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Made in America

WHEN you go down to the store some day between now and Christmas to buy toys for the little folks, there is only a remote chance that you will carry home any that were made outside of America.

It is not so long ago that most of the toys were made in Germany and millions of dollars of American money went to Europe, when it should have remained at home to provide capital for the employment of American labor.

The war changed all that. It shut off German imports, and if the Germans could have transported their toys to America's shores, the prejudices engendered by the war would have made their sale impossible.

Thus the American toy business was built up, and this year, it will exceed \$56,000,000 which was the record established in 1923. This does not include children's carriages, wagons and sleds made and sold in America last year, which brought the total up to more than \$90,000,000.

This is a very substantial industry that should be supported by Americans as they come to the season when games and toys are purchased as gifts. It provides employment for thousands of men and women, who in turn spend their money for other American-made products and the produce of the farm, which thrives best under the stimulus of a good home market.

An Indiana supreme court judge was selected by one vote. It was so close that he will not need a shave during his term.

Rural Churches

THE rural church is a failure and asinine denominationalism is the cause.

This is the indictment returned against the religious denominations at the annual conference of the American Country Life Association in Columbus, Ohio. And there are few, even though they be strong denominationalists, but that will admit there is some ground for the indictment.

In a rural life where consolidated schools, unified farm bureaus and co-operative marketing associations have been developed, the church stands as the only community organization that is divided.

Everyone has seen the tragedy of the failing rural churches in the bleak, stark abandoned church buildings that may be found in most any rural community.

Left to their own resources, without the interference of countless denominational officials, most communities would unite on a church that would serve the needs of all the people.

But perhaps the rural churches need an example from their big city brothers.

President Coolidge will attend the international livestock show Dec. 3, but no one expects him to buy a donkey while there.

Legalizing 2.75 Beer

ENCOURAGED by the decision of a Baltimore jury, which found that home made wine containing 11.64 per cent. alcohol did not come under the prohibition law, wets in congress are reported to be organizing a new drive for modification of the Volstead Act.

Fortunately for this country, Baltimore juries are not construing the laws for us. The mere fact that this jury came to such a conclusion does not mean that such a construction of the law is in keeping with the predominate sentiment in the nation.

Representative Hill, who provoked the case to test the power of the prohibition enforcement law, is known as a leading wet, and his position probably had some effect on the jury's verdict.

The decision of twelve men in the Maryland court settled nothing. Those who fought so persistently for many years to make the manufacture of intoxicating liquor illegal, will not tolerate any tampering with the amendment to the constitution or the law that deals with its enforcement.

Women were outraged by legalized rum for decade upon decade and their pleadings were in vain. Now when a woman talks to a politician, he knows she has a vote, and that's the kind of language he understands. Wets may make their feeble assaults, but they are attached to a forlorn hope as long as the nineteenth amendment is in force.

Two Frenchmen were killed in a duel fought in a vacant store room in Pittsburg. Both left a family and chances are neither one had any life insurance.

It's not necessary to side-step the fellow with a chip on his shoulder, because he will be careful not to let you jostle it off.

Indolence and indifference are first cousins to dry rot.

Pity the Poor Postman

NOW comes the season of the year when we search our failing memory in vain for the names of the folks who sent up those handsomely engraved greeting cards last year; when we try to decide whether we should try to match the gift that came last year, and when the poor postman is looking forward to the unhappy days and wonders if he can hold out.

Pity the poor postman! Give him a chance to get thru another holiday season without becoming round-shouldered and bow-legged from carrying the heavy loads with which we burden him just before Christmas. Mail them early and not any more frequently than you have to. And remember, also, to wrap and pack them correctly. Then Uncle Sam will have no quarre with you.

It's entirely proper, too, if you want to make your friends and relatives real curious, to write on the parcel, "Please do not open until Christmas."

And above all other things, if you have the Christmas greeting card complex and want to send everybody in the neighborhood one, go out on Christmas Eve and slip them under the door.

Then the postman may have a chance to eat turkey at the regular hour Christmas day.

The year 1924 will go down in history as that of the "flyless summer," it is stated, but there are still plenty of flies in the ointment.

Support the Home Paper

A NEWS bureau recently sent out a list of cities and towns which were offering special inducements for industrial enterprises. Eight states were represented and in every instance those who might be interested were advised to address inquiries to the editor of the home town newspaper.

This is but one example of how the home town newspaper is always on duty; how it is constantly striving to better the community which it serves, not for any selfish purpose, but because it has the welfare of the community at heart.

