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The Mayor's bonding company is ng. Who reaps the profits?

Why not make the congressional so other way by which Congress can keep with Wall Street.

United States to probe Cotton Exchange.-Headline

If any one has found a "leak" there doesn't he take a wad of cotton and stop it up?

Attorney General Brown apparently officials to be mislaid. He has had of them-including his own-im-

The new Austrian Ambassador ar rived just in time to discover that we the knowledge that we have stood for were thinking of giving a return ticket his German colleague, with a possible on attached for his own use.

It is understood that Penrose is brought us to that pass. Von Tirpitz of the factional fight and that his advisers are finding it difficult to prevent him from warning all neutrals from the vicinity of the hostile ces so he can launch a campaign of ubmarine and aerial frightfulness.

The Administration of the city has got to a pretty low ebb when men interested in protecting public health have to ask the Legislature to empower State officials to force Philadelphia contractors clean the streets thoroughly so as to prevent a plague of dust diseases during the coming summer.

An explosion and fire in a crowded tenement in the Chicago Ghetto, followed by a fearful toll of death, is simply the stition of the same old story of criminal municipal negligence—a condemned building in which from 100 to 150 were permitted to five and a leaking ga. main that had often been complained about. All that is necessary to complete the story In the usual stereotyped style is a shortlived wave of popular indignation and investigation by the authorities and a ver-"No one to blame." Then the curtain can ring down on another tragedy.

Indiana's decision for Prohibition puts 24 States in the "dry" column, and possibility of America being involved in a when the legislatures of Utah, New Mexico and Florida, pledged to Prohibition, take action, the score in States will stand 27 "dry" to 21 "wet." In those 21 there are a number with local option laws which have virtually resulted in Statewide Prohibition, the big cities holding out to the last, of course. But in some States, notably Minnesota, where about 45 of the 86 counties are "dry," it has been found that under a county local option law liquor and no-liquor men can "live and let live" without difficulty. About one-fifth of the Pennsylvania counties are "dry" now and if all could express their desire more freely no doubt half of the others would close their

For the first time the House of presentatives has passed a literacy test ration bill over the President's veto. In 1915 the bill lacked only four votes of the necessary two-thirds. This year it ived twenty-five more than two-thirds the votes cast. It remains to be seen er the Senate, now that the reconsibility for the fate of the measure is squarely up to it, will rise to the n and sustain the President. If does not agree with the view of the sident on the question of a literacy est it can find reasons for supporting on the second ground which he gave disapproving the measure, namely, at its provisions for admitting illiterates he flee from religious or political perseare likely to produce international leations. We are confronted by innational trouble enough now, in all son, without planting the seeds for nother crop.

German officials in Washington said: "If Germany can be assured a peace conference the submarine will end in a day." No one has shed this. The first interpretation put the German note was that its purall pressure upon the Allies to enter letjons. Whether this purpose rate move to save Germany which it foresaw or a

still would welcome Mr. Wilson's aid in OUR NEIGHBORLY curing a negotiated peace for Germany And that was precisely what the Presi dent's address to the Senate seemed to many to promise for Germany. It must 'peace-without-victory" address was prinarily that it would offend the Allies. "Peace without victory" was taken to mean "peace without British victory, and it was said in so many words by some Americans and liberal-minded Ger mans that the Wilson speech strength ened the Kaiser's arm. But the Kaiser did not agree with them. He disagreed so violently that he effected what amounts to a coup d'etat, taking power out of the hands of the Liberals, who are his nominal advisers, and thrusting it into those of the Von Tirpitz faction. If there were time, Liberal Germany might bring pressure to bear to gain some semblance of parliamentary rights. But the new German dictatorship is not giving them time. as the immediate plunge into ruthless sea warfare, already in effect more than two

THE BREAK HAS COME

PHE President, in breaking off diplo matic relations with Germany, has expressed the will of the people of the further conversation with the German Government would be an ignominious surrender of the national sovereignty and an neffaceable blot upon the national honor.

