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"There is not a Way, Cut a Way."

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Witty paragraphs are born, not made. We just happened.

Any man can drink like a fish, but only a few can stand up under it well.

We suggest in passing that Chicago's "Big Bill" spell it with a capital "P."

Some men are like a bass drum, they are good for nothing but to make a big noise.

Every man tells the truth once in a while, but to some of them it is an awful shock.

Crowned heads are a world nuisance, but they often come in handy in a card game.

If the worst comes the Government can have our pocketbook. We'll keep the change.

No, we may not be killing many of the enemy, but we are killing a deal of a lot of time.

"Love your neighbor as yourself," and then you won't have to lie about him when he is dead.

Then, too, we know of a man who never has an unkind word to say of any person. He's dead!

Among the rich it is incompatibility of temper, but with us humbler beings it is just a plain family jar.

Fellow dropped into our shanty the other day and asked who is boss of the household. Our wife told him.

There are two things that will make a blind man see. One is a well shaped leg, and the other is another one.

There are entirely too many traitors in this country — and likewise too many lamp posts and tree limbs not in use.

Our sympathies, however, go out to the title-seeking American heiresses during the war. The suspense of waiting must be dreadful.

We can't for the life of us, understand why pretty women insist on flirting with homely men, there are so many of us handsome ones floating about.

An unknown paragraph asserts that the early milkman catches a glimpse of a woman's true complexion. All of us old married ducks get that — but, Lord, we "dassent" tell!

Mankind is prone to regard a good memory as a possession beyond price. That it certainly is without limitations. Yet there are conditions under which a short memory would be much more valuable. We would benefit by forgetting the petty slights and insults; for ceasing to envy those more fortunate; by wiping from our mind all traces of bitterness over wrongs and injustice. Such a faculty for forgetting would leave in the human heart memory of the good.

There are and will be spies — many of them. There are and will be traitors — let us hope but

## A SQUARE DEAL

We as a people are in danger, of losing our grip on one of our most cherished traits of character—fairness. Time was when this word and all it stands for "was written broad on our national life, and we have prided ourselves on our readiness to accord to any and all people a square deal.

And paradoxical as it may seem, this trait still predominates. We are as ready as we ever were to grant large justice to all. But granting justice is only one-sided fairness—but one side of the human equation.

We should demand justice and fairness, each for self and for all others.

This we are rapidly ceasing to do. Year by year we are more and more sleeping on our individual and collective rights, and others, more active and aggressive, are usurping them.

The resources—yes, the actual productions—are so abundant that "want" should be an unknown word to us. Yet want exists, and exists largely.

With our great wealth we should be the most care free people the world has ever seen, but we are not. Lines of care are deep upon the nation's brow.

And all of these because we sleep upon our rights and will not rise up and demand a square deal. We allow Congress to misrepresent us and have not the energy or nerve to elect a Congress which will force justice and fairness for us.

It is time we arose in our might and demanded that the price-booster and speculator must go and he will not go until we do.

We are hopelessly in the hands of the exploiter—the speculator in other people's rights and privileges. From the man on the corner who sells us a pair of shoestrings for twice their worth because he knows we would not walk a block for the difference, up to the great corporation that furnishes the steel for our buildings for more than it is worth, because he knows we can get it no where else, all are out for the exploitation of the other fellow.

We have said that we as a people are as ready as ever to accord fairness to all. Yet the very presence of oppression and extortion in our midst has a tendency to breed in us a disregard for this principle.

Doubtless you are familiar with the story of the Arab and his camel—how it intruded its head into its master's tent, which the latter, kindly permitted. But meeting no resistance, it was not long before the camel was in the tent and its master was excluded.

It is so with us. We are systematically exploited and held up by the speculators and the shysters until we are in danger of supinely surrendering to their every demand.

There is absolutely no reason for the extortionate prices we have been having for many months, except the machinations of the trusts, the storage companies, the speculators, or all who can in any way hold in, restraint the supply, and by unfair means stimulate the demand and the price.

When permitted free movement the products of this country are always equal to our demand. This is not true, however, when a large proportion of our production is cornered and retired from the channels of trade until scarcity forces prices to a fictitious level.

When cold storage first came into general use it was hailed as one of the greatest discoveries of the age. We very much fear, however, that it is fast becoming our chief oppressor, unless we can take its power out of unscrupulous hands.

It is time for us to awake to the importance of DEMANDING the square deal, as well as according it.

National disaster faces us if we do not.

## FREE SPEECH

There is at the base of, most of the disloyalty evidenced in this country, one of the basic principles upon which this Government was founded — freedom of speech. The trouble, however, lies not with the principle itself so much as with its erroneous application.

First we must realize, which many of our malcontents have not that there can be no such thing as absolute free speech. Theories and honest views as to the expediency of justice of proposed laws are perfectly proper BEFORE the enactment of such laws. The undoubted right of the majority to rule imposes upon the minority, after its enactment, the duty of absolute obedience. Any other view of the matter tends to the destruction of the very fabric of free government.

In times of peace and quietness this view of the citizens' duty to government has always been liberally construed, and much really reasonable criticism has been passed over and condoned. From this leniency there has arisen in the minds of many unthinking persons an idea that the right to express one's thoughts, no matter how treasonable those thoughts may be, is one of the inalienable rights of free men.

A little sober reflection will show the fallacy of such reasoning. We have laws against murder, arson, rape, and many other crimes. Would any dare raise their voice against obedience to these laws? How long would such a person remain at large? But those, you may say, are vitally necessary. Granted, but we will go farther. Taxes are levied, and all are required to pay. Have you the right to appeal resistance to the tax collector or throw of

not approve of the particular law under which the taxes are levied and collected. You have a perfect right to seek to have that law repealed, but NO right to seek to nullify it. It is the will of the majority, and as such must stand until repealed by a majority.

