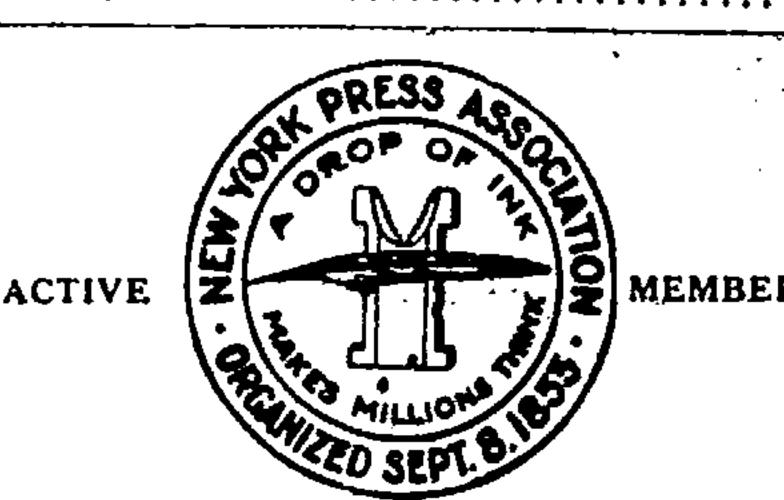
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When Pa Forgets

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



Is Civilization Declining?

EOPLE who feel that civilization is on the decline and that decay has set in, should be reminded t the deeds of the few which are reprehensible do not represent the lives of the vast majority of the people. Most of us are apt to reach hasty conclusions based on insufficient evidence, in any discussions on the trend of the times.

One grievous error commonly made is to forget that New York City is not the entire United States; neither is Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco or any other large center of population in the country. Folks who live in urban environment are apt to make the mistake of concluding that the large cities are repreto some extent those living in rural districts.

If there is any sign of decay in our cities, as many believe, it should not be taken too seriously, for it not general decline so much as prominent sore spots. Too often people are undernourished by the poor feeding of the writers and the artists, and today perhaps' we are suffering from malpractice in literature and art. The moving picture has given opportunity such malpractice, but that is no argument for aban-

When men of the present generation were boy the dime novel was blamed for the ruination of the judging from the achievements of the last quarter of a century, some of them came thru in very

good shape.

The crime wave or the manifestations of immorality are not nearly so serious as the lack of interest shown in the affairs of government. There seems t be a most decided determination on the part of the THE United States government has announced tha ondary to his good fellowship, we are treading on dan- This seems to be a gentle way of easing the pain gerous ground; when the best vote getter is the best comparison between present costs and those before ellow-and an habitual joiner, we need not expect more war. Uncle Sam is relying on our poor memory. than we have been receiving in the matter of responsi-

bility to the people in public office holders. the extreme and it means that we are in for many standard of price levels and that the new standard is more political blunders if the voters do not awaken to undoubtedly here to stay. The good old days which their responsibilities and come to a realization that o one appreciated until the war put an end to them, honesty, integrity and ability should be the yard stick seem to have gone forever. by which to measure a candidate for public office.

Vocabularies

TOW many words are there in American speech the English language? How many words do you with their purchasing power in the days of not so long

Well, no one knows how many words there are in American speech or in the English language and no one ever will know, for no one can compute them -any more than one can compute how many grains of sand there are on the seashore, how many stars will be affected very much, if at all, by the manner in water there are in the seven seas.

In the making of dictionaries, many thousands of terms more than are actually included in the works themselves come before the attention of the editors

The editor of a well known dictionary says hel can state without fear of contradiction that more than 515,000 words have been brought to his attention in INNECESSARILY high taxes, perhaps more than any •ne way or another during the past 15 years. The department of pschology of one of our learn- ment and growth of any community. --- ed bodies recently investigated the matter of vocabu-