The President merely put into effect what the conduct of Germany and the will of the people behind him had made inevitable. It is an added assurance of "Jeak" commission permanent? There's the confidence they can feel in his coolheaded judgment that he waited for their confirmation of what must from the beginning have seemed to him the only possible course of action

Grave as the situation is it does not necessarily mean war, although it is imnot want the expense accounts of possible not to realize, from the lesson of history, that severance of relation almost invariably means war. But if it is to be war, we shall enter upon it with the cause of humanity and that only a devotion to that cause would have bark.

OUR AFFAIR, NOT THE ALLIES

THE cause of America is not the cause of the Allies. Even in the event that this nation is forced into war, it will not concerned to restore Aisace-Lorraine to France or to drive the Turk from Europe, | bq and never will be. The entangling alliances which Washington warned against are not to be entered into. Even in war this nation would fight only for American principles. The President in his address to the Senate urged that all nations avoid entangling alliances, and if that is our desire for Europe it is infinitely more our desire for America.

Somewhat the same position is taken by Japan, which is nominally one of the Allies and committed to make peace only in accordance with their terms. But it has not sent its legions to the land battles. It has been content to maintain what it deems to be Japanese interests in the Far East and in the eastern seas.

The proof that avoidance of entangling alliances is not only our traditional but also our present policy lies in the patent fact that if Germany now abandons ruthless sea warfare there will be no war. If we are to be at war, that war will cease when our rights are again respected and when what reparation may be demanded by us, and not by others, is assured.

POISON GAS OF THE SEAS

GERMANY proposes "the full employment of all the weapons at its disposal," but it will do nothing of the sort unless it now intends to engage the British fleet in final action in the North Sea. A splendid navy, second only to Britain's, lies in the German ports and has lain there for thirty months, unused except for tentative sorties planned with no intent to stake all upon final decisive ac-

With that navy in the German ports we have no quarrel. Our position is that ruthless sea warfare is as fundamentally wrong as would be the ruthless use of poison gas, if the effects of that weapon endangered American lives-if that poison were blown across the At- terms. lantic to our shores

THE OTHER NEUTRALS

POPULAR opinion in the other neutral nations seems to be awaiting the guidance of the United States. Word comes from Holland, Spain and Argentina that this country is expected to take the lead in the defense of neutral rights on the sea. This expectation has been

It was natural that the other nonbelligerents should look to us for the United States is the only great neutral Power. Its population is nearly twice as great as the combined population of Argentina, Brazil, Denmark, Holland, Norway, Sweden and Spain. The neutral nations of northern Europe are so small that they have virtually nothing but moral force with which to back their protests. Denmark has less than 3,000. 000 population. Norway is no bigger and Sweden has less than 6,000,000. Holland is about the same size.

There does not need to be a formal alliance among the neutrals. The same re-sults can be accomplished by coincident and uniform action as by concerted and

WINTER BIRDS

be remembered that the criticism of that Robins, Blue Jays, Flickers and Other Feathered Friends Flit About the Bare Trees .

Soon now he'll be up-babbin', To cry, "I seen a robin."

THUS did Tom Daly furnish poetic cheer To spring on one of the gloomy days of ate. Like most poets, he is a bit of a sature-faker. If a certain Colonel of versamind were still interested in nature he might write a voluble piece on "Th Poets (including Tom Daly) as Naturalists. would go as a companion familiar essay one we have long had in mind on "The oets as Musicians." Melody they make. foets as Musicians." but what they don't know about harmony ry -in several volumes.

