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## New Standards Under Prohibition

WITH the actual figures available, the answer is found to the assertion so often made in the last few years that crime has increased in the United States under prohibition. The World League Against Alcoholism has just completed a nation-wide survey, declared to be the most complete ever made on the subject. It is based upon the police reports of the departments in 300 of the country's leading cities and the District of Columbia, all states except North Carolina and Oklahoma being represented. In these are included statistics covering all arrests during the last four years prior to the date when prohibition became effective, and the first four years under prohibition.

In the first place, it is interesting to observe that the actual saving to the states, and thus to the taxpayers, has been, according to what is declared to be a conservative estimate, approximately \$200,000,000 annually, or, in round numbers, a total of \$830,000,000. When it is recalled that it was gloomily forecast by the feds of law enforcement that the burden of the loss of revenue from the saloons would fall heavily upon the taxpayers, it is encouraging to learn that the balance is on the side of the public, the net saving being in excess of these revenues. But this is not all. It appears and the figures cannot be successfully controverted, that the number of arrests for all causes, per thousand of population, shows a decrease during the last four years, compared with the previous four years.

It may be that the decrease should be much greater than that shown. But that crime has decreased, rather than increased, explodes the much-advertised claim of the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment that the so-called crime wave is constantly rising. But more than this, it is shown that the actual decrease in arrests for drunkenness since the Volstead Act went into effect is 43.3 per cent. for the 300 cities included in the survey. In other words, it appears that during the last four years there were 1,000,000 fewer cases of drunkenness each year than there were for each of the four years, immediately prior to that time in the United States as a whole. Where formerly these cases made up 32.5 per cent. of the total arrests in the country, they have been reduced to 18.8 per cent.

That is the economic side of the picture. It is encouraging and heartening, but mere figures are drab things. There is more to it than appears on the surface. No statistician can compute nor artist depict the results worked in American homes by the closing of the saloon. To them there has come the rebirth of hope, the realization of an emancipation from degrading slavery, and the promise of even greater and better things as a new generation is raised up free from the blighting taint. No survey will be complete until it includes these homes and the happy people in them. But the benefits cannot be estimated in dollars alone. Today, if given an opportunity, millions of redeemed men would rise up and testify to their deliverance. With them would stand as many wives and mothers, and other millions of boys and girls, willing witnesses in the cause of temperance.

Reassuring as the figures are, they might be wiped out or even distorted to show a balance on the other side of the ledger, and the fact would remain that the warfare against drink has not been in vain. But with the showing made, who is there to stand in support of the effort to restore the saloon by those methods urged by the agents and accomplices of the brewers? Surely the need is for a stricter enforcement of the law, rather than for surrender of a single inch gained in one of the greatest moral reforms ever undertaken by a free people.

History is a great comfort. After reading it, we still have some hope for the present generation.

## Hothouse Plants

SOME fond parents make the great mistake of bringing up their children as if they were hothouse plants. They are continually kept indoors, are seldom allowed to enjoy the companionship of other children and are denied the life in the open that puts red blood into human veins.

Years later, when they develop weak or abnormal minds, and show a lack of capacity for success in the world of affairs, their deficiencies become a handicap to them and a source of grief to their parents, who could have prevented such a condition if they had adopted the right course in the beginning.

The sun shines for little children as well as grown-ups. Permit them to enjoy it to the fullest if you would have them justify the love and devotion you bestow upon them.

Trotting around dumb-bells is the only kind of exercise some men ever seek.

## Mrs. Grundy Up To Date

MRS. GRUNDY has been having a lively time of late. She has had no time for rest since the secretary of the treasury has followed the instructions of an act of congress to make public income tax returns.

The iniquity and injustice of the law has become apparent. It was calculated to develop the prying tendencies of human nature and arouse hostility on the part of those who do not know the facts.

A man or a business may be misjudged by the amount of income tax they pay, and may be done inculcable harm thru publication of returns.

The case is cited of two millionaires who paid very small amounts in income tax last year. The average person, not knowing the reason for the small tax, would use snap judgment and conclude that they were cheating the government.

As a matter of fact, each one of these men suffered heavy reverses last year and had to wipe off big losses, which left a small amount out of the year's business and their returns in all probability were absolutely honest.

The theory of the legislation is thoroughly un-American. If it is to be the policy of the government to expose before the public eye, confidential matters relating to the business of those who pay income tax, it should be made to apply to everyone.

Mrs. Grundy has a right to expect that if she is permitted to know the confidences of part of the business concerns of this country, she should have knowledge of all.

There is nothing about the law that will enable the government to collect from those who may be swindling the government by not filing any income tax return at all.

If we must have publicity, why not compel everyone to make a return under oath? Then Mrs. Grundy would have a gay time.

Disputing the right-of-way of an interurban car leads all other fool stunts that candidates for the graveyard try.

## An Outstanding Service

THE case is reported in the press, of a letter, written by a soldier during the Civil War, which was delivered a few days ago to a relative of the one to whom it was addressed.

Such instances are unusual. The postoffice department functions with great precision and provides splendid service for the people.

The circumstance which was given widespread publicity, because it was rare, might be contrasted with thousands and thousands of cases where mail is delivered promptly.