The home town newspaper is the beacon light that reflects the glory of the people and the natural advantages that the town possess. It is ever alert to opportunities for progress.

Countless numbers of towns would be a dismal failure without a newspaper. Their light would be hidden under a bushel, never to shine forth and beckon the stranger to come in.

Everyone recognizes the value of a newspaper and the unselfish work that it does in building up the community, but all too few show their appreciation in a substantial way.

With the revenue from subscriptions alone, no newspaper can live, but every person should be a subscriber and thus lend their support to an enterprise that always puts the best interests of the community before every other consideration.

From those who are first to benefit from the constant efforts of the newspaper, the merchants, should come the financial support that is the first essential in publishing a newspaper.

This newspaper or any other newspaper can not continue to be the standard by which the community is judged without advertising patronage. Advertising must be forthcoming if the newspaper is to continue as the medium by which the community expresses itself, if it is to go on as the advance agent for the people, weekly performing a public service that no other agency is willing to or can perform.

Support the home newspaper for you own good as well as for the good of every person living in Andover.

Apathy Decreases

THE national apathy that has been growing with each succeeding general election was checked this year with a comprehensive Get-Out-The-Vote campaign that, according to unofficial returns, with many districts missing, resulted in a gain of almost four per cent. in the percentage of votes cast.

The crusade was carried on by scores of non-political organizations such as fraternal orders and lunch clubs, as a patriotic duty, because in a nation in which less than fifty per cent. of the electorate participates in the selection of a chief executive, there is danger ahead.

Demagogues have thrived better since the apathy has become so pronounced, because a lack of interest on the part of voters permits them to take advantage of ignorance and intolerance.

The campaign rolled up an increase of 3,500,000 votes which was twenty-five per cent. more than the increase in eligible voters over four years ago.

The laborer is worthy of his hire—when he earns it.

Stinginess and hate put more wrinkles in the face than old age.

The pedestrian has the right of way—unless something is coming.

Too many people fail to regulate their bite by their capacity to chew.

It's a rare child that grows up without losing its innocence and tonsils.

The telephone always works perfectly when a person you don't care to talk to is at the other end of the line.

The first feminine chess tournament was held in France recently, but we always thought chess players had to keep quiet.

Every man for his job. A street sweeper, if he does his work right, is just as essential as the man who builds streets.

The New Jersey man who squeezed a policeman's hand in a movie show and was sent to jail for 90 days, will probably search them for badges hereafter, when he gets affectionate.

The Chicago florist-gunsman, who was killed in his shop by three gunmen, didn't appreciate the relative values of his two occupations. He should have said it with flowers more often than he did with bullets.

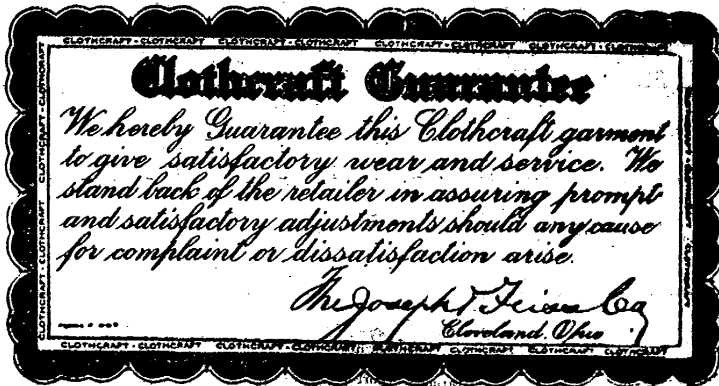
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From School

Thanksgiving vacation began Wednesday at three thirty and will end at nine o'clock Monday morning. Prof. hopes that everyone can be to school on time, after so long a vacation.

The Parent-Teachers held a business and social meeting Tuesday evening at the school house.

Ronald Gibbs is home from Rochester, we were very much pleased to have him visit school Monday afternoon.

It's very lucky that Kenny sits across from Mary—Isn't it?

The first basket ball game of the season was played on our court Wednesday night, between Arkport and the High School team.

She Was Dead.

"Red" Herring was on leave, having some soup and fish with his third-grade teacher.

"How do you like the soup, Mr. Herring?" she asked.

"It certainly smells like, but I don't know how it's gonna eat!"

"Why, Mr. Herring; where is your grammar?"

"She's dead, me'am, over a year last May."—Our Navy.

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