

...will be in danger...
...articles of export...
...in this country be...
...of foreign demand...
...been repeatedly told...
...were abnormally...
...the great demand...
...over the seas...
...was shipped...
...a famine was produced...
...and prices went up so...
...to use a stepladder to

...cutting of some of our...
...trade would make the neces...
...of life more numerous over...
...here, and would thereby reduce prices...
...to a sane level again wouldn't it be...
...rather a good thing for you, and the...
...rest of the home people?

Of course a few plutocratic ex...
...porters might have to forego some...
...of their fat profits, but what of it?...
...They care nothing for us — why...
...should we worry about them?

You are your own thinker—do a...
...little of it.

2 SETTLEMENT of the coal strike
is not over as many fondly be...
...lieved. It is only postponed for a...
...time to appease the wrath of an ex...
...asperated public. It will bob up...
...again soon in all of its deviousness...
...to harrass an already over-burdened...
...people.

A committee of three will have the...
...last word in the settlement of con...
...troversies. On that committee you...
...will see one man representing the...
...coal operators, one man representing...
...the coal diggers and one man repre...
...senting the vast millions who must...
...buy coal regardless of price.

The result? A foregone conclu...
...sion, of course. When it comes to a...
...test vote two men of the committee...
...will be interested in the raising of...
...the price of coal to the consumers...
...so the digger can have still higher...
...wages and the operator can pile up...
...still greater profits. One lone man...
...may raise his voice for the consumer...
...But two votes always prevail over...
...one.

While you are waiting for the next...
...boost in the price of coal just think...
...this matter over a little. It is a good...
...headache producer—for the goats.

3 THE man who manufactures an
article is entitled to a fair profit...
...over the cost of production. The...
...wholesaler who distributes that...
...article is also entitled to a fair profit...
...over the cost of distribution. So is...
...the retailer who sells it to the con...
...sumer. But none of them are en...
...titled to more than a fair and reason...
...able profit. The laborer and the con...
...sumer must also be considered.

Congress and the President, work...
...ing harmoniously, could with one...
...sweep of their mighty arm put a...
...quick and lasting end to profiteer...
...ing.

Why don't Congress do something?
The answer is very simple, very...
...tragic—because we do nothing our...
...selves.

We send a representative to Con...
...gress and we expect him to consider...
...our wishes, to do our bidding.

Then we close our mouths and sit...
...down and wait for him to "do some...
...thing."

But what is he to do?
How is he to know what we want...
...done?

Does he ever hear from us?
While we are comfortably warm...
...ing our chairs other interests—for...
...eign to us—are getting busy with Mr...
...Congressman.

They are very agreeable to him...
...very enticing and very tenacious—...
...they never let go.

Their interests are kept before...
...that Congressman day by day, hour...
...by hour. Ours are lying dormant in...
...the chairs we are warming. The...
...congressman seldom hears of them.

Senators and representatives are...
...adept at passing the buck. So long...
...as the buck is kept moving it does...
...none of them any particular harm...
...but once it slows up it is liable to...
...cause an explosion. And they don't...
...like explosions. It is safer to start...
...the buck on again.

Occasionally, between bucks, they...
...do a little work, because they all...
...want to go back to Washington again.

But that is all our fault. We put...
...them there and like others we...
...promptly pass the buck. We leave it...
...to others to give them their instruc...
...tions, to tell them what we want...
...done.

We go to sleep at home, and the...
...congressman, of course, follows our...
...example and goes to sleep in Wash...
...ington.

That's the reason Congress doesn't...
...do something.

If each voter in the district would...
...write an occasional letter to his con...
...gressman and acquaint him with the...
...needs of the district and our attitude...
...on public questions, then the con...
...gressman would have no occasion for...
...excuse for passing the buck.

He would have to buy up, inste...
...ad.

THE militarists of Japan have suf...
...fered a decided reverse and have...
...been snowed under by the peace...
...party.

The latter favor adopting the...
...American plan of not interfering in...
...the internal affairs of Russia and...
...China, other than to keep certain...
...necessary railroads open.

TRAU, ISLAND IN THE ADRIATIC SEA, IS PLACE OF UNUSUAL INTERESTS.

Trau is a little city, on a little...
...island, in the Adriatic sea. Trau is...
...the Greek name for watermelon, which...
...is the shape of the island. Yet the...
...people claim that the name is a corrup...
...tion of Traugiton, whence the...
...Greeks came to Trau in 880 B. C.

Many fascinating notions are fixed...
...in the minds of the natives of...
...the island. They believe a cypress...
...bush was miraculously planted to...
...shelter a statue of the city's patron...
...saint, Giovanni Orsini, and that the...
...same saint's spirit nourishes it.

MEXICAN OPALS IN DEMAND

Even With Primitive Methods, Our...
...Southern Neighbors Dig Beautiful...
...Stones From Their Mines.

The Queretaro district is the chief...
...source of supply of Mexican opals. All...
...the mines are owned by Mexicans. No...
...foreign capital is invested. Old-fash...
...ioned methods of mining are employed...
...and activity is desultory. If prices...
...are good, work becomes feverish. If...
...prices drop off, few opals are mined.

It is this cheap grade of stones that...
...has given Mexican opals a poor rep...
...utation among jewelry buyers. The...
...fact is, a fine Mexican opal is a bea...
...utiful gem. It differs from Australian...
...opals in that the latter are usually...
...opaque to transmit light, whereas Mex...
...ican opals are usually clear. To bring...
...out the soft play of colors in a Mex...
...ican stone, artificial backs are often...
...used in setting the gems. Many are...
...backed with their own genuine matrix.

Superstitious Londoners.

In London there is still to be a...
...deep-seated belief among East end...
...girls in the efficacy of dragon's blood...
...as a love-philtre. Touching on the...
...same subject, a Whitechapel herbalist...
...relates how, a girl, after buying some...
...tormentil root of his, volunteered the...
...information that, having been flirted...
...by her young man, she consulted a...
..."wise woman," who told her to get...
...a bunch of tormentil and burn it at...
...midnight on a Friday. The faithless...
...one would then revert to his al...
...legiance. On three successive Satur...
...days she returned for fresh supplies...
...of the root, when either the charm...
...worked or she grew tired of it, as she...
...ceased her purchases. Mandrake, too...
...is largely purchased by superstitious...
...cockneys. Every Sunday at a pitch...
...by Petticoat lane a hawk does a...
...profitable trade in slices of mandrake...
...which, he assures his audience, will...
...cure everything. On his parrow are...
...a few roots carefully selected for their...
...resemblance to the human form. "Gath...
...ered at midnight," he shouts, "and...
...they screamed terrible when...
...pulled out of the ground."

Apes Have Poor Sight.

"Apes are frequently shortsighted...
...and require spectacles as much as...
...human beings do." This is a state...
...ment of Prof. Behr, of Kiel.

COCKROACHES TO THE FRONT

THE latest stunt in profiteering
floats in from Chicago, and its a...
...piperino.

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