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

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Static Minds

WE OWE much to the college professors, aside from the fact that they teach our young men and women, for the bright ideas they offer, particularly in warm weather, when wits are dull and need sharpening.

A member of the University of Illinois faculty has found a new use for the automobile—not that the automobile needs a defender, but he evidently was moved by a sense of duty and gave it to a waiting world.

It is this: If you happen to be so unfortunate as to be "static-minded", you should buy an automobile and cultivate "motion-mindedness."

If you are "static-minded," you would dive into the water to rescue a person at the place where the person disappeared. Or, for example, you would not reverse and beat the train to the crossing.

The professor thinks "motion-mindedness," being able to think where the car will be a few minutes later, a sign of progress. And perhaps he is right.

The automobile driver who isn't able to visualize that will happen if he does certain things, is one of the thousands whose lives are wasted annually because they could not "see ahead."

There are many "static-minded" folks who don't believe in motion, and others who do. They see things only as they are and not what they are gradually becoming. They are our best known pessimists, who think that the present offers nothing of good, and that only the past is worthy of emulation.

This "motion-mindedness" business may be overdone, however. Even motion is not always progress. It may be largely waste. Motion that doesn't accomplish something as it goes forward will never do a happy medium.

After a man's married a few months, he understands why the English language is called "The Mother Tongue."

Rural Health

THE examination of 3,478 male students in a large state university of the middlewest showed that a city of 50,000 or more is distinctly more healthful than small cities, villages and countryside.

This is a blow to the common conception that rural life is inherently wholesome and healthful.

The crystal waters of the old farm well, fresh food from field, garden and dairy, the gymnastic exercise, the plow, hoe and saw provide, the mental serenity that goes with outdoor life and contact with nature have been so lyrically extolled by orators and writers that the idea of the country being more conducive of health is firmly implanted in the average mind.

But we will have to give way to new ideas when convincing proof is offered. And those of us who live in the smaller communities should profit from the lessons our big city cousins teach, and adopt all of the modern safeguards against disease that it is possible to utilize outside large centers of population.

Young men should embrace their opportunities in the daytime only, unless they think they are fitted for double harness.

The Land's Burden

FARMERS have complained, and justly so, about the heavy burden of taxes which the land bears.

It has increased in recent years, not alone due to the tax-free bond in which capital has been invested, but also to taxes levied locally for purposes of more than a local scope.

This is especially true of school taxes. Education is recognized as being necessary to the proper development of society, as a whole, but rural communities, in educating their children, have to pay a much larger per capita cost, with the result that boys and girls in the country are handicapped, compared with advantages which city children possess.

Many states lay down requirements fixing minimum school terms and minimum salaries for teachers, and courses of training and study are prescribed. Yet the cost of maintaining these state-wide standards is left mainly to the local school districts.

Education is admittedly a social function, the benefits of which are not restricted to the area or even to the state or the country in which it is given. It is therefore obviously unfair to burden farm property or rural occupations with higher school taxes than other sources of tax revenue have to bear. This would be the case if there were an equal interchange of population between the city and the country.

It is the more unfair since the movement of population is from the country to the town. City men have more than a passing interest in the education of the country boy or girl, even if only from an economic standpoint, since they recruit their help in part from the cityward flow of population. They are not likely to object to the principle that education should be as good in the country as in the city and that its cost should be fairly distributed.

To the left of them and the right of them, came the charge of the speed demons—and how's a fellow going to cross the street in safety?

Italy's War Debt

ITALY will seek better debt settlement terms with the United States than were granted England.

A ten year moratorium before she would be required to pay anything is said to be among her desires.

Where the British obtained interest rates of three per cent. for the first ten years and three and a half per cent. for the succeeding 52 years of deferred payments, Italy believes her financial conditions warrant something better.

While, from the Italian viewpoint she cannot be criticised for obtaining every advantage possible, it is not conceivable that the United States will show any favoritism. Such a course manifestly would be folly.

Italy, however, deserves some credit for recognizing her debt and showing a willingness to pay, which is more than a number of European nations have done.

A man who thinks he is a big man realizes his small calibre when he is fired.

Misfortune is the price of wisdom, but most of us complain when we have to pay.

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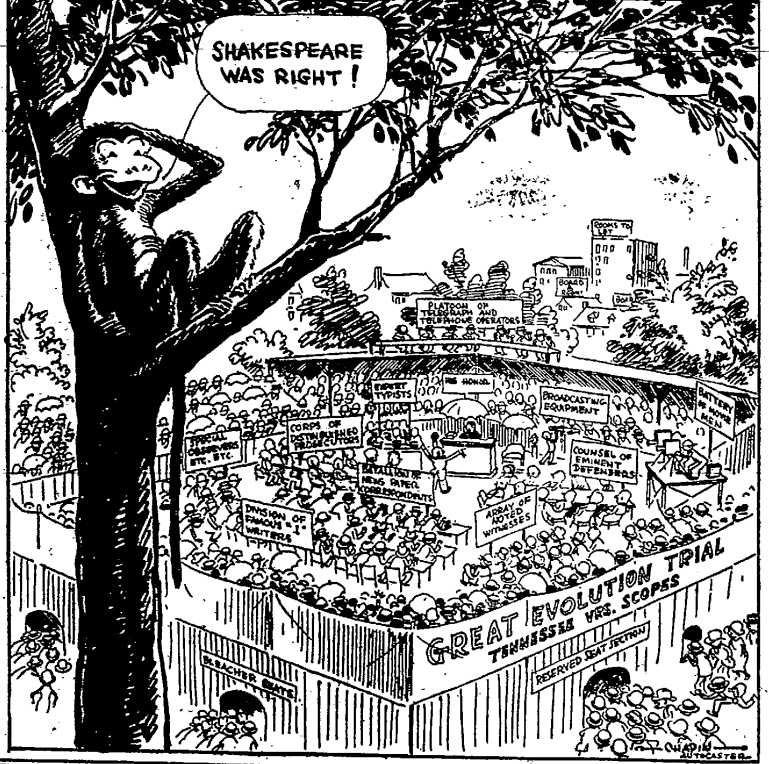
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Communities With Charm

