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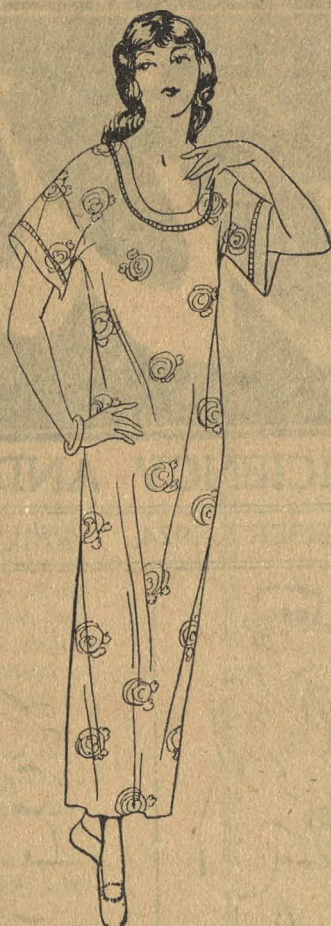
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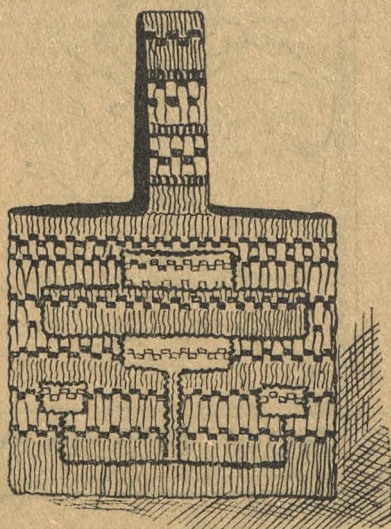
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Sunday, November 9th.

3 p.m., Mill Hill, Children's Service.

7.15 p.m., Mill Hill, Anglican Church.

—Mr. C. W. Chandler.

7.15 p.m., Hurlstone Park Anglican Church.

—Mr. C. E. Still.

11 a.m., Presbyterian Church, Queanbeyan.

3 p.m., Presbyterian Church, Queanbeyan.

7.15 p.m., Methodist Church, Queanbeyan.

—Ex-Senator David Watson.

11 a.m., Tempe Park, Methodist Church.

7.15 p.m., Randwick, Congregational Church.

—Mr. H. C. Stitt.

ALLIANCE NEWS AND NOTES.

(By H. C. STITT).

The Alliance staff have nominated their youngest member, Miss Beryl Miles as their Queen in the "Great White Fair" competition. Already tickets are selling rapidly. Books are on sale at 2/- each. We are depending on our branches to stand by the staff nomination, and help in the disposal of tickets, which are issued in books of 24 at 1d. per vote. If each branch only disposed of 20 books each that would represent 24,000 votes, or £100 for Prohibition, and probably a win for the pretty Queen nominated by the staff.

Now that the operation of the Alliance Sunday service is becoming better understood, the rightful recognition of the practice is increasing. It is a compliment to our speakers that recently they have been requested to supply ordinary church services. Only this week three such requests came from churches where the Alliance representatives occupied the pulpits quite recently. This clearly indicates confidence in the Alliance staff. On our part we are only too willing to assist, but (fortunately for the Alliance) we so rarely have a vacant Sunday. The writer recently conducted the third annual Prohibition service in a church. The minister, whom I had never met before, kindly volunteered to arrange for the distribution of the promise cards on the pews before the service. "There is a better method than that," I suggested. "Very well," he replied, "carry out the service according to the better method." Confidence between the churches and the Alliance will hasten Prohibition. Permission to conduct a service according to our own plans is an indication of that growing confidence.

The ladies' committee of Mosman for several months have been working for a Prohibition fete. This was held on October 24th and 25th in the Anzac Memorial Hall. The opening ceremony was performed by Mrs. Jamieson Williams, who also spoke on the wisdom of Prohibition, and expressed the hope that Social Reform would be advanced by the people patronising the stalls, where they would receive good value for their money. Mrs. Williams was presented with a beautiful hand bouquet of flowers, on behalf of the committee, by little Joan Ward. An address was also given by Mrs. Arding Thomas. On the platform were Miss Preston Stanley (Women's Prohibition League), Mrs. J. McKern (Secretary), Mr. J. McKern (Treasurer), Mrs. Reeve, and Revs. W. H. Howard and P. R. Westley. During the afternoon we noticed amongst the visitors Dr. Richard Arthur, M.L.A., Rev. R. B.

S. Hammond, Mrs. Glennie Holmes, Madame Wolfcarius, Mrs. Carter, Rev. C. T. L. Yarrington, Misses H. Clair, Rankin, Dunsmuir, and others. An enjoyable concert programme, which was arranged by Miss Myra Leard, was rendered on Friday evening. The hall was nicely decorated with flags, flowers, and greenery, and the stalls created an artistic and pretty finish. The articles for sale were useful and ornamental, and commanded a ready sale. Following is a list of stalls:

Fancy and General, supervised by Mesdames J. McKern, W. J. McKern, Edwards, and Kemmis, Misses Harley and McKern.

Books and White Elephant, in charge of Miss E. Sherwin and assistants.

Cakes and Jams, controlled by Mesdames Walker, Howard, Felstead, Forsythe, Firth, Tribe, and Stewart.

Flowers and Sweets, supervised by Mesdames Youll, Thomson, and Misses Alderson.

Tea Room.—Mesdames Wood and Tighe, and St. Clement's Girl's Club.

Lucky Lemon Tree.—Mrs. Sweetland, Malvern Girls' School, and Junior Red Cross.

Clothing.—Mrs. Partridge and assistants.

The Queen competition was organised by Miss Hilda Moss. The total financial results amounted to about £85.

Concert Party and Lecturing Tour.—We are endeavoring to form a voluntary concert party to accompany our lecturers for the purpose of holding a number of public meetings within the metropolitan area. We shall be pleased to hear of vocalists and elocutionists who are prepared to assist in this work.

The Burwood people are determined to resist the introduction of a wine bar into that suburb. An open-air indignation meeting was held on Friday evening, October 24, presided over by Mr. Hanson, there being fully 600 people present at various stages of the meeting. Ex-Senator D. Watson and H. C. Stitt represented the Alliance, and the local speakers were Mrs. Smith and Rev. G. Thompson. Speaking of these new wine bars, which are springing into existence in every direction, this is unmistakably the recoil of the delicensing liquor act, for which the Minister for Justice is responsible. The people are beginning to enquire when is Mr. Ley going to stand up to his own Bill. The fact of these wine dens emerging from grocers' licenses is a challenge to the Reduction Law. The iniquity of it all is that the community is powerless to prevent these transfers and transformations.

Rev. Henry Worrall has just completed a tour through Cootamundra, Harden, Wagga, Coolamon, Junee and Albury. The lecturer proceeds to Tasmania, and is expected to return to this State during February.

The unauthorised, and in many respects lying leaflet referred to by me in a previous issue, is now being circulated in the Newcastle district. The timely exposure of Judas on this page has reduced the effort of the secret circulation to a "dud." This dagger, which was designed to be driven into the back of the Alliance, has turned as flat as the proverbial "pancake."

