Letters to the Editor

Restaurant Food Prices

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Japanese War Talk

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To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

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a sight hint to that element of our people
who are continually scenting danger across
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toged that his suggestion will reach home to
be trouble-makers, and that they will cease
her criticism of a nation with which we
are lived on more or less friendly terms
or close to a century.

it must be admitted that the Japanese sation has reason to be sensitive, especially regarding laws that have been made in California and other Pacific coast states, in shich they have been discriminated against. Prenier Hara is familiar with these laws, and no doubt understands why they were made, and might be broad-minded enough to feel that something of this sort should have

seen done.
At any rate, when the premier of Japan at any rate, when tone, we in America such to at least meet him half way, and try to do nothing that might further strain the relations between the two countries. We have need for Japan's friendship; probably set as much as she may have for ours, but at any rate the best interests of this—and, and rate the present time, to remove the proverbiation from our shoulder and meet any nation in as concliatory a tone as possible. No spice can have too many friends, and it will be greatly to our advantage to culticate a friendship with the Orient that may be of great use to us in the future.

JOHN T. GORMAN.

Philadelphis, October 9, 1920.

Money for Brains

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger. Strik Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Str-I was rather amused at reading a
letter in a contemporary, headed "Monos
for Brains," and I certainly do not agree
with the writer's idea of less brain power
and more wages. I say let the clerical
workers, bank clerks, etc., add a little more
tray matter to their brains and see what
they can do with some of these trades.
Office hours are not long these days, and
there is nothing to prevent a man getting a
few good books on some craft, such as carthere is nothing to prevent a man getting a few good books on some craft, such as carpentry mechanics, electrical work, painting, decorating etc. Such works are to be found in all our public libraries. Having decided upon what line of work he would like, let him make a thorough study of it and then set right down to business. In almost every home will be found a room that can be utilized for a savorkshop. I have converted a celler into a convenient and emfortable workroom: It is a mistake to think that considerable money is required for a sart. Suppose carpentry is taken up.

I want to say right here as an encoursement to annateur workers that it is the
mainess man, the cerk or the school teachm, men used to system and precision in
heir dally work, that are the most likely
e succeed along these lines, Contrary to the
setion of our friend, "W. L. R.." no mudranged individual can make a good workmen.

Man, Keeping a set of carpenters' tools in good shape is a science in itself. My father al-ways followed clerical work as a means of wellhood, but working evenings and sparse line, he became an expert carponier and sbinstmaker. Starting out with only a few folars, he gradually acquired a complete and excellent outfit of tools, and turned out work that was the envy of all the profes-

I well remember how eager he was after at the length of the same of the was attor-st the bench. While some men would loaf around, smoke, bicycle, awing clubs of dumbbells to keep in condition, my father combined pleasure, health and profit in his

lebby.

I followed in his footsteps in my younger days, deing cierical work through the day sad turning to the carpenter's bench evenings but later in life, on changing from clerical work to harder labor, I took up stother hebby of a lighter nature, from which I now derive much pleasure and considerable profit.

I certainly would advise all who possibly and to take up some trade as a hobby and wick at it become an expert and best the professionals at their own game. Some day you may want to change your occupation and

professionals at their own game. Some day you may want to change your occupation and become one of the big-wags workmen we read so much about. It is a fact, however, that this class of clerical workers seldom change their occupation. My father had several good offers as an expert workman, and I know on more than one occasion he was almost tempted to make a change, but he figured it out this way: His psy, though only moderate, was sure. He was not much effected by strikes or trade depressions. He had a vacation with full nay each year and

work.
Taking a period of any five years and tweraging his pay and income from his hobby, he was far ahead of the ordinary machanic, and getting right down to facts, should like to know where is the man who has a responsible and reliable position in the office, bank or school, who would change to become a painter, plumber or carpenter and chase all over the country for an occasional \$5 to \$10-a-day fob. Who are the people that dress well and own good homes, automobiles, etc.? They are not often what would be called big-pay men, but generally men of moderate salaries, having responsible and reliable positions.

