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Gray hairs are always respected when they are rich.

A woman who nags should never complain when her husband scolds.

It is more blessed to give than to receive, especially if it is a licking.

A popular man seldom talks about himself. That makes him more popular.

Some men are inveterate jokers, which leads one to infer that they are born jokes.

If you would be happy, just forget the things that make you unhappy. Simple, isn't it?

There is much in knowing what not to do, but there's a devil of a lot more in not doing it.

At least one thing can be said in favor of American profiteers. They are experts in their line.

One of the best forms of life insurance is the use of a tooth brush morning, noon and night.

A hearty laugh is like a ray of sunshine on a winter day. Can you qualify for the compliment?

Of course, there may be those who pay their income taxes in order to be able to talk about it afterwards.

Every day brings forth new problems for us to face, but night usually comes before we can get around to it.

Japanese statesmen are urging disarmament. Good, Jappy! We nominate you to lead the van — but you won't.

We note the absence of one unfailing sign of the approach of spring—that dreamy youth with a poem for publication.

France has invented a new gun capable of shooting two hundred miles, and not a thing to shoot at. What luck!

No, this country is not short on money. The only shortage that exists is in the ability of certain people to get hold of it.

"Marriage is a game of give and take," says a model wife. There being no model husbands, we are unable to record their views.

Most any man can save money if he wants to, provided he does not travel the pace of a millionaire on the wage of a laborer.

It is hinted that the league of nations may discuss the Irish question. But it is unlikely anything new can be said on the subject.

Yes, we are an advocate of universal disarmament, provided it begins with our American crop of thieves, thugs and holdup men.

A young man in Iowa admits having kissed forty-two girls in one night. That beats the prize record of a certain young gallant in this town.

A good way to prevent the spread of colds in the head is to cork up your sneeze until the town duds can be prevailed upon to erect a sneezery.

French bachelors are to be taxed to aid the babies of the benedicts, says a news item. But don't rush into matrimony, young men. Take time, make a wise selection, and keep what you get. This is not a joke.

WHY NOT A PECK OF POTATOES?

TEN cents a vote is what all you people who voted for Senator Harding last fall are now asked to pay to liquidate the campaign fund deficit.

A truly proletarian plan would provide for the acceptance of trading stamps, cigar store coupons, and such farm products as the agricultural elements that returned with a whoop to "normalcy" might see fit to turn in.

In Andover, just now, a peck of potatoes would almost be equivalent to one share, which each of you farmer boys owe the Republican party for bringing potatoes from \$2.00 a bushel to "normalcy" (40c) in such record-breaking speed.

In Kansas it might be a half-bushel of corn which is worth about a dime to the farmer, and in Kentucky it might be tobacco, released by the benevolent favor of night-riders who will not be allowed to market it at present prices.

Mr. Hays' 10-cent assessment is modest enough, but it does not meet the economic conditions that have arisen since the election, when the country celebrated the Harding election by promptly "going bust."

We warned you, but you would not. So come across with your dime. Later — One farmer says 10c is all right, but 30c would be more expressive of the feelings most of them have.

JUST A LITTLE TRUTH

AMERICA is suffering from what might be termed our national ailment — an almost universal desire to obtain something for as near nothing as possible.

The manufacturer is not content with a moderate profit. He hungers for a continuance of the rich dividends that accrued during the war.

Railroad and corporation officials would no doubt feel tremendously peeved if one were to suggest that they accept a reduction in their own salaries, altho they are keen on cutting down the wages of their own employees.

The employees themselves aspire to the maximum wage, but are seldom averse to reducing the amount of work performed.

It's the same in every line of business, in every walk of life.

Throw a scrap of meat into the henyard and the spryest of them will grab it and duck for safety. It wants to hog the whole thing.

Human beings are much the same as chickens. Each one wants to grab as much as possible of everything in sight and let the other fellow be content with what is left.

We are eternally emitting roars of protest over the continued high prices. But we are like nations that advocate disarmament — we wait for the other fellow to step down first.

Everybody admits that something must be done, but nobody feels that he is the one to do it.

We are inconsistent and illogical, but no worse than the rest of the world.

As an illustration of the truth of this statement, how many of you are willing to admit that our remarks are true insofar as other people are concerned, but that you can not see where they apply to you?

But cheer up — let your virtuous indignation cool off and ooze out. Perhaps the editor is as deep in the mud as you are in the mire, for we frankly own to a banking for more than we get.