1,700 words:of from ten to twenty words. During its second year isn't possible to have everything under the sun in the this total was increased to 300 or 400 words depend-i way of public improvements, without paying for it ing entirely upon environment. Before the close of with taxes. the third year, the larger of these totals was more than

ed from 600 to 1,000 words. the Bible, will know the meaning of 8,674 different He- frills, the enforcement of new regulatory and prohibibrew words in the Old Testament, and of 5,624 Greek tory laws, all come at a price.

ity is able to define or understand as used nearly or jolt. It eats into savings. It makes good ventures perhaps more than 50,000 words. The same person in look like doubtful ventures. It flattens the family conversation and writing will command not fewer than pocketbook. 15,000 to 20,000, while a person who cannot read but

has a good degree of native mental ability will command 5,000 terms. form, brings with it the means with which to describe were the last.

its various phases, and our speech is like the tide ever at ebb and flow. That which was may yet be again; that which is, still remains with us, but who fair land of ours if it were half as much fun taking shall tell us that which shall be?

The trouble with most of us is that we do not! stop to think of the words we actually know when we consider this matter of our vocabulary,

It is rare indeed for anyone to make an honest! effort to improve vocabulary. Estimates have been

living is becoming more and more complex?

mild relief for this urge that seems to surge in the

Some means will have to be devised to curb this t tendency in America. Already the multiplicity laws, many of them without justification for being on' (the statute books, is causing to grow up a general disregard for all law. People who are regarded by others, t and believe themselves to be, law-abiding citizens, follow a system of selectivity when it comes to law. They I ve their pet laws which they demand be enforced against their enemies, and disregarded where their

friends are concerned. Thus, there has developed injustices in law enforcement and a feeling has been created in many that there is no justice in any law, regardless of its merit. This is a condition that must be faced, tho many smug! folks, who believe they are safe from the law's enroachments, believe that the present order should be

We have degenerated to this point because we have placed too much dependence on law and governnent in an effort to escape personal responsibility. All are equally guilty. When we find a fancied wrong, our I thoughts travel thru the same old rut, with the certain conclusion that a law is the only remedy, As, for example, Mr. Thorpe said, an intelligent, thinking shoe dealer of a middlewest city asked hi support in having enacted a law to limit the style of shoes. In Texas, a law is proposed which would prosentative of the whole land, and their views influence hibit cotton farmers from working more than eight hours a day, from breaking land with a tractor, using a cultivator or picking in any other way than

Everyone is culpable for this unfortunate situation that is general thruout the United States. ommunity is free from the blighting effects of law! selectively and the belief that law will cure any wrong a social, moral, religious or business relationships. long as we continue to turn to the law for relief, we! hare going to continue to be in hot water and be cursed with constant strife that holds back progress.

advanced specialists has ever actually prescribed cigaret for laryngitis.

Easing the Pain

voters not to cast their votes for one of the elite, if 1 1913 price figures will no longer be used as a stand he is not what is generally known as a good mixer. I and of comparison with present living costs, and that When the competency of a man to fill is made sec-lin lieu-of them, 1926 prices will be adopted as a basis. The new method may be worse, or it may be better. The change marks an official recognition of the This looks like the democratic spirit carried to very patent fact that the war produced a different

Perhaps it is just as well that we be spared the anguish of being reminded periodically that current prices are almost two-thirds, at least more than half, higher than those of 1913. The reminder never helps to lower prices but only serves to bring to our attention that our dollars are but weaklings as compared

There is another angle to be considered, however. f prices are to keep on climbing and merely want an! , excuse to keep up the ascent, Uncle Sam would do well |V|to continue quoting pre-war prices. But there is good reason to doubt if price levels

which the comparisons are made. The available data for 1926 is much larger and more accurate than that f 14 years ago, which in itself seems sufficient warrant for the change in method of reckoning.

Power in the People

other one thing, have a detering effect on develop-After all is said and done, the people themselves, lary acquisition, and disclosed the fact that the aver- o thru their chosen representatives in legislative bodage child from four to five years of age makes use of ies, city, state and nation, fix the rate at which taxes must be levied and collected. There is an old saying In its first year, the child acquired a vocabulary that "you can't eat your cake and have it, too." It

Taxation increases are inevitable while people doubled, so that the vocabulary at command aggregat- clamor for new and expensive services from government. The monumental buildings, new laws, long leg-A churchman, familiar with the terminology of islative sessions, the inspection systems, the school

words in the New Testament or 14,296 words in all, In theory, people do not object to paying for with some duplicates, of course. This is an excepthese things. But that is only true so long as the projects are in the realm of argument. When the tax bill Every well-read person of education and fair abil- comes for the new services, it comes with a sickening

Many a girl who says she wouldn't marry an admiring male friend if he were the last man in the Every social upheaval, even as every social re- world, knows she wouldn't have a chance if he really

> There would be many more thin humans in this lit off as, it is putting on.

Time is a wonder worker. Look what it has done for the girl who didn't have anything to wear.

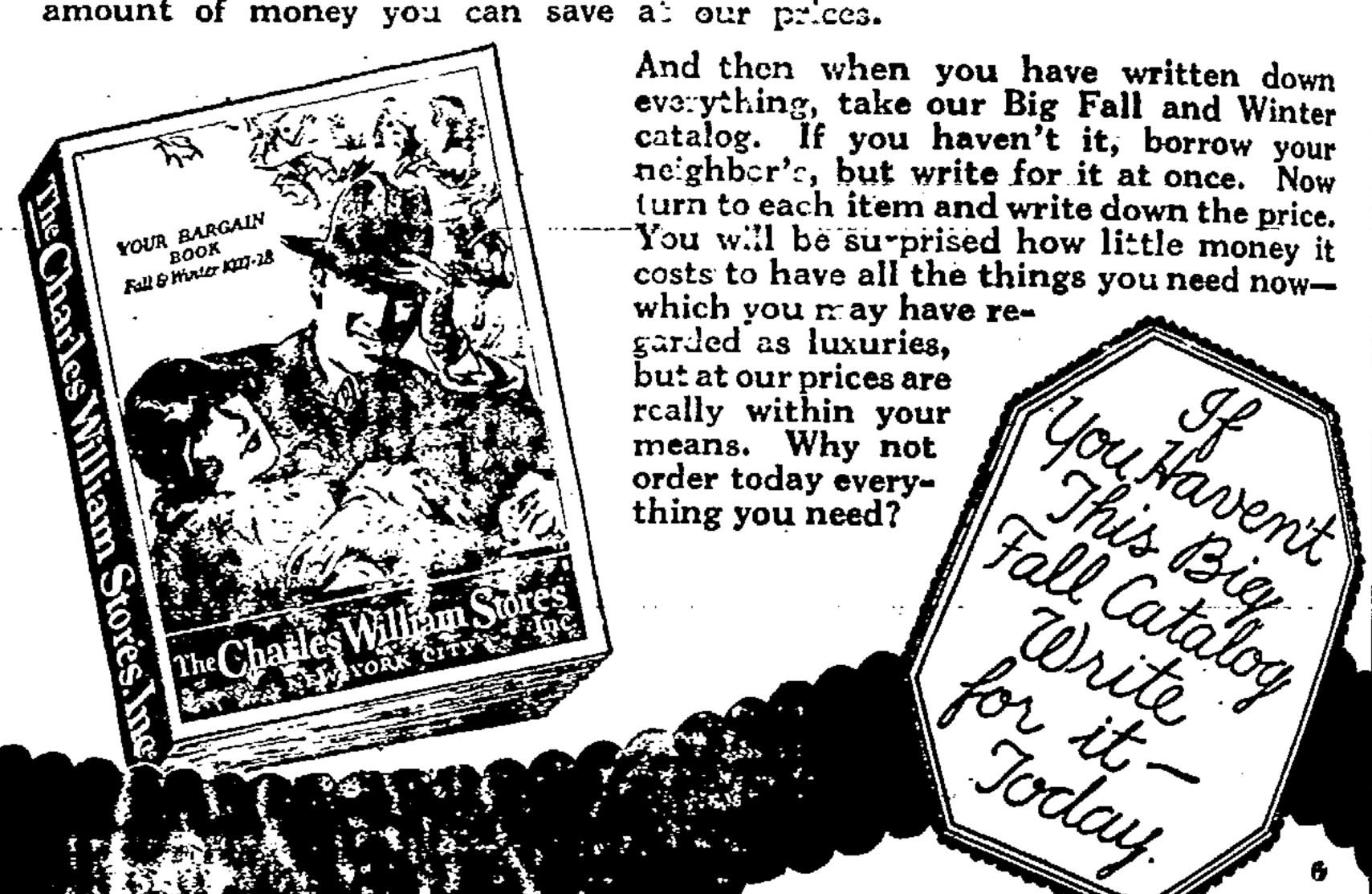
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ead sa follows:

ARTICLE IV-A

1. On or before the fifteenth day of the senate shall consist of fifty indebtedness heretofore incurred by the city of New York for any rapid transit.

The senate shall consist of fifty be determined by law, be approved?

The senators elected in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six

AMENDMENT NUMBER FOUR

AMENDMENT NUMBER RIGHT

the amount of all damage to be sus-

rending or relocating parks, public place

Section 1. Resolved. That article twelve

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FORM OF SUPPLIESION OF PROPOSED

AMENDMENT NUMBER TWO

City Diving Spirit

the constitution be amended by add

AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE

Executive Budget

OF PROPOSED AMENDMEN

"CEDAR SWAMP"

You'll never put a finger on Without no supper but plain bread, ain of that white sand. You When he forgets he used to fight, grain of that white sand. 'My Gramma Smith, she sets him "This is slander, Forbes," warned the other, his combing fingers mov- Why it was only yesterday

ing agitatedly. "I have witnesses." While Tub an' I were out to play "Witnesses be damned," retorted I lined a ball that Tub let pass the angry man. "You daren't go And it tore thru a window glass, into court." He turned on his heel An' most hit Pa right on the head , the and strode out, banging the door Where he was workin' by the shed; violently behind him. He had bare- Now what Pa said I won't repeat ly reached the street when he heard 'Fore I an' Tubby could retreat. his name called. Sealman must have his name rapidly, for he was But if you had just heard it all Shall the proposed amendment to the in the tiny vestibute of the bank. You'd thought Pa never had played Constitution, increasing the terms of of- He came hurriedly toward Eddie. "Now Forbes, there's no use in Right then my Gramma came and year to two years, to-first apply to such | placatingly. "I don't deny the check |"

> I've never seen him since. How was Pa give a sheepish kind of grin. An' says, "Now take that ball and to know he'd raise the check?" "Well, what else?" demanded Ed-'I don't want you to lose your place and get nothing for it. want it, Forbes, it goes well

"Yes, I'll give you thirty-five hun- Board of Supervisors of the County of a work-roughened hand; the village of Belmont, on Monday

and push violently. The bearded sons having claims against said man tottered from the edge of the county are hereby notified to prewalk into the gutter. Whereat he sent the same to the Board not later ttered a venemous oath, quite out than the third day of the session, as I keeping with his sleek placidity. no bills will be audited if presented thinking rapidly. That morning he Clerk of the Board of Supervihad had two strings to his bow. not borrow money from Davenant, 1927

Notice to Creditors

Important Notice

To Persons Having Claims Against

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' Allegany, N. Y., will hold its an-

a corner of the largest general store. Eddie bought a pen-Bernard B. Ackerman, Surrogate of cil tablet. He stood at the postof-| the County of Allegany, notice is fice desk and wrote the governor, hereby given to all persons having outlining his situation and asking claims against the estate of Jefferfor a loan of three hundred dollars, son Brewster, late of the town of of his battle with liquor, Andover, N. Y., deceased, to prehow he had won, of his plans sent the same with proper vouchers for the future. He stamped it and thereof to the undersigned Adminisaffixed a special delivery postage trator, at the law office of Mira Dif-He carried it to the station himself, fin, in the Village of Andover, N. derful New Tonic and handed it to the clerk on the Y., on or before the 30th day of

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