During the war when works. Stany man of moderate salaries, having responsible and reliable positions.

During the war, when work was rushed through resurtless of expense, all kinds of theor, good, had and indifferent, made good wages, but now the bad and indifferent are being eliminated and it will not be very long before a man will have to give some guarantee or certificate of ability to obtain a paying position in any of the trades, C. E. S. Kingston, Pa., October 6, 1920.

The Deadly Grade Crossing To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
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hy the "ill of the people, or those who represent them.

Naturally, the public has the right to do mand protection. The railroads are using the ground through the will of the people, and the people have the natural right to their use. All the accidents could be avoided if only the laws were such that the rasponeibility could be more easily placed, and those wis are indifferent to the public's welfare would be punished severely for their neglect.

or their neglect.
WILLLIAM T. EARLE.
Phiadelphia, October 10, 1920.

Questions Answered

Rights of Common-Law Wife o the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger Sir-I will appreciate it if you will in-

also had one child born to them, but now dead. W. W. L. also had one child born to them, but now dead.

Philadelphia, October 9, 1920.

The rights of a common-law wife to compel her common-law husband to support her are exactly the same as those of a legal wife. She is in the position, however, of being obliged to prove that she is truly a common-law wife. The law will be satisfied on this point if she can show that she was reputed to be the man's wife, or that he treated her as such or that he introduced her to his friends as such, or gave them to understand that she was his wife. It would understand that she was his wife. It would seem, in this case, that such evidence we be easily obtainable, and especially if two three neighbors could support the woma-claim to be a common-law wife.

Preacher Wrote "Lorena"

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledaer: Sir—We have at home an old song that was a favorito with my mother, entitled "Lorena." On the title page it states that it was written by It. D. L. Webster. Can you tell me who he was, and if he wrote any other songs that became popular?

MRS. W. L. D.

MRS. W. L. D.
Philadelphia, October 10, 1920.
The composer of the old sons you refer
to was the Rev. H. D. L. Webster, a
clergyman from the Central West. His first pastorate was in Zaneaville, O. The "Lor-ena" of the song was the sister of a wealthy manufacturer in that town with whom the young minister was in love. The friends of the young woman discouraged the Rev. Webster in his attentions, and he resigned and sought another field.
"Lorena," whose real name was signed and sought another field. Later "Lorena," whose real name was "Eila," married Judge W. V. Johnson, of Ironton, O., who eventually became a member of the Suprene Court of his state. The Rev. Webster subsequently married and lived in Namh, Wis, and became an editor of a local paper. We cannot find that Mr. Webster ever wrote any other song that became nouslar.

"A Wayzgoose"

To the Liditor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—I note with great interest that the Evening Péblic Ledger has established a "People's Forum." and I wish it all possible success. Such a department is always into think that considerable money is required for a start. Suppose carpentry is taken up. Let a few good tools be purchased, and as experience is gained other tools can be experience is gained other tools can be "People's Forum." and I wish it all possible success. Such a department is always interesting and most instructive. After this value his tools and to keep them in good conflicted introduction I am coming to you with the information, well, I take my hat off to him. The question is: What is a wayzgoose?

B. F. GORDON.

Philadelphia, October 7, 1920.

"Wayz" is the old English word for stubble. A wayzgoose (a stubble goose) was a known dainty and the head dish at the annual feats of the forefathers of the printing fraternity. It was customary, in the early part of the seventeenth century, for all the journ-ymen printers of England to make every year new paper windows, in return

them a wayzgoose, a feast. He would not only entertain them at his own house, but would also present them with money to spend at the alshouses or the taverns. These would also present them with money to spend at the alchouses or the taverns. These wayzgooses were held about St. Hartholomew. Lide, the festival of St. Bartholomew, August 24, and were attended by the printers, the founder, corrector, smith, joiner and inkmaker as guests. It was not unusual to invite distinguished individuals to these feasts, and Dickens, Thackeray and lesser British literary lights frequently had the privilege of enjoying a wayzgoose.

