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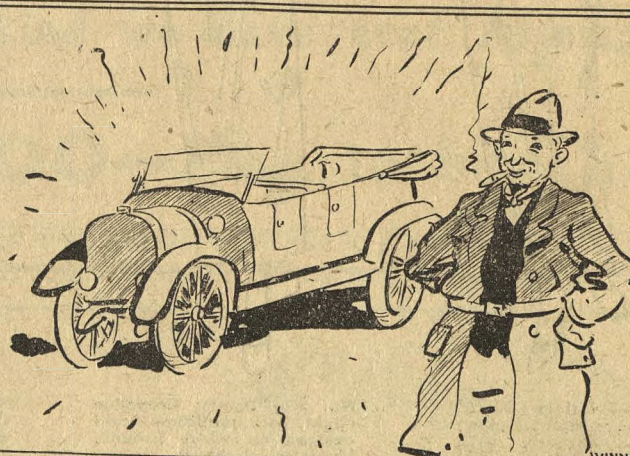
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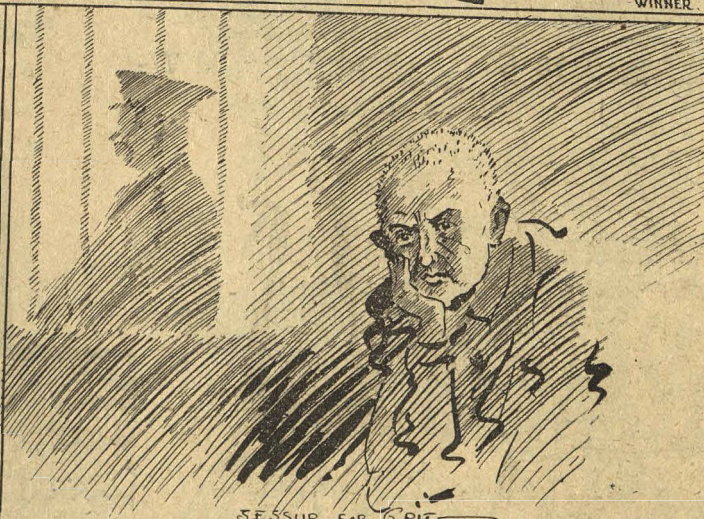
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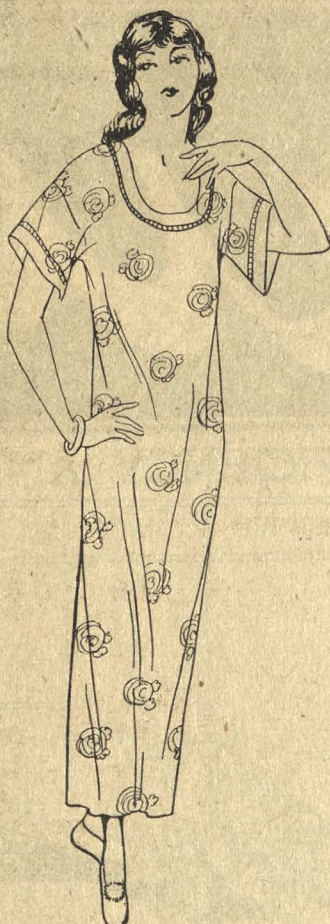
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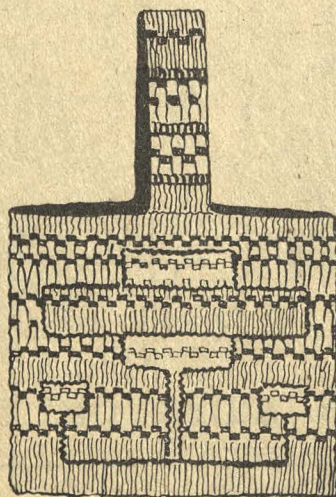
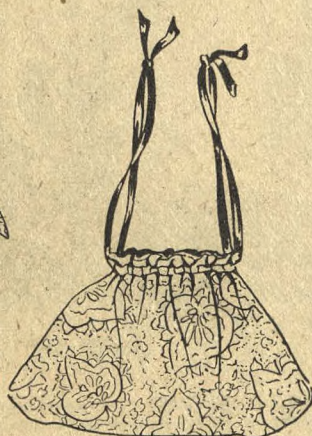
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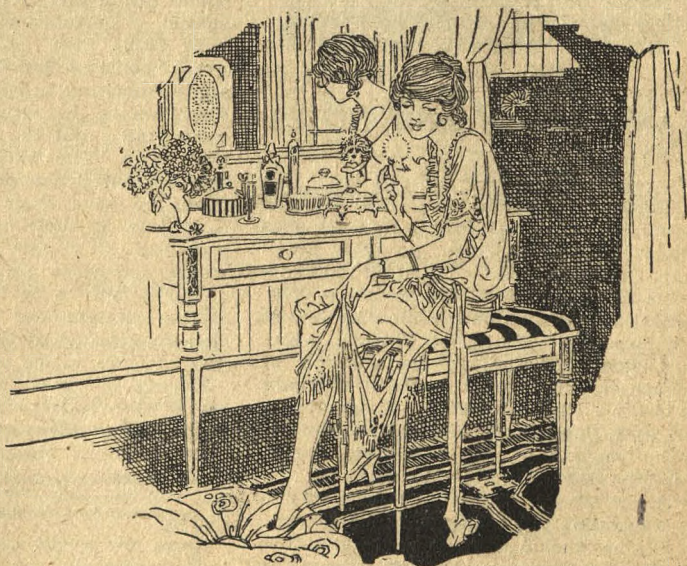
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CHURCH SERVICES.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16th.

7.15 p.m.: Five Dock, Anglican Church.
—Mr. C. W. Chandler.

3 p.m.: Children's Service, Anglican Church.

7.15 p.m.: Pyrmont, Anglican Church.
—Mr. C. E. Still.

11 a.m.: Bondi, Presbyterian Church.

7.15 p.m.: Congregational Church, Arncliffe.
—Mr. H. C. Stitt.

11 a.m.: Baptist Church, Chatswood.
Ex-Senator David Watson.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd.

11 a.m.

3 p.m.: Anglican Fixtures.

7.15 p.m.
—Mr. C. W. Chandler.

11 a.m.:

7.15 p.m.: Anglican Fixtures.

—Mr. C. E. Still.

11 a.m.: Newtown Methodist Church.

—Mr. H. C. Stitt.

7.15 p.m.: Woollahra, Congregational Church.
—Ex-Senator David Watson.

7 p.m.: St. Stephen's Church, Newtown.
—Rev. R. B. S. Hammond.

7.15 p.m.: Blacktown, Presbyterian Church.
—Mr. W. Bain.

OPEN-AIR MEETINGS.

Friday, Nov. 14th: Hurlstone Park.

Speakers: Messrs. Watson, Chandler and Stitt.

ALLIANCE NEWS AND NOTES.

(H. C. STITT).

