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THE BETTER WAY.

"Since time immemorial man has had a weakness in his make-up that is not limited to race or geography," says the Montreal Herald. "We love to be deluded, we scorn fact and favor fancy, and we cater to that which is sensational. In this modern era of wonders most of us have an inborn desire to find a short route to wealth. It does not necessarily follow that all men are shirkers, but human nature all over the world averages the same. When an ordinary appeal to our faith, when a dispassionate proposal is made in the introduction of something new, we are cold or disinterested, regardless of the merits of the project. But let the presentation of the idea be made in a sensational manner with extravagant statements, flashy, literature, and extensive ballyhooing, the majority of men give ear to the argument at once.

Earning money is one thing, saving it is another. Most of us find the latter so difficult that we rather welcome any clue to "the short cut to wealth." Unscrupulous promoters of the various wildcat schemes from "oils to exchange" are students of human nature and ever alert with some new appeal to our gullible ears. We do not seem to profit by the experience of others, and the same old brick with a new coat of gilt glitters just as attractively today for the unwary as it did in the past.

"Work and not money is wealth," and the only legitimate way of getting a share of the goods of this world is by the proper handling of our earnings, and the sensible investing of our savings. It is a slow way of getting wealthy the quickest.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: Both the hobo and the tramp, making the distinction which the hobos always insist shall be made, virtually disappeared during the five years between the time in 1915, when Europe began making such a demand upon us as vastly to increase our activities in all lines, until the present time. The tramp, under the impulse of prices for both skilled and unskilled labor such as were never before offered, must have concluded that there was more profit in work than in idleness. At any rate, the genius disappeared from the highways of travel. Possibly their entrance upon industry may have been a contributing cause to the unrest and increasing number of strikes for more wages and shorter hours in many lines. For the tramp, almost as a rule, is a man of that sort of rude eloquence and physical magnetism to impress many of his fellows. The return of the wanderers to the roads may not be a very cheering indication of a return to pre-war conditions.

Detroit News: A book to be worth something to a reader ought to be chosen with regard to this particular reader's needs and capacities at the time the book is read. No doctor would think of prescribing a remedy for a patient whom he has never seen and concerning whose illness he knows nothing. If he did he would be a quack. There is no average reader any more than there is an average patient. To a certain type of individual Dickens may be wholly satisfying; while another may want nothing other than the sociological novels of H. G. Wells; and there are people to whom Dante's Divine Comedy is even today food fit for the gods.

Charlottetown Guardian: Charity begins at home but it does not end there. We have our own poor, our own orphans, our own sick and our first duty is to them. In the Christmas season now approaching, the season of joy and gladness for those who have plenty, the season of accentuated misery and sorrow to those in need, let us not forget our own, for they are our own. Turn it how we will, we are our brother's keeper, and our brother is he who is lying at our own gate looking longingly at the crumbs that fall from our table. "And inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these ye have done it unto Me."

"Verdun," said a foreign diplomat in speaking at the inauguration of the monument in honor of soldiers who died in defending Verdun, "is the new Thermopylae where civilization itself does honor to France." Who won the war? Millions of men and women who remained steadfast in the face of ter-

rible danger and labored unceasingly, and in many different ways, to save the world from a reign of barbarism. But among all the heroes of those four awful years were any more noble than the French poilus who barred the war at Verdun? "They shall not pass," and through suffering and death the Verdun heroes kept their pledge to France and to the world.

Says the Brantford Expositor: The report of the pulp and paper imports into Japan for the first six months of the present year indicate that Canada has lost the lead which it maintained for three years. Sweden has this year shipped sixty per cent. of the paper total, while Canadian mills have only supplied twenty-nine per cent, and the United States mills seventeen per cent whereas formerly the United States shipped sixty per cent. of the paper and pulp products that were imported into Japan. The figures indicate that Sweden has shipped more pulp and paper into Japan for the first six months of the year than the United States and Canada combined.

London Daily Mail: By all accounts from all the populous centres the leading Guy Fawkes this year is "Pussyfoot," who still reigns on the bonfire after his sudden accession to fame last year. His methods seem to have struck the popular imagination and attracted popular dislike. The history of "Guy Fawkeses," could it be written, would supply curious material as to public antipathies. During the war William II. was easily first in this respect, but as the police regulations very early in the struggle forbade bonfires and fireworks, his effigy could not always be consumed with the usual rites.

The Ugly Ducklings, an organization of men students with clock-stopping faces, was revived at the Minnesota University recently. Only three of the original members were present the rest having all been expelled for breaking the rule of the society—friendliness with the other sex. The sister organization, the Goosy Goslings of girl students with milk-souring visages, has not been revived owing to the lack of any material whatsoever that could remain firm in their misanthropy.

Halifax Echo: One million were celebrated in the United States in 1919, but only 70,000 new homes were erected—400,000 short of the actual needs. In 1890 an average of 110.25 families occupied each 100 homes. Today there are 125 families for each 100 homes and no relief is in sight. With a conservative estimate of 27,900,00 families in the United States by 1925, at least 500,000 homes must be built, and then the building programme would be on a small scale.

Sydney Record: Mr. L. J. Gauthier, M. P., who may enter the Meighen Government, is quoted as saying that if he joins the Government he will still remain a Liberal. There is no law to prevent any man from calling himself a Liberal; but no man who is in sympathy with the present Ottawa Government is a Liberal at heart, no matter how he describes himself in the Parliamentary Guide.