The Curfew

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—Please tell me what is the origin of
the word "curfew" as applied to the custom of calling the people home, especially
children.

Philadelphia, October 6, 1920.
The word "curfew" is derived from the
French "cur," being a contraction of the
French word "covrir," to cover, and "feu"
fire. The curfew was introduced into Engiand by William the Conqueror. By the
custom a bell was rung in every town at 8
o'clock in winter and at sunset in summer,
when all fires and lights had to be extinguished. This regulation caused a great
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that time was almost universal throughout

clamer in England, although the custom at that time was almost universal throughout Europe; it was a call to prayers and intimation that it was bedtime and a means of guarding against fire. According to William of Malmesbury. Henry I allowed candles to be used at ecurt after curfew bell. The practice of ringing a bell at an early hour in the evening still prevails locally in sections of the United States and of Europe.

"Friars of Orders Gray" To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger Sir—In a book of poetry in my possession is a poem, "The Friars of Orders Gray." It is not credited as to authorship, but says "adapted by Porcy." Who was Porcy."

Percy 1 S. L. C. Philadelphia, October 6, 1920. Priliddelphia, October 6, 1020.

The poem you refer to is a ballad taken from the book generally called "Percy's Reliques." The poems contained in this sook have been handed down from sire to son, and Thomas Percy devoted a considerable time to collecting them. Thomas Percy was a grocer's son and was bern at Bridgnorth, England. April 13, 1720, and died September 30, 1811. He was graduated at Oxford, and after various premotions beform me what can a common-law wife de-form me what can a common-law wife de-whom she lived nine years as a wife? They came bishop of Dromore. Friars of orders ing. or gray friars, so called from the

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St. Francis, and are now senerally called Franciscans. The order was founded by St. Francis of Assist, who, abandoning his in-heritance, devoted himself to the poor. He was born in Italy, in 1182, and died in 1224. He wrote many beautiful religious

Sketch of Burton Holmes To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger. Sir—I desire a brief shetch of the famous lecturer, Burton Helmes, where he was born and when he began lecturing. W. L. D. Philadelphia, October 9, 1920.

Philadelphia, October 9, 1920.

Elias Burton Holmes was born in Chicago,
January 5, 1870. He was educated at Allen
Academy and Harvard School, Chicago, His
first lecture was delivered in Chicago, in
1890. Since then he has appeared in all
large cities of the country. He has traveled
and lectured in many countries. He married Margaret Elise Oliver, March 21, 1914.

Meaning of "Pocket Veto" To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger, Sir—I should like to have explained to me what is meant by the term 'pocket veto,' in reference to a bill passed by the national legislature, but never becomes a low? D. L. ORWIG.

D. L. ORWIG.

Philadelphia, October 6, 1920.

When Congress passes a bill and it is presented to the President within ten days of the edjournment of Congress, and he fails to sign it, it is said to be a "pocket veto." The bill does not become a law without the President's eignature, as it would in ten days were Congress in session. Every bill must be signed or vetoed before final adjournment or else is automatically vetoed in the way described. It is the custom of the Presidents to go to the Capitol in the last hours of an expiring Congress to sign or veto bills as soon as they are passed. Otherwise very necessary laws might be thus unintentionally killed.

Poems and Songs Desired

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger Sir—I am grateful for the opportunity the Evening Public Ledger gives us to come to its columns for information that is obtainable practically in no other way. In this instance I am desirous of securing two old songs, which you may be able to dig up for me through your numerous readers: old songs, which you may be able to dig up for me through your numerous readers. One of these songs is entitled "Forget Those Words in Anger Spoken." It starts some thing like this: "Forget those words in anger spoken.

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ing.

And simply ask of you, dear, to forget: The title of the other song is. I thin

"The Sal Awakening." It begins as fol-"Then comes the sad awakening, The pangs of deep regret." MRS. E. L. HALCOMB. Philadelphia, October 9, 1920.

