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AS THE EDITOR SEES IT

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OUR KEYNOTE: "If There is not a Way, Cut a Way."

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The poorest man living is rich if he owns a clear conscience.

A diplomat never calls another man a liar. He only proves it.

Some people never stop to count the cost. It is easier not to pay.

The cheer of giving is often determined by the cost of the gift.

All men know a few things, but no one knows less than the other fellow.

People who crave smoking in this life shouldn't object to it in the next.

Now that the price of eggs is down it is possible for more of them to go down.

Some men achieve distinction by "spilling the beans"—others by gathering them in.

Some people have a habit of never seeing their next door neighbors. They are blind.

Some henpecked husbands are not henpecked at all. It resembles the work of a hawk.

In the end people who get something for nothing often pay for more than they get.

"Justice is blind," we proudly declare. We ought also to add that it is of an deaf and dumb.

Funny, perhaps, but every time we buy a loaf of bread we have to "tough up the dough."

Milwaukee has put one over the other enterprising cities of the U. S. A. It has a girl bandit.

Uncle Sam favors world disarmament and the rest of the world favors the disarmament of Uncle Sam.

Rich men often become valuable over their first dollar, but preserve a discreet silence regarding their last.

We agree with the Bible that it is better to give than to receive—especially if it is a purchase in the jaw.

An inquisitive cuss wants us to tell what constitutes a real statesman. But we can't. They ain't read any more.

Some people modestly disclaim any claims to greatness, but they become mightily puffed if you agree with them.

Still, there is some satisfaction in spending one's last dollar. It affords an opportunity to begin all over again.

The number of abandoned cork screws in rubbish heaps bears mute testimony to the existence of prohibition—in spots.

Now that Babe Ruth has been sentenced to a day in jail for speeding he should demand an increase in salary. The publicity will swell the gate receipts.

A consignment of lumber was recently shipped from a western state to Chicago, valued at \$300. The freight charges are said to have been \$800. Think.

A government officer has invented a gas that is more deadly than anything else known, and a new shell that will pierce any armor is among the federal secrets. But neither of them have made the least dent in congress.

It is not easy for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. They never want to die.

Naturally its daily welfare is among your first shots.

But daily welfare is not sufficient. There is a to-morrow—a future that must be considered.

The child of to-day will not always be a child. Some day it will be a man, or a woman, carrying the burdens that maturity entails.

Children should be prepared for the morrow before the morrow is here.

The mind that knows only the things of to-day soon reverts to those of yesterday.

It has no future. It exists upon the present and dwells upon the past.

Its vision is limited to the things it has seen and to those that are set before it.

It is capable of functioning, but not of progressing.

It is the mind of the person who is content to take life as it comes, with little opportunity for improvement and less effort toward advancement.

The daily welfare of a child is one of great concern, but the shaping of the mind for the future is of infinitely more importance.

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Thousands of rich men will pay great sums for the privilege of seeing the fight between Carpentier and Dempsey.

Hordes of people who can ill afford the price of admission will also view the battle of the pugilistic giants.

But there are thousands of others who will not see the "mill"—who could not if they would. They are men who have fought in greater battles with nobler impulses, and for a more worthy cause. They are the sick and crippled veterans of the World War.

Young men who crossed the seas and gave of their blood and their manhood in the cause of home and country.

These helpless heroes are herded in overcrowded hospitals, or farmed out to other institutions where neither the comfort or the food is what it should be.

Will these battered and emaciated service men think of the coming fight in their isolation and neglect? They will!

They will wonder why millions of dollars can be spent on a single prize fight by men who sidestep the expenditure of a few dimes on those who fought in a nobler cause. They have reason to wonder.

A METROPOLITAN newspaper points out that women have been experimenting in dress since the days of Mother Eve, always seeking something more becoming, more practical and sanitary, and something that affords greater freedom of movement.

The present short skirt is the result of these centuries of experimenting and perpetual evolution.

Everything new attracts attention and comment until it is accepted as custom. Then it is regarded as right and becomes merely an incident of the day.

Let the women and their short skirts alone. They are sane, sensible and sanitary.

Men who are sticklers for long skirts should don hem themselves and parade to their hearts' content. No one will object.

GIVING HIM A CHANCE

HUNDREDS of thousands of foreigners have been flocking into this country since the war. Millions more will seek entrance in the years to come.

Whether or not they will become good citizens and eventually good Americans will depend as much upon us as upon them.

They come to us in comparative ignorance of American manners, customs and traditions. They will learn principally that which is taught them by others.

If they fall among the minority element that disparages law and order and good government it will not be surprising if some finds many of them allied with that class.

IS YOUR FAMILY MISSED?

We don't mean do you miss them when they are away from home. Of course you do. What we mean is, are their goings and comings missed in the home paper?

We presume there never was a newspaper in any locality that gave all the local happenings. It is often that some one comes or goes that the editor does not see. It happens that the family is missed several times. They get the impression that the editor does not care to mention them. That is a mistake. In most country towns the local work is the hardest part connected with the newspaper.

It takes physical as well as mental exertion to get out local news. Help your paper to get the local happenings. Don't be afraid to tell the editor that you have friends visiting you. There are lots of people interested in your friends. You owe it as a duty to them to let your friends know of their doings.

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But if they find the kindly and paternal hand of the government outstretched to greet and guide them there is every reason to expect that they will develop into good and valuable citizens.

Some effort is being made to enlighten these immigrants upon their arrival in the United States, but it is only a beginning and the end is too quickly reached. It can hardly accomplish the full purpose for which it is designed.

A more comprehensive and detailed course of instruction in the duties of American citizenry and business activity should be provided every foreigner who lands upon our shores in future years, and not one of them should be sent out into the hive of American industry until he has acquired a clear understanding of the opportunities before him and of the duties that devolve upon him.

Good citizens are what we want, but good citizens are not made standing idly by while the untutored walk into the waiting arms of those who thrive at the expense of good society and national government. Give the immigrant a chance.

DECENCY TO THE FORE

AMERICAN decency may be slow to act, but it moves swiftly when it does make a start.

A case in kind is before us. The mayor of one of our great cities was elected by the better element of the voting population. Much was expected from him.

But like many another, he fell among the Philistines, and for the sake of future power he forsook the friends who elevated him, combined with another element, and plunged the city into the depths of political trickery and profligate extravagance. The gang soon acquired full sway and to a more reckless squandering of the people's money.

Then decency in his party revolted combined with the opposite party in a fifty-fifty arrangement, and buried him under the ruins of the most smashing defeat that has been recorded at an election in recent years.

The lesson is simple, but illuminating and valuable to all lovers of righteousness in municipal affairs.

Political parties and their leaders should be taught that they must nominate men who have been tried and are known to be true if they would win at an election.

The welfare of a municipality is greater than that of any party within its borders.

The prosperity of all of the people is more to be desired than that of a machine composed of politicians and their henchmen.

The survival of decency is necessary to prevent a reign of debauchery. When officials forget their duty to the people it is time for the people to remember the duty they owe to themselves.

An equitable combination that promises beneficial results is preferable to a hidebound adherence to party that offers only profligacy, debauchery and distress.

A way has at last been found to kill the beast. Its hide will be tanned from time to time in other communities.

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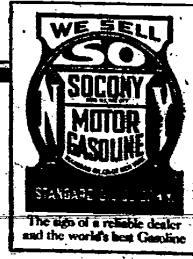
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