We had the pleasure, as a delegation, of visiting the Congregational Union Conference on the 29th October. The State Superintendent and Ex-Senator D. Watson were received very cordially by the session, which expressed its determination, by resolution, to continue its support to the cause of Prohibition.

The closing of liquor bars on all public holidays and Saturdays at 1 o'clock, similar to other retail businesses, financial institutions, warehouses, and factories, is a reform that Prohibitionists are now seriously considering. These hours should have been statute law years ago. Let us get out after it.

We are decidedly adverse to entering the domain of politics, but one cannot help commenting on matters where Prohibitionists are concerned, particularly when the holding of those principles appear to prejudice their advancement where it should stand to their credit. We notice that our old friend, Ex-Senator Watson, was amongst the A.L.P. nominees for the Senate vacancy by the death of Senator McDougall, but without that success which he undoubtedly deserves. Mr. Watson would have secured a personal vote at the joint sitting which a strictly party man could not obtain, and we venture to say would have captured a seat which rightly belongs to the party which he desired to represent. Mr. Watson's attitude on Prohibition will no doubt create for him in politics a cleavage, which, however, unfortunately, is nevertheless real. The attitude of all political parties on this question has been deliberately on the side of the "booze" business," but it is satisfactory to note that there are many Parliamentarians who are still prepared to ring true to their convictions on Prohibition, knowing that the liquor bar is the most destructive agency of true reform and national prosperity. We are quite sure that Mr. Watson will not regard the attitude of the Executive of his party as any indication of the withdrawal of that support which they have given him in the past, but rather as an evidence of the power of the booze trade over the political machine. This force operates in every party where it can assert its subtle influence. Mr. Watson may rest assured that his work for Prohibition means more to the cause of humanity than any political party, and that the day of victory will yet be seen by those who have stood true to their convictions, and refused to bend the knee to any junta of individuals who are manipulating the political machinery in the interests of the liquor traffic.

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Wish I could come in a motor car—my, I would make a fine, big, large Prohibition hole, and just leave in its place a notice, "It was worth it!"

Can't you persuade your hens to lay some Prohibition eggs?

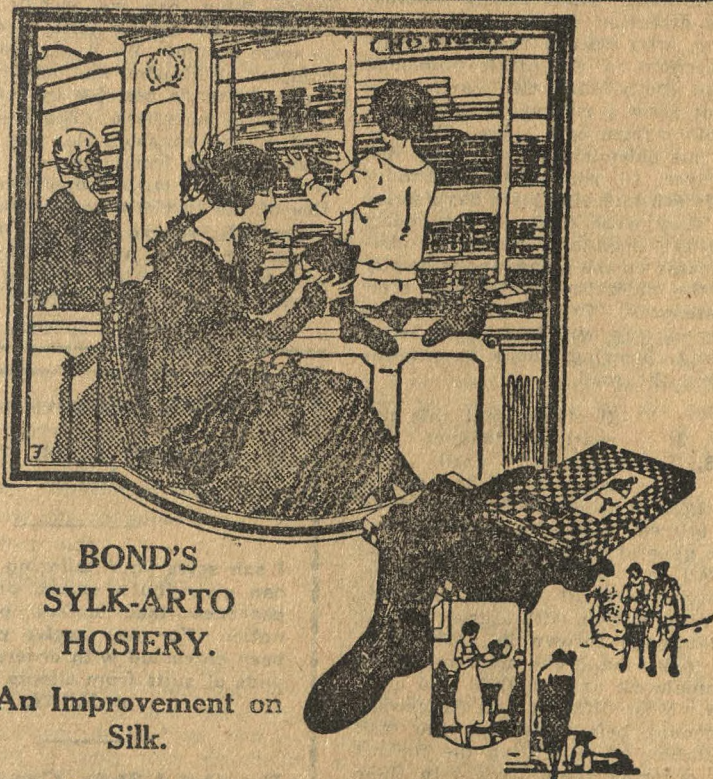
You know there are new-laid eggs, fresh eggs, country eggs, store eggs—"just eggs."

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and 15.

LAW ENFORCEMENT IN THE UNITED STATES

FIGURES SHOW SUCCESS OF PROHIBITION IN AMERICA.

FURIOUS BATTLE WITH ROWDY DRUNKS.

Another Cafe Raided.—Licenses Reduction Canard.—A "Curse Socially."—Pussyfoot Johnson on Hip Pockets.—A Very Naughty Parson.

SPOILS AND PROHIBITION.

Some time ago we published a special article in "Grit" directing attention to the effect of what in American politics is known as the "spoils" system upon Prohibition law enforcement. Under that system appointments to certain posts in the public service of the United States are withheld from the ambit of the Public Service Commissioners and remain the subjects of political patronage, which means that they are filled by appointees of the party in power for the time being. It is a defect of the Volstead Act that Prohibition law enforcement officials are appointed in this manner. As a great many Senators are "wet," they have succeeded in securing the appointment of men to enforce the Volstead Act who themselves are hostile to Prohibition. This explains why in many instances the process of law enforcement has operated so imperfectly. It is obvious that if the "wet" interests can control law enforcement that enforcement is likely to be anything but effective, but it does seem grossly unfair, in the circumstances, to turn round and say that Prohibition is a failure.

ATTORNEY'S OFFICIAL PROTEST.

Now we have official confirmation of the consequences of the state of affairs described above. Mrs. Mabel Willebrandt, a Federal Assistant Attorney, has written a letter to two Senators in which she asserts that "corrupt politics defeats the enforcement of Prohibition." She declares, according to a cable message from New York dated October 23, that certain Senators and minor politicians have "declined to dislodge unworthy officials," and she even carries her complaint into the camp of the Federal Attorneys themselves. She declares that "there are nine or ten Federal Attorneys whom, if I had the power, I would summarily remove because of their inactivity or political evasiveness in enforcing the Prohibition statutes." Mrs. Willebrandt says straight out that she is unable to enforce the law "because of certain influence." It is obvious, of course, that under these circumstances there must be more liquor lawlessness in the United States than would otherwise be the case. When public officials themselves connive at breaches of the law, what else is to be expected? But, surely, it is illogical to use this as an argument against Prohibition!

PROHIBITION NOT A FAILURE.

As a matter of fact, all the figures that are quoted regarding liquor lawlessness in the United States go to show that, despite the handicaps presented by the circumstances reviewed above, Prohibition is proving a remarkable success in America. According to the same cable message, Mr. Haynes, Prohibition Commissioner, in reviewing three years' law enforcement, declares that Prohibition offences are declining. During the three years under review, there were 177,000 arrests resulting in 94,300 convictions. That is an average of less than 32,000 convictions per annum in a population of 110,000,000 people. But there are 32,000 convictions for drunkenness alone in the State of New South Wales per annum, to say nothing about of-

fences against the Licensing Act in the shape of after-hour trading and sly-grog. When it is considered that in America the mere act of drinking alcoholic liquor is an offence, and that it is not at all necessary to be drunk to come under the ban of the law, it will be recognised that the amount of liquor lawlessness in the United States is insignificant as compared with what obtains under license here. The question is not whether a law is 100 per cent. effective; no law is, or we should not need police. The question is whether Prohibition involves an enormous improvement, and the figures leave no doubt on that score.

