

Sign-Boards on the Up-Road

by Hamilton B. Williams

We world-folk have been exceeding courteous—
How many gods have we been hot unto?
And we have taken pride in being so skilful fashioners
Of gods.....so honoring them we made them in our own image.
They have loved with our love and hated with our hates;
And we have been so careful to tell God his prerogatives.
We have been so zealous to make our god the true God,
Even to the shedding of the blood of the benighted unbelievers.

Along the roads we have builded temples;
Costly—for God loves splendor and display;
Bare—for God loves bareness and austerity.
(All temples are falling into dust.)
But the silence of the Dreamer behind the stars is unbroken.....
If any one differ from us he should go to Hell.
What's a hell for except for dissidents?
What's a God for except to watch the gates?
If only human mind could reason, my God
At once would be supreme. Strange darkness
That stultifies my neighbors. They prefer their own way.
But my God will break their teeth—selah.

Certain ones in all ages have stopped to lend a hand;
Certain ones have believed that neighbors should be comforted.
Some men have invented a word—TOLERANCE.

I have smelled the fragrance on the hands of those who stop.
It seemed as if they had come straightway from a garden.
In the travail of the years certain ideas have been crystallized:—
Love, joy, peace, honor, mercy, contract-keeping,
Kindness, Goodness, Gentleness.....Hope.....
Most comforting have come of these incarnate in hearts and hands.
I wonder if God's hands would smell of these things.
God hath not needed to speak, good folks.
He has always spoken so beautifully, so humbly,
In the beloved sons and daughters who have lent a hand.

This Week



By Arthur Brisbane

**CALVIN COOLIDGE TALKS.
HE KNOWS WHAT HE WANTS.
AND HE TELLS YOU.
WHAT FORD COULD SAY.
ANOTHER BIBLE VERSION.**

A presidential message, telling Congress what the President thinks it should do and over the head of Congress telling the people why the President thinks he ought to be re-elected must cover many points.

President Coolidge's message deals with foreign affairs, money, prohibition, education, our islands, Army and Navy, coal, Muscle Shoals, farmers, the bonus, immigration, taxes, railroads, merchant marine, budget, foreign debts, World Court, negroes, Russia, highways, forests, etc.

All this ground President Coolidge covers in a message that has the merit of being free from high flying oratory, and the greater merit of being perfectly blunt, outspoken, unmistakable in its meaning.

You observe, first of all, that there is not a word that could offend any rich man. The most important work of all is to cut down taxation, says the President. That will please the men with big incomes. For while they have not actually been paying the heavy taxes, it annoys them even to think about them.

The President is against the bonus for soldiers. That, at least, shows political courage and will cost many a vote. Perhaps those that would have been taxed to pay the bonus will make up for the lost soldier votes, but that is doubtful.

The farmer is told that he is doing pretty well, on the whole, eleven of his staple products having increased in value from five billions three hundred millions to seven billions. As one farmer talking to another, Mr. Coolidge tells the farmer he must vary his crops. The man in North Dakota would say, "Come out here and do it."

The President thinks the farmer will profit, "indirectly" by reduction of taxation. He won't when he hasn't any income to tax.

On the whole the farmer must be content of himself. The President says, "No complicated scheme of relief, no plan for Government fixing of prices, no resort to the public treasury will be of any permanent value in relieving agriculture."

The farmer will recall drastic Government action on prices, freight rates and passenger rates did a great deal to re-establish railroads. But apparently there is one political economy for railroads, another for farmers.

and will have their say in governing the British Empire. That's very good. Putting seven women in the House of Commons is like putting boric acid in the water with which you wash your children's little eyes and noses. VERY purifying.

Another version of the Bible is to be published, "The American Bible." Professor Schaff worked thirty years on the translation. J. P. Morgan and Company are interested in the publication.

But the majority will prefer the marvellous language of the old King James version.

"For the stars of heaven and the constellation thereof shall not give their light; the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine."

You can't improve much on that kind of English.

There is no doubt, financiers, stock dealers, and so on, heartily approve President Coolidge's speech. They say, "At least he won't interfere with business," and that's all they ask.

They may be wrong or right, but as a rule, the conviction that Ford, if nominated by one of the two big parties, would win is a question.

One of the best informed Republican Senators said to this writer "If the democrats nominate Ford millions of Republican farmers will vote for him. Nothing could stop them."

A first-class orator might stampee the Democrats for Ford, especially as he has so many friends in the South, where the real orators live.

