

HELPING NATURE IN A PINCH.

An Italian surgeon is making his co-workers throughout the world sit up and take notice. He has devised a means whereby, through the application of skillful surgery, it is possible to connect whatever is left of a natural limb after mutilation with an artificial one and by combining the two to largely restore the natural function of the member.

While everybody has given away his tens and twenties and fifties, there seems to be more money about than ever before, far more than is needed to fill the show houses, the restaurants and lobbies. What is the secret of it—the more you have given, the more you have.

The American Legion, the national group of war veterans, will organize women auxiliaries. The women of the country stood hand in hand with the men in the war, doing everything except the actual fighting, working under fire abroad in any kind of work they could do, and organizing countless activities at home.

The British government has some difficulties that we escape. The man who invented anti-submarine smoke boxes, and had them accepted, is stirring up a lot of disturbance. He says he was promised a knighthood, and if he can't be Sir Charles Hannan he'll find out why. We pay in cash and have it done with. That is the better plan.

While the farmer bit off a chew of tobacco in 1918 from a plug that cost him 71 per cent more than in 1914 he wore a flannel shirt that cost 130 per cent more in 1918 than in 1914; a felt hat, 70 per cent more; shoes, 76 per cent more; and a suit of clothing, 90 per cent more.

Sir Douglas Haig may believe it was the British Empire that won the war, but we have a notion that the road to victory was found through the Amazon forest, where the grass is growing green today over the bodies of American heroes.

The federal reserve banks have been ordered to extend all possible financial assistance to the growers of cattle, but nothing has been heard of any movement to aid the buyers of meat.

One trouble about falling overboard from a trans-Atlantic plane is that by the time a life preserver was dropped the man in the water would be about thirty miles in the rear.

The king and queen of Belgium may fly to this country. Royalty just now in Europe is decidedly up in the air, but this will be a new and safer way to attain the condition.

Switzerland is paying \$34 a ton for American coal. This is one case at least where the price of a commodity abroad is not less than the price at home.

The ultimate consumer is good natured but when he gets mad all way through, he is going to be very angry.

By all accounts the nickel is going to disappear. But why worry if a dime takes its place in our pockets?

It is wonderful to be as optimistic as a vacation folder.

INTERPRETATIONS.

Interpretation is a great word these days. It is used in respect to laws, decisions, platforms, events, actions—whenever one's judgment is called upon to express a view. A person should undertake an interpretation with a great deal of care. There are many things that detract from or lower the virtue of an interpretation, says Ohio State Journal.

William Hohenzollern, according to public dispatches, has stopped giving advice to the Almighty and has taken to praying. This has given the theologians in some quarters that the most highly-sacred of the realm the highest of being way and that he is in danger of becoming a number 10.

Hellum gas is said to be as light as hydrogen gas and almost as economical, while possessing the additional merit of being non-toxic. If the claims made for it as the ideal gas for dirigible airships are justified, the use of the dangerous hydrogen gas which was the lifting agent of the "Wingfoot" dirigible or any other inflammable or explosive gas should be forbidden.

An English minister opposed the eligibility of women on church councils on the ground, that two women on a committee will upset the arrangements of any two men. This is practical admission that the power of self-determination is much greater in the gentler sex.

The fact that a single steamer has just brought a seven-million-dollar cargo of wool and hides from South America doesn't necessarily mean that it is such a big ship but that these commodities now bring an enormous price.

Parisian restaurateurs have been obliged to take their tables off the sidewalks, a move, no doubt, toward the roof garden expedient adopted in America as a means of bringing the food and the prices into closer proximity as regards altitude.

There is supposed to be a scarcity of hides and leather in America. And yet, with the lifting of the trade ban, we read our exporters are ready to ship large supplies to Germany. Shall we shoe Germany first, or America?

The cost of living, the criminal abuse of trust by wholesaler and retailer, will cause the people to ignore party lines and to rally about any sensible and sincere effort to make America safe for the hungry.