On Sunday, November 2nd, the Alliance conducted eight special Prohibition services as follows:—Mr. H. C. Stitt, Waverley Presbyterian Church; Mr. C. E. Still, Sackville Methodist Church; Mr. T. Roberts, Dee Why Methodist Church, Mona Vale Methodist Church, Brookvale Methodist Church. Ex-Senator David Watson, in continuation of his Southern itinerary, visited Delegate Presbyterian Church, Mila Presbyterian Church and Bombala Presbyterian Church, where he reports having held good meetings, and having been warmly received.

The Rev. Henry Worrall, representative of the Australian Prohibition Council, completed a nine-weeks' tour of the State, finishing in the Riverina district, where he held the most successful meetings of his itinerary.

We are always delighted to hear good reports of the Alliance meetings from our friends; a little praise where praise is due is inspiring. Two very fine letters have just reached our office, and we gladly quote from them. As referring to Mr. Worrall, "all of the friends of Prohibition are greatly delighted with the wide sweep of his telling arguments" (and this seems to be, despite the fact that, though the band was engaged to play, they refused at the last moment). Will Prohibitionists please note the "liberty" that obtains owing to the influence of the booze business? From another letter we

received a substantial cheque—"With my best wishes for the uplift of humanity from such an address from Mr. Worrall, as we were delighted to hear last evening. The address was so replete that there was not room for any question to the subject which was so illuminatingly discussed." We heartily thank our friends, most of whom are personally unknown to us, who responded to the call, and largely assisted in making the tour a triumphant success, and also by many acts of kindness and warm-hearted hospitality, which enabled Mr. Worrall to complete a difficult and laborious itinerary.

We are endeavoring to form several new branches, our intention being to create an intense organisation, and tighten up the loose ends, in order to create a determined influence on the coming general elections. Whirlwind election campaigns are now recognised as possessing a physiological advantage over the old methods. We must be in at the whirlwind. Now is the time to be getting ready. Remember the story of the man who came late one morning to work. When called upon for an explanation he excused himself by saying: "I missed the tram, and although I ran, I did not run fast enough." His employer replied: "You ran fast enough, but you did not start soon enough."

We are arranging to broadcast 100,000 Victory Pledges spread over and penetrating every community in the State before the elections. Each mail is now carrying these into every nook and corner. It is a well-established fact that just prior to elections Parliamentary candidates are more affable and congenial than during any other period. Oh, the warmth and whole-heartedness of that triennial handshake! Prohibitionists, we must get busy right now, and have a part in this great political handshake. Opportunity is again knocking at your door. It is ours to discriminate between the heart beats of opportunity and the ulcer throbbing of opportunists. The Victory Pledge is entirely non-party and non-political. The voter promises to give their first preference to a candidate of their own political party who promises (1) to vote for a Referendum, providing for State and local option, the first of such polls to be taken within 12 months of the election; and (2) that if any concession be granted to the liquor trade it be by way of time notice only.

During the past two weeks quite a number of our country supporters, both ministerial and laymen, have visited the Alliance office. We are pleased to see you, and count it an honor to be placed on your list of visits. We feel depressed if you don't call when in Sydney.

Some few weeks ago we invited our friends to immediately acquaint us of any liquor movements in your district, particularly new licenses, and more particularly the biblically designated serpent biting and adder stinging wine bars. Owing to the prompt action in some directions we have been enabled to advise and co-operate in an opposition.

We take this advantage of informing objectors that it is necessary to form a local committee, in order to organise the opposition and grapple with the local details of the work. Mr. W. C. Clegg, the Alliance solicitor, will render any legal advice necessary.

Votes for the Alliance Staff Queen in the Great White Fair Competition are selling wonderfully well. New supplies of books

are being frequently ordered from the White Fair work rooms. Watch "Grit" for the photo of the Staff Queen! At the finish we anticipate that she will be "Miles" in the lead.

Our notes in last issue of "Grit," referring to the anomaly of reducing wine bars in one community and granting new licenses in another, have already received very favorable comment. Heated public indignation is being unanimously expressed that such a practice is tolerated, more particularly in centres where reduction of license was carried at the polls. Burwood and Summer Hill do not intend to have these wine bars forced on them, and already the citizens are taking action to resist the intrusion.

The mail brings in still another interesting letter from one of our country branches. The Secretary was directed to write "expressing the confidence of the Branch in the Alliance, also its appreciation of former work, and its hope and trust of healthy progress in the future." We do not object to these bouquets being thrown at the Alliance.

In next issue we intend to refer to the sheaf of replies to my pastoral letter, dated September 18th. Such whole-hearted, full-handed and unanimous expressions of confidence in the Alliance, and expressed determination to fight on for victory, we did not scarcely anticipate. Thank you for your assurance that the Churches are "all in" with the Alliance in this great struggle for the overthrow of the liquor nuisance.

Recently two junior morning "dailies" published parts of a "wet" sermon on "Temperance," delivered by a clergyman at Goulburn. We sent a reply to the papers concerned, but were refused publication. However, we publish the concluding paragraph of our reply, as a reasonable definition for the consideration of those who desire to know what "moderation" is when applied to food:—

"Dietetic temperance is the right use of wholesome food and drink, implying total abstinence from everything poisonous and unwholesome. Alcoholic drink is poisonous and unwholesome; therefore, the imbibing of such drink is dietetic intemperance. Temperance is not moderation in the use of everything, but only of what is wholesome and good."

We again remind our supporters that the Alliance is forming a Prohibition concert party. If you are a vocalist or elocutionist, and willing to support a tour of suburban fixtures, kindly communicate at once. We hope that in this way Prohibition meetings will be better attended, more enjoyable, and the educational value more effective. The party would be accompanied by a lecturer.

The open-air suburban meetings conducted by the Alliance staff on Friday evenings are being well attended. Being the open shopping night, we are always assured of a good audience. We are indebted to the ministers of the local churches for their interest and support in this work.

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A recent Munich message states that the German Institute of Research in Human Food has reached the conclusion that beer does not amount to so much after all—that it is not nearly as effective a stimulant as tea. Results of a comparison of the two beverages were announced there recently. A half-litre of Munich beer, containing about 15 grams of alcohol, brought about an acceleration of mental action for about 20 minutes, followed by a period of noticeable depression lasting twice as long. A cup of tea, on the other hand, drove the mental capacity higher by about 10 per cent. for three-quarters of an hour, after which the subject of the experiment returned to normal without experiencing the ill-effects that followed the alcoholic stimulant. The scientists warned, however, that the average amount of stimulating caffeine in the ordinary cup of tea is about one-tenth of the maximum medical dose, so that there may be real danger if large amounts are imbibed at one time. A small amount of tea has relatively a greater effect than a larger amount.—"Sydney Morning Herald."

PROHIBITION GOING OR COMING.

Elton Raymond Shaw, M.A., has had a valuable association with the American students' efforts to further Prohibition; he has also had a wide business experience as a publisher.

He knows his country, he knows Prohibition, and he knows how to present his facts. His book, "Prohibition Going or Coming," contains 493 pages, and it is all grain.