BATTLE OF LOFTUS.

National Park was made hideous last Sunday week by a furious battle between the police and two parties of drunken youths. It seems that the youths, varying in age from 17 to 21 years and hailing from Homebush, visited the Park and, having already indulged in too much strong brew, immediately began to paint the place a bright vermilion. Their rowdy conduct attracted the attention of the special constable on duty, who warned them. According to the account of the affair published in the "Labor Daily," the two parties fell out and about noon a rumpus occurred between champions from both sides. The site selected for this skirmish was a pretty dell beside the river, to which many families journey each week-end to enjoy a day's peace and quiet. They were about to be rudely disturbed by the hooligans, when the constable again came on the scene, and promptly ordered off the park the lorries and their drunken passengers. Still threatening one another, they slowly withdrew, and began quarrelling and throwing things at one another all along the road.

WOUNDED, 3; PRISONERS, 17.

It seems that this uproarious conduct was continued until they reached the top of the rise where, their fighting blood having been sufficiently stirred, they stopped their vehicles and a general melee ensued. It was a case of "all in." Sticks, stones, bottles, fists and boots were all brought into requisition as ammunition, with a great deal of very lurid language thrown in. When the police again took a hand one man was brandishing a tomahawk and another held aloft an iron pipe. Most difficult and dangerous, says the account before us, was the task set the constables of separating the furious drunks and ordering them back into their lorries. Three of them sustained casualties: a broken head, a broken arm and a wounded leg. There were 27 combatants in all, and most of these were charged at the Sutherland Police Court. The booty of war included two empty beer barrels. The behaviour of these youths was particularly objectionable, seeing that it occurred in an area devoted to family picnics where adults and children should be safe from disturbances of this sort.

FRACAS AT DARLINGHURST.

A somewhat similar fracas, in which three constables were pitted against ten hooligans, and in which boots, fists and bottles were

freely employed, occurred the day before at Darlinghurst. It arose out of a complaint lodged with the police that a man had been relieved of a sum of money by one of the hooligans, and when the police arrived on the scene and endeavored to effect the arrest of the man in question the whole ten rushed at them and very soon the police were fighting with their backs to the wall. The men surged forward, and bottles were brandished as they attacked the police. An exciting fight followed, but more than one man reeled under well-directed punches from the police, and eventually the mob, finding the police too stiff for them, cleared out, and the police were able to secure the suspected man, who was taken to the lock-up and charged with stealing from the person. The police are to be commended for the plucky way in which they stood up to these hooligans. It is a pity the whole ten were not captured.

LIBERTY AND LICENSE.

It was Madame de Staël, if we remember rightly, who gave currency to the famous saying: "Liberty! What crimes are perpetrated in thy name!" We are reminded of it by such incidents as those chronicled above. One of the commonest arguments against Prohibition is the one which asserts that it conflicts with the principle of personal liberty. But what is this liberty about which we hear so much? Is it anything more than a respectable synonym for selfishness? If a patent evil exist in our midst, responsible for more poverty, wretchedness, crime, destitution and shattered health than any other single thing, can we justify its continued existence by saying that it does no harm to some people? We live to-day in a highly-complex civilisation and under a social system only made possible by the co-operation of all its members. The benefits of that system are considerable, and we all enjoy them. Apart from our own efforts, therefore, we owe a large proportion of the amenities of life to the co-operation of all people organised socially. What hurts the part hurts the whole, and therefore it is idle to adduce some abstract notion of individual liberty to justify the dictates of selfishness.

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WHY ONTARIO REMAINS "DRY."

TREMENDOUS "WET" EFFORT FAILS.

On October 23 last, Ontario, the largest province in the Dominion of Canada, voted on a modification of their imperfect Prohibition law.

Two things are notable. First, that while it is illegal to sell intoxicating liquor in Ontario, yet it can be manufactured, and the brewery and distillery run full blast, supposedly for export reasons, in the Prohibition province of Ontario.

Secondly, it must be remembered that the liquor gang dare not propose a straight-out issue of defeating Prohibition and returning to the old licensing system.

Tremendous efforts were made by the "wets."

The U.S.A. gang, the European gang, the Scottish and English whisky lords all concentrated on Ontario, and it is a miracle that this vast and wealthy organisation has been defeated by a handful of folk without money, having only the commonsense of the community on their side.

A CONVINCING ANSWER.

The Ottawa "Journal" of September 18 last has the following news item:

"Ex-Mayor George H. Lees, President of the Hamilton Temperance Federation, and one of the delegates at Toronto, when the form of the ballot was decided on, has issued the following in reply to a statement made by Col. Arthur F. Hatch, President of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association:

"In the press of yesterday my friend Col. A. F. Hatch is reported as saying: 'The Ontario Temperance Act has caused much crime'

"It seems hard to believe Mr. Hatch has been correctly quoted, for the Government statistics prove the fact that crime on which the O.T.A. could have a bearing has been very greatly reduced.

"Compare 1914 and 1922:

	1914	1922
Assaults	1627	756
Cruelty to animals	1172	256
Threats and abusive language	166	144

Trespass	1982	789
Vagrancy	4703	1507
Indecent exposure	165	63
Indecent, obscene, profane language	385	153
Keeping and frequenting bawdy houses	802	352
Loose, idle and disorderly	6411	1736
Drunkenness	17,703	10,063
Total	35,116	15,819
Decrease: 19,297.		

"I am aware that if violations of the automobile and highway traffic laws (of which there were 31,813 in 1922) are included, the total runs high, but Mr. Hatch is surely too fair to include speeding and reckless driving as resulting from the dry law.

DESERVES CREDIT.

"The Act surely deserves the credit for the very great decrease in drunkenness, as shown in these figures for the three largest cities in Ontario:

Year.	Toronto.	Hamilton.	Ottawa.	Total.
1914	16,981	1650	1229	19,860
1915	13,661	1667	1252	16,590
1916	11,074	1368	968	13,410
1917	5,572	469	649	6,690
1918	4,534	414	304	5,252
1919	4,974	420	369	5,763
1920	7,161	575	585	8,321
1921	5,811	444	511	6,766
1922	5,044	354	382	5,780
1923	5,583	383	376	6,342

"A reduction in drunkenness must be followed by a reduction in attendant crimes. Assuming it is responsible for some bootlegging, it should be pointed out that bootlegging in British Columbia under Government control is much greater than in Ontario under the O.T.A. Any restrictive law we ever had was broken by illicit sale, and to stop illicit sale by cancelling the law would be no more consistent than stopping speeding by replacing the traffic laws.

"The Ontario Temperance Act has been a blessing to countless thousands, and will accomplish still more and more good the longer and better it is enforced.

"The O.T.A. justly claims public support."

THE RESULT.