The postoffice department is in receipt of frequent letters commending the mail service, but none quite equals the record which a Utah woman reports.

For ten years she has been maintaining a weekly correspondence with her sister in England and up to August 1 of this year, each woman had written 520 letters to each other, not one of which had been lost.

This record reveals a state of perfection that is seldom reached and tho it is uncommon, it indicates that the postal service is a very efficient branch of the government.

During the holiday season it is put to the supreme test and everyone who can do anything to relieve the burden will be performing a worthwhile service. Mailing gifts early is one way in which every person can help.

The farmers of the country are reputed to owe fourteen billion dollars. They ought to be proud of being able to borrow that much.

## Home Interests First

ANOTHER Christmas is near at hand and gift lists are being prepared for the shopping tour that everyone will make.

And when you buy, will you remember the claims of the home merchant and give him a chance to share in your trade?

We can not expect to prosper as a community by dividing our patronage with business men who contribute nothing to the uplifting of our local institutions. It is to the best interest of those who buy, to trade at home, just as it is to the best interest of those who sell.

Unless we "pat each other on the back" nothing constructive can ever be accomplished and Andover will go backward instead of forward.

The logic of trading at home is unassailable. There is no other way of reasoning—if you spend your money away from home, you have no hope of ever jingling it in your pocket again, but if you keep your money in circulation at home, you may get the chance to use it again.

Andover merchants prepare for Christmas with large and extensive stocks and endeavor to serve the people of this trading area as best they can. They should be patronized, not alone from the standpoint of home patriotism, but because they have Christmas merchandise of quality that no one will be ashamed to give.

## Our National Greatness

WITH the appointment of a commission to study the needs of farmers and recommend legislation for their benefit, many of us are inclined to wonder whether any good is going to be accomplished.

With wheat, corn and cotton prices advancing, the farmers of the nation are well along the highway that leads to a return of normal conditions.

If the farmer is in such a fix that legislation only can save him, there is little use for the American people to make any further effort towards national greatness.

The farmer has his fat and lean periods, but there never was a time when a farmer was justified in being discouraged. Some farmers make a mess of farming just as manufacturers and retailers are failures. But the business can't be blamed for misfits who attempt to make a living from it.

No farmer will ever be saved by legislation or government loans. His success or failure depends in large measure upon himself, his industry, his thrift and his frugality. The farmer who starts from the bottom can rely upon himself. He can study his business and by good management make money. There are plenty of examples to prove this.

## Christmas Suggestions for Him

Are you wondering what you will get for Him? Why not some of the articles suggested below? Men always need any of the several things we are advertising, and there is no place in town where your 100 cents will go further than in our Store.



**WOOL SOCKS**  
Socks 60c to \$1.00  
They are imported from England. They are made in all the popular shades. Reinforced heels and toes.



**WOOL MUFFLERS**  
Mufflers \$1.50 to \$4.00  
In bright colors for sports or dress wear. Packed in Christmas boxes ready for presentation on "the day."



**SWEATERS**  
Sweaters \$1.50 to \$8.50  
Snappy, stylish and built for utility. Many designs and colors. Any young man that you may contemplate giving to will enjoy any one of them.

## For Young Men

Young men are not easy to suit nowadays, but we have many articles that will suit any young man that we know. The bright-colored articles of wearing apparel, the snappy accessories that every young man feels that he needs to be dressed like "the other fellow," they can be found in our Store.

## For Older Men

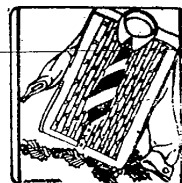
Older men look to the smaller articles of dress to make their attire complete, even more than young men. They know through experience that to be well dressed it is extremely important to look to the little details. They know that it is impossible to ever have too many pairs of—socks, for instance. Therefore this sort of gifts are always acceptable. Come in and select yours now. We will place them aside until Christmas, and then deliver them.



**NECKWEAR**  
Neckwear 50c to \$2.00  
All patterns and colors. Packed for Christmas giving. The very latest styles of bat-wings and bows.



**KID GLOVES**  
Gloves \$1.50 to \$5.00  
Fur lined and unlined. All the finest quality. They are warm but not clumsy; soft, but long wearing.



**DRESS SHIRTS**  
Dress Shirts \$1.25 to \$6  
Pleated and plain. They are "constructed," not made. They will fit, and fit WELL. Any man would be proud to wear them. Links to match.

## James P. Cannon Company

Store Open Monday, Wednesday and Saturday Evenings

## TWENTY DAYS TO GO!



—Mrs. Elizabeth Hann of the State W. R. C. Relief Committee, requests the members of Edward Seaman Relief Corps to meet at her home next Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, to make utility bags for use of World War patients at Marine hospital, Buffalo. The pockets are to be 8 by 12 inches in size, made of cretonne. The ladies are asked to contribute material. Further explanation will be made at W. R. C. meeting Saturday night.

—Part of a needle which was broken off in the elbow of Mrs. Fred Whitmore, of Little Valley, N. Y., thirty-nine years ago, traveled thru her body and was removed from her knee by Mrs. Henry Whitmore, a daughter-in-law. Mrs. Whitmore, at various times since her accident 39 years ago, has suffered from swellings in her arm and other parts of the body. For the last year her knee has been swollen.