Ford could say and probably would: "You farmers know what I did to automobile and tractor prices as a private citizen. Make me President and I'll do the same to fertilizer prices, railroad rates and farm interest rates."

The farmers are about ready for Moses to lead them, and Moses Ford would have many qualities.

Seven women have been elected to the Parliament of Great Britain.

THE WEATHER

Following are the weather observations taken by the Andover Cooperative Station for the week beginning Thursday, Dec. 13, 1923.

| | Temperature | | Sunset |
|---|---------------|--------|--------|
| | High | Low | |
| Thursday | 58 | 38 | 20 38 |
| Friday | 58 | 19 | 19 20 |
| Saturday | 30 | 8 | 22 28 |
| Sunday | 43 | 25 | 18 40 |
| Monday | 41 | 28 | 13 29 |
| Tuesday | 34 | 24 | 10 33 |
| Wednesday | 53 | 24 | 29 47 |
| Coldest 10, Tuesday; warmest 58 Thursday; greatest range 29, Wednesday. | | | |
| | Precipitation | | |
| | Thursday | Friday | |
| Thursday | .26 | .13 | |
| Friday | .13 | .13 | |
| Saturday | none | none | |
| Sunday | none | none | |
| Monday | none | none | |
| Tuesday | none | none | |
| Wednesday | none | none | |

Total .39 in.

| Barometer Readings | |
|--------------------|-------|
| Thursday | 29.68 |
| Friday | 30.40 |
| Saturday | 30.39 |
| Sunday | 30.00 |
| Monday | 30.20 |
| Tuesday | 30.28 |
| Wednesday | 30.18 |

Two clear days, two partly cloudy, three cloudy.

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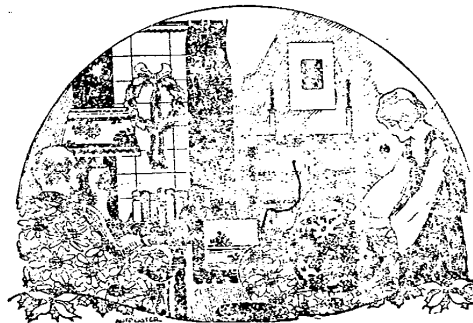
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China and Glass Give Distinction to the Table

At this season of much entertaining, most family stocks of China and Glass need replenishing. Here are daintily patterned individual pieces and sets for six or twelve; many of them in open patterns, permitting the service, to be added to, or broken pieces replaced. Iridescent glass sets of goblets and pitchers as well as etched and cut-glass pieces, have just been received.

—Basement—

Rugs, Modern or Antique Make the Home Cozy for Winter

Rugs are among the most noticeable appointments of a home, an indication of the owner's good taste. These imported and domestic Rugs for every room in the house are beautiful in texture and coloring. They include quaint wool stenciled ovals for the bed side—guaranteed not to curl up; durable Wiltons, and Axminsters, and our Rug Prices are the best values in the city.

—3rd Floor—

A Gift for the House Is a Gift for the Whole Family

An unusual console cabinet for the hall; a piano bench with compartment for sheet music; a pair of cherry candlesticks; a table for tea or cards—perhaps one in the graceful Sheraton style; these are just a few suggestions for a Christmas present to one's own home or a friend's, that will be enjoyed the year 'round. No matter what article is chosen, it will be found here in a style to harmonize with the room it is to grace.

—2nd Floor—

A Beautiful Display of Turkish Towels and Wash Cloths

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The Rustle of Silk Petticoats is Pleasant Music

The new plaited Silk Petticoats are finding much favor because of the way they combine slenderness with freedom of movement. Radium and jersey silk in costume colors are ideal for daytime wear; and for evening there are pretty Petticoats with petal-cut flounces and deep frills of lace, taffeta and satin, in all pastel shades.

For Cold, Grey Dawns and Chilly Nights— a Snug Bathrobe

It often happens in the best organized homes, boarding houses and schools, that radiators cease their cheerful hissing at night and early mornings; then rooms and corridors are shivery places, and a warm, wrappy Bathrobe of blanket cloth or corduroy is a cherished possession.

Fine Linens The Mark of the Well-ordered Home

The woman proud of her home would like a gift of Linen for its further adornment. A visit to the Linen Section will suggest many possibilities; here are just a few: a damask dinner cloth, with six or twelve napkins, if desired; to match; a Madeira luncheon set; tiny afternoon tea service, with embroidered or drawn work corners; guest towels from Belfast, with embroidered ends; or a gay breakfast set of small table cloth and napkins in canary, blue or lavender.

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