AMERICAN tourists will leave millions of dollars in Europe this summer. They travel across the Atlantic for old world tours largely because the European cities possess the reputation of having a certain romantic or imaginative "charm."

Yet this so-called "charm" lies often in some simple thing that can be developed. Many American cities and towns have such features now, but they are not appreciated because they are so close that they are overlooked.

It has been said that the charm of Paris lies in large measure in the beautiful trees with which the famous city is profusely planted, and which are preserved with the greatest care, even in the business localities.

Any American city or town, no matter how large or how small, can in due time obtain that same charm and attractiveness. If the people have been negligent in this respect, they can plant quick growing varieties that will transform the community in a few years.

Too frequently the hustling American folks will cut down a noble tree merely because it blocks the sidewalk a little, or for some other trifling reason. But by cherishing their trees, planting those fitted to the soil and climate and preserving them against the inroads of pests, the inhabitants of any community can give it a rare beauty.

One does not have to travel across the wide seas to find charm. It can be found right here in Andover and we can make more of it by giving proper attention to beautifying the home surroundings.

Andover has a distinctive charm because its people have developed a home pride. If there are any backsliders, they should recognize that their failure to do their part in beautification shows a lack of interest in their community that can't easily be forgiven.

Grandfather thought he was doing well to keep one house going. His descendants have a summer home and a winter home and a couple of garages thrown in.

Secession Cities

THE Chicago city council adopted a resolution for secession from the state of Illinois because of the refusal of the legislature to give Chicago increased representation.

Other large cities are reported to be growing restless under the "yoke" of small towns and rural sections.

A century and a half ago some "leading citizens" of the North American continent, who represented a fringe of people along the Atlantic seaboard, dumped tea in Boston harbor to protest against taxation without representation.

The principle is as essential to the welfare of America today. Every municipality, no matter how large, is entitled to the same representation in law-making bodies as smaller communities. No class of people should be permitted to impose its will on another class.

As to the creation of the "state of Chicago," the secession program will probably hit a snag because Chicago and Illinois have been going along together happily so long that to break the bonds of union now would be a calamity.

No city is bigger than a state, just as no state is bigger than the United States.

An ounce of holding is worth several blocks of straw hat chasing.

Golf and Longevity

WHEN our well known business and professional men begin to take on that "middleage spread" and show symptoms of the gout, the doctor wisely prescribes golf.

In doing so, the doctor is following the modern tendency to advise outdoor exercise for indoor workers and he invariably says "play golf and live longer."

But it's not new—this golf "bug" that is as virulent as the most deadly germ ever discovered by science because more than 150 years ago Dr. Benjamin Rush, one of the first professors of medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, in a book "Sermons to Gentlemen on Temperance and Exercise" prescribed and commended golf as an exercise and a remedy for illness.

It is only in recent years that golf once regarded as a rich man's game has been popularized, and has been taken up by men of modest means, and has placed many invalids back on the road to health.

The community that has its own golf course is indeed fortunate for it places within reach of the man in very ordinary financial circumstances a type of recreation that makes him better physically and mentally and develops a better type of citizenship.

Notice

H. G. Storer, M. D., now occupies the J. P. Smith property on Main street. On or about August 1st, his office will be at the same location. Phone-337.

Notice to Legion Members

The Special Meeting called for Friday night has been postponed. The business for which this meeting was called will be carried over until the next regular meeting, August 14th.

C. H. WATSON, Village President.

Notice

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LONG HAPPY

—The S. D. B. preference will be Va., August 18-20.

—A warning look out for coup pieces which are

—The "Presby" Society will meet Mullen, Tuesday at three o'clock.

—Mrs. Alice her property on Margaret Hallett from Pleasant Av in the near future.

—Principal W has been in the ry, N. Y., is sp vacation in Alfred Alfred Sun.

—Automobile their operators' may be arrested that they do no censes, but can r not carrying the

—Mrs. Herbe daughter, Herbe visiting their pa L. J. Fortner of turned to their k Montana.

—C. H. Runys C. A. Ackerly an bought the Savvy of 100 acres, wit Warren Willard see, and have let wells.—Bolivar.

—Mr. and M are moving to th Mrs. Guy Wood a bungalow on reserved in the dence to the Me

—Leon Halse and Ernest Cal were arrested fo intoxicated. Co answer to the cha jury. Halsey wa to Monroe Coun

—The contrac tion of Bolivar's let to McDonne that village. Th ing \$37,836.40. building will be ary 1st, 1926. of the new hot and furniture is

—The W. R. home of Mrs. E nesday afternoon birthdays. Tah the lawn and a table for the s pretty decorat flowers, the nat birthday cake.