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A WORD FOR CRANKS.

It is by no means the worst thing in the world to be called a crank, remarks a Chicago writer, who is a woman. We find as we prowl up and down through the world that wherever we meet a man with sufficient individuality to take a strong stand against impurity and shams of every kind, too honest to get rich by underhanded methods and too brave to be a cowardly conformist, he is called a crank. Whenever a woman is found who thinks more of her brains than of the hat that surmounts it, she is a crank. Wherever a man is found who honestly believrs life holds better things for him than to become a dancing popjay and a social success by reason of fine clothes and society manners, who would rather wear a shiny-seamed coat and an unfashionable hat, and thus gain means to cultivate his mind and enlarge his soul, he is a crank. Wherever a young lady is found who laughs at fashion and wears a gown to please herself rather than to conform to a passing fad, who stands by a friend at the risk of becoming unpopular, and who is a law unto herself by the dictates of her own pure, sweet, womanly heart, she is a crank.

Discoverers are cranks. Philanthropists and poets are cranks Christopher Columbus was a crank, and yet, after four hundred years we do him honor.

You may count on your fingers the world's most famous cranks and note the outcome of their crankiness. Who would not choose but go down upon the despised list.

CURRENT PRESS COMMENT.

According to William J. Bryan the influences responsible for the protracted deadlock at the Democratic National Convention emanated from the White House, Wall street and the liquor interests. Bryan's diagnosis is the result of a close study of the situation.

The Republican party with Senator Harding at its head, will not play the part of meddler in Europe political affairs, no more than Europe could expect to meddle in American affairs.

Bryrn has lost his hold on the democratic party—but John Barleycorn has succeeded in securing a tighter grip.

After all, the real purpose of the League of Nations was to make Hon. Woodrow Wilson president of the world, and let the United States do the dirty work for other nations, in Europe and Asia, in exchange for that great honor to "America's favorite son." Very nice, was it not? (for Wooddie, yes.)

Colonal Bryan said yesterday that it seemed pretty hard to get a triangular nominee—one who would do everything that the White House called for, satisfy the liquor interest and take care of the capitalistic crowd.

"Six months ago Democratic defeat in November elections seemed certain," says the New York World. Six months from now Democratic defeat will be an accomplished fact.

Court officials at Easton estimated that the entire cost of the Fountain Case is $7,500

Pass State Examination.

In the list of nurses announced by the Maryland State Board of Examiners of Nurses as having passed the examinations last month are as following from Emergancy Hospital, Easton; Cora LeCompte Barnes, Nellie Bridges Cooper, Edithe Roberts Melvin, and Hilda August Todd.

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Strikes are going out of style. Arbitration is coming in.

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Believe that prices are coming down, and down they will come!

World affairs seem to be progressing from a puzzle into a snarl.

The worst of leap year is that it is constitutionally hard for a man to say no.

Some, perhaps, are trying the experiment of getting the flu for medicinal purposes.

The trouble with the private still is that the odor attracts policemen as well as customers.

That man who believes himself always right is pretty likely to be wrong by unanimous consent.

Bolshevism is regarded as one of those imported articles that become unreasonably expensive.

Any cheery whistles these fine mornings probably comes from the lips of the forward-looking iceman.

That day now seems near when what women do will be regarded as of more importance than what they wear.

Marconi predicts wireless telephones. But what this country needs is a genius to invent the busyless line.

Roumanians are using American pajamas for street wear, and we may have to do that ourselves this summer.

Prices threaten to come down to the level where even the skeptical consumer will be forced to admit the fact.

Obviously those mysterious wireless signals in Australia which repeat the letter "M" can come from nowhere but Mars.

Like the prospects of baseball, those of the next winter's coal supply have become an all-the-year-round topic of discussion.

A sugar-bearing tree has been found in British Columbia. All the consumer has asked at any time is a fair shake.

What worries the politicians this year is not "Are the women going to vote?" but "How are the women going to vote?"

Europe is at liberty to settle its affairs without the United States—if it thinks it can conduct them without the United States.

There is just enough uncertainty about the question of national suffrage for women to make it deliciously and femininely thrilling.

"Eat less and live long," says Edison. The great majority of us have been eating less for a good while, thanks to the profiteers.

Judging from the casualty lists, the ripe olive seems to be running the wood alcohol cocktail a pretty close race for mortality honors.

Poland, having just re-extended its borders to the sea, after an absence of 148 years, hopes to find the salt air beneficial to its constitution.

The jump in laundry prices will increase the demand for celluloid collars, but we know no substitute for the shirt that must be washed.

Bolshevists invading Rumania may help Rumanians to appreciate Hungary's sensations when the Rumanian army overran and looted that country.

