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The greatest of all sins are those
 that are found out.

Never mind what your neighbor
 says. It's what you do that counts.

The woman who marries her best
 friend is in grave danger of losing
 him.

The road to ruin is a well trodden
 path. You can't miss it if you want
 to find it.

The only trouble with industry is
 that it needs to be a little more in-
 dustrious.

Opportunities are never without
 value, altho many people are unable
 to fix the price.

We term them the weaker sex, but
 many a poor devil wishes they were
 not half so strong.

"Kissing is forbidden in Japan,"
 chirps an exchange. Doesn't do any
 good to forbid it here.

The efficacy of some people con-
 sists principally of the recommenda-
 tions of their friends.

It isn't the best of policy to take
 all you can get. You may get more
 than you want to take.

The sun must love us dearly, other-
 wise it would not waste its rays upon
 us with such prodigality.

They say a woman can't drive a
 nail, but most of them can drive their
 husbands to do it for them.

Beware of the fellow who is over-
 solicitous of your welfare. He prob-
 ably wants to sell you a gold brick.

A man is not necessarily a fool be-
 cause he acts like one. Some women
 could make a wooden Indian smile.

That Atlantic City mixup can hard-
 ly be called a prize-fight, after-all.
 Payment was guaranteed in advance.

It is universally admitted that the
 Lord created but one perfect man,
 but there are many millions who claim
 to be No. 2.

It's a funny sort of combination,
 but the man who paints a town red
 often gets a black eye during the per-
 formance.

There are very few fools in this
 world. They generally have enough
 sense left to consider others more
 afflicted than themselves.

Of course, there may be method
 in the madness of some women who
 are continually putting their hands on
 their back hair. It might fall off.

Thus far the summer has been
 quite in keeping with the prohibition
 act. It is a little moist, but infern-
 ally dry.

We intended to say it, but an ex-
 change beat us to it. It says the stock
 of June brides was small in quantity,
 but that the deficiency was made up
 in quality.

If you find it impossible to get rid
 of potato bugs in any other way you
 might squirt a little modern booze
 over the tops. Even a p. b. couldn't
 survive that stuff.

After all, there is a bond of sym-
 pathy between doctors and editors.
 The one doesn't care to take his own
 medicine, while the other seldom fol-
 lows his own advice.

Congress very properly threw the
 books into that medicinal bear sug-
 gestion — or possibly it wasn't con-
 sidered after all. At any rate we can't
 seem to have a nation of invalids.

ADMIRAL BURNS who was re-
 called by the Secretary of the
 Navy for his famous speech in Eng-
 land, has broken out again — for-
 tunately.

In a fourth of July speech he calls
 attention to the fact that officers of
 the Army and Navy are forbidden to
 criticize publicly any feature of our
 system of national defense.

The result of their silence, de-
 clares the admiral, is that we are in
 a perpetual state of practical de-
 fenselessness, and the vital points of
 this defenselessness is carefully kept
 from the public at large, who might
 themselves criticize if they were cog-
 nizant of the actual facts.

Public criticism serves to bring to
 light the weak spots of every subject
 under discussion, but in order to ex-
 pose undesirable conditions a person
 must first have a thoro knowledge of
 his subject.

It is admitted that no one can pos-
 sibly understand the subject of na-
 tional defense better than the Army
 or Navy officer, whose life work it is,
 and yet they are utterly forbidden to
 discuss such subjects.

As a matter of fact, the civilian
 heads of departments in Washington,
 appointed for political reason and
 without previous knowledge or train-
 ing, are loath to have their mistakes
 aired in public by men who know
 more than they do.

That is all very well for the de-
 partment head who is endeavoring to
 head off adverse criticism of himself
 and his department, but it is poor
 consolation for the tax payer who
 pays for these mistakes.

Whatever may be the right or
 wrong of the admiral's famous speech
 in England, he is unquestionably
 right in this instance.

More competent criticism and less
 official and congressional bungling is
 greatly to be desired.

POSSIBLE, BUT NOT PROBABLE

A NOTED Japanese statesman says
 that if the President of the United
 States will call a congress of na-
 tions for the purpose of discussing
 international disarmament, Japan will
 promptly respond, and that such an
 act would go far toward the elimina-
 tion of all friction between the
 Americans and the Japanese.

It is possible, but not probable.

The one great outstanding ambi-
 tion of the Japanese is social equal-
 ity, and this involves the unrestricted
 right to intermarriage. That we can-
 not grant, much as we might desire
 to meet them in a friendly spirit.