A ton of coal in England costs \$8.31 at the pithead. The miners get \$6.06, office and other expenses cost about \$1.49, royalties are 16 cents, capital adjustments are 8 cents, and the owners get 52 cents. These are reliable figures, issued by government authority.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Bland, of Robertsville claim the parents' championship of North Carolina with 34 children, of whom 28 are still living. Of the children 21 are boys and there were two sets of twins. Mr. Bland is 65 and his wife 63. Nine of the children were born in the last 10 years.

New York World: It is the distinction of the United States today that it is the only civilized nation that is unrepresented at Geneva by reason of its own voluntary action. If this country can be proud of that record it can be proud of anything.

KITTEN FOUND IN MAIL-SACK

New York, Dec. 16—A half dozen mail handlers on a Hudson River pier today received the fright of their lives. The truth of the adage that a cat has nine lives was once more vindicated, and employees of New York's central Postoffice adopted a pet today—all as a result of a skein of fate which began unwinding eight days ago in Manchester, Eng.

Buried deep in a pile of 6100 mail bags in the hold of the steamer Aquitania, a sealed mail sack made the trans-Atlantic journey, and today was unloaded on the pier. A workman noticed a slight movement in the bag. "Help! Murder! A bomb!" he shouted. And the dock swarmed with men who ran for their lives.

Venturing back after their first fear was calmed, some of the boldest investigated, with the result that the

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Just as the girls begin wearing 'em that way the days get shorter too.

Barnum may have been right in his century but now aren't two born every minute?

"An apple skin is a hundredth of an inch thick." This raises the question: How thick is the skin of Ben Davis?

If the price of corn goes much lower and the price of eggs much higher it will soon be profitable for the average urbanite to keep a hen.

If a dressmaker's stitches were like her promises the dress she makes wouldn't hold together after being worn once.

Most people have it all planned out just what they will do when they meet a holdup man. And then they do something else.

A social worker says husbands come home earlier under prohibition. They haven't the same excuse for failing to remember where they've been.

Boys who used to make fun at the redheaded girl in their room at school have grown up to be men who cast admiring glances at one on the street.

Mrs. Charlie Chaplin, there is reason to fear, is helping to create a dread of hard times to come. The poor woman, in the adversity of divorce, complains that she doesn't know how she is going to get along on her allowance of \$50,000 a year.

KINDERGARTEN HAD CLOSING EXERCISES

The closing of Miss Helen Carvell's Kindergarten this morning was very interesting the seventeen little boys and girls took part in the excellent programme provided, and did surprisingly well. The choruses were excellent and the little sketches and dialogues would do credit to much older children. The dialogue "Happy Family" was especially good, those taking part were Jim McLellan, Toodles McFarlane, Barbara Wetmore and Ernest VanDine. Little Betty Irvine recited very nicely. The Toy Shop dialogue with chorus was excellent. In fact every number on the programme was all that could be desired. Much credit is due the esteemed teacher for the grand success in training the little ones.

The room was beautifully decorated for the occasion and a large Christmas tree adorned one corner from which gifts were distributed. Miss Carvell was presented with a purse from the parents of her pupils and each mother and father got a present that the children had made. A large number were present at the closing who greatly enjoyed the proceedings.

EELS STOPPED RUN OF STEAMER

Portsmouth, N. H., Dec. 16—Who ever said that eels could not stop boat service between two cities? Any one in doubt should ask the commuters between Kittery, Me., and this city, who were delayed this morning by this unusual cause.

The Steamer Alice Howard, under the command of Capt. Roberts, has been plying between these two points for many years, practically always on time.

This morning, as the boat was pulling out of Kittery, the fireman started to fill the injector, but discovered that his efforts were in vain. He worked long and hard, but still he obtained no results. Everything was tested and nothing seemed to be wrong. Finally the problem was solved. The pipes were clogged. The boat was drawn back into its berth and the fires were pulled down. After they had cooled, the piping was taken out.

After working for some time the men reached the pipes which lead into the feed tank. There they found a large nest. There was a whole school in the nest, enough to supply a restaurant for a week. Work was then begun on the feed tank itself, as it was thought there might be many more there.

It is believed that the eels came from the fresh water cove at Badgers Island, near Kittery, and soon increased in numbers.

H. Bennett of Montreal is in the city.

Sir J. D. Hazen of St. John is at the Barker House.

Joseph S. Gray of St. John is at the Barker House.

bag was loaded on a truck, rushed to the Postoffice and opened, disclosing a small seized gray kitten, which wrinkled its nose and called unmistakably for food to break its eight-day fast.

Warm milk was produced. Kitty purred and made friends all 'round, and it was announced that the stowaway was to be taken into the official family of the United States Civil Service.

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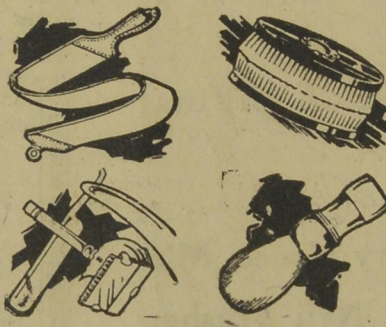
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