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Our Motto: "If There is Not a Way, Cut a Way."

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DIVIDED WE FALL

EVERY man has his own mind, and our laws accord him the right to free thought and speech. This freedom, however, should not lead us into channels of thinking and speaking that produce friction and a population divided against itself.

In union there is strength. In discord we face nothing but mediocrity and disaster.

We are a community unto ourselves, yet we should not live each unto himself.

As a community we owe a duty to other communities, to our state, and to the nation.

It is this community of interests that has made our country great, and progressive, and prosperous beyond any other country upon which the sun shines.

It is the same community of interests that will build up this town and our countryside if we employ it in our business and social life.

No nation to-day can live entirely unto itself and continue prosperous as the years roll by. No state can do it, and neither can any city, or town, or individual.

We must harmonize our differences for the public good and then work together for the advancement of our common interests.

United, we push onward to greater successes and achievements.

Divided, we fall by the wayside and are soon forgotten.

SPRING A NEW ONE

AS YOU walk along the streets of Andover, what do you see? What do you think? What do you say?

Possibly there are some obstructions in the way, some repairs that are needed, or some improvement that could be made.

You see the possibilities, but do your thoughts get beyond the confines of your own brain? Do you spring them for the benefit of your fellow citizens?

A bottle of champagne is only an aggravation to a parched throat until the cork is pulled.

It is so with those ideas you are carrying around in your head but never allow to become public.

Spring them — all of them. Some may be impractical, and if so they will be cast aside and no one will be harmed.

But among the number there may be one that is of inestimable value to our community.

That is the one we want — the one we need — but we can't benefit from it until you pull the cork from your thinkery.

CUSTOM, THAT'S ALL

ADAM and Eve were garbed in a single fig leaf each, but that was custom with them and the demands of modesty were satisfied.

From the days of the fig leaf down thru the centuries to the cumbersome and trailing skirts each successive step has been taken thru innovation and sanctioned by custom.

The trailing skirt was both unsanitary and a nuisance, and in time was properly discarded. Custom popularized the move.

Now we have the very short skirt and the knickers, and custom decrees that there is no valid objection to them.

In former days women rode horseback on side saddles and contracted curvature of the spine. Then a few of the more daring ones donned pants and rode man fashion. The uproar at first was great, but now it is custom and is regarded as the only sensible way to ride.

The tendency of the age is simplicity in dress, discarding everything that is not in accord with comfort and the protection of health.

We may never return to the fig leaf, but the nearer we approach it the greater is our freedom of action and the longer our span of life.

Shocks and thrills may signalize some of the stages, but custom will stop every tongue from wagging.

Of what use is a pipe dream without a light?

We all know a few things, but think we know more.

When your friends begin to tell you their troubles, unload yours onto them. It works.

This world is full of bunk, but this assertion is not a part of it.

History never repeats itself, but the story-teller often does.

Some people don't believe in paying others back in their own coin. They keep it, instead.

AS THE EDITOR SEES IT

WHEN you hear a fellow continually knocking this country, ask him where he came from.

Ask him why he left his own country.

Ask him why he doesn't go back there.

If he says he is a native of this country, tell him he is not a credit to his nativity.

If he admits that he came from another country, tell him our country would not miss him.

If he is just a chronic kicker, tell him the devil is waiting for him.

There are many other things you might tell him, but it would be useless. Wholesome truths seldom sink into a tough hide.

IT REQUIRES years of correct living to build up an unblemished reputation.

Often it takes but a whispered insinuation to destroy it.

Yet people, who otherwise live an exemplary life, will indulge in gossip that starts stories that grow into mountains of scandal that envelop and crush many an innocent person.

People who can not curb their tongues should become hermits. They would be missed, but not mourned.

WE WHOOP it up for our particular candidate until we elect him to public office.

As long as he follows our advice he is O. K.

When he develops a mind of his own, or listens to the advice of others, he is N. G.

Isn't that about the size of it?

AN EDITOR was severely criticised by many of his subscribers for printing the plain truth in his paper.

Stung to the quick, he announced that on a given date he would omit from his columns every class of news to which any objection was made by any person.

When the paper was issued every page was blank.

To what class of news do you object?

TWO men lived side by side, and each owned a dog.

Each day as one man went home his dog would rush to greet him, joyful over the return of its master.

Whenever the other man entered his gate his dog would slink out of sight.

Dogs are good judges of the true inwardness of a man.

DON'T let your child "blow in" its first nickel. To do so is to give it its first lesson in extravagance.

Give it five pennies. Let it spend one or two for candy and SAVE THE REST. That will be its first lesson in economy.

From the cradle to the grave is no great tax upon the memory of a normal human mind.

THE farmer who has to go ten miles for a trace chain finds it an expensive purchase.

If the town man had to go to the nearest city for a pencil, or his wife had to journey hence for a spool of thread, both would be peeved beyond endurance.

It pays to spend your money with our local dealers, for the more they sell the greater the variety of stock they can afford to carry for your convenience.

Summer is on its last legs and winter is beginning to toddle.

Never tell a stale joke. Forcing a laugh is too annoying to your friends.

Gas is most expensive on the operating table or in the dental chair.

Some people go crooked because they think that right is on the wrong side.

Never judge a fashionable woman by her clothes. Eyestrain leads to blindness.

If the weather man will obligingly predict a severe winter it will help some, with no coal in sight. We know how to take his predictions.

Wives Punished



Perhaps the most important problem before the public today is the marriage problem.

