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"If There is Not a Way, Cut a Way."

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## Still Land of Opportunity

MADICALS and demagogues, to get a hearing, fre-quently blame the capitalistic system with favoring the rich and powerful as against the poor and unfor-

Fifty-three years ago an Irish lad of nine came to the United States with his parents. He went to the public schools and started work as an office boy. He is now president of the American Bankers' Association of the American Bankers' Association. also president of one of the largest savings banks in

Twelve years ago a Philadelphia junkman was harely ceking out an existence with a boney horse and rickety wagon. His business presented an opportunity rickety wagon. His business presented an opportunity which less ingenious men did not see—the salvaging of automobiles. He didn't linger long in the junk business. He visualized the possibilities in the field of used parts and instead of attempting to repair a wreeked car or put a second-hand car in condition for resale. he salvaged the parts.

Teday his business is that of supplying automobile parts of which he is said to have one million value.

bile parts, of which he is said to have one million va rieties. He takes pride in the fact that he can supply parts for virtually every car made since 1912. His orders come from all parts of the United States— some for a single part and others by truck loads.

In addition to becoming immensely wealthy, he has performed a useful service by salvaging waste mater-ial that would never have been restored to usefulness.

There are but two striking examples of the de mocrecy of opportunity in America, and when some-one tell you that opportunities come only to those who have accumulated money, just be reminded that re-sourcefulness and a willingness to work brings rewards regardless of your station in life or financial condition

A man can get all of the loafing that's good for while lie's asleep,

#### Being Good on \$600 a Week

HARRY SNODGRASS, prison-made and radio-made,

From an unknown penitentiary inmate known only by number, he has risen to be proclaimed "king of the ivorces" by admiring radio listeners in the four corners of the United States.

His absence has wearing for

His playing has merit of a sort, else it would not the same talent before he "held up" a caudy kitchen white interest in St. Louis and was sentenced to three years loads be bleak gray walls.

The who, while intericated, and driving a motor while in St. Louis and was sentenced to three years loads before the penalty just as any other slayer does.

Refer to the time and the stayer does. have won such widespread recognition. He possesse, the same talent before he "held up" a caudy kitchen

In any event, fate played him a good trick when a was caught and "sent" up for violating the lavy-thing that fate seldom does under such circum-

Snodgrass, in a farewell radio talk, promised to be good. His staunch admirers who have showered him with gifts hope he, will.

He may escape the law in the future, but he will find it more difficult to be good with \$600 a week than

Motorists who drive a car with one hand can scarcely be called forehanded.

## Uniform Road Signs

MANY attempts have been made to unify the exist-ling system of road signs thruout the United States,

without any degree of success.

Such a commendable movement should be given wider support than it has ever received, for obvious

reasons.

In almost every state of the union, different types of warnings for intersection roads, railroad crossings, curves and dangerous places are displayed.

A plan, whereby all signs would be standardized, so that a railroad crossing in the east would be marked

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yantage to automobile drivers and might be the mean.
of saving lives.

These who are charged with authority to mark roads should also follow a uniform system to be of greatest service to motorists.

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For example, if one side road on a highway is marked, every other side road should be similarly marked. Toc often one marking leads the driver to believe that all intersecting roads are marked, and he never slacks his speed until he sees one.

The dangers of collision are great, when an automobilist depends upon the markings which are not
there. Of course, the driver should be expected to use
property in the state of uniformity in marking
the midleading and dangerous. mideading and dangerous.

## Thrift Week

WHEN every person with the power to reason knows the value of thrift, it is queer that Thrift Week is necessary once a year to remind people to be thrifty. Every nduit person knows that violation of the taw brings punisament, yet the law is violated constantly that driving in front of a tr in is almost cernin dea h, yet people are being killed in this manner every day; thet if nothing is saved for old age or a manner tage and out to be not house.

till people going to the poor house. It was Joan Tillotson, the English theologian, who isked: "la he a prudent man as to his temporal estate,"

asked: "It he a prudent man as to his temporal estate; who lays designs only for a day, without any prospect to or provisions for, the rem. ining part of his life?"

