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THE RETURN OF COLONIAL FENCES

The Charm of Houses and Streets Before the Era of Victorian Front Lawns—Let's Get Back the Old Sense of Privacy.

By WALTER PRICHARD EATON

FENCES seem to be coming back. To be sure, I learn of the glad tidings chiefly from the pages of those numerous magazines which tell us how to erect a charmingly simple suburban villa for \$3000, and then make us envious by printing pictures of John D. Rockefeller's estate.

The waves of taste, good or bad, which sweep over a community, even a nation, are curious things. In the post-Revolutionary period America developed a very lovely architecture, which reached its climax, perhaps, around 1820.

Gingerbread Complications

Then a period of unrest set in, manifesting itself at first in the overelaboration of the existing style. It was not so very long, in fact, before somebody dreamed of building a new house in the tried and true Colonial style, so befitting our country.

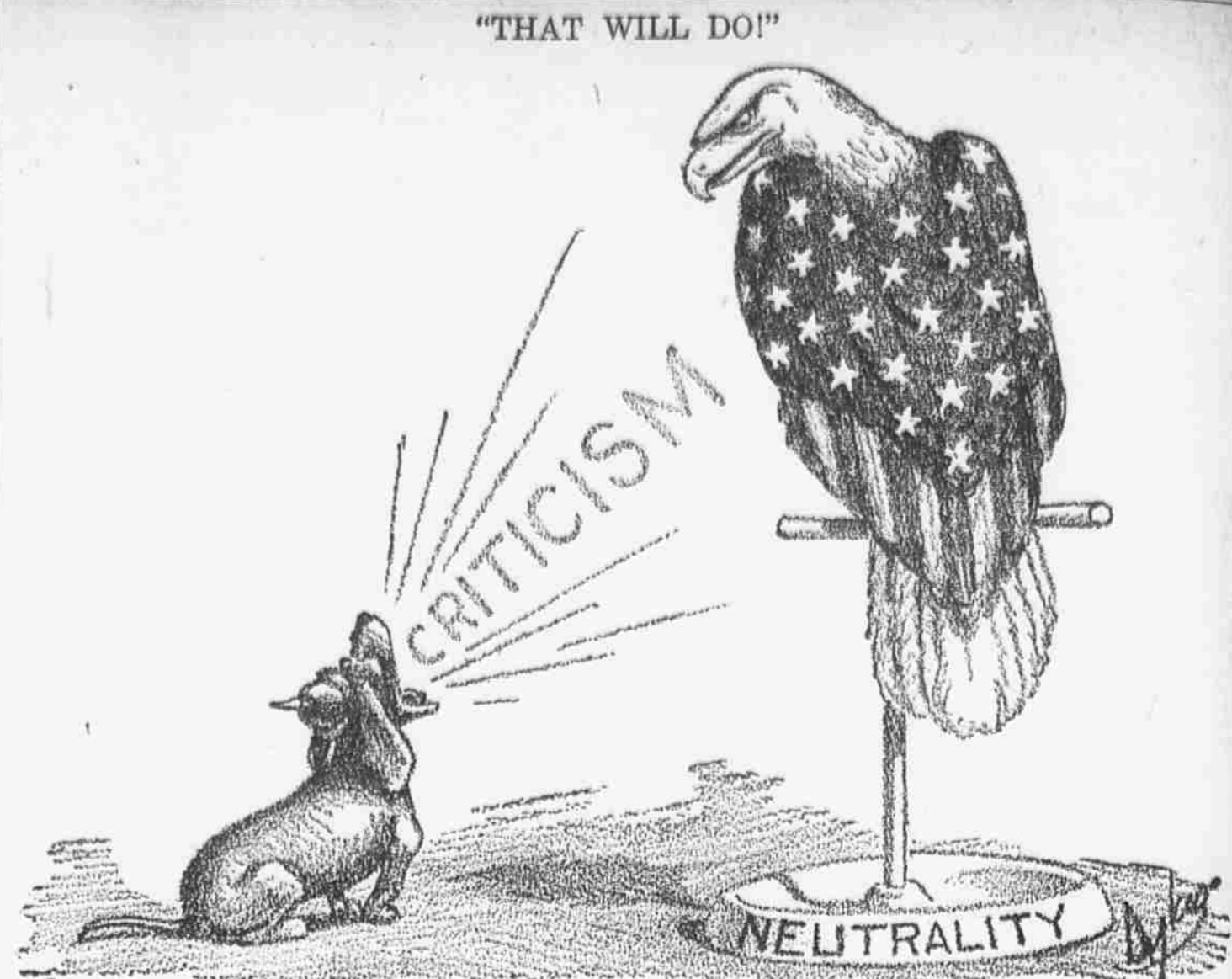
It is only within the memory of the youngest of us that the American architects of the new generation, aided by the really valuable work of the house and garden magazines, have begun to pull taste back to the simpler, saner styles, chiefly, perhaps, Colonial.

Somewhere back in our fathers' time, when iron deer were raily prancing over front lawns and no little home was complete without a French roof, the park idea hit the country. Down with the fences and hedges was the cry.

Glimpses of Garden

Anybody who can remember an old New England village before the "improvement" struck it has a picture stored in his memory which it is almost impossible to match today.

The total effect of a street like this was infinitely more charming than anything we know today. The vista of the street was better, because that last line made by the fences is necessary to frame in the perspective.



BEST THOUGHT IN AMERICA DIGEST OF THE MAGAZINES

- (1) Metropolitan—"The Twilight Sleep in America." (2) Ladies' World—"Both Sides of the Question." (3) McClure's—"Twilight Sleep in America."

