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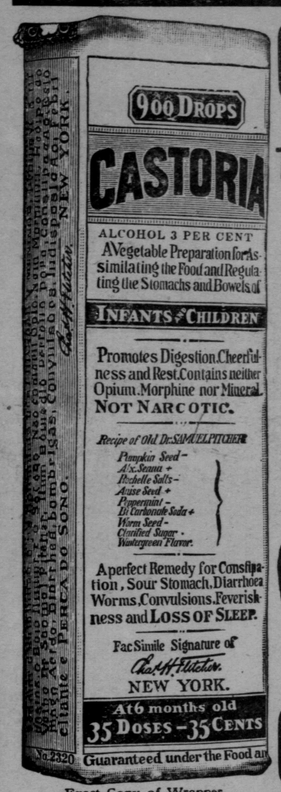
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In February, 1915, Senator Shafroth, Democrat, of Colorado, made the assertion that "there was never so high a protective tariff as now exists by reason of the war, because imports are nearly prohibited by the fact that there is war, and consequently American factories are in a position to have no competitors whatever." That remark followed numerous quotations from newspapers showing the revival of business, especially in war order lines. All of which was pretty good protection argument, coming from a Democrat.

The apologists for the President's Mexican policy protest that his purposes were commendable. This is an open question, to say the least. But even admitting it to bt true, are we not familiar with that famous road to perdition which is said to be paved with good intentions?

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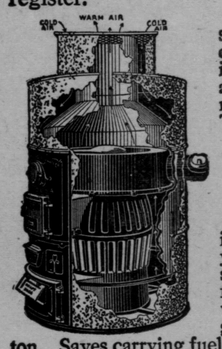
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CHILDREN'S CORNER

THE STRENGTH OF WEAKNESS

A gnarled and twisted little shrub,
Near oaks which were strong and high,
In anguish prayed to be straight and tall,
And cried, "Oh, that I might die!"

Then woodmen made of those trees a bridge,
On which men pass to and fro
With ne'er a thought of the riven oaks
Nor the piers which lie below.

But the shrub became an old man's cane,—
And he loves it like a child;
And with laugh and shout the children ride
This steed, which is swift and wild.

O life that has missed the boon of health
And of toil, thou still can bless;
The earth cries loud for faith and love
And a touch of tenderness.
—Alva Martin Kerr in Sunday School Times.

TWO WESTMINSTER DOGS

Snap and Flap ran across the lawn, sat down staring at each other and breathing rapidly. Now what of that? Snap and Flap were two good, very small dogs. A gentleman had bought and taken them away from home and mother, before they were old enough to beg her not to let them go. This cool morning finds them on a wide, green lawn with their schoolgirl mistress and school boy master and several other persons, discussing the merits of these same dogs. One would think they ought to be happy fellows; well fed, taken with their bosses to ride in the automobile, squeezed and squeezed and carried up and down street; and yet, here they were today, almost on a plan of revolt. Listen, Snap is telling Flap—"Yes, I feel badly; I guess you do too. I want to run jump up and down the street and use my legs just like all the other boys and girls do. I don't want to be squeezed and carried; besides, it is not good for dogs. It made me sick. Yesterday I was all sore inside. This morning when I got up, my eyes were full of tears. Along came the mistress; spying my eyes, said something about dog and medicine. I know what tears are, for I had them when I lost my mother; but that word medicine must mean something fearfully bad. When my little master was given some, when he felt sick. I heard him say some high and mighty naughty words and now, they are talking of it for me. Just then, along came a big girl with a cup and spoon, picked up Snap, opened his mouth, poured down his throat the thick, greasy ose. Now, what do you think of that? "Oh, Flap, that girl did not even ask my permission. See here is some of it sticking on my collar, just taste it and see if you would like to be treated so?" Immediately after tasting, both dogs set off for the flower bed in a brisk trot and came back, each chewing vigorously a Golden-Glow blossom. Now, what do you think of that? Could it be possible those wise little dogs knew enough, to try to get rid of the nasty taste in their mouths, and the bad feelings had inside? So, that in eating the gay, Golden-Glow flowers, back into the wee puppy hearts TWO and brains would come again their bright frolicsome spirits, and a great golden glow of health and happiness. If so, none are ever too wise to gather a lesson home, even if from only two little dogs. J. G. P.