Wants "Try Again"

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To the Editor of the Eventing Public Ledger:
Sir-Your "People's Forum" is a most interesting page. May I come to you with a request I am very anxious to secure the words of an old song that my mother used to sing by way of a cheery enouragement to the children to persevere in a difficult task. It begins something like this:
"Try again, little weaver, try again, try again,

upon your efforts good, there depends sea of blood, And a name that long has stood among men." MRS. D. L. DEVINE.
Philadelphia, October 10, 1920.

"The Far-Off Call"

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—I will appreciate it if you will ask
if any of your readers can supply the
words of a poem, "The Far-Off Call." which
was printed on the cover of a magazine, the
name of which I have forgotten, some years

ago, and which began: "If out beyond the city's furthest edge. There were no roads that led through sleepy towns." Philadelphia, October 10, 1920.

"L. R. N." asks for a poem about the workhouse, which was recited with excellent effect by Albert Chevaller, during his visit to this country some years ago.

"Antiquary" desires the poem containing the line "Your deeds will find you out," and one entitled "Threescore and Ten," which contains this line: "Twas morn, and every

itiving thins."

"A. A. R." desires the poem entitled "Low's Forty Signs of Rain," which contains the following lines:
"Low o'er the ground the swallow wings.
And the cricket, too, how sharp he sings."

"Lucky Jim" To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger Sir-There is an old humorous song which have been trying to secure, and which I I have been trying to secure, and which I have been unable to purchase at the music stores, 'It 's called "Lucky Jim." I am familiar with the music, but cannot remember all of the words and would appreciate it if you would be able to find them and print them in your "People's Forum."

WILLIAM T. SMALL.

Philadelphia, October 10, 1920 "LUCKY JIM" Jim and I as children played together,

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O, lucky Jim, how I envy him.
O, lucky Jim, how I envy him.
Time went on, still Jim and 2 were comrades.
He and I both loed the same sweet maid;
She loved Jim and married him one evening.

Years rolled by and death took Jim away.

boys,
Left his widow and she married me;
Now we're married off I think of Jim, boys,
Sleeping in the churchyard peacefully.

"Brave Boys Are They" To the Editor of the Evening Public Ladger To the Editor of the Evening Public Ladger;
Bir—One of the sweetest of the old war
songs was "Brave Boys Are They." It was
the "Keep the Home Fires Burning" of the
Civil War. I am sure a great many of your
readers would appreciate it very much to
see this old favorite printed in your interesting "People's Forum."

MRS. L. A. McCORMICK.
Philadelphia, October 10, 1920.

"BRAVE BOYS ARE THEY" Heavily falls the rain.

Wild are the breezes tonight; Beneath the roof, the hours as they fly Are happy and caim and bright, Gathering 'round the hearth. Tho' it be summer time. We sit and talk of brothers abroad. Forgetting the midnight chime.

Chorus Brave boys are they.
Gone at their country's call;
And yet, and yet, we cannot forset,
That many brave boys must fall.

Thinking no less of them.
But loving our country the more;
We sent them forth to fight for the flag,
Their fathers before them bore.
Though the great tear-drop starts,
This was our parting trust;
"God bless you, boys, we'll welcome
you home,

While rebels are in the dust."
May the bright wings of love,
Guard them wherever they roam;

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do not want them broken up! In 1896 there were, in round numbers, in the United States, 42,000 divorcesin 1906 there were 72,000-in 1918 the number was 112,000. In Philadelphia alone, in 1918, there were 1798 divorce suits, and in 1919 there

In Philadelphia, the "City of Homes," 19,860 marriage licenses were issued last year and only 5309 building permits-many of the latter for business structures. Therefore, how can the newly-married get homes? The owning of one's home is the one big remedy for the growing divorce evil.

For, as the Philadelphia Ledger said recently: "The child who does not have a home, a real home, is robbed of one of the heritages of youth. He or she does not get a proper start in life. The congestion of families into cramped quarters is not conducive to good health or good citizenship. A declining birth rate and an increasing divorce rate are many times more important than the rate of foreign exchange, but they get less attention.

It is desirable to Own Your Home. Ownership binds the domestic ties!