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A Personal Chat with my readers

DO IT NOW. We all agree there is danger in delay. We even add a little sadly, "The way to hell is paved with good intentions." Very few of us close a day without regretfully acknowledging that some nice things we meant to do had somehow been crowded out by things of little value. We put up little card mottoes, "Do it now," and somehow it is only a card motto.

Please do something about the Great White Fair at once, or, should I say, "immediately," and as all "Grit" readers agree that does not mean 1928, it means at the earliest possible moment.

A. D. Watson has very beautifully said:
If all the kind deeds never done
Should blossom into flower,
The earth would be a paradise
This very hour.

If all the dear words never said
Found utterance to-day,
The winter in a million hearts
Would turn to May.

If all our good intentions were
Pushed on to gracious deed,
I think their power would promptly end
The age of greed.

THE GREAT OMISSION. Health Week has gone, and the most outstanding single feature of it was the entire absence of any direct and emphatic denunciation of the beverage use of alcohol, which plays a big part in all sickness, predisposing as it does to disease and retards recovery even when it is not entirely responsible for it. This curious omission is unpardonable.

An examination of the public debt of New South Wales shows that at the close of the last financial year, that is 30th June, 1923, the figures stood at £187,879,491. At 30th June of this year the figures had grown to £214,123,459, a solid increase of £26,243,968, due to loan operations, on the basis of £96/3/- per head of the population. When the census was taken in 1921 our State debt was £175,084,937, so that whilst the rate of population increase has been about 4.6 per cent. since, the increase in our public indebtedness has been at the rate of 22.3 per cent. over the same period.

Yet we hear not a word about any necessity for curtailing our calamitous expenditure of nearly a million pounds a month on alcohol.

If there were no moral disasters or social disorders following this million a month indulgence, there would surely be more than sufficient economic reasons for prohibiting the beverage use of alcohol.

In Dr. H. B. Ellerton's annual report, as presented to the Queensland Parliament, concerning the mental hospitals of Goodna and Ipswich, he says, under the heading of "Causes of Insanity": "Of the physical exciting causes, alcohol heads the list with 60 males, 6 females; total, 66; making the large percentage of 22.98, or nearly one-fourth males, 3.50 females, total 15.30 per cent. on all the admissions." I wonder what reply the brewers and publicans of Queensland will make to Dr. Ellerton's report!

Perhaps the church-going shareholders may find reason to wonder if their dividends are not "tainted money." The newspapers omitted to write editorials on this great factor in our growing insanity.

It always seems as if alcohol managed to hide behind the "blind spot" that is so noticeable in those who handle public affairs.

SOME MORE OF THE SAME. Day after day we educated, civilised folk acknowledge the harm liquor does, and then we just make it easy for a fellow "to get a hair of the dog that bit him."

I am reminded that Stray Wolf, an Oklahoma Indian who had become rich in oil, bought an expensive automobile and soon had an accident on the public highway. Limping and somewhat bruised, he came into the local salesroom, carrying a pocketful of money. He wanted another car, and explained the loss of his original purchase in this way: "Drive out big red car. Buy moonshine. Take drink. Step on gas. Trees and fence go by. Pretty soon big bridge come down road. Turn out to let bridge go by. Bang! Car gone. Gimme 'nother."

Every week the thing that might be pardoned in an Indian goes unchecked in our midst, and it is safe to say that within 24 hours of my writing this some life, some job, some home will be irretrievably lost or damaged through drink.

Why not help the Great White Fair as the best immediate way of fighting the liquor evil?

AN APPEAL TO THE HOME LOVER.

The greatest home-wrecker the world has ever known is "booze," and the greatest promoter of home ownership is Prohibition. This is not open to argument—it is just a matter of fact.

The latest evidence on the point comes from Iowa, U.S.A.:

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Commerce, which watches the city's development. It announces that twenty years ago Des Moines had 86 saloons, 1630 renting houses and 1466 home owners. To-day, with saloons outlawed, the city has 1574 renting houses and 4872 owned homes.

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THE GREAT WHITE FAIR NEEDS
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A VICTORY MESSAGE TO THE WORLD.

HOW DRY IS KANSAS?

In a "Victory Message to the World," a group of distinguished Kansans—among them William Allen White, Victor Murdock, Governor Davis, former Governor Henry J. Allen and Attorney-General Griffith—announce the result of forty-four years of Prohibition in the Sunflower State. As summarised by the press, their message claims that Kansas has to-day a "well-developed temperance conscience" and a "strong disgust for intemperance"; that "respect for the law, which in early years of Prohibition was brought about by compulsion, now is voluntary"; that "each generation is further removed from an appetite for poisonous drink"; that "ease of enforcement grows with enforcement"; that "no repeal or modification is needed, wanted or considered"; that "officials and private citizens" think Prohibition "the State's best business asset"; that "many crimes that are committed in communities that tolerate liquor are absent from Kansas"; that "conviction of violators is easier now than at any time in the past, due to the years of proof that intoxicating liquor is a commercial and social detriment to any community"; that "many undesirable influences that attend liquor were banished from the State when liquor was banished"; that "liquor sales are not even permitted in Kansas on doctors' prescriptions." In a word, "liquor is an outlaw" there, and Kansas "is forty-four years removed from the thought of ever returning to the days of the saloon," though the message records that the State experienced some slight difficulty in enforcing the Volstead Law at first.

"When the Eighteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution closed all the distilleries and breweries of other States a few people in Kansas proceeded to equip themselves to produce what they wanted. The result was a new violator of the law—the manufacturer of home-brew. Thereupon, Kansas proceeded to provide a law which penalised these violators."

In this, as in its other efforts towards enforcing Prohibition, the State has been remarkably successful, believes the Wichita "Beacon," which assures us:

"Kansas has now marched far enough along in its battle for Prohibition to see that a very considerable advance has been made and consolidated. Kansas people note with some amusement the arguments that are now being made against Prohibition in the East. They are the very same arguments made here twenty and thirty years ago and proven fallacious."

"In spite of sporadic lapses and occasional outcroppings of bootleggery and back-alley brewing, the liquor traffic has been relegated to the things that are disreputable. The State will never go back to open saloons. The victory of Kansas, a pioneer in the movement, will before many years be the victory of the nation."

Admiring from afar, the Portland "Oregonian" responds with an editorial headed "Not One Regret," and reminding us that "forty-four years ago the Kansas Legislature banished John Barleycorn, his heirs and assigns, in the briefest of prohibitory Acts. The amendment to the State Constitution, which created a condition of aridity in Kansas, is worded as follows: 'The manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor shall forever be prohibited in this State, except for medicinal, scientific and mechanical purposes.'" The editorial continues:

"Correctly to comprehend the scope and exactions of the task tackled and trimmed by Kansas, you must cast back for forty years. Truly those early Kansans were pioneers of Prohibition. Forty years ago the saloon was in the saddle, and saloon, brewery and distillery were mighty in politics. Forty years ago it was commonly regarded as a man's own concern if he chose a short-cut to ruin. Forty years ago, and especially in such country as Kansas, every hospitable home had its full jug. Yet Kansas enacted Prohibition."

