Two Selections Requested To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Err-Would like very much it you would print in your Forum, the following poems. "The Hid's Last Fight" and "The Black

Philadelphia, Ortober 29, 1920.

"THE BLACK SHEEP"

CHORUS

## THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

### Letters to the Editor

Objects to Assessments

Objects to Assess Public Ledger:
Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
-I am glad that your paper is giving
the complaints being

on much attention to the complaints being made by houseowners to the greatly ingreased assessments upon properties that were purchased at a very hist price a price much more than they were worth—simply because there was a scarcity of homes here, and the profiteers got busy and fook the public by the throat.

Now it would seem as if flity Hall also was taking them by the threat, and the public has every reason to object to the way this assessment scheme is being worked out. In my opinion, the assessments should be made upon properties at their actual value, instead of the fictitious value that poor people were compelled to pay for those houses in order to prevent being turned out into the street. Thus far we cannot find that these complaints have been the means of doing any good, for the assessors are comply arbitrary and will not listen to reason.

that these complaints have been the means of doing any good, for the ascessors are simply arbitrary and will not listen to reason. If a house is worth between \$4000 and \$5000, and even thought a profiteer has compained the present owner to pay nearly again, as much, why should every one else in the row have their houses advanced accordingly because some one was compelled to got the extortionate price? Let me give you the example of the house in which I live, a little two-story house in West Philadelphia, when I purchased my home several years are I raid \$8800 for it. Since that time one of the wouse in which I live, a little two-story house in West Philadelphia, when I purchased my home several years are I raid \$8800 for it. Since that time one of the covers had a back porch, and spent about \$1500 in the house to make it attractive.

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Love for parents is not the flower of weath and fear; and humiliating a girl or bey is to kill something infinitely precious to the world. Long before the recent world so the world. Long before the recent world storm broke, provoked by a nation of blackguards, it was customary in Germany for little children to be beaten by the taschers it lessons were unsatisfactory, that beating always followed by a beating at mumber of child suicides were the result where the same to my mind of the dead ilon where the case to my mind of the dead ilon where the case to my mind of the dead ilon the case the case to my mind of the dead ilon the case the c

then whip the children when they practice as same act.

I stred is a britcher shop the other day while a little tot of three patiently stood for long minutes while his mother manely gossiped with the man about her personal agairs. The child setting freitil and begins her te come on, was promptly told that she would call the policeman, a threat that was evidently heavy to the child, as he regarded her with disdainful, angry eyes and pounded her with his puny fists.

I could cits downs of instances that have down under my own observation, of the

Corporal punishment was abandoned in our public schools many years are as illustratived and detrimental to morals. It will not be long (now that women have the wote) before it will become a civic misdemeanor for parents to strike their children. Even reform schools that deal largely with degenerate children are finding more salusary methods of controlling their charges. Finally, if "Mrs. T." will consult medical works she will find that being addicted to whipping one's oftopring is scheduled under a very manyory type of disease well suthenticated. This letter is written by a smother of boys who have never had a blow, and who are a joy and a credit.

Philadelphia, November 8, 1929.

Expression From Bachelor Maid

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To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

The I was very much interested in what

T. H. R." had to say on the subject
of setting married, for only a day or so
before a girl friend and myself had been
talking over this matter and we agreed that
girl was taking considerable of a chance
beyendays in setting married. You never can
till what kind of a man you are marrying. He always seems in earnest when he
be paying attention to you, and after you
become engaged, but after a few years he
meets some one else whom he thinks he
likes better and you soon learn that you
did not charm him as you once did.

I often wonder what is the matter with
the men of the present day. This is not
"sour grapes." as I have myself been very
much in love, but after seeing and hearing
the expressione of other girls I have not had
the nerve to take the step and at thirty I
can still a bachelor maid.

I was brought up in a large family where
tay mother filled the various lobe of nurse.

Sook dressmaker, washerwoman, maid of
all work and cort of a general valet to
ather, to see that his timen, clothes and
other belongings were in good condition. To
be sure, father worked, but he was free to
out when he pleased. He'd also handle
the money, while mother had to ask for oar
are. According to the outside world, father
looked after his family in a respectable
way and say that they went to school and
bunday school.

The world has observed and women have

Letter, to the Editor should be as brief and to the point as possible, avoiding anything that would open a denominational or sectarian discus-

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The publication of a letter is not to be taken as an indorsement of its views by this paper.

Commun. cations will not be returned unless accompanied by postuge, nor will manuscript be saved.

Philadelphia, Nov. 8, 1920.

A Parking Trap

There was an age in the world's history when the human male sought his mate with a club and dragged her to his cave by the hair of the head.

Childhood should be a season of joy and gladness, and children who are intelligently handled from birth require no blows.

Bir—Piease answer two questions for me:

I. During the Russo-Japanese war did
Engiand allow of guarantee passage to her
citizens or the beligerent vessels? 2. When
President McKinley declared war on Spain
did he call a special session of Congress to
sanction this war? Is this the only case
where the President declared war?
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Ephiladelphia, Nov. 8, 1920.

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It is a case to my mind of the dead lion
being an improvement on a live dog. In
other words, it was to the children's credit
that they did commit suicide.

I understand that conditions in that rejusted are even worse today, the adults taking
if out on their children for being beaten
in the war.