While the selective draft law was pending in Congress every American citizen had a right to raise his voice against it if he felt so inclined. But AFTER its passage NO person has the right to counsel or practice resistance to it.

The rule is absolute. Its enforcement has not always been strict; but this, as we have stated, was due to undue leniency when the urge of public safety did not demand strict measures. Now, however, public safety DEMANDS IMPLICIT OBEDIENCE to the laws of the land, and every loyal citizen will throw the whole weight of his influence in the scale on the side of law and public security.

To do otherwise is to betray the Government that harbors and protects you.

## SUSPICION

The people of this country will have to place a close watch on their feelings in the days that are before us. We are a complex people, made up of a mixture of many races. Across the waters our kinsmen are engaged in deadly conflict, and we have ranged ourselves on the side of one group and against another. But the blood of those others flows largely in the national veins. It is this fact that should cause us to watch carefully that there grow not up in our hearts a suspicion of those of alien blood—enemy blood, if you so term it.

There are and will be spies — many of them. There are and will be traitors — let us hope but

few of these. But if we are always watching for spies and traitors we will create an atmosphere that will work more injury to our national life than all of the machinations of all of the spies and traitors combined could possibly accomplish.

The good old rule that every man is a gentleman until he is proven otherwise should govern our actions now. When by his actions he proves himself otherwise, then will be time enough to condemn him.

It is a noteworthy fact that the man who is always looking for faults in others can find them, even where they do not exist, and constant suspicion can and will tend to distort perfectly innocent actions into grave offenses.

Our best course is to leave to government officials the work of bringing spies and traitors to justice. Our individual interference might have a tendency to muddy the waters.

## WELLSVILLE FAIR AND RACES WILL BE GOOD

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KATHERINE STINSON Flies at Wellsville Fair

can never straighten out in time only to curve to a level and alight easily. Miss Stinson alone will be worth many times the price of admission.

The Aerial Howards, claimed to be the greatest act of its kind appearing in the open also do some very thrilling feats. Edith Howard, the lady of the attraction, rides a cycle on a tight wire suspended 65 feet from the ground, using no net, while Melvin Howard does work on a trapeze suspended from the bicycle.

The New York Review Co. are entertainers of repute whose clever songs and musical airs will liven up the little waits that are bound to occur between races, etc., and will add more than a little to the entertainment to the vast multitudes that are bound to be present at such a meritorious exhibition as will be offered by the Wellsville Fair Association this year.

There are other attractions which will be mentioned later on, each one being clean cut, legitimate entertainers and everybody that attends is assured of a good time and their money's worth many times over.

## RED CROSS WORK

The work completed up to date of the Red Cross is as follows: six pajama coats finished, two pairs pajama pants, thirty-three operating towels, hemmed, three linen tuck towels and two Turkish towels hemmed, three tray covers and two table napkins hemmed, two comfort pillows made, three arm slings returned.

YOU'LL WANT AD WIN and the finder of your lost article unless he's trying not to be found.

## Andover Boys' Roll of Honor

Following is a list of Andover boys who have gone to serve in the Army of Freedom. It is possible that we have overlooked some one, but have endeavored to list them all. If any of our readers know of any young man from Andover who is now serving in the Army or Navy, whose name does not appear here, we would greatly appreciate it to be informed. We should also like addresses of those here listed so that readers desiring to correspond with any of the men can find the address in the News.

- ELMER E. KEMP, 1st Lieutenant.
- EAROLD EMERY Private, Co. K., 112 Reg. U. S. Palham Bay Park, N. Y.
- VICTOR STEARNS Private, Co. K., 112 Reg. U. S. Palham Bay Park, N. Y.
- JERRY GOBLE
- JOHN M. MYERS
- TOM LYNCH
- LEO DUGAN
- W. E. GALLAGHER, U. S. S. Richmond, North
- WILLIAM KNOWLES, Port Royal, S. C.
- Va.
- DEAN HORAN
- THOS. O'GRADY
- EAROLD PERRY
- JOHN STORMS
- LAWRENCE CLARKE
- EAROLD HARDY, Corporal, Co. D. 46 Infantry, P. Benjamin Harrison, Ind.
- CLARENCE HARDY
- JAMES McDONOUGH
- J. ARCHIE DUFFIN
- PORTER RICHARDSON, Battery C. 307th Field Artillery, Camp Dix, N. J.

## Katherine Stinson

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Due	Mail	Due	Mail
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541-6:38 p. m.	6:20	8-3:52 p. m.	8:00
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## GOWAN

Diphtheria is found in towns in the county. Miss Ruth DeRomer, school on Beach Hill. The Angelica Fair held Sept. 18, 19, 20 and 21. Hornell has a new organization known as Orchestra.

The first snow of season was seen at Duane on last week.

Our local apple orchards more like shade trees than do fruit trees this year.

Prof. Remsey and the N. Burns, both were united in marriage.

Andover Red Cross were well represented at the meeting in Thursday.

Dankirk's Board of Health arranged to work out of doors during the fall weather.

Howard Inskip has a record so far. potato and from it he perfectly good tuber in all 244 lbs. The "fish up-to-date" was

George Bloss was last of the week. where he has been at the hospital room.

an operation performed at the "New York" Mr. Bloss as a result of this writing.

Thru A. O. Tuck of Hornell, a remarkable relic of the Andover Free School of a framed instrument. The picture primitive method of transportation in those days, advertising in Philadelphia.

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