The Perfect Path

God loves His saints as His children. They use all means to play their part to His order, to which they are all subject. This subordination is the true self-abandonment; it is the short perfect path.—Pere de Caussade, S.J.

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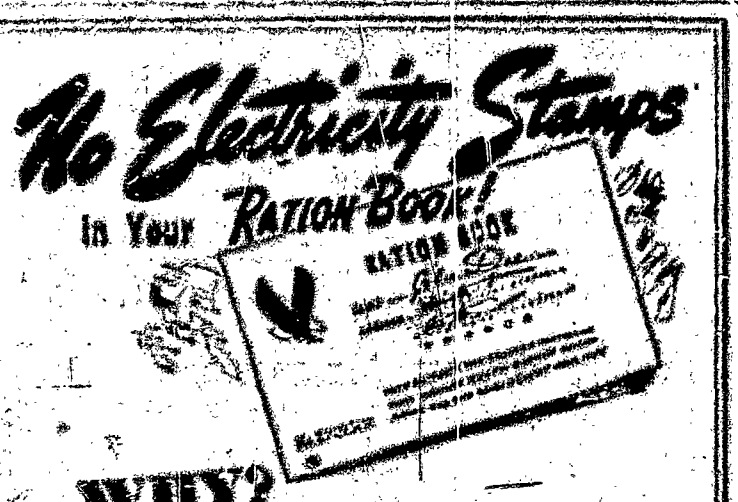

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I expect to come home over weekends now and then, but I do hope you will drop me a line. I am a little lonesome.

Very respectfully yours,
Mary Jo

My address is: Gen. Del.
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I am the porter and I say Mary Jo on the steps of a downtown church some five years later. She was still a good Catholic girl but it was not the same Mary Jo of high school days. Should she look that old at twenty-three? Should she need so much paint and lipstick, she who needed none at seventeen? Had she saved any money? Oh no, she was making many payments on this and that. As a matter of fact, now she is always in debt.

Had she changed her philosophy of life? That was the biggest change. The movies, dates, parties, good times. "I hope I don't have too many kids. (She came from a lovely farm family of ten.) I don't want to get married yet. I want to be free a little longer. I will be back to the old town for Christmas."

Fifteen years have passed and she is now thirty-eight and has two children. They attend the Catholic school in the city where she lives. The husband works but the job is none too steady. He is a convert; he does quite well at his religion (he is an exception). She looks older than she is and a little disappointed with life. The city is quite attractive, but its phantom beauty never quite came within her grasp. Would she have been disappointed if it had? No, because she lost the R. F. D. philosophy when her address became: Gen. Del., Bright City.

Getting On In The World

LOOSE TONGUES

All of us would get on better if we talked less.

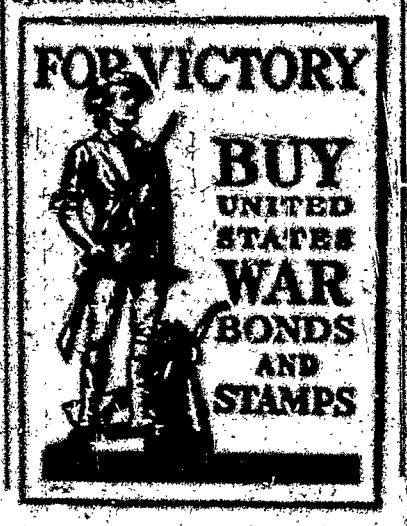
All of us would offend others less often, cause less mischief and spare ourselves considerable misery if we stopped to think before we blurted out a lot of the things we say.

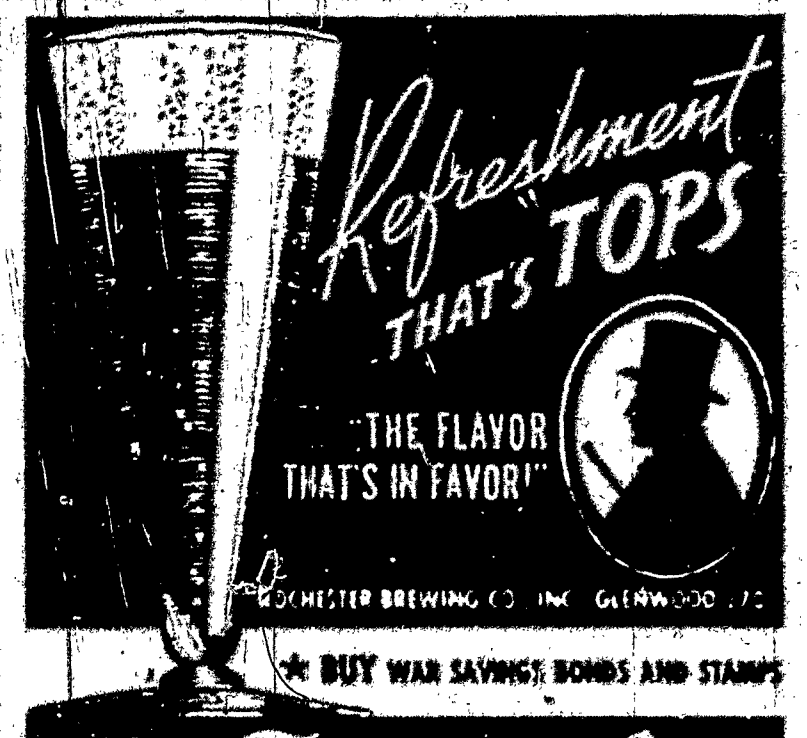
Every one with even a small amount of experience and no more than ordinary observation can tell of friendships shattered because somebody talked too much and not too wisely or charitably. Of families harmed by loose tongues. And, which is of course less important, of people making themselves objectionable by loud, egocentric, monopolizing talk.

A man once told us that he would give anything in the world to be able to unsay some words he once said. Others may have forgiven and forgotten the words, but he will never be able to forget them.

Fire Ruins Church

Toronto.—Fire damage estimated at $40,000 was caused to Corpus Christi Church here by burglars who made a forced entry during the night and rifled three poor boxes. The fire apparently started in a locker which was ransacked by the thieves.





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