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The burden does not begin to fall until you begin to worry over it.

ALL FOR PHILADELPHIA

COUNCILS and the Mayor will have legitimate business enough to occupy their attention for the next four years without taking on any factional quarrels.

There is a great program of public work, on the principal items in which every one is agreed.

The present disposition to postpone squabbles among the leaders ought to become the permanent mood while the work of making Philadelphia a better city to live in is being prosecuted.

WILSON AND —? FOR 1916

WHEN his New Jersey friends wanted to endorse him for renomination Mr. Wilson objected.

It is interesting, also, to note that Vice President Marshall was not mentioned. The ticket to date stands as Wilson and —?

MR. DATESMAN'S PROGRAM

THE programs of appointees to public office are seldom moderate, and should not be.

The striking thing is that Mr. Datesman has already been impressed by the multitudinous difficulties of his task.

IT CAN'T BE DONE TOO QUICKLY

I am urging you to do nothing less than save the honor and self-respect of the nation—President Wilson on the activity of the native and foreign agents of the belligerents.

HARDLY a day passes without some revelation of the pernicious actions of Americans who have been more loyal to the homes of their ancestors than to America.

The details of the plot to finance a Huerta revolution in Mexico were published on the day after the President's suggestion that Congress pass laws to secure the punishment of those guilty of such offenses.

DISAPPEARING OBJECTIONS

AS THE date approaches when the new child labor law is to go into effect the employers are showing a commendable disposition to adapt themselves to the new conditions.

The Administration's disbelief in the demoralization of government in the Philippines is only equalled by its refusal to admit that the most wanton outrages were committed by Carranza's followers against nuns and other innocent persons in Mexico.

"A document more shameful than this," says the New York Staats-Zeitung of the message, "is not recorded in the annals of American history."

that which prevails, for it would make it possible for the low-paid child workers, whose principal duty is to assist the adults, to remain in the mills as long as their assistance is needed.

THE FLAG MUST PROTECT TRADE

Until we can feel certain that our Government will maintain the rights of American citizens who have made legitimate investments in foreign countries, it is hopeless to try to create a real market for foreign securities.

MR. SCHIFF did not stop with this generalization, but came down to specifications with conditions in Mexico as the most flagrant instance of the indifference of the Government to the interests of American foreign trade.

Talk is cheap, but action takes courage, and right action takes knowledge and judgment. It is easy to denounce dollar diplomacy and to condemn the practice of sending warships to collect debts owed to Americans.

WITHOUT HYSTERIA

THE crisis in American character which was bound to come as a reaction from the European crisis may be upon us sooner than expected.

We have decided, although Congress has not acted, that as a nation we shall be adequate in our preparation against war.

Preparedness must be accomplished without hysteria and without partisan influence.

It is possible for motorists to take another route if they wish to go up the valley.

THE WISSAHICKON REMAINS SAFE

THE refusal of the Fairmount Park Commission to open the Wissahickon drive to automobiles will be welcomed with delight by all those who have found pleasure in strolling through that beautiful region.

Does Champ Clark think that the hound dog can find him more easily in St. Louis than in Baltimore?

The Democrats who are disputing about the size of their deficit all agree that the deficit does exist.

Montenegro wants a separate peace. She is more likely to be separated from her soil than to get peace at all.

No one should confuse Joseph P. with St. John Gaffney, even though they have both taken sides in great wars.

King Constantine of Greece must have turned his face away from Serbia when he sent his statement to "The American people."

Colonel Roosevelt gets even with the President by calling him a Byzantine Logothete. We'll bet a postage stamp that the President knows what it means, too.

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A small sheaf of modest verses, "Sizing Up the Crowd" comes to us from Howard C. Kegley, out Pomona, California, way. Here's a sample:

There's relieving in the household when the nurse rebukes a wife.

There is turndown in the bachelors every time the boss leaves the lot.

There is gladness when a dividend is paid on doubtful shares.

And we laugh over our shirt sleeves when conductors miss our fares.

When we are sick we're joyous if the boss don't dock our pay.

Our cry is for a waster who get free tickets to the play.

But some of these sensations equal that which fills our chest.

When we find a battered dollar in an old, discarded vest.

Tom Daly's Column

To a Sandwichman
In languid, after-luncheon mood,
Today I watched you in the throng.