Another objection we have to accepting these aviation invitations is that we have definitely determined that whenever we finally start in that direction we don't want a return ticket.

Columbus took 70 days to cross the ocean. The airships are doing it in almost as many hours. The world is being knit closer every day in this triumph over space and time.

Censorship of mail and cables from Germany is to cease forthwith, but the news does not excite us. There's nothing important that we don't know about Germany now.

The demand for a six-hour day fails to take into account the fact that unless sufficient wealth is produced there will not be enough of it to go around.

We are all crazy, says a Boston alienist. Some more than others, as may be seen by the bleachers during a ninth inning rally.

How is it that a man who can talk a great deal about hungry Germany is tongue-tied when it comes to talking about hungry Italy?

The man who introduced jazz to London people predicts a short life for its sway. But how about its hope and jump?

APPLES AND FENCES.

"While looking forward to making laws more suitable to women," writes a mother, "do let us try to make the marriage laws such that our children can't elope." This, she urges, would save many a hasty marriage. No doubt it would, but is it possible? Is not half the reason of more than half the elopements the excitement of doing something that theoretically one can't do? The remedy for elopements is thinking, but can you make people think by law? Romeo and Juliet imagined they were madly in love with each other; and when they reflected that everybody would be sure their marriage was impossible, they were sure of it, says Milwaukee Journal.

The Red commissary at Budapest has offered Saint Stephen's crown for sale at 100,000 francs; the price to be paid in French and Swiss banknotes. Inasmuch as the crown is a precious historical treasure of Hungary, the bargain seems a good one for the art dealer; while, on the other hand, the commissary gets \$20,000 for something that cost him nothing. Everybody should be pleased, except the Hungarians. Probably the crown which this commissary has for sale is the one reputed to have been sent to Saint Stephen by Pope Sylvester when Stephen was crowned king in the year 1000; according to legend it contains a nail of the true cross. This is a good season for collectors, art dealers—and Red commissaries.

A Chicago firm has adopted the plan of giving an increase in salary to every employe who marries—and at the time he marries. We are unable to state what the company is trying to get at, says Kansas City Star. There is no doubt that an employe's wedding date is the time when he needs a "raise." But it is too late to do him any good.

The pleading of Prince Henry of Prussia with King George to spare the Kaiser ought to be gail and worm wood to the ex-All-Highest, but he is probably willing to submit to anything now which will save him from the fate he invited in his days of arrogant irresponsibility to all laws, human and divine.

It is true men talk too much about women's clothes nowadays. It is true men never dared to talk about the hoopskirts in the olden time. They were wonderful women, and you simply couldn't sling the trashy conversation of this time anywhere in their vicinity.

Members of the crew of the big dirigible R-34 actually danced to the music of a phonograph while the airship was passing through the clouds. Of course, the passenger airship of the future will have its dancing saloon. Floating palaces will be outclassed by the flying ones.

The queen of Abyssinia has sent a delegation and gifts to President Wilson by way of congratulation to this country on America's share of the victory in the world war. Evidently, the war has given us some advertisement.

The Parisian fad of doing without stockings is being adopted by some American women of obvious attraction. But what a howl there would be were necessity and not fashion to compel them to go without!

OUR NEW VIRTUE.

By Earl Baldwin Thomas. In fog or sunshine, snow or rain, it's comforting to have this thought—I have not spent my every gait, and thus reduced my funds to naught—it's pleasant through the muggy days to sit inside a cozy room, and realize the dismal haze cannot surround you with its gloom; to know, through purchase wisely made, investment planned with sober care, your income's bulk will never fade, but through such rainy days appear! Last year and this an agency for teaching folks this gospel bright has strenuously impressed on me the way to duck the winter-blight; "A dollar saved" is the interest gained—this is the lesson sound and true, which keeps the wayward dollar chained and makes the 4 per cent accrue. Thrift! That's the answer to you, sir! The thing that flamed our battle lamps, and helped to down the Prussian cur; in other words, WAR-SAVING STAMPS!