Again, why should the United
 States be the power to call such a
 congress.

We are an isolated people, with
 nothing to gain by interfering in the
 affairs of the old world, and no de-
 sire to do so.

We are practically disarmed as it
 is, while the nations across the water
 are spending huge sums in building
 up a system of national defense.

If Japan is eager for international
 disarmament, why does not the mik-
 ado take the initiative in such a
 movement? We know of no govern-
 ment that is more feverishly aug-
 menting its fighting ability than the
 one that sits at Tokio.

Some nations, it seems, are averse
 to taking their own medicine.

CUTTING OUT THE WASTE

General Dawes, as head of the
 federal budget, can inaugurate a
 system whereby the extravagant gov-
 ernmental waste will be eliminated,
 he will have performed a great and
 signal service to his country.

"Governmental waste" is a house-
 hold expression from ocean to ocean
 and from Canada to the Gulf. It
 signifies a lack of organization, in-
 efficiency, and a spirit of don't care.
 It is time to eliminate the three.

The burdens of taxation are heavy
 enough when even legitimate ex-
 penses are met, without adding the
 millions and millions that are squan-
 dered thru lack of good judgment and
 business acumen.

General Dawes is by no means a
 new broom, but we are rather of the
 opinion that he will nevertheless
 make a clean sweep.

CONGRESS appropriates the money
 necessary for conducting the af-
 fairs of the government of the United
 States. That money comes from the
 pockets of the people.

The President has the right to veto
 an appropriation bill as a whole, but
 he can not veto an objectionable item
 of expenditure in that bill and yet
 approve the remainder.

Presidents are often called upon to
 approve appropriation bills that con-
 tain items of expenditure that are
 very obnoxious to a great class of
 the people, items which they consider
 prejudicial to the welfare of the
 country as a whole, that serve but
 little purpose, and that are forced in-
 to the bill at the last minute upon de-
 mand of some powerful politician
 who has an axe to grind.

If the President disapproves the
 bill because of the one objectionable
 item he jeopardizes the affairs of gov-
 ernment, for without funds the gov-
 ernment can not function.

On the other hand, if he approves
 any portion of the bill he must ap-
 prove all of it, including the objec-
 tionable feature.

While we are changing our budget
 system we should advance even fur-
 ther and expand the veto prerogative.

The President should not be held
 personally responsible for conditions
 that are above and beyond his con-
 trol.

RELIEF IN SIGHT?

If a settlement of the Irish question
 is made that will be reasonably
 satisfactory to both sides, it will be
 one great relief not only to them, but
 to the people of the United States as
 well.

Our country to-day is practically
 divided into two camps on the sub-
 ject—a minority of ardent champions
 of the Irish cause, and a majority who
 believe in letting countries on the
 other side of the water manage their
 own affairs without interference from
 us.

It is a source of uneasiness to many
 professional politicians, who want to
 keep in the good graces of their Irish
 constituents, yet fear to alienate the
 support of those in the other camp. It
 keeps them wiggling and squirming in
 an attempt to say something and yet
 at the same time say nothing.

We have had one great division of
 principle in this country. We do not
 want another.

The Irish question can not be
 amicably adjusted any too soon to
 suit our Uncle Samuel.

AIDING DEMPSEY

NOW that Mr. Dempsey has knocked
 out the champion prize fighter of
 Europe it is considered improbable
 by many that there will be any other
 puncher willing to take him on.

That would be sad for Dempsey.

Having achieved fame greater than
 that of any king or emperor, it is not
 to be considered that he would sink
 to the level of a mere moving picture
 star in order to remain in the fickle
 public eye, which so often forgets its
 heroes.

What, then, can we do to aid Mr.
 Dempsey?

Let him enter the ring and punch
 himself in the absence of any other
 opponent?

Not at all. Those powerful blows
 might hurt.

There remains but one other sug-
 gestion worthy of a gentleman of the
 prowess of Mr. Dempsey.

Pull off another war with some
 foreign country.

Mobilize the flower of our young
 manhood and send them away to do or
 die, or both.

Let the red blood of America flow
 as the waters of the sea, with the
 super-blood of Mr. Dempsey anchored
 safely in the harbor of a shipyard.

It is undignified to fight and run
 away. Therefore, the great of the
 earth should not fight at all where
 springing may become an urgent
 necessity.

The ship yard turns out noble pal-
 aces of the deep.

It is a convenient place for Mr.
 Dempsey to turn in.

Adieu, Jackie!

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