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REVISE THE CONSTITUTION
THERE is not an unbiased and well-informed lawyer in the State who does not admit that the antiquated Constitution needs a radical revision.

CAN WOMEN FIGHT?
THE temptation is irresistible to start an argument with Mrs. Maria Leona Botchkarova, lieutenant colonel of the Russian Battalion of Death, who has just been saying some dreadful things about the utility of women as fighters.

THE WAR CHEST CAMPAIGN will go on until the quota is reached.
GET YOUR POCKETBOOK READY
Whether Congress proceeds immediately to the preparation and passage of a bill increasing the war taxes or delays action until the autumn is a matter that interests only those representatives who wish to get home this summer to look after their political fences.

Luxuries are also to be compelled to pay heavier taxes. No announcement of what is to be included in this category has been made, but we are likely to discover that it is a most flexible term and can be stretched almost without limit.

TRUCKS MUST HAVE GOOD ROADS
THE motor trucking business cannot be developed properly so long as there is the present conflict in State regulations.

PERJURED GERMANS
A German, always a German, may be a good citizen in Berlin, but it does not follow that he is a good citizen in America.

RUSSIA IN THE BALANCE
Is That Great Land to Become a Free Democracy or a Citadel of Idiot Militarism?
IF THE Russian people are left to fall in this crisis of their experience, if they are abandoned to the shame and agony of German exploitation, Christian civilization will have failed in the crucial test of its charity and its philosophy.

Gradually, as the truth emerges, it becomes plain that President Wilson's diplomacy was never swifter or farther seeing than in the first great appeal to the confidence of Russia.

THE GERMAN JUNKERS who now live and sustain their delusions on a bean or two a day will be able to enjoy a filling meal when the time comes for them to swallow their pride.

THE ELECTRIC FAN
DO THE bakers call Mr. Hoover's wheat regulations anti-loafing laws?
The coming month, said Lloyd George, will be a race between Wilson and Hindenburg. We bet on Wilson, because he runs on the level, while Hindy is to leap so many hurdles.

DOG HEROES
The Blue Cross, a humane society organized in England to relieve the sufferings of horses and dogs in the war, is arranging to sell war dogs that have been wounded in action to animal lovers in this country.

STANZAS WRITTEN IN DEJECTION
When I read the poems of greater bards, Their music, grace and wit, Their deeply blended sound and sense, The melody they have writ, Then I am smitten with sharp chagrin And envy chills my ink.

A SUGGESTION
If they want to keep up the morale in France there is no better way to do it than to take us over there to talk French to the populace.

THE PULLMAN COMPANY has invited college students to take jobs this summer as the conductors of Pullman cars.

GERMANY IS making her small change of zinc, saving the nickel for military use. Should that be added to the list of U-boat zincings?
More About Boobs
Dear Socrates—Thank you for writing that essay on Boobs. But there is one thing you don't make plain: If one is not a Boob, can one become a Boob? And is it profitable to be a Boob? Your friend, CYNTHIA.

Between this city and New York and Baltimore is only in its infancy.
But the heavy trucks are tearing the roads to pieces. Uniform regulations for interstate motor transportation will not be enough to protect the new business.

THE PROJECTED revenue from the tax on the mouth of the Trombones! organ, suggested by the Treasury Department may consider Congress a luxury.

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COLORS OF SPRING
By Walter Prichard Eaton
I REMEMBER reading somewhere a statement by Maxwell Parrish that there was just as much color in the New England landscape as in Arizona, only we are habituated to it and it is not spread in such large masses, so that we do not see it.

THESE recollections have come back to me during the last few days, for spring has been coming up from down Philadelphia way to our Berkshire hills, and I have been watching, with an admiration and amazement which is fresh every year, the spread of the color pageant.

FOR instance, part of my own land runs up a mountain side, pasture at first, then a belt of some twenty or thirty acres of gray birch for poverty birch, as it is often called, and then the real mountain forest of big canoe birches, chestnuts, oaks, pines, hemlocks—the typical mixed stand on a wild mountain side.

BUT two warm, bright days followed, with a night of warm rain, and suddenly the belt of amethyst disappeared. In its place was, for a day or two, a most delicate and charming effect that would only be possible in a solid stand of one kind of wood, with a level, uniform top.

TODAY we took a walk along a road that skirts the edge of the mountain, with the land falling away to swamps and meadows on the lower side. It was afternoon and we looked across these meadows and swamps to the far eastern hills. The immediate slope at our feet, just beyond the gray stone wall that rose out of a garden of bloodroot, was the vivid emerald of new grass.

THE scene fairly sang with color—not to be sure, the martial, blaring music of Arizona, with its cymbals and trombones, but an andante of Mozart or Schubert full of soft wood winds, French horns and delicate, dancing tunes on the violins.

DEDICATED to the Boston Symphony
Rid of the Muck
That brought his luck
And was ejected,
Here's hope that good
Be 'in the Wood'
At last selected.

WE WILL ASK HIM
We will ask him to send the Fourth somewhere, where better than in Philadelphia? Will the Weather Man guarantee us a good day?

THE ELEMENT OF DOUBT
Conditions in Austria suggest the possibility of a Charles Festsburg—New York Evening Post.



ART AND THE WAR
Must the Painter of Pictures Take a Vacation?

By ARTHUR EDWIN BYE

YOU art artists had better go on a vacation until after the war. These profound words are attributed to a famous Mayor of one of our neighboring cities.

WHAT is an art artist? There's the crucial point. The implication is that he is not a plain, straightforward artist, and yet the stress on the word art would suggest that he is, indeed, emphatically an artist.

IT'S hard to die, and naturally our artists are struggling against it. They are trying to dodge the issue by several compromises. For example, Mr. Blashfield has told us, in a recent article in the New York Times, that they are doing a great deal of artistic war work.

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PERISHING'S POPULARITY
'Perishing is a name to conjure with in Paris just now,' writes Charles Grasty. 'To mention the fact of having come over in the same ship with him is enough to attract a crowd.'

SHALL I GIVE?

By J. M. Herman

"SHALL I give?" That is the question that is running through my brain. Shall I help to fill the War Chest, till it heaves beneath the strain?

And when the war is o'er and they've come home from "over there," I'd like to look them in the eye and say, "I did my share!"

Memorial Day in France
The French have a faculty for doing things gracefully. Nothing could be finer than the action of the French authorities, military officers and people in perfecting arrangements for observing Memorial Day jointly with the Americans.

What Do You Know?

- QUIZ
1. Where is Yale University located?
2. Name the author of "A Tale of Two Cities."
3. What is the origin of the name of Indiana?
4. What three Presidents died on Independence Day?
5. Who is Sir Horace Plunkett?
6. What is meant by the initials "Y. M. M. H."?
7. What was the first State admitted into the Union?
8. What is a concerto?
9. What religious sect settled Utah?
10. Who said, "A little more crab, Captain Brass?"