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Too frequently the friend in need is the last one to be paid.

Every man is entitled to his just deserts, but very few care to collect on them.

Some people take themselves seriously, because no one else is willing to take them at all.

A public man is a public target, but sometimes his hide is too thick for the shafts to penetrate.

Most men have a generous streak in their makeup. They are prolific in the giving of free advice.

The wise man never tells all that he knows. As long as he keeps you guessing he has you coming.

Throughout the world there is a silver lining to every cloud, except that in America it is generally gold.

Come to think of it this country is as "dry" as a powder horn that is half filled with the essence of wetness.

Never complain of an editor that he does not print all the news. He might do so much to your confusion.

One of the greatest trials of life is the fact that our virtues are never fully understood until after we are dead.

Apparently Japan hesitates to sling her hat into the American ring, lest we discover it before she jerks it out again.

In order to sustain our reputation as a humane man, we are maintaining a discreet silence on the subject of liberty bonds.

Few of us ever receive what we really deserve in this life, but we often get what rightfully belongs to the other fellow.

At last we are witnessing that phenomenon known as the calm that follows the storm. Mexico hasn't erupted since the last time.

We, however, are not prepared to approve the enforcement of prohibition to the exclusion of the bottle. There are a lot of babies yet to be raised.

Every native born American is a potential president in the making. But calm your fears — it takes a deal of making to land him in the White House.

Here's an honest confession. We firmly believe that prices in general should be reduced, but candidly, we prefer to let you do it first. We ain't no George!

A very charming and discerning lady remarked the other day, that the good husbands are not all dead yet. And every benedict in this neck of the woods enthusiastically agrees with her.

When a beautiful young woman announces her engagement she promptly loses both her youth and her beauty in the eyes of the also-rans. It's the way of the world, and the world has ways of its own.

When we read of a great coal company paying a cash dividend of 150 cents, we wonder that mother nature does not supply us with perpetual summer. But, then, along would come the iceman, and oh,

GETTING BACK TO NORMAL

Nearly everybody is having something to say about what ought to be done to bring this country back to normal. It is invariably the case, however, that such remarks apply only to the other fellow.

Many people are of the opinion that prices should return to the pre-war level, but it is doubtful if they ever will. Certainly it can never be done without a literal invoking of the law of supply and demand, and that is something the speculators will frustrate at all hazards.

The manufacturer, having gorged himself on huge profits, will never again be satisfied with modest ones. He will eventually come down considerably, a few pennies at a time, but it will be a herculean task to move him at all.

The labor unions are putting up a tremendous fight against any material reduction in wages, altho it is generally conceded that as long as the prices of labor remains up there can be no great reduction elsewhere.

The stockholders want big dividends to meet high living costs. The same applies to the merchant and his profits, and to the doctor and the lawyer and the undertaker and their fees.

In every line you meet the same conditions. Nobody feels that he can afford to reduce his own prices until there has been a corresponding reduction in the articles he is forced to buy.

Who, then, is to make the start? The farmer has already one. His profits have already been entirely wiped out by a falling market on farm products, because he is compelled to continue paying high prices for everything he uses.

The great trouble is the rest of the country is not following the farmer in the downward trend. If it were to do so, we would be back to something approaching normal in a hurry.

Congress apparently is unable to solve the problem, and if Congress is impotent, we of Andover cannot be expected to waste our time in beating against an impassable barrier.

There is, however, one thing that we can do. That is to go to work and stay at work and do more work and less talking.

MILLIONS AND MORALITY

ALMOST as regular as clockwork we read in the daily press where some millionaire is suing his wife for divorce, or is being sued himself, or both.

Generally there follows a mass of moral filth that is amazing and almost beyond belief. Like dirty linen, it all comes out in the wash, but unlike the linen, the principals can hardly lay claim to purity as a result of their legal bath.

This is a queer world. As long as we are poor we are able to live comparatively decent lives. But let great wealth come our way and we immediately begin to yearn for the vices and frivolities it will purchase.

It would be far better for the human race if one were to forego a majority of the "pleasures" of wealth and retain the respectability that is inherent in mankind in the days of his poverty.

Millions and morality do not always harmonize.

HERE AND THERE

HARRY Gordon Selfridge, one of London's leading department store owners, has been on a visit to this country.

He says prices are down all over England and that the war time profiteer is no longer in evidence. He even says that a perfectly good woolen dress — genuine wool — can be purchased in London for five dollars.

Just imagine being able to purchase a woolen dress over here for five dollars!

But on second thought it is better not to do any *laneying*. It gives us too much of a jolt when Americanized bill babe up.

BIG CITIES ARE BETTER

Are you still planning to live in a big city, where the bright lights glare and revelry never ceases? You might try it, and send us your experiences for publication.

A year ago a young man purchased a home in the outskirts of Chicago for \$7,000 on the time payment plan, the monthly payment being rather heavy.