Bless the poets' hearts, we suburbanites ave seen more than one robin this cold nd almost old-fushioned winter. But we have not reduced them to meter, because we are not like Ovid-or was it Pope' and Tone Daig: We do not "sing in num-

re because the numbers come. Bird life (surprising though the statehe winter in these parts. The catalogue of permanent residents and winter visitants is uncommonly large in this latitude, despite the popular belief that the birds have all gone over the cold spell to the axian Palm

The catalogue includes commonly or oc-The catalogue includes commonly of ocasionally the crow, snow bunting owl. juneo nithatch, blue jay, song sparrow, robin, bluebird, hawk and woodpecker. Of course the majority of the birds that make summer tuneful have sought sumier climes, but in the r place are winter yislory which do not find the vigorous climate f the north too severe for their comfort, or the warbiers we have the chickadee, for he phoebe we have the junco or snow congsters have agreeable successors. Clad is somewhat rusty garb, the song sparrows robins and a few other permanent dwellers lif about the bare woodlands watchfully waiting for spring and joying in sunshiny days despite the hibernal severities. These are the casuals, but they are frequent enough to be observed and enjoyed by the

In Tone With Winter's Hues

The coats of winter birds are of season able thickness and tend to lightness of color, in tone with the prevalent white and grays of the landscape. So it needs sharp eves to follow them. Birds, which are even summer examples of perpetual motion in wintertime move if possible, with even more twinkling rapidity, their motion accel-erated by the tonic rigors of the healthy atpping cold. Their tempo of "allegro" has en increased to "prestissimo

Song is silenced, for meledy is the boon ous relapse into primeval noiselessness. all note as one bird confers with another passing is the principal break in the constony of silence. Even the louiscious monotony of silence. Even the loquacion brook, which babbled so blithely during th bright day of summer, is quiet for a brief

ers. flickers and redheads are so reco mating grubs coxily concealed in the tree bark. As he performs his economic service of insecticide he drums cheerily. He may do this for the warming exercise, he may do it out of sheer high spirits. At any rate, his retionant beating and antic way:

THE VOICE OF

THE PEOPLE

American Press Not Subsidized

by Allies-A Short Sermon.

Plan to Stop War

THE REPRESENTATIVE PRESS

Sir—The assertion made by Charles C. Rhodes, Jr., that the American press is subsidized in the interests of the Allies is

so. The reason the press is so much in favor of the Allies is that the editors and

American people have the same inclination.

ould have shut the bars against immigra-

tion long ago. Instead of that many Ger-muns, among other peoples, were glad to breathe a new air, good Germans making

fine, intelligens citizens, like Doctor Hexa-mer's father and Carl Schurz. But it re-

mained for Germany to establish an agency here, the German-American Alliance, to

propagate a division in our national lan-guage, to ask those of German ancestry

der, derided our culture as compared with Germany and belittled the accomplishments

express his views, this country not being

fermany in a subsidized press.
HENRY WATSON.
Collingswood, N. J., February 1.

REAL AMERICANISM

strange reflection on our national vision

that only after some thirty months have our papers gradually awakened to the fact

that this great war is a curse of God on

mankind for their purification and perfec-tion. Your "What Lincoln Should Teach Europe" is a complete answer to all Eng-

lish writers for American sympathy, of whom an increasing army are filling our news columns with their asinine clatter, like Lord Northeliffe in his article on Americans

in the English-French armies, G. V. Seldes

A SHORT SERMON

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:

Sir—Can there be a short sermon? I am not a minister, but I now submit for the benefit of your readers the shortest sermon ever prepared.

Text: "If a man die, shall he live again?" Job. xiv, 14. It is an elementary principle in the physical world that nothing is lost. Why, then, should not that principle be an elementary truth in the spiritual world? Nothing but an immortal mind can conceive of immortality. The mind

mind can conceive of immortality. The mind of man has conceived of immortality; therefore the mind of man is immortal. May these premises and the conclusion be helpful to many an inquiring brother. Amen!

Reading, Pa., February 1 B. B.

A PLAN TO END WAR

Sir-I ask the privilege to say what I sould like to see the President do in the present crists, not what he should do.

I would like to see the President of the inited States recommend that Congress reply to the arrogant note of Germany annualing the new frightfulness by designing

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:

in tonight's paper a 4 scores of others

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:

Philadelphia, January 31.