"To-day Kansas proclaims that Prohibition, when effectively administered, accomplishes in fullest measure all that the friends of Prohibition ever claimed it would. Here is a fact for the wets to stub their wayward toes on. And here, as well, is a source of renewed confidence in the eventual success of National Prohibition—not a partial, but a complete, vindication of the greatest social experiment ever attempted by any nation. What Kansas has done America can do. And in honor it can do no less."

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THE PREMIER PROMISES BARE MAJORITY. PROHIBITION LEAGUE ADOPTS WISE POLICY.

(BREN PEMBURY, for "Grit.")

We have arrived at a stage in our development when the politician in every State in the Commonwealth holds the key to the big problem which confronts the Prohibition Movement. The great objective of our party is to get our question submitted to the people. For good or ill the settled policy of Prohibitionists is "Let the people decide." Personally, I have always held the opinion that such a policy is a big concession to the liquor interests, and is also a concession to the cowardice of politicians. But a fact remains a fact, whatever our personal opinions or prejudices may be, and we are definitely committed to the Referendum idea. Therefore we are at the mercy of the members of our Legislatures.

PRESENT POSITION IN W.A.

At the moment of writing the political position in Western Australia is not hopeful. The Licensing Act passed by the Mitchell Government is from every point of view a brewer's Act. It places handicaps on Prohibitionists to such an extent that a winning fight is almost impossible. For instance, on the top of the three-fifths majority clause is a provision which is known as the 30 per cent. clause. This is a provision which states that to carry Prohibition there must be a 30 per cent. Prohibition vote cast. The good thing about this provision is that its obvious unfairness has made its authors look foolish. At the last general election the liquor question was a big factor in the fight, and the Government responsible for the Licensing Act was soundly beaten. We do not claim the question of a just and equitable Liquor Act was the major issue at the elections, but the question was a determining factor in sufficient electorates to change the balance of power.

PREMIER COLLIER.

The present Government is led by Mr. Phil Collier, a Labor Premier. Collier is an able and careful politician. In some ways he reminds me of the late T. J. Ryan. Ryan had the advantage of education which Collier has not had, and Ryan was naturally the personification of genuine friendliness. I am doubtful about Collier's courage. Judged by appearances this political leader should possess tenacity of purpose, and should find it easy to stand unshaken in a political storm if a principle was at stake.

Our chief interest in the Premier is to know what he intends to do about amending the Licensing Act and granting us a bare majority for our fight next year. A deputation, representing the Prohibition party, recently waited on him, and said: "Mr. Collier, what about a bare majority?" Mr. Collier was delightfully courteous and very sympathetic in his reply. In effect he said he was painfully aware of the disadvantages under which we suffered, and, of course, he was a firm believer in the principle of a bare majority, and, speaking for himself, he would favor an amendment to the Licensing Act in the direction we desired. But he could not commit the Government. He must consult his Cabinet. That done he would inform us of the decision of the Government.

TIME FLIES.

This reply to the representations of Prohibitionists was made about two months ago, and so far the Government has not spoken.

Personally, I am of the opinion that we have good reasons for expecting the present Government to amend the Act and make it possible for us to fight on a bare majority field.

A WINNING FIGHT.

The whole force of our opponents will be directed against any move the Government may make in a favorable way to our party. The traffic in the West fears a bare majority fight. Its fears are well grounded. Given a bare majority and a decently clean roll we can win the West. The pessimists may quote all the facts about the past chaotic state of the movement here, and point to our drink bill, and, in reply, we maintain that the chances of victory are brighter in the West than in any other State. All we ask of the Government is a fair field and no favors, and we will put up a fight which will leave an indelible mark on the liquor traffic in this State. Keep your eye on the West—things, big things, are moving here.

W.A. PROHIBITION LEAGUE.

TO ORGANISE BIG FETE.—A CHALLENGE TO SYDNEY.

The Council of the W.A. Prohibition League is making good and solid progress. At the last meeting a proposal was made to hold a big central function. The idea met with immediate support, and a committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements. This function will break new ground, as well as using the methods common to all fetes. The news of the activity in connection with the Great White Fair comes as a challenge to the West, and this challenge has been accepted in a manner which prompts the suggestion that Sydney must look to its laurels.

PROPOSAL FOR STATE LOTTERY.

W.A. GOVERNMENT MEETS BIG OPPOSITION.

The Government of West Australia has passed through the Lower House a bill which authorises the holding of a State lottery for the purpose of raising funds for the hospitals. At present the bill is before the Upper House, and is being keenly debated. Protests have poured in on the Government from the majority of responsible societies in the West, and there is a general opinion that if the bill is passed it will wreck the Government at the next election.

MR. JAS. MATHER.

LEAVES FOR EXTENDED LEAVE.

Mr. Jas. Mather, who on the formation of the Prohibition League in W.A. resigned his position as Organising Secretary of the W.A. Alliance, has been granted extended leave, and is now on his way to New Zealand.

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UNCLE B.'s PAGE.

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THE FIRST TWO.

I want you to read carefully the first two letters printed on this page to-day. If I had 100 ni's like Elsie then the "Grit" stall would be a proud factor and a joyous fact, a Prohibition helping fact. Hilda says let us double it. I asked for 1000 gifts; let us double it, says my delightful helper. Well, now he says Amen to that! Elsie won't take no for an answer; that is fine.

Ask and go on asking. Why? Last year there were 109 people convicted for drunkenness every day in which the bars were open. No wonder, Elsie says. Prohibition is necessary. In 1919 we had 19,546 convictions for drunkenness. San Francisco had 17,354 convictions for drunkenness. In 1923 we had 31,691 convictions for drunkenness, but San Francisco only had 7738. We increased 12,000; they decreased 10,000. Prohibition made the difference. Let us help the Great White Fair in a big, big way.—Uncle B.

OUR LETTER BAG.

NO IS NO GOOD.

Elsie Strike, 34 Auburn Road, Auburn, writes:

I read with interest in last week's "Grit" your suggestions of a "Grit" stall at "The Great White Fair." I seconded the idea with enthusiasm, and set to in planning to get something ready to send you. I wasn't going to write till it was finished, but it isn't yet, and I feel I must write to tell you that I think it's a grand idea, and I'm willing to give you the help I can. The whole "Fair" is a big, great, grand idea, which is not an idea only, but a reality; and I do hope all Prohibitionists will give help where and how they can. But just for the moment we are more interested in page 11's part in the Fair. Uncle, I do hope many of your ne's and ni's will help. If we all do our little bit it will amount to a big whole, and it is our opportunity to do something very real to help win Prohibition. I am going to ask some of my friends if they will make something too. If they refuse once I'm not going to be content with asking once. Prohibition is necessary.