Then business slacked up, his income decreased, and he found it impossible to meet his payments.

He has just sold out at a big loss and is renting a four-room flat for which he is required to pay \$75 a month.

There are said to be 75,000 families in Chicago who are doubling up, with other families because there are no houses or flats for them to occupy and the experience of Chicago is the same as that of any other large city in this country.

There may not be as much glitter and glamour in Andover as there is to be found in a large city, but there is a deal of satisfaction in knowing that a person's soul is his own and that he does not have to be gouged front and back every time he turns around.

There are worse places than the old home town.

FRUIT AND FREIGHTS

WHEN we buy fruit in the open market we sometimes wonder if the dealer is making the tremendous profits with which he is credited.

The fact has been made public that it is cheaper to ship fruit from Africa than it is to send it by rail from California to New York City.

It is said that a bale of goods can be shipped by water from New York to South America for less than it costs to transport it from one side of the city to the other.

What's the matter with our railroad system anyway?

The exorbitant freight rates in this country are a burden to the people, and there appears to be no relief in sight.

With all of our vaunted intelligence, we do not seem to have brains enough to evolve a system of distribution that would do credit to a Fiji Islander.

Some day, perhaps, stockholders in our railroads will realize that a lot of useless "officials" are being carried on the payrolls at high salaries. They may even come to the conclusion that the services of half the number might be readily dispensed with, and that a reduction of about 50 per cent. in the salaries of the remaining "higher ups" would be more in keeping with the cash value of their services.

CAUSE FOR THANKS

IN the midst of a world of turmoil, with myriads of trials and tribulations at home we yet are a fortunate people and there is much for which we should be thankful.

We have land that is fertile in the essence of life.

We have freedom and liberty, and the unrestricted pursuit of happiness.

We are rich in the material things of life, and enjoy the right to worship as our conscience dictates.

We are enjoying wonderful and continued prosperity while the old world totters on the brink of ruin.

We are comparatively alone, but thrice blessed in our isolation.

We should give thanks.

How well have you advertised your property for sale?

"THE SWINK"

Under new management, invites the public to dine with them. In connection with the hotel we will run a first-class restaurant, where meals will be served at any hour of the day.

The undersigned has had much experience in the hotel and restaurant business, having operated in Frankville, N. Y., and Springville, N. Y.

Come and look us over. Rooms by day or week.

PETER HUYER

Tailored Suits Marked Down

We are showing over 600 samples of Men's All-Wool Suitings that we will make to your order at a saving to you of from \$15 to \$50 on a suit from last season's prices.

Fit and satisfaction guaranteed.
Look them over.

SHOE SPECIALS

Men's High-Top Lion Brand Work Shoes, were \$9.50
Now \$6.75

Men's Munson last, soft toe cap Work Shoes, were \$5
Now \$3.15

Men's Scout Shoes \$2.95

Boys' Scout Shoes \$2.45

QUAKER COMFORT SHOES

We have reduced the price about one-third on our large line of Women's Comfort Shoes.

NEW SHOES

We received this week a new line of WALK-OVER OXFORDS and PUMPS.

James P. Cannon Company

CLOTHING Store Open Every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday Nights SHOES

NEW BARBER SHOP

HAVING leased the store in the Mabel Williams block, at the corner of Main and Center Sts., I will open a first-class Barber Shop

I will have a complete equipment and feel that I can render perfect satisfaction.

Your patronage is respectfully solicited.

Benjamin Wallace

HARNESS REPAIRING

The undersigned has made arrangements to do all kinds of Harness Repairing in the Jerry Updyke Shop on Greenwood Street.

Farmers wishing harnesses repaired, call.

MICHAEL FOLSING

AUTO PAINTING

Have your old auto put back with its original luster by a coat of fresh paint and varnish, by one who knows how.

Work guaranteed.
Reasonable prices.

John Davis

It wouldn't pay any merchant to advertise unless he could really make it pay for to read his ad and buy the advertised goods.

TRY OUR FLOUR

IT IS GOOD FLOUR AND EVERYBODY LIKES IT


Try Our GROCERIES

JUST AS GOOD AS THE FLOUR AND EVERYBODY LIKES THEM

IT PAYS to come here for everything you want to eat

H. H. WILLIAMS

THE STORE OF QUALITY



Ford

THE UNIVERSAL CAR

We have just received a new price on Fordson Tractors of Six Hundred Twenty-five Dollars. F. O. B. Factory.

Why not place your order now for a Ford Car. As you are well aware when spring comes there is sure to be a shortage of cars as in the past, why not place your order now.

The following are delivered prices at present, with a chance for prices to advance.

Touring Car with starter	\$558.50
Touring Car less starter	485.61
Roadster with starter	511.64
Roadster less starter	438.75
Sedan complete	665.25
Coupe complete	603.19
Truck pneumatic	585.42
Tractor	495.00

If you are interested call 207-J at my expense.

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