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No Grab This Time: The Light Is On

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DONE IN PHILADELPHIA

MISS MARY E. PHILLIPS, of Boston, who has been here for a few days in preliminary research for her biography of Poe, told me that her life of Fenimore Cooper, which she published last year, had required seven years of travel and research, and that when the book was ready for the press it had cost, on an average, more than \$21 a page.

IN A SPIRIT OF HUMOR

The Point of View
The days are getting short and dark, and winter time is near.
The optimist is filled with glee and joy and goodly cheer;

On the Right Track

A seedy-looking man walked slowly up to the farmhouse.
"Madam," he said to the farmer's wife, "may I chop some wood for you? I'll do it for nothing."

Slaughter Ahead

And then Turkey may be superstitious, in which event there will be no Mohammedan participation in the war until after Thanksgiving Day.

The Horrors of Peace

This is a neutral land of ours;
No foe is at our walls;
But spite of all our vaunted powers
Niagara Falls!

Lines to the Hen

O most serene, O calm, prosaic fowl;
O hen, thy laziness makes millions growl,
O barnyard bird, O dawdling, dowdy hen,
When shall the laying moose seize thee again?

A Rara Avis

A worthy man
Is Thomas Weller;
He never worries
A rubber collar.

In 19—Fill in to Suit Belief

The woman presidential candidate had just concluded the keynote speech of her campaign.
Heads cheer from the multitude shook the rafters of the big auditorium, and as to the poor old welkin, it could ring no more.

One to Carry

Teacher—Who knows what trinitres are?
Bright Puppi—I know, miss; it's twins and one left over.—Boston Transcript.

Where We Come In

When Europe wants peace and a meal ticket she will see America first.—Chicago News.

All the Same in the End

Hotel Waiter—Come, sir, you really must go off to bed, sir. (Yawns.) Why, the dawn's a-breaking, sir.
Late Reveler—Let it break and put it down in the bill, waiter.—London Punch.

An Ideal Match

"Are they well mated?"
"Perfectly. She's afraid of automobiles and he can't afford one."—Detroit Free Press.

In the War Zone

"Venus de Milo is in the Louvre's vaults for fear of airplane bombs." Naturally, being unarmed.—Wall Street Journal.

In a higher future. If you don't find it this afternoon, look for it tomorrow morning. But never go to your desk without fully expecting that your opportunity is going to be right there before you.

VIEWERS OF READERS ON TIMELY TOPICS

Contributions That Reflect Public Opinion on Subjects Important to City, State and Nation.

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:
Sir—Now that "Germanophobia" has somewhat subsided, I should like to call the attention of your readers to two fields of human endeavor in which Germany has set the world's pace. They are architecture and the theatre.

SALESGIRL PLEADS FOR CONSIDERATION

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:
Sir—I am a saleslady in one of the largest department stores in this city, and, noticing that you publish letters in your paper, would like to draw your attention to a certain matter.

LET THEIR NAMES BE SEEN

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:
Sir—May I suggest that for the enlightenment of unthinking voters you place in some conspicuous position an standing matter until after election a list of Councilmen who hold county or State jobs and name the yearly pay of each? Over it all let the caption be "Good Republicans are we?"

WASH FRANKLIN'S FACE

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:
Sir—I am glad to see the EVENING LEDGER calling Philadelphia's attention to the shocking state of Ben Franklin's face. As your reporter truthfully says, the head is streaked with the weather, the waistcoat with what might pass for mud.

ENGLISH HAVE THE ADVANTAGE

To the Editor of the Public Ledger:
Sir—The English have the advantage because they use our language and we print their poems. If some of the stirring verse which has been written in Germany could be published in the United States so that everybody could read it, there would be a very great change in opinion.

GARLIC OBJECTIONABLE

To the Editor of the Public Ledger:
Sir—There should be some law forbidding people who have eaten garlic to ride on the subway until the effects have dissipated themselves. Last Sunday the odor was so objectionable that I was compelled to leave my car and walk to the front car, where fresh air came through. Can't something be done about this?

Down With the Dreadnought

From the New York World:
When one submarine can sink twelve 12,000-ton ships in 20 minutes, the forethought of the Germans in keeping their dreadnoughts in fortified harbors becomes apparent. If big navies cannot go to sea we shall not need them, for they are too expensive to maintain as mere ornaments.

NATIONAL POINT OF VIEW

Whatever the truth of the charges leveled at Southern national banks by Secretary McAdoo, we cannot but feel that his method of making them was seriously ill-advised.—Baltimore News.

THE IDEALIST

Recently I overheard an intensely interesting conversation between a young man who appeared to be in the middle twenties and an older man, whom I later found to be an eminent business man of a large Eastern city.

King Cotton vs. King Coal

To a man who is figuring where next winter's ten tons of coal will come from, that "buy a bale of cotton" slogan sounds like sarcasm.

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