This ailment is not confined to Americans alone. The whole human race is afflicted with it. It began when Adam plucked the forbidden fruit, and has been growing upon us ever since. It will end only when human life ceases to exist.

Everybody knows it, and many admit it. Truth is stranger than fiction, sometimes, and life is the greatest story of all. That's what ails us.

We once heard of a preacher who was warmly admired and supported by his entire flock. He never woke his congregation up during his sermons.

EVERYBODY'S DAY

CLEAN up — look up — stay up! It is only a matter of a few weeks when Spring cleaning will be with us again.

Let's be ready for it, improve upon the work of past years, and make this town a place of beauty. Let's make it everybody's day.

If everybody leaves it for somebody else to do nothing will be done except in a perfunctory manner, but if we all "go to it" with a determination to excel it will only require a small amount of work on the part of each individual.

The logical way to do a thing is to pitch right in and stick to it until it is done, and then hold it there — don't allow any slipping or sliding back to the old level.

Mediocre results may be good enough for some localities, but they are not satisfactory to the people of this town. We want something better, something out of the ordinary, quite in keeping with the thrift and intelligence of our community.

Why can't we have a general spring cleanup day, when every citizen will get out and put the polish on our town — remove the debris from certain streets, clean up back alleys and unused thoroughfares, and place the stamp of cleanliness, sanitation and beauty upon the whole community.

No one objects to closing the business houses for a day in order to hold a town picnic or other celebration. That is a common occurrence all over the country, and everybody has a gala time.

But who ever heard of a town closing up business in order to take a municipal bath? It's a good move for this town to inaugurate.

We're for a cleanup holiday, with everybody in action. Are you? Say "yes."

It is openly hinted that labor and capital will soon be pulling together, but nothing is said as to whether they will both be pulling in the same direction.

Railroads of the country are planning for a reduction in the wage scale. Presumably the scheme is to begin at the bottom and forget to reach the top.

The dollar, we are told, is slowly but surely regaining its old time purchasing power. And in time, we presume, it will wake up and begin to purchase again.

The "government of the United States is in grave danger of becoming bankrupt," weeps a lugubrious citizen. Which, we infer, is an indication that the said lugubrious citizen is scheming to evade payment of his income tax.

A Chicago paper avers that "given a pickle and a few moments of undisturbed time, a woman can solve any problem on earth." Give 'em a barrel, brother, give 'em a barrel, and they'll solve 'em all to congress. Just now the country is sorely in need of an army of solvers.

The last time a man was bequeathed a hundred thousand dollar pearl necklace, was ordered by the court to wear it thirty days of each year.

When you get tired of selecting the members of Mr. Harding's cabinet for him, you might devote a little time to discussing what you will plant in your garden this spring. Harding won't mind.

One of the first acts of the new congress should be a revision of our immigration laws. With more than three million men now out of employment in this country one begins to wonder how the hundreds of thousands pouring in from Europe are going to earn an honest living.

There is nothing to be gained by turning America into an international poor farm.

There is said to be more crime in the United States to-day than in any other time in the history of the country. And we have more aliens who are opposed to law and order than at any other time. It is time for us to take a kindergarten course in common sense and learn a few needed lessons.

No government is so strong as to be immune from undermining by secret forces opposed to it.

It is barely possible that within the next hundred years congress will do something to alleviate the deplorable condition of disabled veterans of the World War. The fact that the vets will be all dead then should be of some slight interest to our dead representatives in Washington. It won't cost so much. There is seldom any individual profit in being a humanitarian, and gratitude appears to be only money deep.

Herbert Hoover says he can "see no reason why the United States should cancel the war debts of the allies when they are spending more for armament than it would take to pay the principal and interest."

Hoover said a mouthful, and we pass it along. That ten billion dollars the allies owe us would feed a good many hungry Americans in these days of unemployment. Just because we are a rich nation is no reason why we should sit complacently and watch other countries default in their obligations to us.

There seems to be a tendency on the part of many people to continually criticize others of their acquaintance. It isn't done with the intention of doing harm to the person criticized — at least not always — but is simply a case of seeing the worst side of human nature when the brighter side could be viewed to much better advantage.

None of us are perfect — not even the critics themselves — but we would all be better citizens if we were to confine ourselves to recognizing and fostering the good in humanity instead of stirring up the bad.

The store that is advertised in a big way is patronized in a big way without exception.

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