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THE FRANCHISE A SACRED DUTY

ABOUT THE biggest thing in the United States to-day is the government itself. And, readers, had you ever...

The franchise is the one thing of which Americans should feel prouder than of any other or all others of their possession.

A great statesman has made the statement that you can trust the people, when unhampered and uninfluenced, to do the right thing.

Is there a higher power on earth than the majority of its inhabitants? We do not consider the old world theory of the divine right of kings, because we shook ourselves free from that superstition more than a century ago.

But we must qualify and assert that the voice of the people cannot be unquestionably right unless it is the voice of all the people.

And therein lies the source of all that is wrong, all that is imperfect, all that is not right in our body politic. We do not get a free expression of the will of all of the people.

All of which is preliminary to the statement that, besides being a privilege of which all should feel proud, the franchise is a duty that rests upon each one, and one from which no citizen may escape and remain blameless.

Reader, have you ever that that, when the voice of the people is called for and your voice is lacking, the answer is incomplete? Yet such is the fact, and it may be that your voice would have changed the result.

How many times have you heard it said of the result of an election: "It was the stay-at-home vote that did it?" And in every such case if a wrong was perpetrated, it was the stay-at-homes who were responsible.

Periodically there will be elections in Andover and this town has a right to expect your vote to be registered. It has the right to expect that your vote will express your honest convictions.

The town that, as a whole, can be brought to view this question of the franchise in this its true light, has taken a long stride forward in civic well-being, and will find as it puts into practice these principles, that many of its vexing questions will answer themselves and its knotty problems will be solved.

An exchange says that a pretty girl can make a fool of the homeliest of men. Meaning, we presume, that the handsome man is in no need of such assistance.

An excuse is only a poor substitute for an apology.

Never try to convince the fellow who knows it all. It requires brains to absorb knowledge.

Remember, tho, that family jars are hard to produce when only one makes the noise.

Some people are like hornets. They are quite harmless as long as you let them alone.

The accumulation of money comes easy to some people. They never pay their debts.

Trouble comes quickly to those who are looking for it.

Your best friends are not always the ones with whom you are most intimate.

It is better to do your duty than to explain why you didn't.

Keeping your wife in ignorance is a poor policy. It sounds twice as bad when told to her by others.

Opportunity passes the man who waits for it.

Some people never experience a good thing until they get behind the bars. Ergo grub is a great stimulant of appetites.

A close fistid woman is generally quite liberal in giving away pieces of her mind.

It is quite true that clothes do not make the man, but few of us would care to go around without any.

Don't raise heck with your husband for telling another woman she is beautiful. Perhaps the other woman's husband will say as much to you some day.

Never try to lead a man, girls. Just head him in the direction you want him to go and then let him take the lead.

Few of our thots are entirely our own. We just can't resist the temptation to share them with other people.

Gay old New York, we note, declines to bow to the long skirt. It prefers to rise to the short one.

The fellow who is persistently looking for something for nothing generally gets all that he is entitled to.

Never be too hasty in treating another person with silent contempt. He might buy up the mortgage on your home.

AS THE EDITOR SEES IT

MANY young girls, even of tender years, resort to paints and powders in order to enhance the charm with which nature has provided them.

In time they marry, and their husbands are chagrinned to learn that much of their marvelous beauty was purchased by the box.

Think it over, girls. If nature provides you with intelligence and character you are possessed of something of far greater value in the eyes of a manly man than all artificial facial adornments combined.

CRITICISM, if constructive, is good for our community and for our people.

But criticism, with nothing better to offer, becomes pessimism, and is destructive. It breeds dissatisfaction over conditions that exist without offering any means of correcting them.

The next time you feel like criticizing those in authority, be charitable enough and fair enough to withhold that criticism until you are in a position to suggest a suitable remedy.

You may not speak at all.

ARE you a persistent cussler, brother? If so, don't be surprised if your young son follows in your footsteps.

The example of the father can hardly be denied the son.

Habits formed in youth are seldom changed or forgotten in adult years.

People who are unable or unwilling to raise children properly should refrain from bringing them into the world.

A NEIGHBOR suggests that we form a Booster Club in this town. Fine!

There are still a few people in this community who are not subscribers to this paper—strange as it may seem.

Join the Booster Club and go after them. Get them on our subscription list and their money into our pocket.

We'll boost for the town if you'll boost for the paper, and then we'll all be boosters.

Is it a go?

YARDS of cloth dyed red, or white or blue, or all of these colors, mean nothing. You may pass them a thousand times without giving them a second thot.

But work that cloth into an American flag and it becomes at once the symbol of the greatest heritage of mankind—liberty.

The man who loves his country will respect its flag. He will not treat it as yards of cloth.

The man who does not respect his flag can not, under any possible stretch of the imagination, be classed as a lover of his country.

We have many of the one, and too many of the other.

STUDY your neighbors, and your friends, but let that study be in a spirit of fairness and impartiality.

They all have their faults, which are more often upon the surface and open to criticism.

But they also have their good qualities, which are generally under the surface, felt only by the few and unknown to the many.

Most men have more good qualities than bad ones. But the bad ones, like the skunk, command instant attention, while the good ones are passed by without notice.

IT DOESN'T pay to say mean things about other people. It gives them an insight into one's own character and enables them to "come back" without hitting wide of the mark.

Saying "mean things" indicates a mean disposition on the part of the one who says them, anyway.

And since we are judged as much by what we say as by what we do, it would seem the essence of wisdom to say something good—or forget to say anything at all.

IF A MAN promises to pay you a certain bill on a certain date you expect him to keep his promise.

If he fails to pay his credit is impaired, your confidence in his good intentions is shaken, and your respect for him is in a measure destroyed.

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Advertisement for 'Insured' featuring an image of a person and text: 'SERV', 'Insured', 'The Advertising Rep... AMERICAN PRESS A...'.

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