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:

press editorial department come out some real American thoughts. It

of our nation. Mr.

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:

are a delight to the fortunate beholder.
The chickadee is a lovable denizes of the winter woods. This merry grig of birdland has a pert tail, but very modest ways. He is a midget of about a third of a foot in length, and has a black walstbe forced into "the" war. We will not be coat, an upper garb of leaden gray and a whitish undergarment, all barmonious with the winter color scheme. He may easily by identified by the black headpiece that him the name of blackcap in ocalities and by his quaint call, which gains him his other name-"chick-a-dee-de

gains gains or idiculous that it does not seem to be made in good faith. A moment of reflection should convince him that a man does not read newspapers that constantly go into gray to his sense of justice. Yet the American press is read daily by millions who find delight and relaxation in doing so. The reason the press is so much in The blue lay is the only splotch of color that brightens the wintry prospect. His opalescent azure tints are thrown into strong relief against the brown and gray monotones that prevail. The other gay polored birds—cardinals, orioles, tanagers—have followed the blossoms. Blue jay is a fairly sizable bird, often a foot long. a fairly sizable bird, often a foot long.
The back is blue with a glint of purple, below the color is gray with a persistence of the purple tincture. If the color does not serve as a sufficient identification, the of government is unsound and the product of an immature and undisciplined people. be remarked, as well as the rich blue of the this and wings, which have also variety in contrasting black and white. The blue jay is a lively, rancous, restless bird-citizen, and this fact should be enough to different entire him from any stray bluebird who jay is a lively, raucous, restless bird-citizen, and this fact should be enough to differentiate him from any stray bluebird who has remained over the winter, as some do. The crest should settle the identity beyond peradventure, since the bluebird, which is ot of vernal brightness of hue in winter. ikewise lacks any crest.

The Clamorous Crow

The crow hardly needs description: 1 this time o' year his plumage is a bidingy. He and the blue jay are ornithologi cally of related genera, and it is a question, which can outdo the other in shrill clamor. The nuthatch, like the woodpecker, the numarch, like the woodbecker, is a climber. A near view of his feet and legs discloses their adaptability to running up and down tree trunks, in the hollows of which he makes his home. Unlike the woodbecker, he finds subsistence scant, tacked our President in words of foul slanwoodpecker, he finds subsistence scant, mainly in such hard fruits and seeds as are o be found, but he does not disdain encroach on the woodpecker's menu of inets and grubs if opportunity offers. His eak is strong and adapted to his fare. the nuthatches, white and red breasted, are not migratory, their presence may be conexpected within the ken of the keen-eyed bird lover.

The junco is the most familiar winter cisitant. He sometimes ventures into the lown and makes common feast with the committeent English sparrow. The snowbird (his other monniker) is a mite bird, less than six inches in size, with a colored coat tending to blackish and a white belly. The lateral tail feathers pure white, too, and the bill is pinkish, a point of identity that makes easy junco's recognition from the sparrows with which he flocks and feeds at times on friendly

A solemn-eyed owl may occasionally be stirred from daylight repose by the rambler. though his winter dress approximates th browns, grays and whites of his haunts too render the owl readily distin-

A random and rapacious hawk, air-scoutng, can often be descried making majestiurvilinear evolutions high aloft The robins, bluebirds and song-sparrows

hich frequently hibernate with us, main tain their usual character of vivacity celerity, but are minus melody and trans-formed in their winter plumage. But they are readily recognizable as spring's har-

IN TWENTY-FIVE YEARS The Grand Jury will be no part of the

udicial process.

The election of State officers will cease and they will be appointed by the Governor to act as his cabinet.

The spoils system will have quite rotted

The death penalty will disappear from the horrors of the day. Interested people will be kept off legisla-tive committees. cities will have the commission

form of government.

