With the present high price  
of seed and our food supply low  
I am fully of the opinion that no  
potatoes should be planted with-  
out this treatment.

### RAPIDLY MOBILIZING ITS FORCES

Alfred University is rapidly  
putting its house in order to help  
meet the war emergency which  
has come upon the country. The  
university wireless apparatus has  
been dismantled according to of-  
ficial instructions. Its classes in  
physical training for men have  
been turned into periods for mili-  
tary drill. The faculty has proffered  
the use of the institution's ser-  
vices of the teaching staff to the  
state and national govern-

ments. Likewise they have voted  
to release from further school  
duties for the remaining weeks of  
the year Seniors and others who  
enlist in the land or naval forces  
of the United States or who take  
up agriculture seriously for the  
spring and summer. Already a  
number of men have availed them-  
selves of this action of the faculty  
and have left to fight the Ger-  
mans in the potato field or in the  
ranks.

The Athletic Council of  
Alfred University is now prom-  
ising a series of moving picture ex-  
hibitions for the benefit of the  
students of the University. The  
existing courts are going to be  
greatly improved and two  
courts installed. Tennis is a  
popular sport in the Uni-  
versity and with the additional courts  
is hoped to throw them-  
selves not only to students but  
townspeople.

## The AUDITORIUM

SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT OF THE FAMOUS

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Friday Evening, April 27

"The Woman He Married"

Saturday Evening, April 28

"Life's Shop Window"

Wednesday Evening, April 25

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—IN—

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prices as follows, taking ef-  
fect April 30, 1917:

- All Sundaes and Sodas, 10c
- Plain Cream and Phos-  
phates, 5c
- Neapolitan Cream, qt., 50c
- Neapolitan Cream, fruited,  
per quart, 70c
- Bulk Cream, per pint 20c; per quart 40c
- Five gallons or over, \$1.30 per gallon



### MAILS CLOSED

Going East  
A. M. Train 222  
P. M. Train 26  
P. M. Train 8  
Train 8, mail closed  
M., Tuesdays and Wednesdays  
Going West  
A. M. Train 7  
P. M. Train 541  
W. F. O'Connell



—Arbor Day.  
—Genesee is trying  
new school building.  
—Mrs. Clara Craigho  
caring for 2  
—A baby boy was  
born to Mrs. Chas. Dem-  
port Saturday.

—W. J. Rogers  
came in Twinsbury,  
from an attack of he-  
—Miss Nettie El-  
schmont and Walter  
Rochester, were mar-  
ried Sat.

—Potter County will  
quarter million seed-  
as their allotment for  
the state forests.  
—Any party that  
of President Wil-  
fect to a fine of \$1,  
years imprisonment.

—P. A. Dean ran  
new barn Saturday  
men assisted in the  
one even had a fing-  
—The severe free-  
night occasioned cor-  
safety to the grower  
and small fruits in  
of the state.

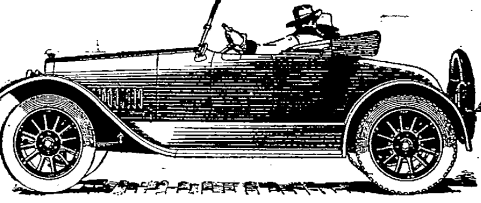
—Philip Burdick  
and Mrs. W. H. Bu-  
the Genesee, has be-  
to corporal in Co.  
of Buffallo.

—A number of A.  
D. F. fraternity atten-  
dation at Wells-  
evening, of the 98th  
of the order in this  
—Mr. and Mrs.  
are receiving congr-  
on the arrival of  
Donald Raymond,  
Wednesday morning

—John C. Green, c-  
and Miss Grace Kel-  
own, were married  
of the bride's pare-  
Mrs. A. H. Keller,  
1917.

—Fire was discov-  
ered floor of the  
ing Alfred, last Wed-  
ing. The fire was  
control however, and  
covered by insuranc-  
—Andover peopl-  
villagers, are arra-  
in the movement fo-  
The fertile hills and  
this locality will b-  
to produce their gr-  
ance in response to  
call.

\$1150  
P. o. b. Racine  
Mitchell Jr.  
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120 in. W. B.



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P. o. b. Racine  
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127 in W. B.

This model plant, covering 45 acres, was  
built and equipped for this single type.

It is designed to build this single type at a  
cost which none can match. John W. Bate,  
the great efficiency expert, has spent millions  
of dollars to do that.

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has a wealth of features which other cars omit.

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and built by our craftsmen. So each style is  
exclusive.

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this factory and this car. Every building,  
machine and method shows the last word in  
efficiency.

His methods save us on this year's output  
about \$4,000,000. And all that goes into  
Mitchell extra values.

Our latest models are the result of more  
than 700 improvements made by Mr. Bate.  
He spent a year in Europe to get some of the  
ideas.

So the Mitchell offers, in many ways, what  
you cannot find elsewhere.

31 Extra Features  
24 Per Cent Added Luxury  
100 Per Cent Over-Strength

There are 31 features, most of which al-  
other cars omit. Each is something you will  
want. Go see them. These are paid for by our  
factory savings.

On this year's models we add 24 per cent to  
the cost of finish, upholstery and trimming.

Our new body plan saves the money to do  
that. This makes the Mitchell the luxury car  
of its class.

In the past three years we have doubled our  
margins of safety. Now each important part  
shows 100 per cent over-strength.

The object of this new standard is to double  
car life. Over 440 parts are built of toughened  
steel. Safety parts are all oversize. Parts which  
get a major strain are built of Chrome-Vanad-  
ium.

Our engine test is 10,000 miles without  
wear. Our gear test is 50,000 pounds per tooth.  
Our spring test calls for limitless service. Not  
one Bate cantilever spring has broken in the  
two years we have used them.



DARCY & STOUT, Wellsville, N. Y.