On Wednesday night, at the mid-week meeting, the Minister gave a little talk on talents, Matthew 25, 14-30; and some of us, myself included, realised that we were not

trading well, or to the best of our ability, with the gifts or talents that God has given us. Everyone has at least one talent, and I do hope not one of us will be found slothful and unfaithful because we have "only one." The minister pointed out one point on which I had not thought much before that the servant with the five talents (who gained another two) both had an equal reward. "Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." (Verses 21 and 23) was said to both. The minister went on to say that had the parable been different and the third servant been found faithful also, with his one talent gaining another one, that he too would have received the same reward as did the others. Oh, I do hope that those of your ne's and ni's who have even only one talent will trade with it as zealously as those who have more, for God gives to us according to our "several ability." Let us use that ability, which in itself is a gift, as God would have us use it. He will give us wisdom and guidance about it if we don't know. "All things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." Matthew, 21, 22. I like the week night meetings; they are often so helpful, and especially when the minister takes them. His helpers are good too. Last week end I read with interest and profit "The Dawning of That Day." I am lending it now. I think it is a book which every Christian should read, needs to read, in fact.

I hope, Uncle, that many of your ne's and ni's are writing to you now about the "Grit" stall, and hope that when you get this that by the same mail you will have quite an influx of "Great White Fair" letters from amongst your 3000 odd, though in this I hope that none of them will think that they are the odd ones, and so needn't do their little bits. If you have a "Grit" stall I think it should be something very special and distinctive, something to signify what it is. I do hope some of my resourceful "cousins" will send along their suggestions. I really think the "Grit" stall is a grand idea, Uncle. I wonder what some of your thoughts for it are?

(Dear Elsie,—Your letter is fine. I hope your enthusiasm awakens a little in someone else. It encouraged me and cheered me, and I was glad and proud to have a "gladite" for a ni. A big thank you.—Uncle B.)

MAKE IT 2000.

Hilda Walker, Wattamondara, writes:

I have just been reading in "Grit" where

you are asking all your ne's and ni's to help in the Great White Fair. I think it is a splendid idea to have a "Grit" stall, and I'm sure we will rally around our Uncle B. and make it a huge success. You want 1000 saleable things. What-ho, my cousins, let's double it, and give Uncle B. a surprise! We'll make him proud of us. I have already made several things, and hope to make a lot more. My word, wouldn't I love to be one of those to meet you at the Fair, but I'm afraid that cannot be. I expect to be going to Sydney later on, but it will be too late for the Fair. My sister is going to buy some of the things advertised in "Grit." She is also going to send some children's dresses and a box of eggs.

(Dear Hilda,—For your optimism and your other help, a very big thank you. I hope your "cousins" catch some of your big-hearted, generous desire to help—a great, big thank you.—Uncle B.)

WANTED, A PEN FRIEND.

Marge Armstrong, "Rosedale," McKee's Hill, via Lismore, writes: I suppose there is quite enough scallywags on your list without me, isn't there? I'm going to write before I get on it myself. No doubt, Uncle, you'll be wondering now why I ever put such a long address on the top of this sheet. I have a reason though. I want to ask, through "Grit," whether there is one of your Ne's or Ni's who would like another "pen cousin." I have one now, and I find her a nice cousin, I must say. I'm sure there's one amongst your large family who would like another "pen friend." I love writing, and I promise not to keep my correspondent waiting long for a reply. I find most of your Ne's too shy, but I think one of your Ni's wouldn't mind writing to me. This morning I drove the Sunday school teacher down to church, where we intended having school before church went in; but we found the key not there. It's raining pretty heavily just at present, and we need it, too. For the last three days there has been a thick dust storm—the first time I have seen a proper one. We're having a picnic next Wednesday. I think picnics are becoming stale now, Uncle. I'm afraid my writing is not the best, but the boys went and hid my good pen. They're not in the house at present or I'd soon make them find it. Here comes the boys now, Uncle, so I'll just have to close, for they're a perfect nuisance. I know as soon as they arrive they'll want to know who I'm writing to and so on, so the best thing is to say good-night. With best wishes to all "Grit" cousins and yourself.

(Dear Marge,—I hope someone promptly becomes your pen-friend. It is lovely to have friends, and pen-friends are fine, and some day when you meet it will be most interesting. Now please write Marge a letter. If she gets too many she will send them on to me.—Uncle B.)

PASS "GRIT" ON.

Law Enforcement in U.S.A.—

(Continued from page 6.)

ANOTHER CAFE RAIDED.

Last Friday week, at midnight, the police raided the Ciro's Cafe, in the Darlinghurst-road, and as a result quite a number of people appeared at the Central Police Court the next morning to answer various charges under the Licensing Act. These raids are becoming more frequent, and they afford further indication of the profitable character of the sly-grog traffic and the inadequacy of fines to stamp it out. George Burges, aged 20, a watchmaker, Pauline Knight, 19, and Vera Maher, 24, were charged with having been found drinking liquor on the unlicensed premises of the Ciro's Cafe, Darlinghurst-road, shortly after midnight. Each was fined £2, in default 14 days' imprisonment. Sergeant O'Brien, who was in charge of the raid, stated that the cafe was the worst place in Sydney. A number of the worst class of criminals were there when the police entered. Pauline Knight, 19, Gwendolyn Smith, 19, and Leonard Ritchie, 29, a musician, were charged with having been persons appearing to have control and management of unlicensed premises where liquor was sold. John Thorpe, 26, a laborer, Alan Stuart Cannon, aged 21, a jeweller, and Herbert Crouch Rich, 21, bus conductor, were charged with having sold liquor without a license. The defendants were remanded.

PUTTING IT OVER.

The ways of some of the liquor people defy comprehension. We don't know whether they are as a class especially partial to ducks, but it certainly looks as though they were fond of spreading canards. Lately we have heard something about the alleged arbitrary action of the Licenses Reduction Board, and now suggestions have been put about to the effect that special lists of hotels to be delicensed have been supplied to the Minister for Justice. This, of course, he warmly repudiates, and it is really too absurd to suppose that anything of the sort could be done with any useful effect. "At no time has anyone ever furnished me with a list of wine or hotel licenses he or she wished delicensed," said the Minister for Justice. "At no time have I ever directly or indirectly made any suggestion to influence the Licenses Reduction Board, or any member of it. They are judicial officers, and are as free from any Ministerial influence as any Judge of the higher Courts. Indeed, they themselves would quickly and warmly resent any attempted political dictation, and rightly so."

A CURSE SOCIALY, BUT—

We cannot congratulate the Chairman of the Tariff Board and Comptroller of Customs, Major Oakley, upon his logic. Speaking recently at the Newcastle Chamber of Manufactures, he said that when he recently toured the United States "big manufacturers told him that Prohibition was a curse socially and a system of pinpricks, but the gain they got out of it from a manufacturing standpoint far overweighed all other considerations." Why a law which produces such results should be considered a "social curse" Major Oakley does not tell us. Perhaps he does not know. "To-day," the manufacturers told him, "our shops are open from Monday morning to Saturday. Formerly they were closed until Tuesday, and sometimes Wednesday." There you have facts side by side with an opinion which does not coincide with the facts. Why persist in the opinion? The working man will appreciate, of course, the subtlety of the comment. The explanation of the puzzle is to be found in the fact that the word "socially" is not used by the manu-

facturers in its economic sense, but in a narrow class sense. The snobs must have their booze, doncherno.