Men and boys will give up their seats on
the teolleys to ladies.—Ohio State Journal. WHERE PROHIBITION IS NOT

nyiting every nation of the earth which bedom of the seas to join in a new crusade of militant neutrality to crush the violators of these great principles wherever found.

TODAY

I think that the entrance of such a third POWER would quickly end the saturnalia POWER would quickly end the saturnalia of murder that has cursed the world for nearly three years; that it would enlist all the neutral nations, and that many of the belligerents would be glad to be permitted to co-operate so as to come out of the war on the winning side. J. D. CALLAN.

Phylodelphia Feb. 2 on the winning side. Philadelphia, Feb. 2.

SANE AND SENSIBLE To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:

Sir-Your editorial, entitled "No Halr-Trigger Action, is the most sane and sen-uble of all the editorials written on the present crisis. Philadelphia, February 2.

All Points of the Compass

Rubaiyat of a Commuter XLVII

A Man downtown once asked me if I could Sit in a Little Game. I said I would.

I scorned to tell my Wife a Simple Lie.
But then, I told her Something Just as Good. XLVIII

For when she asked me if I Won that night, I said, "My Darling Girl, you wrong me

My Friend was Sick and I Sat Up With

I Won his stacks-and he was Sick, atl right!)

Casuals of the Day's Work XXVIII N THE passing of Philip Boilleau thos

guage, to ask those of German ancestry guage, to vote, not as Americans, but in accord-ance with some pseudo German-American neculiar interests. Now, Mr. Rhodes, if you of us who care particularly for the gentle in art—whether in painting or music—have lost a certain definitely defined friend. It wish to know why Germany is held in ill ore than probable that his pictures had a wider vogue than those of any other illustrator of these days. There have been more widely celebrated, but with the vast distribution of the reproductions of his pic-tures there has been no man whose sheer art has carried into far places so great a feeling of gentleness and sweetness was, and still is, a haunting quality about the pictures he made which brings a memory of the delicacy of jasmine or of violets. But Germany, but he need not seek an explana-tion of the leaning of Americans against Germany in a subsidized press. was his music which appealed most defi-In it he had the spirit of his beloved -transplanted to a studio in New There, with his friends about him, would sit for hours at his plane improvising, smoking, talking, jesting—some times in bathrobe and slippers—but alway Sir-Thank God and give praise that with the air of the nobility which was his here has at last one Philadelphia popular

And he played to us-melodies long for gotten—and songs came—not as those of the singer in concert—but the songs which come unbidden from the deeper heart of men who feel deeply and who say little He painted pictures of women and children —always with the haunting eyes and the droop of lip—always the eternal woman and child spirit—and in his music he showed that delicacy of understanding that only can come to such gentle souls as his.

Philip Boilieau may be remembered for the pictures he has drawn for the covers of magazines—notably the Saturday Eve-ning Post—but it is through the spirit of them—the mere joy they have given untold thousands of people—that his influence liver

and will live. Yet he will be remembered for his loyalty to ideals, and while it was given to but few of us to know what these meant, we may still realize how great an influence a man may have on the day's work of others through the art of picturing sweetness and gentleness.

Folks, for the most part, quite forget the Folks, for the most part, quite forget the fact that they are getting themselves edu-cated through the vision of a pictured ideal, but they are, just the same, and Philip Boilleau did more than his share in the matter of education.

SAM LOYD'S PUZZLE

MY SON is five times as old as my daughter, and my wife is five times as old as the son, and I am twice as old as my wife, while grandmother, who is as old as all of us put together, is celebrating her eighty-first birthday. How old is the son?

Answer to Yesterday's Puzzle

A MELODIC JOURNEY

Mr. Stokowski Gives Audience a Musical Globe-Trot

It is not on public record whether Mr. Stokowski is a lover of Latin lands. His conception of Mendelssohn's "Italian" sym-phony, played by the orchestra yesterday, makes one think so. It was extremely well done. At points it was even inspired, if so lavish a term may be used in connec-tion with a work of light texture and superficial thought. Neither despising it, no elevating it to regions above its character the conductor turned it into a musical pic-ture of warm pigment and gay sentiment. It was an object lesson in how not to overdo

a thing.