It is not only interesting but valuable, and a few thousand copies in Australia would do an immense amount of good.

If your bookseller cannot supply it, "Grit" will undertake to get you a copy.

The American price is two dollars, and it is worth it.

The Lower Chamber of the Dutch Parliament has passed, by 44 votes to 30, a bill Rutgers, authorising communal electors to forbid the sale of distilled liquor in their commune (so-called local option system). The bill passes to the Upper Chamber, where it will probably be accepted.

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WHAT HAVE THE SPOOKS DONE?

THE AMERICAN ENFORCEMENT DISCLOSURES.

The Acid Test for Gamblers.—Sport and Generosity.—Assaults on the Police.—Drunken Drivers.

WHAT HAVE THE SPOOKS DONE?

Most of us are on the verge of forgetting that we have a species of enforcement official in New South Wales. They are not, it is true, called enforcement officials, they are known as "spooks," and, so far as we and the general public are concerned, they do appear to be most unsubstantial wraiths. They were appointed in May last after bitter opposition from the police authorities, who raised all sorts of false issues to try and prevent any outsiders poaching on a most cherished reserve. Since May little or nothing has been heard of them, but the other day one of the newspapers announced that "up to October they cost the State £564 and had prosecuted no one." In Parliament the Minister for Justice stated that "travellers and others already attest to the improvement in the accommodation meals and sanitary conditions in many country hotels as the result of the energetic way in which the inspectorial duties are being carried out." From this we infer that the "spooks," at £10 a week and exes. each, are discharging the duties of sanitary inspectors, health inspectors and inspectors of buildings. We submit that it was not for these purposes that the "spooks" were appointed.

FOOLING THE PUBLIC.

We can only describe the statement made by the Minister for Justice as a clumsy attempt to fool the public. The "spooks" are, according to him, stickybeaking into the affairs of the Department of Public Health and the administrative work of the local bodies. There are plenty of health and sanitary inspectors in the country as it is without the Department of Justice being called upon to take a part in work which is quite foreign to the scope of its operations. The "spooks" were appointed specifically to enforce due observance of the provisions of the Licensing Act with regard to the sale of liquor, and they were so appointed because experience had shown that the work of the police in this connection left much to be desired. But it appears that they have done nothing in this connection. The whole business suggests very strongly that some sort of shameful compromise exists between the Department of Justice and the Police Department as a result of which the "spooks" are required to refrain from doing the only sort of work which could have justified their appointment. If the "spooks" are not to have a free hand in detecting and exposing breaches of the liquor laws proper the sooner their appointment is terminated the better.

THE ENFORCEMENT DISCLOSURES.

In our last issue we directed attention to the remarkable letter written by Mrs. Mabel Willebrandt, Assistant Attorney-General of the United States, on the subject of Prohibition enforcement, in which she protested in no uncertain terms against the unwillingness of some enforcement officers to discharge their duties. Her charges have been amply confirmed by Mr. H. F. Stone, the Attorney-General. In a cable message from New York, dated October 27, we read that after conferring with President Coolidge, Mr. Stone announced that Mrs. Willebrandt's disclosures had already resulted in the resignation of six Federal attorneys and the impending retirement of

four others. Mr. Stone added that Mrs. Willebrandt's letter had caused a great intensification of enforcement throughout the country. The Department of Justice he said, had been investigating charges of lax enforcement and had acted wherever the condition justified action. It may be presumed, therefore, that another decisive step has been taken in the direction of making Prohibition 100 per cent. effective in America. Lawlessness is, of course, no argument whatever against law.

"SPOILS" AND BAD FAITH.

The whole incident is eloquent of the evils attending the "spoils" system described recently in "Grit." Under the Volstead Act, the appointment of enforcement officials is reserved from the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commissioners and remains the object of political patronage, affording a loophole for "wet" Senators to nominate their own appointees. The result of such an arrangement might have been foreseen, and perhaps the recent disclosures will facilitate that amendment of the law which has been urged in responsible quarters for some time past. But what are we to think of men who will deliberately accept office to administer the enforcement of a law which they have no intention of enforcing? Some people will do anything for money. The official who accepts a salary upon terms and conditions requiring him to do certain things for the public good, and who, upon accession to office, not only omits to do those things, but accepts bribes from the enemies of the law he is supposed to enforce, is guilty of accepting public money under false pretences and is nothing more than a common swindler. The "spoils" system ever did encourage the accession to office of unworthy people, and it ought not to survive in any civilised community.

WOMAN GAMBLER FINED.

According to the "Labor Daily," half the population of Penrith was present in the local Court House last week when Mrs. Edith Coyle was fined £40 and costs for having used a residence for the purpose of betting. The defendant pleaded guilty to the charge. The police stated that for three years past they had been receiving anonymous letters complaining about this betting business. Constable Hole said he had had two ten-shilling bets with the defendant, and when the house was raided betting slips and £18/19/3 in money were seized. Mrs. Coyle, whose husband was caretaker of Stewart Dawson's country house, said that she had done a little betting, but that half the money confiscated was her husband's wages. The report adds that when she was convicted the defendant "sobbed bitterly." We like that touch. We did not know that female "books" were so sensitive. As a rule, the gamster has not a very tender conscience, and cunning usually replaces high intelligence. Of course, there is nothing to be joyful about in being "stung" for £40. The joy resides in stinging the "mugs."

THE ACID TEST.

Lots of people—perfectly respectable and worthy people—still find it difficult to see that there is anything inherently wrong in having a bet, and it may be admitted that a very plausible and subtle case can be made out for their point of view. But let us ap-

ply the acid test. When you bet on the result of a horse race and win, what is your position? Is it not a fact that you are getting something for nothing? Is it not a fact that when you bet you hope to win, and therefore that you hope to get something for nothing? Yes or no? All the "punters" who attend races, to say nothing of the sorrier sort who bet without even going to see the race, do so because they hope to win. Consequently, a vast concourse of people come frequently together for the purpose of trying to get something for nothing. Now, is that a legitimate and healthy mental tendency to encourage, or is it not? If it is legitimate in connection with horse racing, why is it not legitimate in other departments of human activity? The answer is that the world would come to a standstill if assent were generally accorded to this principle. So it follows inevitably that those who see no wrong in betting are prepared to admit a principle in that connection which driven to its logical conclusion, would wreck the whole economic fabric of civilisation were its general legitimacy admitted.

BETTING AND SELF-RESPECT.

In the preceding argument we have said nothing about the element of chance. The present writer does not propose to establish any part of his argument against betting on the theory of chance, because it is difficult to avoid intricate controversial discussion about "chance." What is "chance"? Is there such a thing as "chance"? The whole trend of modern science is against belief in fortuitous events. There is no border line beyond which the law of cause and effect ceases to operate. Using language strictly, we are unable to agree that the result of a horse race is determined by chance. Happily, it is not necessary to rest the case against gambling on any such uncertain ground. The economic argument set out in the preceding paragraph is conclusive in itself, but there is another which may be used to reinforce it. Man's self-respect increases in proportion to the fruit of his own efforts. What a man acquires by his own toil and honest endeavor is his, and it ennobles him. What he acquires for nothing may gratify his senses, but it certainly does not ennoble his character, and it is quite certain that the man who habitually seeks to get something for nothing develops a frame of mind which fails to command the respect of others. No really virile, independent, strong, self-reliant and self-respecting character ever wants something for nothing.