"TWILIGHT SLEEP"

MOTHERS and babies have been a source of inspiration to the painter, the poet and the sculptor for centuries. A dozen of the greatest masterpieces of all time are Madonna's. Many of the most famous and beloved lyrics ever written are lullabies and poems to motherhood.

It is a very precious thing, this hint of privacy, this charm of domestic retirement. It cannot but react on the dwellers in the house, on the passers along the road. Personally I am convinced that taking down the fences does more to destroy that "sanctity of the home" the anti-suffragists are always prating of, than the ballot could ever do.

Let us build fences once more, and walls, and let us plant hedges and shrubs. Let us dwell in homes instead of house plans. If we are to return to the fine domestic type of dwelling which flourished a century ago we must remember that that type was incomplete without its fence, unless it chanced to be flush up to a city curb.

LOVE If you love your friend better than your friend loves you, Do not grieve with the pain of pride! Know yourself fortunate.

SEA SHELLS IN AN INLAND WELL A WELL was recently drilled at Charleston, S. C., to a depth of nearly 2000 feet below sea level and at that depth struck water bearing sand which yielded a natural flow of more than half a million gallons a day of extremely soft water, suitable for boiler supply.

There is probably no local or national medical body in America which has not had a session or many sessions on twilight sleep. The full records of most of these will not be published for many months, but we know that only in one city did the body of medical men officially disapprove the agitation for twilight sleep.

the past and discarded it as dangerous. Both ascribe their early failure to ignorance of the Freiburg technique. Doctor Polak writes: "A contented woman is entitled to the relief of pain during labor if she can get it without undue risk either to herself or the child."

What Some Men Say This frank and open attitude of Doctor Polak is in striking contrast to the point of view of some doctors and ministers quoted in the Ladies' World (2):

Letter from well-known Methodist clergyman to a physician who is using twilight sleep with success: "For God's sake, Dr. L., do not urge the use of this agent in obstetrics. You are opposing God Almighty for both he and his woman, 'In pain shalt thou henceforth bring forth thy young?'"

MAKE A GARDEN From the Ohio State Journal. An incentive to following this advice is a couplet by Dorothy Turner, as follows: You are nearer to God, garden maker Than anywhere else on earth.

PEACE I pray for peace; yet peace is but a prayer. How many wars have been in my brief years! All races and all faiths, both hemispheres My eyes have seen embattled over each other.

THE LOST CHORD Seated one day at the organ, I was weary and ill at ease, And my fingers wandered idly Over the noisy keys.

The fires of hate will not go out so long as they are fed with hard words.

Protection and "Protection"

JIM McNICHOL did not defeat local opposition; neither did "Ed" Vane. It was defeated last November by tens of thousands of "good" citizens who got it into their heads that they could not be prosperous unless Mr. Penrose was sent back to Washington, on which account they voted for him and his affiliated interests.

Every One Loves a Horse

IF a small boy were asked to choose between ownership of a pony and ownership of an automobile he would unhesitatingly choose the pony.

So long as the natural unspoiled instincts of the human heart have any power the horse will retain its place in our affections. No machine ever invented by the ingenuity of man can compare in charm with an intelligent, well-trained and affectionate horse.

When the railroad trains displaced the stage coaches the horse did not disappear. Men traveled more and farther. That was all the effect the new mode of locomotion had.

Crusade Cannot Start Too Soon IT IS difficult to conceive of a more contemptible occupation than that of the man who persuades the ignorant that they are suffering from cancer or tuberculosis or some other disease, and then robs them of their money through pretending to cure them of their imaginary ills.

Who Will Share in This Quarter of a Billion "Melon"?

DO YOU realize what the war in Europe means to every railroad, every coastwise, lake and river steamship line, every hotel, every summer boarding house and every dealer in automobiles and automobile supplies in America?

In brief, it portends a season of unparalleled prosperity for all those who reach out their hands to take what is coming to them. There will be no tourist travel in Europe for Americans this summer. American tourists, according to the estimate of the head of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce in Washington, spent \$258,000,000 in ocean steamship fares, hotel bills and railroad fares and in purchases from foreign merchants in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1914.

The vacation disposition persists in spite of war. If the man with \$500 or \$1000 to spend on himself or his family this summer cannot get to Europe he will spend it in his own country. Thousands of such men will go to the Panama Fair because that has been advertised widely for the past year.

Philadelphia and Pennsylvania will get their proper share of the quarter of a billion dollars annually spent by vacation enthusiasts abroad. If they seek it, and they will get some of it any way, whether they seek it or not. But the alert and awakened business sense of the community must perceive the splendid opportunity which now presents itself to attract the attention of the nation to this great centre of historic interest, when there is a multitude so eager to learn what is most worth seeing in its own land.

No Prohibition for Iowa Democrats

THE refusal of the Democratic State Committee of Iowa to make belief in prohibition a test of fitness to serve as a member of the Democratic National Committee from the State indicates that the politicians of the State are reasonably well satisfied with the present situation and are not inclined to subordinate other issues to agitation for the prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors.

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"War of Silver Bullets"

WHEN the German Finance Minister says that if this is to be a "war of silver bullets" Germany is prepared, he suggests by his interview with the United Press correspondent that it is a war of iron pronouncements as well as of silver and leaden bullets.

His declaration of the ability of his country to meet all the charges of the war and to feed its people, however long the war may last, is a form of campaigning in which Germany has been engaged since the beginning. Indeed, the Germans have used their publicity bureau more industriously than either the British or the French. They hope thereby to strengthen their position in the eyes of the world, to keep up the courage of their own people and to mislead the Allies.

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