Mr. Stokowski has rarely shown so nice an appreciation of individual effort in his choirs. The divisions of the band lifted the choirs. ever it was needed. The ripple of the woodwind, the clang of the drums, the sweet sonorousness of the strings, the strong emphasis of the brass—all were compact within the frame, yet each had its position and its high light. One who had never been to Italy actually had glimpses of Rome and Naples, and wanted to go there, it was all so filled, this playing, with warm waters and the white winds of the South and in-genuous joy in the earth for its own sake.

The geographical stretch of the concert

needed a few pairs of seven-league shoes. For there were the A ps to bestride in the "Manfred" overture (which was interpreted more as a piece of mystical pallor as a man's journey) and all sorts of spots to visit in Mr. Schelling's "Impressions From an Artist's Life." In this the composer himself took part at the plano. The brilliance and variety of the work already has been described. Yester-day it had all its original spice and fire. the variations (some were omitted) rul ning their course without a hint of bored Possibly the weather gave to the solo struments such crisp and separate value. The oboe, the clarinet, the viola and the rest rang out beautifully in their and numbers. An audience which had the taste not to break the sequence with applause might be expected to realize that the presentation was not quite perfect. At the lack of unison between soloist, leader and players was easily noted. The sus-picion that Mr. Schelling was at least partly to blame for this does not detract from his general worth. His fingering was dia-mond pointed; his harder technicalities finely realized; throughout he was beau-tifully subdued to the general orchestral scheme. The manner and mood in which he played the Irish, Polish and Spanish variations were charming without being sentimental; striking, but not melodramatic charming without being "Death and Transfiguration" following

put the Straussians in a proper mood of finality. Tiresome and theatrical as it is, it has a sort of calcium power. And anyhing from Richard's workshop is able to the "Alpine."

What Do You Know?

QUIZ

Who is the new Austro-Hungarian Ambassa-dor to this country, and where is he at this time? What is the bulklest structure in the world?

What three United States Ambassadors are Pennsylvanians? 6. Compare the temperatures of Hawaii and

7. What is the Bullitt bill? 8. Who is President of Cuba?

9. What is Philadelphia's rank among the world's cities in population?

10. What is a "Baedeker"?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz 1. Wake Island is in the Pacific, 2000 miles from Hawall and 3000 miles from Hawall and 3000 miles from Hong-tall in the leader of the Latheran Churs, was the leader of the Latheran Churs, was the leader of the Latheran Churs, which is a Haleyon days mean happy fair, such as faleyone and her husband. King Crex, of Theksaly, such the calm seven days preceding and seven days following the shartest day of the

days following the abstract day of the year.

4 "C. 0." is the war-made English abbreviation for "conscientious objectors" to war and military service.

5 Thomas Nelson Fage. of Virginia. is Ambassador to Italy, and Walter Hines Page. of New York, is Ambassador to Great Britain.

6 General Wood has declared the National Guard system to be inadequate.

7 The ton-mile is a unit for expressing tons curried miles.

8. The Anthropophasi were cannibals of ancient Services.

Tom Daly's Column

THE VILLAGE POET Whenever it's a Saturday that's full of talk o' war rather sit among the crowd in Pon kina's General Store

scallow in the wisdom there when all my work is through Than walk about on Chestnut street to see what news is new.

I mind when I was young and brash, way back in '98 I sneered at all the Solons who were

wont to congregate About the stove in Perkins's store that every now an' then Would sizzle with tobacco futce from half a score o' men

Who brought to that rude forum mebbe half a ton o' brain To bear upon the question as to what to do to Spain. I counted them a sorry lot, but he that

most of all Aroused my deep and boundless scorn was Ebenezer Ball.