The doctor who prescribes cold baths on winter mornings may know what he is talking about, but he can't hope to make himself awfully popular.

The consumer will be interested to note that all predictions of higher prices for clothes contain the proviso, "Unless the public stops buying."

Farmers have an advantage over city men in that it isn't against the law to kill the pests that bother them as it is to destroy the kind that infest towns.

About 95 per cent of the energy devoted to propaganda in this country would produce better results if it operated with plows instead of typewriters and things.

D'Annunzio is reported as declaring that Fiume has gone down for the third time and can never be anything but a corpse for Italy. He is still in possession of the remains.

Women's dresses, we are informed by a fashion authority, will have sleeves this season, from which we infer that after a while the dear creatures will begin to wear clothes again.

Some of the American draft dodgers who ran away to Mexico to escape the horrors of war must be awfully put out about the Sonora revolution.

According to a physician, posing as an expert, kissing in the dark is unsanitary. However, most men will continue to take a chance, as opportunity affords.

Japan promises to withdraw from Siberia when Siberia is no longer a menace to Manchuria. That combines oriental subtlety and Asiatic wit in a way calculated to make the judicious giggle.

Eggs have been nationalized in Russia. Each section of the country must deliver a certain number of eggs to the soviet. Even the czar did not go so far as to lay the hens of the country under tribute.

A dollar in the stocking is worth two in trade.

Wood alcohol is a night cap for the last, long sleep.

Whatever else the times lack, they are not short on excitement.

After all, we already have a labor party that includes most citizens.

The difficulty of making peace ought certainly to tend to discourage war.

Oil is up again, due, possibly, to the continued necessity of pouring it upon troubled waters.

Every nurse knows that when the patient begins to get angry he is beginning to get well.

Anyhow, there ought to be a decrease in the price of bottles. For what good are they?

Not until the Fiume matter has been decided will Italy be able to tell whether poetry pays.

In addition to asking big loans from this country, Europe is expecting an influx of American tourists.

Although prices are dropping all around, no one knows it except members of fair-price committees.

The cable war bill of the country was $1,000,000. Another denial of the old maxim that words cost nothing.

It is decided to permit the sultan to remain at Constantinople probably because nobody wanted him anywhere else.

Pride is not a bad thing unless it gives a fool the swellhead or makes one too trifling to work for an honest living.

Now is a good time to hold the Liberty bonds you have and buy more. They are the anchors of the world's credit.

A cable reports "Simple clothes are the fashion in Paris and not many of them." Should not it read "not much of them"?

If prophets of a slump in the price of foodstuffs prove true ones, they have enthusiastic honor in their own country.

The women of the land are so busy improving their political prospects that the leap year privileges are passing unnoticed.

Prevailing fashions indicate that women are seeing not only how little they can get along with, but how much they can do without.

One historian estimates that it cost Spain only $7,000 to discover America. It cost European militarists a great deal more than that.

Aviation is to be added to collegiate sports. It will probably be much affected by those students apt to be falling down in their studies.

According to Earl Curzon, the British drink bill is "staggering." If the mere bill staggers, what must the drink itself do to Britain?

Teachers will be encouraged by learning that last year the country spent five times as much for pleasure cars as for all kinds of education.

The fatal collision is already a recognized danger of aerial transit, and yet one would suppose that in the air routes there is room enough for all.

A real optimist is a man who can stand our telephone service by reflecting that in Paris it often takes 30 minutes to make a telephone connection.

Odessa has had more varieties of government in the last year than any city in Europe, but we doubt if it holds a high opinion of any of them.

Nicholas, former king of Montenegro, is plotting to regain his throne, which seems to us about as foolish an effort as an ex-king could engage in these days.

The right of women to preach from the pulpits of the Church of England has again been denied. Nevertheless, women will continue to preach everywhere.

A former judge of a juvenile court puts a world of truth in the remark that "An ounce of prevention in a child is worth a ton of reformation in a criminal."

No sooner are the police baffled by one crime mystery than another bobs up to take attention away from the old one. Police life is just one baffle after another.

Do you remember those grand old days when there were fifteen oysters in every 25-cent stew, and you could get 'em at the counter on the half-shell for 1 cent each?

German prisoners of war who traded iron crosses for tobacco or cigarettes are not worrying because they can't get duplicates without proof that the decorations were stolen.

Egyptian government officials are unusually susceptible to public opinion. One had a bomb thrown at him and immediately resigned under an impression that he is unpopular.

New England cotton mills are said to be paying 40 per cent cent dividends. If you wish to know how they do it, go and ask the price of cotton underwear.

National woman suffrage is so nearly an accomplished fact that candidates for office are getting carefully manicured before going out to shake hands with voters.

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