WHAT PUSSYFOOT SAYS.

Mr. Pussyfoot Johnson was recently in London, and whilst there he furnished the newspapers with his impressions of the working of Prohibition in the United States. "I have been travelling continuously since January," he said, "and during the whole time I saw just four men under the influence of liquor. I visited clubs, hotels, banqueting halls and other places, and only once did I see a man taking a drink of liquor, and that was on a railway train. Although Prohibition in the United States is now an established fact, there is still a lot of bootlegging to contend with, and more than 50 officers have been murdered. The Federal authorities, however, are carrying out the Prohibition law without fear or favor, and during the last 18 months there have been convictions at the rate of 3000 a month. The maximum penalty on each count is two years in the penitentiary or 2000 dollars fine, or both; while some offenders convicted on more than one count have been sentenced to five or six years in the penitentiary. One member of Congress was recently sentenced to two years in the penitentiary, and in Georgia there is at present a millionaire serving a two years' sentence for contravening the Prohibition law."

AS TO HIP POCKETS.

We notice that the Colonial Secretary, replying to a question in Parliament the other day, said that the Cabinet had not yet come to any decision with regard to legislating to restrain the customs of taking hip-pocket flasks to dances and other functions. In this connection the idea seems to prevail in some quarters that practically everybody carries a hip-pocket flask in America. The idea is, of course, ridiculous on the face of it. "When I was boarding the ship for England," Mr. Johnson told a London newspaper, "there were 25 or 30 reporters and photographers having fun out of me. One of the photographers asked me if I would let him take a picture of me holding a bottle of whisky in my hand. I replied: 'All right, then, if you will let me have a bottle out of one of your hip-pockets.' The entire bunch started off on the hunt, but failed to get hold of a single bottle, so I had the laugh on them." Asked as to his impression of things in England, Mr. Johnson said he could only form his opinion upon what was appearing in the newspapers. "The fact," he added, "that

the question of curtailing and controlling the liquor traffic has now come into the sphere of practical British politics shows that the sentiment of the people is changing."

TIMES CHANGE, AND WE WITH THEM.

The famous reflection of Horace, that times change and we with them, occurs to the mind as we read the quaint descriptions of life in the eighteenth century, outlined in "The Diary of a Country Parson," by the Rev. James Woodforde, who was a Somerset curate and then associated with New College, Oxford, before taking a living at Weston Longville, Norfolk, in 1774. Those were generous drinking days, as, for instance, at Oxford in 1763: "Had three bottles of wine out of my room in ye B.C.R. this afternoon and Waring had another out of his room. Waring was very drunk, and Bedford was but little better. N.B.—I was very sober, as I had made a resolution never to get drunk again, when at Cere's rooms in April last, when I fell down dead and cut my occiput very bad indeed." The diarist mentions having won 2/9 "a betting" on a fives match played against a church wall; but on another date he lost 1/- at quadrille (an old card game).

A VERY NAUGHTY PARSON.

This particular parson was evidently an adventurous spirit of the sporting type, for he furnishes a description of an escapade at Oxford in which he invaded one of the Courts and created something of a scene there. "Went into the hall," he writes, "after the judge was in, and I could not get a tolerable place for some time, but at last I jumped from two men's shoulders, and leaped upon the heads of several men, and then scrambled into the prisoners' place, where the Judge said I must not stay, so one of the counsellors (i.e., barristers) desired me not to make a noise, and he would let me have his place, which was immediately under the prisoners and opposite the Judge, where I sat and heard three or four tryalls. Was up there from 5 till 9, and then the Judge had finished everything. One condemned to die, four transported for seven years, one burnt in the hand, then acquitted." Mr. Woodforde confesses he had been "very naughty" in not going to church on a certain Sunday, and adds a prayer for pardon. In the breaking of a razor during Sunday shaving at another date he saw a warning "not to shave on the Lord's day, or do any other work to profane it pro futuro."

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EXPECTING TOO MUCH.

While waiting at the railway station, Brown put his four-year-old daughter on a weighing-machine. "Only three stone?" he said. "You ought to weigh more than that." "Well, goodness, daddy" exclaimed the little one. "What do you want for a penny?"

DEFEATING CURIOSITY.

An inquisitive gentleman, riding in a carriage in one of the London tube railways, noticed that a man opposite him carried upon his knees a small black box of somewhat peculiar construction.

The inquisitive one eyed it furtively for a brief while, then, unable to restrain his curiosity, he leant forward and remarked:

"You seem to take great care of that box, sir. May I ask what it contains?"

"Certainly! It contains a mongoose," was the reply.

"Oh, indeed!" exclaimed the other, his curiosity still unsatisfied. "A mongoose! And pray what is that for?"

"Well, the fact is," explained the owner of the box, lowering his voice, "I have got a friend who has got delirium tremens, and he fancies he sees snakes. Now, the mongoose, you know, kills snakes, so I am taking it to him."

"Dear me!" cried the surprised recipient of this piece of information. "But—but," here he thought hard for several seconds, "but surely you do not want a real mongoose to kill imaginary snakes?"

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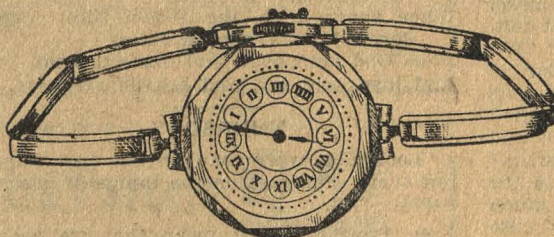
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SUNDAY.

"Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endureth for ever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He hath redeemed out of the hand of the enemy."—Ps., 107, 1, 2.

Raise a song of praise to-day,
God hath led us all the way,
Filled our mouth with all good things,
Taken from each woe its stings.
Strewn our pleasant path with flowers,
Given us sunshine after showers;
Let us lift to Him our praise
Who hath led us all the days.

Wherefore weep and wail we so,
Calling life a "vale of woe,"
Earth a "howling wilderness"?
Why not make the howling less?
What we look for, that we see;
What we hope for, that shall be.
Life is full of precious things—
Wherefore pick out all that stings?

Oh, if songs begin to rise,
Fear and care and sorrow flies.
If we count our mercies o'er
Wondrous is the mighty store.
In the glorious light of day
Mists and shadows melt away.
Raise a song of praise to-day,
Put all gloomy thoughts away.

MONDAY.

"Be thankful unto Him, and bless His name."

"Be ye thankful."—Col., 3, 13.

What ungrateful creatures human beings are! The birds pour forth their songs of praise and thankfulness for the glorious sunshine. The flowers respond to the care bestowed upon them by shedding forth their fragrance; even the lower creatures demonstrate their appreciation of kindness. The cat purrs at the touch of a human hand, the dog manifests his delight at a little notice from the lord of creation, the horse will give a grateful neigh, the sparrow a cheerful chirp, the insect a thankful hum; but man, vain man, takes all the good gifts bestowed upon him as a matter of course, often without even a "Thank you" to the Giver of all good. In fact, if he has much he wants more. One need supplied makes another want felt. "Man never is, but always to be blest." "We look before and after, and sigh for what is not." Those who have the most of this world's goods are often the most dissatisfied of human beings. "If only I had such and such a thing, I should be perfectly satisfied," sighs he. Gratitude for what he has is the last thing thought of, yet this is just as much a command as "Thou shalt not steal." "Be ye thankful." Murmuring is one of the sins God cannot tolerate. It is a demon which seeks to enter the human heart, and blacken everything there, a worm which eats away the pleasant fruits of the Spirit—joy, peace, faith, hope and love; and if not destroyed may become the "worm that dieth not." "Neither murmur ye as some of them also murmured and were destroyed of the destroyer." Are you discontented with your lot, with the environment in which you are placed? Do you envy others? Beware lest God hear your complaining thoughts and give you your request, but send leanness into your soul. "Be content with such things as ye have, for He hath said I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

"There are briars besetting every lot,
Which call for patient care,
There is a cross in every lot
And a constant need for prayer,
But a lowly heart that leans on Thee
Is happy anywhere."

TUESDAY.

"He led them forth by the right way that they might go to a city of habitation."—Ps., 107, 7.

Yet they murmured, and wanted to go back into Egypt, sighing for the onions and the garlick. But He led them forth by the right way. It did not seem at all right to them. "They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way, they found no city to dwell in, hungry and thirsty their soul fainted in them. Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble and delivered them out of their distresses." No wonder their soul fainted within them, yet it was the right way they were going. Why did not God immediately bring them to their desired haven? Because He would teach them to trust in Him more implicitly. There were many lessons they had to learn first. "All these things were written for our example." Yours may be a solitary way, and at times your heart faints within you. You cannot rejoice in the circumstances which surround you. Yet remember it is "the right way." Leave events in God's hands when you have committed your cause to God. Dare not seek to plan or choose. The way may be beset by difficulties, but remember "He turneth the wilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into watersprings, and whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the loving kindness of the Lord."

WEDNESDAY.

"Awake and sing ye that dwell in the dust."—Isa., 26, 19.

When things go wrong, then just a song
Will help you through the whole day long.
You will forget the care and fret, and find
Life has some gladness yet.

A song of praise on dreariest days
Will bring you through life's darkest maze.
Hast thou a care of dark despair? On Song's
wings it will die in air.

No sorrow stings the heart that sings,
It floats away on Music's wings.
Song hath a spell ill to dispel; for Song
can ne'er with sadness dwell.

When songs arise, the demon flies; angels
descend from yonder skies.
Thus God doth hear, and draweth near,
And love, and joy, and heaven are here.

THURSDAY.

"Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others."—Phil., 2, 4.

St. Paul does not mean that we are to busy ourselves with everybody's business but our own as the manner of some is; nor that we are to be curious about others' concerns in order to have something to gossip about to our neighbors. His advice is, "Let nothing be done through strife and vainglory, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than himself. Look not every man on his own things, but also on the things of others." This will prevent any factions in the Church. If we esteem others better than ourselves, we shall not be desirous of the chief place for ourselves, but rather give place to those whom we consider more worthy of the honor. We shall be willing to take as much pleasure in their advancement as our own. Nor shall we be offended if we do not get appreciation from others. We shall find it more blessed to give than to receive such, and be willing to take the lowest place. How many would find rest for their souls if they obeyed that command, "Learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly in

heart"? There will be no talk then of "not being appreciated." No throwing up work in dudgeon because we do not get what we consider our due.

How many a man has such an opinion of himself that all things belongs to him is of much more value and importance than the belongings of others. He has such a big I that he can see nothing but himself and his own concerns. To such Paul's advice comes ringing down the ages, "Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others."

FRIDAY.

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ."—Gal., 6, 2.

"Bear ye one another's burdens," thus the Saviour's law fulfil,
Jesus trod this very pathway, and we too must tread it still;
Sharing other people's sorrows, soothing other people's smarts,
Lifting loads from weaker shoulders, healing wounded, broken hearts.

"Bear ye one another's burdens; self forgetting every day,
Thinking what to ease another we can do or we can say;
Cheering sometimes by our presence those who seem a friend to need;
By some little self-denial we may prove a friend indeed.

But I have so many worries, burdens of my own to bear.

How can I another's carry, how can I another's share?

All my time is fully taken bearing burdens of my own,

How then can I help a comrade?—every man must stand alone.

"Bear ye one another's burdens." Help some other on the road

And you'll find your own heart lightened, and forget your own hard load;

For the heart can ne'er be heavy if it help one heavier still,

"Bear ye one another's burdens, so the Saviour's law fulfil."

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SATURDAY.

"Be content with such things as ye have, for He hath said, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee."

Is this not sufficient reason for contentment? Yet some murmur whatever their lot. It seems to be a sort of chronic complaint with them. All murmuring and discontent is due to want of faith. "If ye will not believe surely ye shall not be established." Discontent and happiness cannot dwell together. When this black demon puts in his head at the window do not give him any encouragement, or he will soon put his foot in and take possession of your habitation until he blackens everything there. God cannot dwell in a discontented soul; but He will never leave a contented one. "Be content with such things as ye have," and do not sigh for those you have not. Wherever you are, whatever your lot, He hath said, "I will never leave you, nor forsake you."

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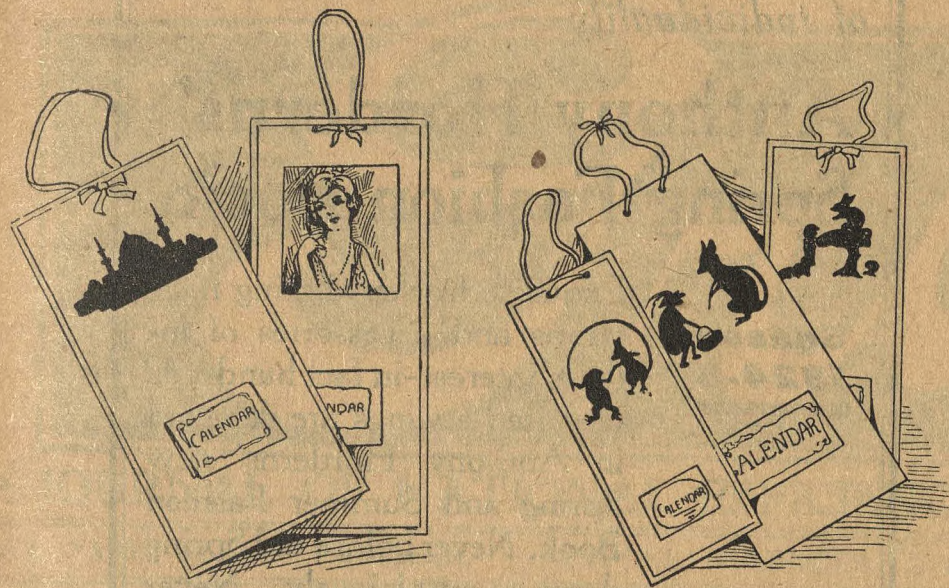
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