THE USEFUL SUNFLOWER

The most remarkable use to which the sunflower has been put is in the construction of battleships. The stalk of the plant is very pithy, and even when compressed into blocks this pith is capable of absorbing a tremendous quantity of water. These blocks, in which the pith retains some of its flexibility, have been employed with much success in the solution of the vexed problem of the lining of a battleship's sides. They are placed between two walls of steel and the substance is so resilient that it completely closes up the hole made by a projectile, keeping out the water for a long time.

There is not a part of the plant that is without commercial value. The seed, which is raised by hundreds of millions of pounds every year in Russia, makes a palatable edible oil, with a residue of seed cake for cattle; or it may be fed in the kernel to poultry. The blossoms furnish honey first and then an excellent yellow dye.

As for the stalks, the Chinese are clever enough to get a sort of silky fibre from them, and they are also good for fuel and for the production of potash.—Harper's Weekly.

THE WAY IT SOUNDED TO HIM

Thump-rattlety—bang wet the piano. "What are you trying to play, Jane?" called out her father from the next room. "Its an exercise from my new instruction book, 'First Steps in Music,'" she answered. "Well, I knew you were playing with your feet" he said grimly. 'Don't stey so heavily on the keys; it disturbs my thoughts."

OF COURSE SHE COULDN'T

The school teacher with the eagle eye saw a little girl chewing gum. "Mary," she commanded, "put that into the wastebasket." The child looked as though she would like to obey but couldn't. "Did you hear me?" insisted the teacher. "Put that wad of gum into the wastebasket immediately." "Please, teacher I'd like to, but I can't," was the quavering reply: "it—it belongs to my mother."

HE WANTED TO KNOW THE ..... WORST .....

A miner who was suffering from dyspepsia one day consulted a doctor and took his prescription to a druggist to be made up. "Well, how much?" said the miner, when the prescription was finished. "Let's see," said the druggist "It's a dollar ten for the medicine, and fifteen cents for the bottle. That makes—" He hesitated, afraid he might have forgotten something, and the miner said impatiently; "Well, hurry up boss. Put a price on the cork and let us know the worst."

The rule of life is everywhere the same. All the rewards go to the men and women who do their work just a little bit better than is expected of them. Nobody pays anybody anything for an act of insolence or discourtesy or ill-service. "You may insult me, but don't insult a customer," said the head of a great business to an elevator boy who displayed more rudeness than tact to his unknown employer. — Philadelphia Public Ledger.

FOUR LITTLE KITTENS

One little kitten black as night,
One little kitten snowy white,
One little kitten in my shoe,
One little kitten cries out "Mew!"

One little kitten likes to fight,
One little kitten purrs good-night,
One little kitten runs away,
One little kitten plays all day.

Which little kitten would you choose,
The one that purrs or the one that mews?
If I was going to choose at all,
I think that I would take them all.
—Wideawake.

HIGH FOOD PRICES

The government crop report issued a few days ago is ominous in its suggestions as to prices of food staples. Staples are jumping on the produce exchanges, and the poor man will be squeezed before another spring.

The abundant crops of the past few years had no appreciable effect to lower prices. The surplus was taken by fighting Europe. Europe is still bidding high for cereals and there is a shortage of production here. It may reasonably be expected that wheat and corn products will go to the highest figures ever known.

The injury to the corn crop makes the cost of feeding hogs high. Pork and bacon, the poor man's friends, will again be away up. Beef already sells at nearly prohibitive prices for working people.

Of course the country as a whole is prosperous. Millions of working people have had their wages raised. But it is not enough that they should be able barely to meet expenses. A family life is not securely established unless it has a bank account and a constant margin between income and outgo.

