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Happy the man whose wish and care A few paternal acres bound...

When fate named him Dice she loaded him to win...

There has been a rush of appeals for pardon to President Wilson...

A Guernsey cow accredited to a North Carolina farmer ought to give some pretty rich milk...

If General Villa had taken the trouble to leave his address with us...

The income tax collectors will get part of the profits from the manufacture of war munitions...

Mr. Hay should not put too much confidence in the President's endorsement of his bill for national defense...

Attorney General Brown thinks he can make the coal companies refund that 2 1/2 per cent. a ton tax...

Caldwell, N. J., having celebrated the fact that Grover Cleveland was born there many years ago...

There was, of course, no foundation for the rumor that Mr. Wilson intended resigning because of pique at his critics...

Professor Irving Fisher's remark that a baby is worth \$90 is not half so interesting as that of the new father...

If Councils fails to grant Director Krusen's request for \$10,000 to pay the laboratory expenses of an investigation...

Optimism in Paris grows in proportion to the lengthening of the battle around Verdun and would probably crash suddenly with the taking of that fortress...

Few persons besides the lawyers will be interested in the legal questions involved in deciding whether the city has a right to run streets through Kirkbride's lot...

One of the less spectacular services of the Philadelphia Orchestra was nobly extended in scope when the arrangement was completed for a series of sixteen concerts in Pittsburgh...

Like manner the periodical appearances of our organization in other cities must lead, in the end, to the formation of local musical centres...

WEAKNESS OF A PAPER ARMY

The chairman of the House Committee on Military Affairs has based his bill for national defense on the assumption that there are 1,000,000 trained citizen soldiers ready for service...

NO MORE damnable species of deception can be practiced than that involved in the attempt to make the nation think it is prepared for war when it is not.

Chairman Hay, of the Committee on Military Affairs of the House, who does not believe in preparedness, is apparently engaged in an attempt to prove that the nation is pretty well prepared at the present time...

Mr. Gardner, however, did cite figures supplied to him by the Secretary of War which show that Mr. Hay's estimate of the number of trained men in the country is 851,000 too large...

The disagreement in the size of the regular army and the reserves arises because Secretary Baker gives the size of the army today and Mr. Hay gives the size it will be three or four years after his bill enlarging it becomes a law...

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Tom Daly's Column

The Lay of the U-Boatswain If U-boat is proper and right Why should we not have the D-light This excellent chance to M-brace Of otherwise shortening space? You surely will grasp our N-ent— This much-condensed language is meant To W-boats' storage room.

And while we're nautically speaking, let's hail this big day of the year! Haven't you heard? Sam McCoy's "Tippecanoe" is launched today.

PRETTY NEAR RIGHT "The plural, then, of 'wife' is what?" The teacher asked, Bold Bess, A most precocious little tot: "It's biogamy, I guess."

A DEALER in dental supplies on North 13th street advertises "portle polishers and accessories," which may be merely refreshing candor, after all.

How Do You Stain? Darkly, We Hope WE HAVE decided to renew our subscription to "Poetry: A Magazine of Verse," notwithstanding—or perhaps it's because—

I like the pages of Ezra Pound. He stains darkly and touches softly. The flair of great loneliness is there. He is utter as a prairie berserker, a biplane in the azure, a Norse craig, or any symbol of the isolate, contemplative spirit of man unafraid and searching. He is worth having.—Carl Sandburg.

THE THOUGHTLESS MAJORITY "Many men, many minds." Is a saying all recall; Yet how often now one finds Many with no minds at all.

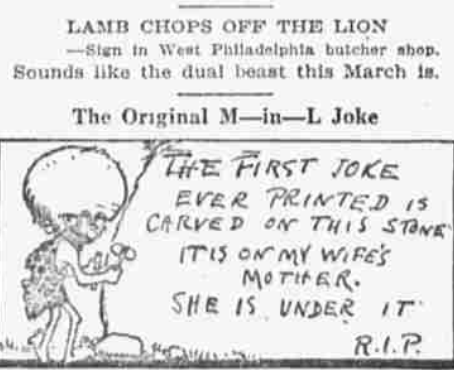
Oh, Peter! Sir—Peter B. Kyne—well-known manipulator of phraseology—has this evidently sincere bit of information in the really great first instalment of his story "Ireland for Allen."