Make the Best of Today. Anticipating tomorrow's opportunities and regretting yesterday's failures is scarcely a fair way to spend today. It is dividing the present and bestowing it upon two periods that have no right to it.

Wise John.

John was able to persuade Ruth to do most things he desired. One day the children, with their little cousin, Edward, decided to draw pictures. Edward and John each found a pencil, but Ruth was still without one until her mother came to her aid with a big new pencil. John, whose pencil was a blue stub, looked longingly at the new one and then, in a coaxing voice, said: "Ruthie, don't you want this nice pretty blue one? It just matches your eyes." Needless to say, John secured the long pencil.

Right Definition of a Classic.

A classic is properly a book which maintains itself by virtue of that happy coalescence of matter and style, that innate and exquisite sympathy between the thought that gives life and the form that consents to every mood and of grace and dignity, which can be simple without being vulgar, elevated without being distant, and which is something neither ancient nor modern, always new and incapable of growing old.—Lowell.

A Great Advantage.

The principal of a college was lecturing his staff of teachers upon efficiency. "What," he demanded, "would be thought of a grovener who at the close of the season found 10 per cent of his stock returned because it fell below standard requirements? Why should we require a 100 per cent efficiency of the glove-maker and only 90 per cent of a teacher?" "Because," responded a teacher, "he can select his kids!"

Temper and Tight Collars.

Dr. Leonard Williams, lecturing on "Common Sense," at a nursing conference and exhibition in London, said that people with tight collars did not strain their brains properly, and often suffered from bad tempers. He had noticed that since women had given up high collars and were wearing garments which gave complete freedom to the neck they had become sweeter tempered.

Not Meant for Household Pets.

If taken young the grizzily is easy enough to handle, for at birth he weighs only from 10 to 20 ounces and is about the size of a full-grown chipmunk. Later the bears run between 350 and 600 pounds in weight, although they have been known to reach 1,500 pounds. This, of course, makes the domestication of grizzlies by apartment house dwellers difficult.

Busy Week for Charles.

Charles was being buttoned into a clean white suit one Sunday morning after a giddy week. "Well," he mused, "this has been some exciting week. Monday we went to the zoo; Wednesday I lost a tooth; Thursday was Gladys' birthday; Friday I was sick; yesterday I had my hair cut, and now here I am rushing off to Sunday school."

Those Blundering Authors!

We referred recently to one of John Galsworthy's American characters calling for "A flash of beer," now here's another writer, Arthur J. Rees, saying, "He is, to use an American colloquialism, 'quick on the uptake.'" Tut! This, as Barrie lovers know, is Scotch.—Boston Transcript.

Prize Mixer.

"A good mixer, isn't he?" "You betcha!" replied a citizen of Grudge. "He can tell more funny stories, borrow more money, pay less of it back, get more signers to petitions, be elected to more lodge offices and do less honest work than any other three men in town."—Judge.

Her Last Social Function.

My small son on coming home from school one noon said to me: "Mother, I'm going over to Bundy's home this afternoon." On my asking what he was going for he replied: "Why, don't you know his grandma is having her funeral this afternoon?"—Chicago Tribune.

Ring Recovered From Gull.

Gulls are attracted by any small shining object, which accounts for a valuable engagement ring, which was accidentally dropped overboard in mid-Atlantic, being found in the gizzard of one of these birds, shot months afterward off the coast of Maine.

Sweet Is Sympathy.

Sympathy is one of the great secrets of life. It overcomes evil and strengthens good. It disarms resistance, melts the hardened heart, and develops the better part of human nature.

Complete Recovery.

An Eldorado young man may be said to have completely recovered from his recent illness. He says he has forgotten how his nurse looked.—Kansas City Star.

Happy, and Rare.

Happy is the man who renounces everything which may bring a strain or burden upon his conscience.

Daily Thought.

The formation of culture, as of character, is at least the moral sentiment.—Emerson.

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