The pinch comes in a host of families that are suffering from some form of misfortune. In many the bread winner is the victim of accident or disease. In others drunkenness and other vices have sapped the earning power, leaving wives and children to shift for themselves. In all such homes the rising cost of food products means a lack of nutritious food.

It is a time for small economies and the teaching of intelligent methods of food preparation. It is often remarked that a French family would live on what an American household throws away. Teaching a poor family how to get the most nourishment out of a given supply of foods is a better form of charity than giving money outright.

THE MINOR POLITICAL OFFICES

In a presidential campaign, interest and attention centers on the heads of the ticket. Meanwhile the politicians go on grinding out their grist of nominations and appointments. They are glad to have the minor contests overshadowed by the great issues that occupy national attention.

The quality of the government in one's own locality comes more closely home to the citizen than any results that can happen at Washington. A vigorous, liberal, and business like policy in the national government is ardently to be hoped for. But it is no offset to inefficiency in school administration, poor roads, and shiftlessness or graft in home expenditure.

One should know something of the character of every aspirant for office. One should know also to whom he will owe obligation if elected. Only by a constant reading of the newspapers can one satisfy this vital need for an acquaintance with home politics.

RESUMING WORK

It is usually possible on the trains to distinguish the man who is returning from vacation from the one who is just starting. The former carries an air of depression. He is not alert to the sights and sounds and human contacts of the journey. Physically he is apt to look tired and thin as the result of overdoing. He tried to put a month's enjoyment into two weeks.

Human nature is indolent. Work is an acquired habit. After living a free and idle life, one has to pull oneself together to resume the eight or ten hour daily grind.

Of course there are philosophical temperaments that make better use of rest time. The release from nervous strain of the daily tasks lets them look at their work from the outside in a more normal way. They see how friction can be removed and irritations avoided.

A vacation is a partial failure unless it gives one more power. And something besides mere physical power. The mind should be so refreshed that it works more surely and with quicker perceptions. It should be able to see where effort can be lightened and needless drudgery saved. Every year ought to bring better capacities for one's tasks. The rested brain should distinguish wider opportunities, and thus gather the cumulative fruit of past experience.

One hears much said about finding joy in labor. It ought to be possible. It may be difficult at the start to acquire the work habit. But like other hard things it is wholesome and upbuilding. The man who is doing healthful work ought to find a constant satisfaction in doing it better and more efficiently. This should give him the pleasure that flows from conscious exercise of skill. And there should be tangible reward for better service. If we can look at work in this spirit, resumption of our tasks after vacations will not seem onerous.

The politicians are now securing the list of citizens who shall bring pressure on the aforesaid politicians to have them run for office.

There is much criticism of the way some of the state militia has been trained, but it is believed that anyway they used to get together on the occasion of the annual dances.

GAMBER

Christian Endeavor at Providence M. P. Church Sunday evening beginness vs. Thoughtfulness,"— Heb. 2: 1-7.

Miss Hattie Barnes, of Springfield State Hospital, spent Sunday afternoon with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Barnes.

Miss Lillian Phillips is spending a week in Baltimore.

Miss Emma Stimax, of Hampstead has been spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stimax.

Mrs. B. F. Ford has been visiting relatives in Hampstead.

The Ladies Aid Society of Providence M. P. Church will meet at the home of Mrs. David N. Leister, on Thursday afternoon, August 31st. All are cordially invited to attend.

Miss Flora Barnes spent the week-end with her sister, Miss Lee F. Ward.

Miss Helen Cress, of Baltimore, is spending a few days with relatives of this vicinity.

Mr. Jabez N. Barnes spent Saturday and Sunday with Rev. J. L. Ward, at Chestertown, Md.

Mrs. Hattie E. Barnes and niece, Eva M., spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Baltimore.

MILLERS

Mrs. William Bollinger and son, of near Glyndon, visited Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Redding and Mr. and Mrs. Emory Bollinger last week.

week.

Mr. Alverta Warner and children, of Baltimore, visited relatives here last Thursday and Friday.