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SAVING HUMAN VALUES.

There is needless waste when the nation rears a man who by even the moderate use of drink shortens his life and his providing years. His children may be left at the age when the father is most needed; if insufficiently provided for the wife may have to go to work. This makes doubly difficult the physical and moral care of the children. If these suffer, society in the future may be loaded with the burdens of their ill-health, inefficiency, or offences. The child who has to go to work too early because of the death or unproductivity of the father caused by drink may start another cycle of social weakness."—From "Alcohol in Experience and Experiment."

ALL CLASSES BENEFIT.

"I am of the opinion that all classes of people have been the gainers from the enforcement of Prohibition. Prohibition has improved the economic condition of the workingman. He has been able to apply his income to better advantage."—Governor Arthur M. Hyde, Missouri, August 16, 1924.

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A Personal Chat with my readers

BRAVE AND COURAGEOUS.

Collier says, "What can be more honorable than to have courage enough to execute the commands of reason and conscience?"

Few of us are either brave or courageous, and this accounts for our futility and unhappiness.

Bravery and courage can both be acquired. The following account, taken from the "Literary Digest," is most informing, and will help us to understand the nature of the qualities without which we can never make the most of life:

"Each of these terms implies a readiness to face danger. As bravery, derived from the French through the Italian 'bravo,' bold, wild, designates a spirit of daring boldness, so courage from the same source, courage, owes its origin to the Latin 'cor,' heart, and is, therefore, a quality that is far more deeply seated than bravery. Bravery has been said to depend upon physical temperament; courage depends upon reason. The first, described as a species of instinct, is practically daring without thought, whereas courage is fearlessness in the face of thought. A man shows courage in proportion to the degree that he reasons or reflects, so courage is a sustaining power at all times and under all circumstances; bravery is that quality which enables a man to stand firm in the face of fearful odds. It is a quality that in the hour of danger sustains a man and urges him on. One may have bravery without courage and courage without bravery. A brave man may tremble at his own shadow when passing through a churchyard at night; he may turn pale at the sight of blood, or his blood curdle at the hooting of an owl. The courageous man smiles at imaginary dangers and prepares to meet those that are real. Courage always supposes danger to be encountered, and is displayed under most trying circumstances."

Few people seem to think gambling is "wrong"—they only think it is "dangerous" or "harmful." It is impossible to get the daily papers to discuss the subject seriously because they give tips for the races, exploit the whole thing, and, with unctious hypocrisy, condemn it in superficial editorials.

In New Zealand £26,000,000 has passed through the totalisator in three years. The population of this State is about double that of New Zealand, and we are even more addicted to gambling than they are.

Let us get the thing quite right in our own mind. Why is lying or thieving wrong? When you have settled that in your mind then you can be sure that for the same reasons gambling is wrong. Leave God out of the question, and nothing is wrong and nothing matters, but if you acknowledge God, if you accept the principle of religion as

taught by Jesus Christ, then gambling is wrong, inherently wrong, always wrong. Well read with care my article on the opposite page.

John Oxenham says very finely:

God grant us wisdom in these coming days,
And eyes unsealed, that we clear visions
see
Of that new world that He would have us
build
To life's ennoblement and His high ministry.

Not since Christ died upon His lonely cross
Has time such prospect held of life's new
birth;
Not since the world of chaos first was born
Has man so clearly visaged hope of a new
earth.

Not of our own might can we hope to rise
Above the ruts and failures of the past;
But with His help who did the first earth
build,
With hearts courageous we may fairer
build this last.

THE GREAT WHITE FAIR.

Only a fortnight and the Great White Fair will open in the Sydney Town Hall. For three great days we will expect every reader of "Grit" to take some part in giving or buying, in coming and bringing a friend. The folk in the country will write at once and urge a city friend to represent them there.

Some time ago a friend of mine found she was unable to go to church, and knowing how discouraging an empty seat in church is, and how one of the few are missed, asked her day school pupils if any one would go for her. No less than eleven went for her.

Well, that was one of the finest things I know of.

Will you do something like that for the Great White Fair?

ANY FOOL CAN BE A PESSIMIST.

The aphorism, "The fellow who isn't up on a question is usually down on it," is about true. If you are not up on the facts of Prohibition you are just naturally "down on it."

The ignorant make good pessimists, they readily belong to the never, never brigade. They don't know, and it never dawns on them, that anyone else may know. They can't see how it can be, and jump to the conclusion that it won't be.

If you are a pessimist don't be proud of it; it is the badge of those who have neither faith nor knowledge. It takes brains and faith in God to be an optimist.

The lazy are not optimists, and the optimists are not lazy.

I am an optimist for about the same reason

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that the chap went fishing. You remember, he put down the 'phone with a sigh and said, "I believe I will go fishing."

His friend said, "I did not know you were fond of fishing."

He replied: "Ordinarily, I am not; but it is the only chance I have of finding myself at the end of a line that isn't busy."

Being an optimist is a great chance to get into good company, and there is always room for another.

A DEMAND FOR SACRIFICE.

Here and there women have from time to time given valuable jewels for the promotion and carrying on of missionary work. An instance was recorded in the report of the Women's Missionary Council that recently met in Florida. The women's missionary societies of the Lutheran Church, numbering in membership 65,000 women, are, during the month of May, observing "Jewel Day." They have been asked to sacrifice their treasured jewellery of gold, silver and precious stones for the building of a girls' school in Kumamoto, Japan. Reports say that diamond rings, nuggets of gold and many heirlooms are pouring into headquarters at Philadelphia. It is reported that the prospects are that more than the £35,000 asked for will be raised in this way. Many who read this will surely face the question of following the example of these good women of the Lutheran Church. Could not something of this kind be done with some of the surplus jewellery owned by many of the readers of "Grit"?

The Editor

WHY GAMBLING IS WRONG.

AN INNOCENT BET IS IMPOSSIBLE.

THE COMMONEST CAUSE OF SOCIAL UNHAPPINESS.

(By ROBERT B. S. HAMMOND.)

If he had to express an opinion about the general tendency and effect of gambling in the community to-day he would say that it was one of the worst, if not the worst, of the evils which disfigured Australian life.—The Hon. T. R. Bavin, Attorney-General.

It is greatly to be deplored that public men like the Hon. T. R. Bavin should condemn gambling in scathing terms, declare it to be "one of the worst, if not the worst, of the evils which disfigure Australian life," picture in illuminating phrases the disastrous consequences of gambling, frame laws to suppress it, and then coolly declare that "he did not believe that there was anything inherently wrong in a modest bet or a ticket in a sweep."

Unless gambling can be shown to be "inherently wrong," then everyone is justified in a "modest bet," which ranges from a shilling for the shop-girl to £1000 for the very wealthy.

WHAT IS GAMBLING?

We must have a definition. What is this evil thing that the Attorney-General so greatly deplors?

Gambling is a transfer of property on the basis of chance. Gambling seeks to eliminate reason and justice and submit the decision to chance; commerce seeks to eliminate chance and submit the decision to reason and justice.

With gambling, chance is the essential principle, and to leave to chance what is the business of reason is to set up a principle that throws the orderliness of the universe into chaos and to defy God by dethroning reason. The will is treated in a ludicrously irrational manner, for in gambling it is the will to have no will, no voice in deciding who is to possess. Chance alone is to be the arbiter.

The evil of gambling can never be successfully combated until we get behind the secondary effects of the gambling habit to discover the essential immorality of the act itself.

Gambling, like lying or theft, is wrong, not because of the amount, but because of the principle involved.

It is so fundamentally wrong, so truly irrational, that evil, and only evil, flows, or can flow, from it.

BRUTALLY CALLOUS.

It is a brutally callous business. The lady who goes with her gambling gains to purchase a new trinket never seems to be conscious of the fact that her success is the result of someone else's loss, and may involve a pathetic visit to the pawnbroker, or the firm's till, or may even have its aftermath in the coroner's court.

If that which produces social misery is wrong, then gambling is indefensible, even

if "good people" can see no harm in it.

If you look at a bottle of arsenic you can see no harm in it; but it is essentially a poison and is a fatal and always dangerous drug even if some people can stand more of it than others.

MR. BAVIN'S DENUNCIATION.

Speaking to the men of the Killara Community Service Club, the Hon. T. R. Bavin said:

"It was the direct cause of a very large amount of dishonesty and crime, and caused every year the ruin of a large number of promising careers. It was the indirect cause of still more crime, because it encouraged the existence of a class of useless loafers who wanted to live without working. And men who lived or wanted to live without doing any honest work were nearly all actual or potential criminals. It was the ruin of good clean sport. Horseracing, which used to be called the sport of kings, was now the sport of keen money-makers. It hardly pretended to be anything else. Unfortunately, its degrading influence was making itself felt in other forms of sport. When the gambling instinct came in the sporting instinct generally went out."

THE ECONOMIC WASTE.

Mr. Bavin went on to say:

"Perhaps the worst thing about it was the attitude induced by the prevalence of the gambling spirit and of gambling facilities towards honest work. Any community whose members shirked hard work was on the down grade. Any people who wanted or tried to get rich except by hard work was in a bad way. The economic waste was appalling. There were many millions of pounds invested year by year in Australia in gambling. The expenditure was almost wholly unproductive—except for a generous crop of misery and crime. The same amount of money expended in other ways would mean a great expansion of useful industry. If they wanted to help in stemming this evil it was not necessary and not wise for them to go to extremes. But it was necessary for them as citizens and electors to help to prevent the extension of the spirit and facilities for gambling, and especially to prevent the young from being infected by it. It was necessary for them to keep sport clear of it. It was necessary, above all things, to spread in every possible way the truth that there was only one really profitable and useful way of making money, and that was by doing some useful work.

DAYLIGHT ROBBERY.

In all ages and among all peoples two, and only two, methods have been approved for the transfer of property. Self-respecting possession is only possible on the basis of exchange or benevolence. Gambling is not covered by either of these universally accepted means.

In gambling, benevolence is slain; it is not permitted any place in the transaction. There is no room for the play of the sense of justice, because in the nature of the case exchange is impossible. The "modest bet" which Mr. Bavin would sanction is an attempt to gamble innocently, but it is as impossible to do that as to steal innocently, for it is as wrong to steal threepenny bits from a millionaire as pound notes. To limit your gambling to what you can afford is also impossible, for betting involves as real a dishonor to the idea of humanity as slavery, for a benevolent slave-owner did not make slavery right. And no one can afford to do that which is inherently wrong, and transgress a universal law, no matter what be the size of their possessions.

IT IS INHERENTLY WRONG.

Gambling is always, quite apart from any apparent consequences, wrong. The ungodly and selfish may not acknowledge this, but the professing Christian, the good citizen, will find that this inherent wrongness challenges them to combat, and the fight can only end when the wrong is vanquished.

Gambling defies God when it dethrones reason, and puts chance in its place. Gambling is anti-social, and a community wrong in the unhappiness and crime that is inseparable from it.

Gambling is just daylight robbery, since neither exchange, justice nor benevolence has any say or part in the transfer of the property involved, and it is wrong in that it transgresses a universal law.

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What Have the Spooks Done?—

(Continued from page 6.)

SPORT AND GENEROSITY.

"I object to these attacks on sportsmen," said a friend to the writer the other day. We were discussing this question of gambling. "I object," he explained, "because you will find that sportsmen are always generous and open-handed; they will never refuse to give to any deserving charity. They are much more generous," he added defiantly "than the wowsers." That may quite possibly be true provided you understand just what it means. It is easy to be generous with what you have obtained for nothing. The man who gives a part of what he has earned gives a part of himself and is making an actual effort of self-sacrifice. The man who gives ten times the amount out of what he won at the races is making no sacrifice at all: he is giving what somebody else earned. Apart from this, however, the argument will not bear examination. It is one of those sentimental ad captandum appeals which are designed to influence not the reason but the emotions, and it is based on hopeless confusion of thought. It assumes that the word "sportsman" is synonymous with the word "punter" or gambler. A true sportsman is a fine character, but he is as rare on a racecourse as anywhere else. The majority of those who so confidently call themselves "sports" are not sportsmen at all: they are just parasites.

ASSAULTS ON THE POLICE.

At a meeting of the Broken Hill Branch of the Police Association the other day, the frequency of assaults on the police whilst in the execution of their duty was the subject of much unfavorable comment, and the opinion was expressed that the penalties imposed by magistrates for this class of offence are far too light. It was stated that in six weeks there had been six violent assaults on policemen, and that comparatively light fines had been imposed. It was resolved to send an emphatic protest to the Minister for Justice urging that more effective punishment should be meted out. We are in entire sympathy with the police in this matter. The work of a policeman is a thankless task at the best of times. He is called upon to protect the public in all sorts of circumstances, and the least he has a right to expect is that he should, in turn, receive adequate protection from the public. Assaults on policemen are of very frequent occurrence. Cases are continually appearing in the newspapers, and it is evident to us that

the only way to cope with the evil is to send offenders to prison in every case without the option of a fine.

DRUNKEN MOTOR DRIVERS.

Our magistrates continue to impose fines on drunken motor drivers, and the list of motoring accidents, more or less serious, especially during the week-end, continues to pile up, and will go on doing so for the reason that fines have no terrors for such offenders. We suppose that, in the present state of the law, the magistrates have no option, but it is high time that they had the power, if they have not got it already, to send drunken motorists to jail without the option of a fine. Mr. Laidlaw, S.M., fined one man £5, in default one month, recently, and Mr. Gale, S.M., imposed double that penalty, with the option of two months in jail, on another offender last week. Mr. Laidlaw said he considered a drunken driver in charge of a car to be a menace to the public, which he undoubtedly is. In England, as we showed last week, magistrates are sending intoxicated motorists to jail without the option of a fine, and if the law in New South Wales does not permit of this at present, we urge the Government to consider the advisability of amending the law without further delay.

THE BEST POLICEMAN.

According to the "Labor Daily" Harold Porter, a laborer, was hardly complimentary to Constable Howlett, who arrested him, when he stated that a bottle of whisky was the best policeman he knew of. Porter pleaded guilty at the Quarter Sessions recently to a charge of breaking and entering the club-house at the Moore Park Golf Links on August 29 and stealing therefrom a quantity of clothing. Facts surrounding the charge were that

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Porter broke into the building, forced the lockers, and gathered some clothes, which he took away, and returned later for more. In his second raid he came across a bottle of whisky. He pegged away at its contents until he fell asleep and, in the morning, was awakened by the constable, who had been summoned by the caretaker. He confessed to the crime and, indicating the whisky bottle, said: "That is the best policeman I know of. I drank the stuff; it beat me, and I could not get away."

KNIGHT ERRANDRY PENALISED.

That is what one of the newspapers called it—"knight errantry." Of course there are various kinds of knight errantry. This particular kind cost its votary £3, in default 21 days in jail. It is by the by, worth noticing that jail, or rather escape from going to jail, works out, according to fines, at £1 a week. You get £1 or seven days; £2 or fourteen days; £3 or twenty-one days; £4 or one month; and so on. That is, however, nothing to our story, which, being of knight errantry, naturally concerns a fayre ladye and her knight. In other terms, Arthur Joseph Barton (29), laborer, tired of a quiet life, decided to become more animated last Saturday afternoon at North Sydney. A women friend, who lives in the same locality as himself, had been arrested by Constable Hanson for imbibing too freely, and Barton, as knight errant, set out to rescue the captured one and restore her to the liberty of North Shore. When the woman was arrested the constable stated defendant urged her to resist. She struggled, but the guardian of the law won. Mr. Camphin announced "£3, or 21 days," and thereafter all was peace.

AN AMERICAN DECISION.

It seems, says an American exchange, to have fallen to the lot of Judge Learned Hand, and the United States Federal Court especially, to deal with the complexities of the American liquor laws. The Judge's latest ruling involved the dismissal of libel proceedings against the royal mail steamer Orduna for alleged violation of the Prohibition and narcotic laws. The Federal prosecutor, in the complaint, cited 45 alleged causes for forfeiture, of which the Court recognised only six, which fixed penalties because of failure to manifest liquor supplies on board. The Court held that since the Orduna unquestionably was a common carrier, her failure to manifest narcotics and liquor constituted no ground for forfeiture unless the owners' privity thereto was alleged. The Government had contended that it was unnecessary to prove owners' privity or consent.

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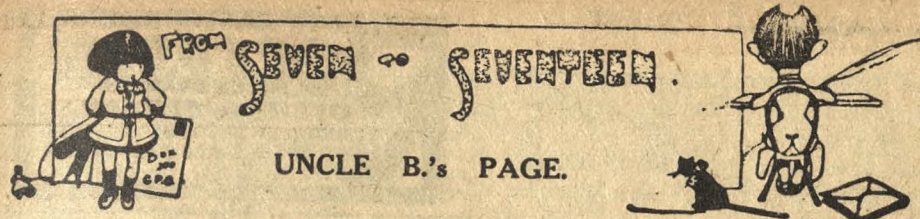
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THE "GRIT" STALL.

Is there to be a "Grit" stall? All together, please, say "Yes."

I have a delightful scallywag who is going to trim me a hat. I do not know if that means she will trim my only hat, or trim a sunshade for me to wear when I go surfing, or maybe she will just trim me, or perhaps just trim a hat which I am to sell to someone else. Anyhow, I am on the tip-toe of expectation, and surely everyone will say, "Where did you get that hat?"

The best caramel maker in Australia is going to make 50lbs. of caramels. My, I can see a good time ahead. I wonder how much of my sixpence a week pocket money I can save up by December 4.

I will shout one life-saving ice cream to any Ne, Ni, Honorary or scallywag who lets me know they are coming.

I think we will meet at the "Grit" stall at 3 o'clock on Saturday, December 6. My, that will be great.

UNCLE B.

OUR LETTER BAG.

WATCH THOSE CHICKENS.

Irene Armstrong, "Rosedale," McKee's Hill, writes: I am a scallywag by this, and I want to be crossed off that horrible black list, promising I shall never get on it again. Our concert was about a fortnight ago. It was nice. My sister and I were not able to attend the concert to do our parts for we had the mumps. All of our family have had the mumps. They are all right as long as you don't run about and get a chill. This week we have holidays, but I wish I was back again, for I am tired of holidays. I've had three weeks already. The weather has been stormy lately, and this afternoon it is raining. It just came in the right time, for the farmers needed it very badly. Our flower garden is all out now, and looks very pretty. Marge and Dorrie went to Sunday school and church this morning. We are soon having our S.S. exam. now. There is going to be a picnic here on Wednesday, so we are having plenty of fun lately. We have a lot of cows coming in at present. I suppose that will mean more milking to do. My sister has a pony; its name is "Bonnie." Dad has seven horses. I always like reading "Grit." I like pages eleven and twelve best. Wouldn't it

be lovely if Prohibition won? My mother has a lot of chicks—nineteen in one lot and eleven in another clutch. They are dear little things, especially the last lot. We also have two more clutches (older ones). Our grapevine is in blossom at present. The blossoms have a lovely perfume. I don't seem to have much to tell you, do I? Uncle, I wonder if there are many scallywags now. Well, I hope there are not. Here are some riddles: What is the difference between a flea and an elephant? A.: An elephant can have fleas, but a flea can't have elephants. Q.: Why is a hen sitting on a gatepost like a penny? A.: It's heads on one side and tails on the other.

(Dear Irene,—You are off the horrible black list—but not very far off. So, watch out lest you slip on it again. If you lose any of those chickens, come down and hunt round the Fair at the Sydney Town Hall and see if you can recognise them.—Uncle B.)

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LETTER No. 2.

Ellen Hawke, "Lynton," Gunningbland, writes:

I was pleased to see my first letter in print. I think my time is up to write again. We have just had 37 points of rain. We have three cats; their names are Narelle, Ruby and Tim. I have two canaries; they can sing beautifully. We have a baby rose which is in bloom. Our freesias are in bloom, too; they have a beautiful fragrance. The fruit trees have small fruit on them. The grapevines are just beginning to break out in leaf. Our school broke up on Friday for the Michaelmas holidays. I got over my cold I told you about in my last letter. Most of our wheat is out in ear or is just bursting out. It seems as if it is going to be a good season this year. Everything is growing so well. We had our school picnic about two and a half weeks ago. I got a book called "Beyond the Blue Mountains." It is a very nice little book. We had our quarterly examination last week; I got a pass. I will close now, hoping Prohibition every success.

(Dear Ellen,—I was glad to receive your letter No. 2, and hope you will never be a scallywag. I wonder what you are planning to do for the Great White Fair?—Uncle B.)

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FOR MANY YEARS.

Reg. Booth, Taree, writes:

I have been a very keen reader of "Grit" ever since quite a youngster, and have never noticed a letter from Taree, so I thought I should like to write. I will be fifteen on October 2. I attend the Taree High School, and have nearly completed my first year. We are very proud of our school for its past

achievements, both in sports and learning. Last Wednesday the Taree, Parramatta and Newcastle schools met to play for the Hooki Cup, which was so called after the donor, Mr. A. M. Hooki, of Taree. The cup was won by Parramatta with 22 points, Taree 2nd with 18 points, and Newcastle 3rd with 8 points. We hope to secure the cup next year. The new Taree High School is nearing completion now, and when finished it will cost over £20,000. We are to pay fees, which are £2/2/- per quarter. I hope I shall be able to get a photo to send to you. I am also glad to say that our Methodist Sunday School has grown so large that it was necessary for a new building to be put up. It is a brick building, costing about £1200. It is to be opened by the President of the Conference in November. My mother and father have returned to the Solomon Islands after about three months' holiday with us here. They are hoping to come home for good next year. I must close now with much love to yourself and nieces and nephews.

(Dear Reg,—I am so pleased that at last you have written. I would like to meet you, and hope some day when you come to Sydney you will look me up. I love anyone who is keen on "Grit."—Uncle B.)

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MY ASSISTANT "GOOZOOSOLUM."

Albert Cassidy, "Glen Hope," Oura, via Wagga, writes: The last time I wrote was on July 6, so that means I am just a scallywag. A new nights ago I was haunted in my sleep by a "goozoosolum," so it made me think that I must be a scallywag. The other day I met with an adventure. I was coming home from setting rabbit traps and there was a rabbit burrow broken in and a horse had trod in it and made a hole. I was chopping the ground with the mattock, and as I was walking along I got a fright, for there, about a couple of feet in front of me, was a big brown snake with his head poking out of the hole. I hit at it with the mattock and it went back a bit, so I ran away. So that was the end of my adventure. Now I must tell you about my dog. She is a red sheep bitch; her name is Needle. She had eight pups, but we only kept two. Although she is a sheep dog she will bring up the cows for me, so she saves me a lot of trouble. I just stand at the yard and send her; she does not rush them along, but brings them up steadily, like a good dog would do. I cannot rake up any more news, so I must close now, with good luck to you and all your many Ni's and Ne's.

(Dear Albert,—I am glad my friend and overworked Mr. "Goozoosolum" stirred you up. He complains that he is very overworked, and finds some of my scallywags very hard of hearing. I told him that anything for the "Grit" stall would wipe the sender off the black list for six months.—Uncle B.)

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Our wives may sigh,

Our children cry,

But Prohibition we defy,
 And all its boasted claims deny.
 No law on earth can make us dry.
 No law can never make us dry."

But tipplers' wives have this to say:
 "We'll do our best by night and day
 To keep the tipplers' booze away,
 And check them on their downward way.

Tipplers may sigh,

Protest or cry.

The Prohibition they defy
 Gives us the right to make them dry.
 We will; they'll thank us by and by.
 They'll bless and thank us by and by."

"We have the right," bootleggers say,
 "To peddle booze by night and day;
 But, oh! it don't our expenses pay;
 We lead a life that's far from gay.

Fines make us sigh,

Pens make us cry;

The stuff we sell few dare to buy.
 With all the tipplers going dry
 We might as well give up and die.
 We'll drink our dope ourselves, and die!"

—Addie Davis Fries.

"If Prohibition in the United States did nothing more than to take the booze and beer advertisements off the billboards and electric signs and out of the newspapers and periodicals, it is worth keeping just for that," says W. W. Peck, a leader of the British Columbia Prohibition Association.

A CATHOLIC PRIEST.

Father Joseph McNamee, pastor of St. David's Church in the Chicago Stockyard district, says:

"Mayor Dever has given us Prohibition with all the blessings that the most sanguine Prohibitionist anticipated. As we priests visit the people we find that the cases of charity are few and accidental, and not chronic as formerly. The workingmen's weekly cheque, instead of being cashed over the bar, is now cashed by the wife or one of the children in the grocery. The voluntary offerings in church are two or three times as much as they were in the saloon days.

"People do not move away from the district as of old; the flats in the vicinity of the former saloons are more in demand, and command a higher rent. Once in a while an old-timer calls to take the pledge against moonshine. For the life of me I have not been able to discover newly-made drunkards. The old ones will pass away with little prospect of successors.

"In the past the politician did not have to advance an idea; he got votes with a shake of the hand and a drink. To-day he must say something. Liquor men shaped the political ideals and activities of our foreigners who now have more time to drink in the fundamentals of American democracy. Mayor Dever has ended the rich harvest of a few of the unscrupulous Chicago-born who protected the foreign-born saloonkeeper from the Prohibition law at a great price."

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LOCAL COLOR.

The artist was busy painting a picture of the ruined castle on the hills. He was watched with great interest by an old countryman, who stood silently by him for almost an hour, a look of almost painful intentness on his weather-beaten countenance.

"You are interested in painting?" asked the painter, looking up at last.

"Ay," replied the old man shortly.

"I am staying in this part for a few weeks," went on the artist resuming his work. "I am doing a series of country scenes, and I love to get a little local color."

"You're gettin' it, mister—you're gettin' it," answered the old man. "I jus' painted that bench you're sittin' on!"

TROUBLE AND MORE OF IT.

Steward: "I thought I'd just bring you a little something to eat up here on deck, sir, and save you trouble."

Passenger: "Thanks, steward; save me a little more trouble and throw it over the rail."

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CRUELTY OF A MOTHER.

Mrs. Jones down in Maine, was much perturbed by a missive she received from her sister in Boston.

"Jacob," said she to her husband, as she read, "I call this downright cruel."

"What's the matter?" asked Jacob.

"Why, in this letter Mary tells me she gets help in raisin' her children from a mother's club. I do believe in a slipper sometimes, an' a good birchin' doesn't do a child any harm, but I never used any club on my offspring!"

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SAFE.

Old John, custodian of the bathhouses at an English resort, was in the habit of entering Miss Augusta's compartment before she had completely re clothed herself.

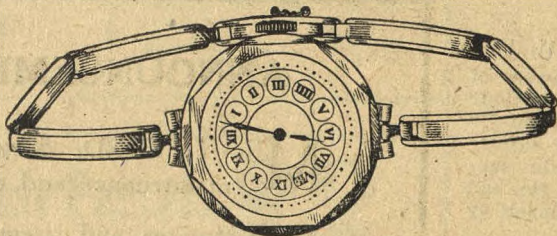
One morning she said to him: "John you ought to knock before you come in. Some day you might come in while I was undressed."