"Big Oyster Steaks" and "Six Large Buns"
And "Pepper-hack and Crackers Free,"
Upon your stopping sign I saw,

"Ah!"—so unto myself I thought—
"True humorist indeed thou art!
Thou bringest us a message fraught
With rare good cheer (that may be bought),

"So, too, thou hast thine audience
That turns a cold, indifferent ear,
And jostles thee and hurries hence
To spend some other where its peace—

"Ah! brother, when the evening bell
Rings curfew to this toil of thine,
I trust one stew, warm, rich of smell,
And velvet to the tongue, may dwell
Betwixt thy neighbors and thy spine!"

The "For-It-Was-Indeed-He" Club

Upon a frosty November day in the year of grace 1855, a smiling, buxom, motherly nurse—for all nurses in those days deserved those adjectives—

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THE morning mail brought to us a sheet of flimsy upon which was written:

The following has been sent to me by an artist friend in New York city, with a request that I forward it to nine personal friends within that number of days.

O Lord, I implore Thee to bless all mankind; Bring us to Thee, keep us to dwell with Thee.

This prayer is to be sent all over the world. It was said in ancient times that all who passed it by would meet with some calamity.

The Old Irish had a form of objuraction, to be applied to all nuisances, which peculiarly fits the superstitious simpleton who started this thing.

Hill's Manual of Social and Business Forms

Yesterday Professor Hill gave us some choice observations upon "Etiquette of the Table." Today we turn to those of his pages which deal with the Laws of Etiquette in general.

FORMS OF SALUTATION.

Common forms of salutation in America are the bow, the kiss, words of address and shaking hands.

Acquaintances are usually entitled to the courtesy of a bow. It is never polite to refuse recognition because of a trifling difference between parties.

A gentleman who may be smoking when he meets a lady should, in bowing, remove the cigar from his mouth.

A gentleman should not bow from a window to a lady on the street, though he may bow slightly from the street upon being recognized by a lady in a window.

Ways of Clapping Hands
Accompanying the salutation of handshaking it is common, according to the customs of English-speaking people, to inquire concerning the health, the news, etc.

Offer the whole hand. It is an insult and indicates snobbishness to present two fingers (Fig. 3) when shaking hands.

Present a cordial grasp (Fig. 5), and clasp the hand firmly, shaking it warmly for a period of two or three seconds.

and then relinquish the grasp entirely. To hold it a long time is often very embarrassing. It is always the lady's privilege to extend the hand first.

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WHY THEY WENT INTO POLITICS

Two New Senators and How They Practice Their Own Preaching on Participation in Public Affairs

TWO of the most interesting men in the new Senate of the United States are Warren C. Harding, of Ohio, and James W. Wadsworth, Jr., of New York.

Senator Harding numbers among his accomplishments the art of playing the cornet, and it wasn't very long ago that he played in the village band.

Senator Wadsworth is a member of that numerous fraternity so well represented in the public life of America—the company of country editors, which has included among its representatives such men as Nelson, Dingley, Vardaman, Victor Murdock and, let us candidly add, Joseph Daniels.

He manages several hundred acres of the Mount Morris estate himself. Other Wadsworths manage the other farms.

Graduating from Yale, where he played on the varsity nine and was tapped for Skull and Bones, Wadsworth enlisted in Battery A, Pennsylvania Light Artillery.

NATIONAL POINT OF VIEW
The fight in Congress and the nation does not turn upon preparedness versus nonpreparation, defense versus pacifism.

Like Mr. Ford and his friends aboard the Oscar II, we sail in the ship of state, singing songs, marrying and giving in marriage and exhorting the remainder of the world.

Presidential government has seen the two sides of the neutrality shield, and it has worked with a composure, a quietude and a single-minded sagacity for American interests which are always characteristic of power concentrated in the hands of an individual who combines patriotism with intelligent insight.

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"Politics," said Wadsworth, in reply to a question, "is a very genuine thing, not to be derided, but to be entered into seriously.

Contrary to the conception existing in the minds of many good people, participation in politics increases one's respect for one's neighbors and results in the conviction that an overwhelming majority of men are honest.

My observation has taught me that the most dangerous element in our voting population is not the dishonest man; it is the indifferent citizen.

If one ever becomes discouraged as to the future of this country it is due to recognition of the fact that so many of our people pay no attention to politics, fail to exercise their privileges as citizens and permit unworthy men to manage their affairs.

This attitude toward politics is not unlike that of Theodore Roosevelt when the blue-stocking Colonel was a youngster and his friends were trying to keep him out of "the dirty pool of politics."

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"In the family to which I belong," he said, "and in the community in which I live active participation in politics, as well as service in the army as a volunteer in time of need, is expected of every man.

Once we are convinced as to the soundness and correctness of our party's position thenceforth we regard the statement of its principles as our creed.

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