This Ball, alone of all the crowd that gathered in the store, It seems, had had a personal experience of war:

so we boys whose blood was stirred to battle an' to slay, We rather looked for somethin' big when he should have his say.

Some bold young buck stood up to talk an' snort an' shake his flat An' prate about the glory 'waitin' them that would enlist. An' every one applanded him, approvin'

of it all, Except that schiskered simpleton, old Ebenezer Ball.

Somebody then went up to him an' talked to him direct An' asked him if he wouldn't tell what he could recollect

Of all the grand an' glorious things our soldiers came to know When they arose to Lincoln's call so many years ago. Wal, now b' fings, they's lots o' things

that mebbe will suffice, An' one o' them is weariness, but most o' them is lice. These last, I much regret to say, is all

that I recall personal achievement," said old Ebenezer Ball.

me, upon this Saturday so full of talk of war yearn to meet those Solons of old Per

kins's General Store; I'd rather hear the gossip there when all my work is through

Than walk about on Chestnut street to see what news is new.

CANNED OPENERS

Predigested Preludes Prepared for Postprandial Prattlers This department of first aid for speak-

rs suddenly called upon to address strange dinners, having handled the Irish question without gloves, is prepared to stop at nothing. We are now supposing that one of our pupils has been asked to respond to a toast at the annual banquet of the B'Nai Sholem Yiddish Endeavor Society. He will arise and begin at once to ingratiate himself with his audience:

"Gentlemen: As I, arise here from among the ashes of after-dinner cigars I am reminded that the name of the Jewish club in Baltimore is Phoenix. Ah! I knew that would insure—get that?—Insure me a laugh. To show I am not bigoted I wish to say I invited Julius Tannen, the actor, to my house for luncheon one day last week. He failed to appear and left me with a lot of meat I had bought for him especially at a shop with funny-looking letters on the window. I gave the meat to the cat and ever since the poor creature has been going around waving its front paws, like Julian Rose's Abe Potash, and crying 'Me-oy-oy-oy. Abe Potash, and crying 'Me-oy-oy-oy,

It is well for the speaker to be on the pokout for interruptions, such as the banquet committee suddenly appearing with a scroll, enthusiastically requesting him to come again next year. Think as you go along-and go along quietly.

THE HARBINGER Ah! Spring's emerging from the fog. Though Robin's still unseen Here's "Burpee's New Seed Catalog For 1917."

GETTING HOME again, after a trying lay, occasionally we commuters on the walk from the station brighten the grayness and warm the frostiness of the circumambient with many a merry jest. "Well," said we, only last evening, speaking of something or other, "it's like the street car conductor who collected fare twice from the Italian and tried to work the Irishman next to him in the same way. G'wan!' said the Celt, 'you can play that une on the hand-organ, but not on the parp." "Oh, yes," pipes Nicola d'Ascenzo, I heard that story, but it was the other way around; an Italian told it to me." "Or mebbe you heard it in grand wopera." boomed Signor Samuel Suter, who sings bass on summer nights when the windows are all open. "Let's be neutral," sex we, "and twist the thing on the Germans. You can play anything and everything on German band. What would you suggest?" "The hose," sez the diaconal David Hilsee, who never learned that in St. Stephen's M. E. S. S. At this point we tripped merrily into our humble dwelling and we were still chuckling as we kissed the best cook in Germantown; so little it takes to make us forget our troubles. February 3 is Thrift Day, and it comes

along opportunely. Possibly you think that Thrift Isn't meant for you. Till your wages a lift You've enough do, Keeping out of debt, you say, And "Economy" Is your slogan, day by day, As it ought to be. Nothing you "can save," you think? Neighbor, you are wrong. Here on Mars's red-lighted brink.

Save your hasty, thoughtless speech; Put the thing away. Save your boasts that backward reach To Manila Bay.

Save the sneers you meant to fling At all other nations; Save your breath—a useful thing.

Listen to my song: