

**Leisure is a Most Powerful Agent**

By A. WANGEMANN, Chicago

The accumulation of wealth is the first great step in progress, because without wealth there can be no leisure and without leisure no knowledge. If wealth is consumed as fast as it is produced there can be no accumulation of capital—no residue by which the unemployed may be maintained. But if the product of labor—wealth—is greater, then arises an overplus out of which, immediately or remotely, everyone who does not by his own labor create the wealth upon which he lives is supported.

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It is self-evident that "leisure," the most powerful agent in democratizing knowledge, depends upon regularity, which is necessary in wealth production, and upon the actual return made to labor for changing the bounty of nature—land—by work into wealth. This we have neither fully understood nor can we solve the problem fairly until we enable the working masses, through more leisure, to gain a better fundamental knowledge of the relations of progress and poverty and the periodic effects of "privilege" production and distribution upon the welfare and destiny of us all.

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With flour quoted above \$7 a barrel and predictions of an equal rise in meat prices, America is confronted with the most serious food situation since Civil war days.

**Necessity of Making Farms More Attractive**

By J. Thomas Mathiot, Banker, St. Paul, Minn.

This situation is extremely serious, but it may prove a blessing in disguise. It may serve to impress upon the minds of the people of the United States the absolute necessity of making the farm a more attractive home center.

For the past decade there has been a steady emigration from rural districts to the towns and cities. Economists have preached against this condition, and sociologists have endeavored to point out the natural results, but the general public has paid little heed to their warnings.

When the residents of the congested centers, however, are called upon to pay six or ten cents a loaf for bread, and proportionately high prices for meat, the true import of the problem will be brought home to them.

The grain crops of this country this year were, to be sure, abnormally large, but were they proportionate to the population? In seeking a refutation of the contention that they were, one has merely to go into the agricultural states of the West. Ten years ago the great wheat fields of Iowa were tilled by their owners—men content to take a proper return for their labor. Today those farmers have turned into land speculators. They have secured their quarter sections, or more, and moved into the towns. They have gone where their children can have better educational facilities, and the older members of their families can find entertainment. The farms have been left to tenants.

This will eventually mean not only a lessening of the yield from the farm lands, but a robbing of the soil. The tenant has simply a temporary term on the land, and consequently he is going to get as much from the soil as possible with as little nurturing as possible.

This condition does not prevail in Iowa alone. It applies alike to agricultural sections throughout the country.

**Human Being Cannot Help Telling a Lie**

By M. A. BLISS, Attorney, Columbus, O.

The ordinary human being cannot help telling a lie occasionally. A little while ago I was attorney for a man in a libel suit, and the question of veracity was injected into the proceedings. The other side called an expert to prove that most everybody lies, and he introduced some statistics. This man declared that in six months he had found that a legislator in 30 interviews had lied 10 times. A doctor whom he had interviewed told 14 lies in 25 meetings, and a young lawyer in 40 conversations had departed from the truth 23 times. An older advocate falsified 28 times in 40 conversations. Out of ten remarks by a banker five were untrue, and one literally true statement was made with intention to mislead. A grocer in 15 talks lied 40 times, and the man's grandmother, he said, managed to get in seven falsehoods in eight conversations.

Young married women, according to this expert, are more prone to tell little lies than others, for the young woman whom he had kept tab on told untruths 15 times in 11 calls.

In six months this man's servant girl, he declared, told 150 lies. In all he had kept account of 377 conversations, and there were 324 lies. Of this number 100 were traceable to vanity, 60 were told to advance the speaker's personal interests, 50 were put forth to conceal some embarrassing defect, 50 to injure some other person, and 50 to make excuses for not doing what had been promised.

**Curing Drunkards by Law Not Pleasing**

By A. B. CLARKE, Indianapolis, Ind.

It does very little good to arrest a man for inebriety, which is a form of disease, and should be treated as such.

The city, county or United Charities should establish a free home where drunkards could be confined for a few weeks and given the liquor cure.

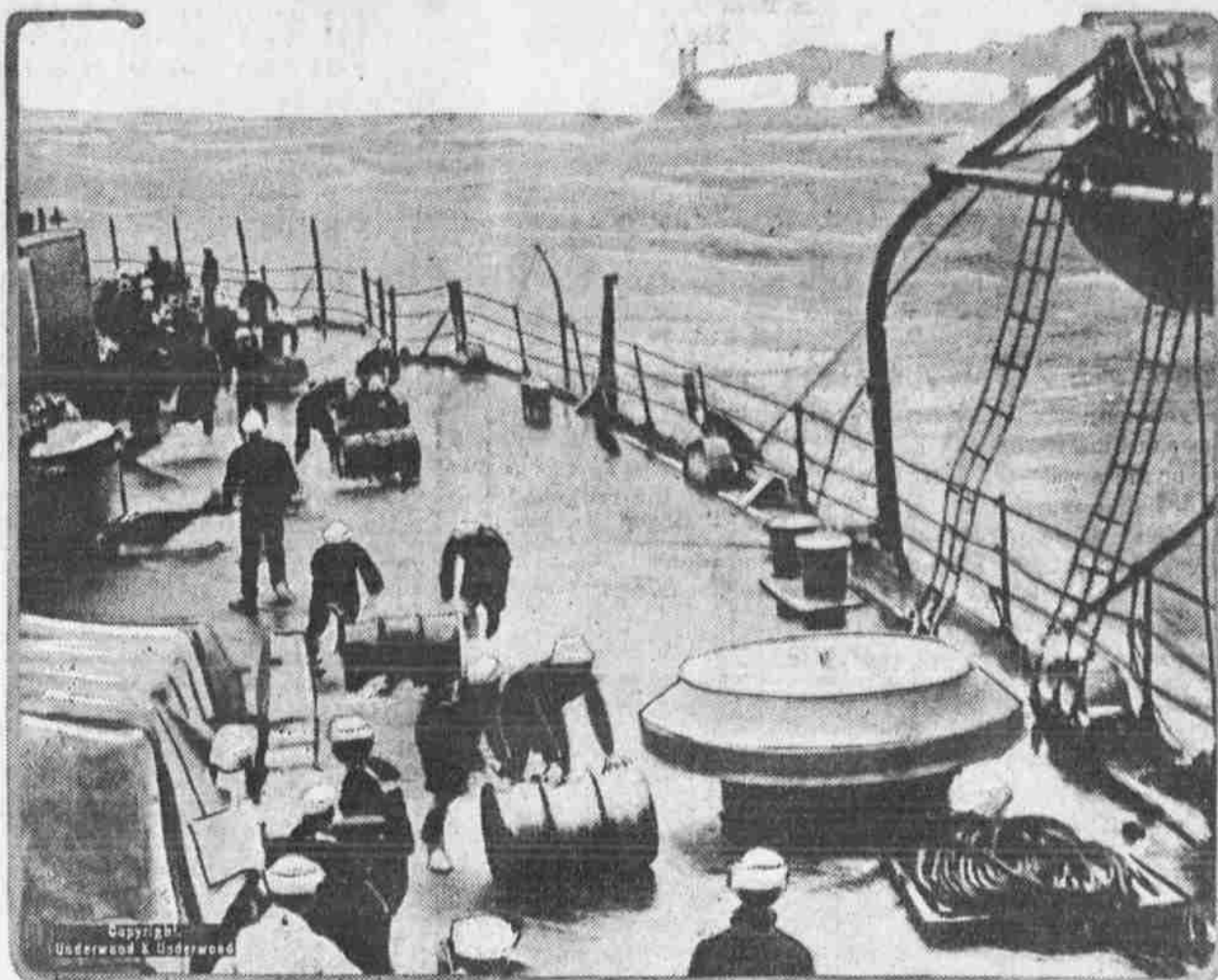
But some people cannot afford to go to them, nor have they the least desire to do so.

But if they were sent there instead of to a prison when arrested they could be compelled to take the cure.

What a blessing it would be to their families when they returned home, cured of the curse of drink!

Drunkards are arrested for disorderly conduct and sent to a prison. When their term has expired they are set at liberty, and are ready to do the same thing over again.