We all know the answer to this very pointed remark, but how many of us are really prudent to the extent that we bank a part of our income and add to a preparati?

Thriftiness is generally associated with money and Thristiness is generally associated with money and well that it is, but we may be thrifty even to the point of parsimony, and still be profligate with our health, our time or our talents.

Thrifty is the man who exercises his prudence in all things, and he doesn't need a Thrift Week to call his aftertion to his obligations to himself, his family and his fellowmen.

and his fellowmen.

People who are looking for soft berths generally and them in the possession of someone who has worked for them.

#### **Short Cuts**

P. MORGAN made a speech the other night—the first of his career. He said there is and must be in every profession, a code of ethics, and added that were the required to state an ethical code for the banking the first and powerful as against the position. The required to scale all content to the first rule should be: "Nevprove that America is still the land of opportunity and that men with a purpose in life can accomplish something that you do not approve of in order to more quickly accomplish something.

That is a rule that might be applied not only to ranking, but to any business; in fact, it could be made rule of life with profit to the one who adopts such practice.

Popular lecturers have been repeating for scores of years that there is no short out to success. Everyone knows that the end does not justify the means.

Yet the average person will rush tempestuously to decision without counting the cost, without reasonng out for themselves the steps that lead to the goar o which they aspire.

Compared with indecision, a hasty tho wrong con-

lusion is preferable, but is little excuse for following he wrong path, because it is easier, when the right ath will make the position desired more secure when it is reached.

We are endowed with certain qualities which gives complete control over our own destines. We are all supposed to have will power, and how well we train it and exercise it determines our future. The power of choice makes us responsible to ou fellowmen and it enables us to choose the course that we will follow in life.

If we take the short cuts we will fall short of or

life aims. We will lean upon the decisions and action of others—an empty echo.

If we take the long way around, using our inhermat power to select the right road, we will move forvard to a realization of our ideals and a useful life in vider fields of service.

An Indiana man is raising a new crop of hair and nother set of teath at 68. While there's life there's

## The Worst Road Menace

AKKY SNODGRASS, prison-made and radio-made, SPEEDING, narrow roads and intoxicated driver walked out of prison into a job paying him \$600 a were the three principal causes for automobile acident; last year in Indiana, and what was true of this

state is largely true of every other state in the nation.

Altho narrow roads and speed maniacs are a menace to motorists, they do not compare with the danger that a drunken, man behind an automobile wheel rep

He who, while intoxicated, and driving a

Being under the influence of liquest is not externa-ting circumstances. Liquest is never forced on a man accinst his will. He drinks it deliberately, while in full control of his faculties.

For what he does afterwards, he may not be accountable, but that is beside the point. Every man of ordinary intelligence knows that if he drinks too much he is very apt to do things that he will later regret and the time to avoid trouble is before, not after, imbibing too freely in strong drink,

The community that has a dry season is to be mended for its zeal.

## The Insurance Myth

AT THIS season, when fires are more frequent, due to extreme weather, we often read in the newspaper account of the fire, "fully covered by insurance," or "partially covered by insurance."

It's a myth, says a well known man who has made an extensive study of insurance. And what he says i

tory, the home or the store. It never replaces the lost job, the loss of business, the valuable records or keepsakes of the home, nor can it compensate in any way for the tragedies that may be blamed on fire.

conscience is quieted by the old phrase "fully covered by insurance."

When inclined to grow careless about fire, just re-member that if you are insured to the limit, the face of the policy will not take the place of the many valnable things that would be destroyed.

The man who never forgets that high class secuti-pay low rates of interest is a poor customer for "wild cat" stock salesman.

Less home brew and more home stew will keep wolf from the door.

When a good thing comes along, everyone shou shove over and make room for it.

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## Sold to Borden Co.

The report, as yet unofficial, has been going the rounds this week of the sale of the local plant of the Dairymen's League to the Borden's for operation in the future as in the past, for canning milk.—Whitesville News.

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