Lester Miller and bride, of Illinois, visited Mr. and Mrs. George Lauer last week.

Mrs. Belle Bortner, Mrs. Richarts and Mrs. Edward Rohrbaugh spent last Thursday at Emory Grove Camp.

David Ebaugh and wife, of Greenmount, visited Mr. and Mrs. John K. Miller last Sunday.

Messrs. Emory McCullough, Lloyd Miller, Harry Myers, Nelson Garrett and Everett Miller motored to Waynesboro last Tuesday.

Denton Wisner, near here, has purchased a piano.

The following attended Emory Grove Camp meeting last Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. George Lauer, Miss Treva Miller, George Hoover and family, Jacob Zepp and family, Mrs. George Kerchner, Mrs. Riley, Misses Edith Rinehart, Lottie Dell and Clinton Masemore.

Harry Brilhart and wife spent Saturday night and Sunday visiting his parents, at Manchester.

John Lucabaugh and sister, Mrs. Daniel Krebbs, of Baltimore, visited here Sunday.

Mrs. Samuel Frank and son, Harry, of Ohio, visited her sister-in-law, Mrs. Martha Hoffnagle, this week.

MELROSE

Melrose is to have an oldtime debate on Saturday evening, August 26th. The question "Resolved, That the world is getting better," will be discussed by several good speakers at Jacob M. Folks store. Good music and refreshments will be in abundance. Everybody invited.

The members of Wentz's Union Sunday school are preparing an unusually large program for their annual uicnic, which will be held Sept. 2, 1916. The Pleasant Hill Band will furnish the music.

Those who visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ghent on Sunday last were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Humpert, George, Carrie and Myrtle Myers, all of Union Mills; Mrs. Ella Hossler and son, Elsworth, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ghent and children, Marrie, Emma and Charles, Jr., and William Crumrine.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Shaffer spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of his brother, Spencer Shaffer and family, of Hanover, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Frock spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Sholl, of Hanover, Pa.

Wentz's Sunday school Sunday morning at 9 A. M.

SWEET AIR

Miss Martha Robertson returned to her home, near Westminster, after spending a fortnight among relatives and friends in this place. Miss Martha accompanied her brother, Mr. Hosea Robertson, home on Sunday last.

Miss Hennicks, of Baltimore, is a guest of Miss Ethel Pickett.

The Misses Ruark, of Baltimore, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Conaway, of Berrett.

Mr. Zimmerman, of Baltimore, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Pickett.

Mrs. Charles Welsh and children were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Miller.

Mrs. H. E. Pickett, daughter Marie, son Russell, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Hosea Robertson and sister Martha spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Conaway and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Baker, of Baltimore, were Thursday guests of their nieces, the Misses Hood.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Miller, Mrs. Conaway and Mr. Donald Miller accompanied Mrs. Chas. Schuman and daughters to their home in Baltimore, and attended Mrs. Miller's brother-in-law's funeral which took place in Baltimore on Wednesday last. Interment was made in Loudon Park Cemetery.

Quite a large crowd attended the Messiah picnic which was held last Saturday evening.

Rev. Craft, of Carrollton, spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Penn.

Mrs. Wilbur Koontz and son, of Taneytown, are spending a few weeks with Mrs. K's. parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Streaker.

Mrs. M. H. Penn has returned to her home near this place after spending a week with Mrs. Reck, of Mt. Airy.

The remaining members of the House in Washington, and they are few, are only those who are interested in legislation that is pending in conference. One of the measures that has kept a number of members present was that relating to the continuation of an appropriation of $3,000,000 for the extension of the Appalachian mountain forest reserve. This sum of money expired under the original bill for the reason that it lapsed before it could be legally used. Several of the New England and the Southern members are much interested in this proposition.

Republican members of Congress in both branches are receiving many words of encouragement of the Republican outlook in their respective states. The attempt of Vance McCormick and the Democrats to try to stir up turmoil in the ranks of the former Progressives has everywhere virtually met with failure. News comes from all sections of a united and enthusiastic Republican party.

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