Comparatively Speaking Each day I make a little joke (Folks say I'm a joker); But nearly every day I'm broke? Does that make me a broker? W. L.

We were spellbinding in Buffalo Friday night, and while we were away somebody cut Will Lou's signature from his notes on Shakespeare in Saturday's column. We are sorry and we promise not to go to Buffalo again for some time.

Less Discard "Has that girl next door to you still got her parlor melodeon?" "No, she exchanged it for a cornet, I'm glad to say.

LAMB CHOPS OFF THE LION —Stan in West Philadelphia butcher shop. Sounds like the dual beast this March 15.



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What Do You Know?

Queries of general interest will be answered in this column. Ten questions, the answers to which every well-informed person should know, are asked daily.

- QUIZ 1. What is the difference in time, if any, between Tampa, Fla., and Philadelphia? 2. Who is the British poet laureate? 3. When was the San Francisco earthquake? 4. Name two of the Seven Wonders of the World? 5. Who discovered the South Pole? 6. Who is chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs of the House of Representatives? 7. Where are the Dry Tortugas? 8. How many Presidents of the United States have there been? 9. What is the language of the Brazilians? 10. About how old is John D. Rockefeller, Jr.?

- Answers to Saturday's Quiz 1. The Mayor's salary is \$12,000 a year. 2. The United States Steel Corporation was chartered in New Jersey on February 25, 1901. 3. Samuel W. Pennypacker. 4. The area of France and her colonies is larger than that of China. 5. John C. Fremont. 6. In an address to recently naturalized citizens in Convention Hall, Philadelphia, May 19, 1915. 7. In Washington. 8. Edgar Fols Smith. 9. Congress Hall is at the southeast corner of Chestnut and 6th streets.

Origin of Callowhill Street Editor of "What Do You Know?"—I understand that Callowhill street was so called because on a hill at the end of it stood the gallows used in the days of Penn. (1) If this is so, how do you account for the corruption of the term? (2) At what part of the city was this gallows built? Or where was the place of execution in Old Philadelphia? KNOX.

"Lo! In the Clouds of Heaven Appears" Editor of "What Do You Know?"—Will you please tell me where I can find this poem of who is the author? "Lo! in the clouds of heaven appears The first named Solomon; He brings a train of highest years, His Kingdom is begun, He comes a goodly world to bless, With mercy, truth and righteousness. O Father, haste thee on the promised hour, When at His feet shall lie All ruls, authority and power, Beneath the ample sky, When He shall reign from Pole to Pole The Lord of every human soul." J. BOY.

Mexican Chiefs' First Names Editor of "What Do You Know?"—Kindly tell me the first names of Carranza, Madero, Diaz, Villa and Huerta. MEXICO. Porfirio Diaz, Victoriano Huerta, Venustiano Carranza, Francisco Villa and Francisco I. Madero.

Duration of Verdun Battle Editor of "What Do You Know?"—I contend that the battle for Verdun has been under way for more than a month. My wife is equally positive that a fortnight in the duration is quite sufficient. INTERESTED IN WAR.

Sequestrations Editor of "What Do You Know?"—Please tell me what is meant (1) by a sequestrator, and (2) if any have been celebrated recently or will be celebrated in the near future. CURIOSUS.

Hepatica Editor of "What Do You Know?"—Where can I find the hepatica this time of year? BOTANICAL. While the hepatica or liverwort is one of the earliest of wild flowers it is not yet in bloom. Its favorite location is in fairly open woodlands where it has protection from the cold under the heavy of fallen leaves. There are hepaticas in season in a woodland stretch between Belmont and Morton, along the Media division of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Steve Brodie Editor of "What Do You Know?"—I have read Steve Brodie frequently mentioned in a newspaper. Who was he or what did he do? Steve Brodie claimed to be the first man to dive from the Brooklyn bridge into the East River without killing himself.