**AMERICAN FLEET IN STORMY WEATHER**



The United States fleet under Admiral Fletcher, bound to Guantanamo for target practice, encountered severe storms. The picture shows a scene aboard the battleship Florida when jacks were moving gasoline tanks to a place of safety to keep them from being washed overboard.

**WHAT GERMAN AIRSHIP BOMBS DID TO KING'S LYNN**



Houses in Albert road, King's Lynn, England, wrecked by bombs dropped from German aircraft that raided several coast cities on January 19.

**SENDING OFF THE LAFAYETTE KITS**



Several hours before the steamship Rochambeau of the French line sailed for Havre, France, Mrs. William Astor Chanler of New York city stood on the captain's bridge with Raphael Dumont, commander of the Rochambeau, watching the stowing of many huge cases in the hold of the vessel. They contained comfort kits being sent by the Lafayette fund to the French soldiers in the trenches. Mrs. Chanler had charge of this, the fourth shipment of 1,000 kits.

**WILL LECTURE ON GERMANY**



Dressed in the field uniform of a German army officer, Miss Wilma Sanda, an American woman, is coming to the United States from Germany to talk on German truth, institutions, economy, militarism and kindred topics.

Swiss Glaciers Shrinking. All of Switzerland's glaciers are receding perceptibly, one notable one having shrunk more than one thousand feet in the last ten years.

**THIS WOMAN'S SICKNESS**

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Bridgeton, N.J.—"I want to thank you a thousand times for the wonderful good Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done for me. I suffered very much from a female trouble. I had bearing down pains, was irregular and at times could hardly walk across the room. I was unable to do my housework or attend to my baby I was so weak. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound did me a world of good, and now I am strong and healthy, can do my work and tend my baby. I advise all suffering women to take it and get well as I did."—Mrs. FANNIE COOPER, R.F.D., Bridgeton, N.J.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from native roots and herbs, contains no narcotic or harmful drugs, and to-day holds the record of being the most successful remedy for female ills we know of, and thousands of voluntary testimonials on file in the Pinkham laboratory at Lynn, Mass., seem to prove this fact.

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If you want special advice write to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., (confidential) Lynn, Mass. Your letter will be opened, read and answered by a woman and held in strict confidence.

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A Tip. "How can I keep my hair from falling out?" "Don't do anything that annoys it."

You never can tell. Many a man who writes pretty punk love letters makes a mighty good husband.

Breaking It Gently. Maid—Thieves got into a house in this street last night and stole all the silver.

Mistress—What stupid people to leave doors unlocked! Whose house was it?

Maid—It was at number 7.

Mistress—Why, that is our house!

Maid—Yes, ma'am, but I did not want to frighten you.

**WHEN KIDNEYS ACT BAD TAKE GLASS OF SALTS**

Eat Less Meat if Kidneys Hurt or You Have Backache or Bladder Misery—Meat Forms Uric Acid.

No man or woman who eats meat regularly can make a mistake by flushing the kidneys occasionally, says a well-known authority. Meat forms uric acid which clogs the kidney pores so they sluggishly filter or strain only part of the waste and poisons from the blood, then you get sick. Nearly all rheumatism, headaches, liver trouble, nervousness, constipation, dizziness, sleeplessness, bladder disorders come from sluggish kidneys.

The moment you feel a dull ache in the kidneys or your back hurts, or if the urine is cloudy, offensive, full of sediment, irregular of passage or attended by a sensation of scalding, get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any reliable pharmacy and take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia and has been used for generations to flush clogged kidneys and stimulate them to activity, also to neutralize the acids in urine so it no longer causes irritation, thus ending bladder disorders.

Jad Salts is inexpensive and cannot injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which all regular meat eaters should take now and then to keep the kidneys clean and the blood pure, thereby avoiding serious kidney complications.—Adv.

Quite Probable. Teacher—The passive verb, Johnny, expresses the nature of receiving an action. For instance, "Johnny is spanked." Now tell me what does Johnny do? Student (with imagination)—Johnny hollers.

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