There are more thunders at the foundation of the home than ever before.

THE MARRIAGE PROBLEM seems determined to destroy the home. It is using the automobile, the motion picture house, the dance hall, the pool room, the summer resorts, the Sabbath picnic, games, and amusements, and every other conceivable method to scatter the family, detract from the sobriety of the home and wreck the domestic foundation.

Many a girl marries for a meal ticket, including a theatre coupon.

When the day of scarcity of food comes and no amusement is furnished, she enters the divorce court, and there commits a crime against society and places a blot upon the name of womankind.

Many a couple agrees before marriage to avoid the domestic responsibilities and live a life of freedom from care and domestic duty. Such an agreement is tantamount to premeditated social murder.

The blackest page of American history is the divorce page. To divorce one couple in every five marriages is a crime against society, home, and God.

Many divorces are sought by women because their husbands are cruel, or they fail to support them or they have deserted them.

Any man who deliberately practices cruelty against his wife and

fails to support his family, and finally deserts his wife and children ought to be arrested, tried and convicted and whipped in the public square for six months.

No couple should be allowed to marry unless each party to the contract could produce a certificate showing a sound, clean body and a sane mind for three preceding generations, and a spotless moral character.

No couple should be allowed to marry unless they could also show that they understand and are willing to assume and discharge the obligations that matrimony and a well-ordered home impose upon a couple.

Parents are to blame for much of the present-day matrimonial looseness. They are too anxious to marry their daughters.

Awake, parents, and help us solve this all-important problem and thus save society from its present rotten tendency.

Advertisement for James P. Cannon Co. featuring Fall Hats and Fall Caps. Includes illustrations of a man in a hat and a woman in a cap. Text: 'Fall — 1922', 'Fall Hats', 'Fall Caps', 'They are here — all the new Fall Felts — and they are opened for advance selection.', 'THE AETNA Sells at \$3 Step lively!', 'Every man needs a cap for general knock-about hours in fall and winter. See our new Collegian Cap, in all colors, at \$1.50 and \$2.00', 'James P. Cannon Company', 'Store Open Every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday Nights'.

Still, if we are unable to get coal this winter it will save us the trouble of kicking over the price. Why do people persist in calling them "lost souls?" They know only too well where they are. Young men in love are adepts at concealing their state of mind — when no one else is around. Of course, if we can't get rid of the cold in any other way this winter we can put it in cold storage. The radio craze is still a craze, but it is confined principally to those who want to make money out of it. Paris has sprung another attraction for rich Americans. Divorce is easy and without publicity as to details. Don't envy the man you consider lucky. He is probably only using his brains to better advantage than you are. A safe way to get good public officials is to select men whom we concede to be better than ourselves if there are any.

Advertisement for Luitwieler Pumps. Text: 'Luitwieler Pumps FOR Deep Well Pumping 40 Years Experience... We Know How The LUITWIELER NON-PULSATING SYSTEM OF PUMPS is especially adapted for Economical Electric Pumping Entirely Automatic—Simple and Durable Engineering Services Free Luitwieler Pumping Engine Co. ROCHESTER, NEW YORK Try the New Printing House for all kinds of up-to-date Commercial Printing.'

Various small notices and advertisements on the right margin. Includes: 'You need time for a getting you Just use Uncle Sam services of our department business.', 'The B...', 'JESSE S. PHILL...', 'F. W. BURROW ERWIN D. BAK...', 'Foreign Advertising R...', 'THE AMERICAN PRESS...', 'MAILS CL...', 'East', 'Train No. 1000 ...', '28 ...', '6 ...', 'West', 'Train No. 7 ...', '1001 ...', 'The Post Office Mondays, Wednesdays and 6 o'clock Tuesdays and Fridays.', 'JOHN COM...', 'Reporto...', '—Mrs. Frank Emer from an attack of ac...', '—Comrade Frank I been ill the past two home on Elm Street, moving.', '—Mrs. Charles Da day night, at her h Station. Deceased w nell, April 26, 1881. children.', '—New York State i for park improvemen \$1,000,000 for Allega \$50,000 for Letchworl for Niagara Park.', '—The farm home Blanche Hill near Ob by fire Aug. 12th th contents. The g fitted up for a temp occupants.', '—A large barn of Baldwin farm on I formerly known as the er homestead, was str and burned to the gro electric storms last F barn was filled with', '—There will be a Joint Council of the Religious Education churches next Tuesda gues-29th, at 7-80, in Church. Plans will b this time for the fo Weed-day Church S urged that everyone effort to attend.', '—Sheriff Bluestone believes he has locate stole the Chevrolet by J. F. Care of B garage, July 11th.', '—A young man name iver, and Paul Clark are now under arrest in an aged coop Westchester County.', '—Clarence Van Na old Rushford had ca last week when a sand was playing card in L Doris McFarland of little girl extricated ing her shoulder in the utes later the boy w conscious reviving on strenuous work by a', '—The Erie railroa settled for 1,800 in from the killing of Dowd of Canaseraga, by a train on Decora year while driving t with flowers. Miss D membered by several where she had been at School institute a sho to her death.', '—Edna May, ten-ye of Grant Harrington was knocked down, w street Saturday, by Dr. Arthur Hoag, Mich. The girl was and cut, her shoulde broken. No blame, the driver, who ey hitting the car, fr front of the busin', '—First-aid treatmen, a first several hours until no serious condition from the infant.'