To which honest old John replied: "Lor' bless you, miss! no danger of that. I allus peeks through the knot-hole afore I comes in."

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SUNDAY.

"If ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."—Matt., 6 14.

"Mark well the terms on which final absolution rests—forgiveness such as that which here on earth we impart to others, the righteous Judge will unto us accord at the dread day of universal judgment." This is good advice. We should ever remember that in forgiving others we are forgiving ourselves. As we forgive, we shall be forgiven. If you say you forgive and cannot forget, you are inviting God to remember your sins. What good is such forgiveness? Remember you have sinned far more against God than your worst enemy has ever sinned against you. Remember your own sins, but forget the sins of others. Put yourself in your enemy's place, and perhaps in the same circumstances you might have done the same. Maybe the thing which seemed of ill-intent was not really so. "To err is human, to forgive divine." "In taking revenge man is but even with his enemy, but in passing it over he is superior."

MONDAY.

"Be patient toward all men."

Let us be patient with our brother man,
Let us not brood o'er wrongs which were
not meant.

All is not hardness, did we closer scan;
Perchance the words which seemed of ill-
intent,
Came from a heart with tenderness o'er-
flowing,
Spoken for good not ill, but all without our
knowing.

Let us be patient. God has been with us,
Although unlike Him in His tender love.
Let us remember Him, and love them thus;
So shall we soon their deeper feelings
move.

All may not be alike, but we will be for-
bearing
With all who differ, who one hope are
sharing.

—From "Love."

TUESDAY.

"All things are of God."—1 Cor., 11, 12.

"Do you ever reflect that your powers of accomplishment are direct mercies from God? God does a more wonderful thing when He holds all your faculties in such nice adjustment and perfect play that you win success, than He would have even if He had wrought the fruit of that success Himself by a miracle."—Beecher.

Yet how prone are men to forget this, and to cry, "It is the voice of a God, and not of a man," when some great orator or speaker pleases their ear; how the crowd will shout in the praise of some great athlete and how many will take the praise to themselves for the gifts bestowed upon them, instead of giving the glory to God. Hero worship is another name for idolatry. "He gave not glory to God and was eaten of worms and died" was said of one of old when he boasted of his power and riches. Was not Nebuchadnezzar rebuked for his pride and vainglory by having his reason taken from him? "Those who walk in pride God is able to abase." Whatever gift you possess it is of God, and should be devoted to Him.

WEDNESDAY.

"Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his

riches. But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he knoweth me, that I am the Lord."—Jer., 9, 23.

"We need a preparation for usefulness, a thorough breaking down, a thorough emptying, a thorough bruising. God cannot trust us with success till we are thus laid low; we are not fit to receive it, nor would He get the glory, therefore He sends sore and heavy trials in order to make us vessels meet for the Master's use. And we often see our heaviest trials are forerunners of our greatest usefulness. It is the bruised reed that is oftenest the instrument in God's hands for working His mighty signs and wonders."—W. Brock.

THURSDAY.

LITTLE DUTIES.

A word unsaid seems a little thing,

But, alas I may never know
If the coming days to, a soul may bring
The truth that I fail to show.

A song unsung seems a little thing,
But the heart that I left to-day
May pine for the songs that I did not sing
As it goes on its cheerless way.

A deed undone seems a little thing,
But the burden I might have shared
Has left a heart with a bitter sting
Of the thought that "nobody cared."

'Tis the little things that the burdened
heart

In the time of trial heeds.
Then let us lighten life's ache and smart
With the sunshine of little deeds.
—"Woman's World."

FRIDAY.

There is not the smallest accident which may seem unto man as falling out by chance, and of no consequence, but that the same is caused by God to effect something else by it, yea, and oftentimes to effect things of the greatest worldly importance, either presently, or many years after, when the occasions are either not considered or forgotten.—Sir W. Raleigh.

SATURDAY.

"Now we see through a glass darkly."

Why must the flower be crushed to give its sweetness?

Why must the grapes be bruised to yield their wine?

The fruit itself can never reach completeness
Until it is cut and pruned the growing vine.

The whole creation groans with pain to-
gether.

Waiting the unfolding of the life to be.
We know not of the "why," and question
as to whether

This thing should be, but all is mystery.

Children upon the shores of Time, we gather
A pebble here and there, but there remain
Still unexplored the ocean depths. Our
Father

Would have us trust until He makes all
plain.

This is the preparation class—beginning
Of our life's alphabet, but by and by
We shall go home, and we, our prizes win-
ning,

Perfect our knowledge in our house on
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—F.T.

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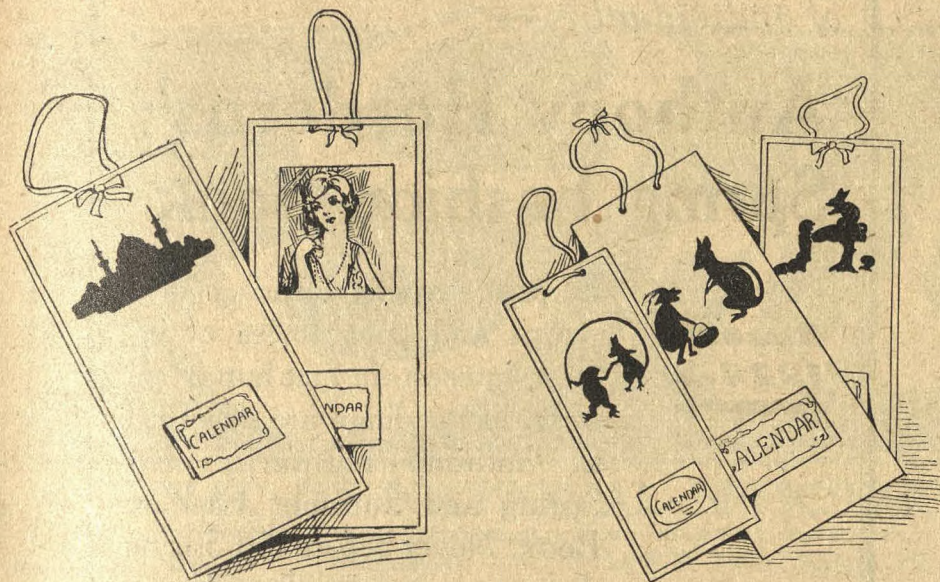
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(By DR. W. A. EVANS, in "Boston Herald," June 4.)

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I don't know what we are coming to. The Federal Government will not allow us to eat opium. The State and Federal Governments have shut off our booze. The Police Department is abolishing red light districts. The health departments are vaccinating the people against smallpox, diphtheria, typhoid fever, and scarlet fever. And now the most inhuman of these compulsions, we have got to eat iodine in our salt!

O, for the good old days of personal liberty, when a fellow could get drunk and shoot up the town or eat opium and make his wife starve to death, or aid and abet his children in having smallpox and diphtheria; or have a few choice diseases himself, which his wife might not like, but which she must get for the sake of the family. Wouldn't it be fine to have those old free days when a fellow could wallow in his own filth to his heart's content and then go out and smear his neighbors?

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