There is a Scripture injunction commandthan children to obey their parents. In the
same breath parents are empioned to provake not their children to anger. Now I
am personally acquainted with many parsits who are far more in need of a sound
then whip the children when they practice

where the President declared war?

W. L. S.

Philadelphia, Nov. 8, 1920.

First. No such question ever arose during
the Russo-Japanese War. England proclaimed her neusrility, and that was all.

Second. Under the constitution of the
United States the right to declare war is
vested in Congress, and the President cannot
declare war except by the instruction of
Congress. Congress was in assion during
the time that the negotiations with Spain
were proceeding, and took action on its own
initiative, instructing President McKinley to

same acc.

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Origin of Chrysanthemum

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To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir-Kindly tell me how the flower called
chrysanthemum came to have that name.
What is the prigin of the word?
C. L. B.
Philadelphia, November 4, 1920,
Chrysanthemum is from two Greek wards,
meaning gold and flower. The flower is a
pative of China and was first introduced
into Emgland in 1780. We have not been
able to find any story consected with the
naming of the flower. The imperial standard of Japan is a gold chrysanthemum on a
red field, and it is sessential that it shall
have sixteen petals to represent rayalty.
Our common cx-sye dailsy and corn marigold are of the chrysanthemum family.

We do not have a poem called 'The Kid's Last Fight." Can you mean 'The Making!" We do not have a poem entitled 'The Black Sheep," but here is a song with that title: How Washington is Governed In a quiet little village, not so very far

How Washington is Governed to the Better of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir — Does Washington, the national opital, have what is called the commission form of government?

Philadelphia, November 2, 1920.

It has a commission form of government, but not the form commonly so called. It is governed by three commissioners, two of them being appointed from civil life by the President of the United States, and the third is an officer detailed from the engineer corpe of the army. The two commissioners appointed from civil life must have been for three years rasients of the District of Columbia (the city of Washington embraces the entire district), and the third commissioner must have served at least fifteen years in the engineer corps of the army. The constitution of the United States empowere Congress "to exercise exclusive legislation in In a quiet little village, not so very far away.

There lived a fich and aged man, whose hairs are few and gray.

He had three sons, three only ones, both Tom and Jack were sir,

While Ted was honest as could be, and would not tell a lie.

They planned their best to ruin Ted in the old man's eyes.

Their poison soon began to work, 'til Ted was much despised:

One night the old man said, begone, rou're heartiese to the core.

These were the wards the black sheep said, as he stood by the open door:

CHORUS Congress "to exercise acclusive legislation in all cases whatsoever" over the District of Columbia, and it defines the powers and prescribes the duties of the commissioners appointed by the President. It really is con-gressional government by an executive com-

Bir—Can you or any of your readers give me the poem containing the lines:
"It might have been a famey, or it might have been a dream.
But I'll ne'er forget the beauty of the voice or of the thanks.

When a cloud of light fell o'er me and I heard a spirit sing."

Also a poem containing the following



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bor Strike" or the "Dandy Fifth." I am not duite sure which title is correct, but the first stanse is as follows:

"Twas the time of the great labor strike.
When all the land stood still.
At the sudden rear of hungry mouths,
That labor could not fill.

Through Finledelphie's surging streets
Marched the brown ranks of tell.
The grimy legions of the shops.
The tilleg of the soil."

MRS GEOORGE HOLAND.

Bristol, Pa., November a 1820.

The time surged to send him to the poortouse that was near.

When like a fils at the black sheep's words came ringing in his ears.

A wagon drives up to the door, it is the poortouse van;
there is your man; from appears, and pushes though the crowd.

Here, stop, you brutes! the stranger said, this will not be allowed.

Tou took the old man's property, and all

through the crowd.

Here, stop, you brutes! the stranger said, this will not be allowed.

Tou took the old man's property, and all that he could save.

Tou even sold the little lot containing his wife's grays.

I am his son, but not your kin, from now all judgment day.

The old man grasped the black sheep's hand, the crowd, then heard him say: the crowd then heard him say:

on't be angry with me, lad. I've turned you from my door, how that I was foolish. I've repented

Joaquin Miller Poem To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir-Will you please print in your People's Forum the peam which contains the line-"THE BRAVEST BATTLE"

By Joaquim Miller The bravest battle that ever was fought! Shall, I tell you when and where? On the maps of the world you will find it 'Twas fought by the mothers of men.

Don't be anary with me, Dad, don't turn me from your door. I know that I've been wayward, but I won't be any mere; Nay, not with cannon or battle shot, With a sword or noble pen; Nay, not with eloquent words or thought From mouths of wonderful men! But deep in a walled-up woman's heart-Of a woman that would not yield. But bravely, silently bore her part-50, there is that battlefield!

The People's Forum will appear daily in the Evening Public Ledger, and also in the Sunday Public Ledger. Letters discussing timely topics will be printed discussing timely topics will be printed

But, oh! these battles, they last so From babyhood to the grave.

Tet, faithful still as a bridge of stars, She fights in her walled up town—
Fights on and on in the endless wars,
Then, silent, unseen, goes down.
Oh, ye with banners and battle, shot,
And soldiers to shout and praise!
I tell you the kinglest victories fought
Were fought in those silent ways.

O spotless woman in a world of shame, With splendid and silent scorn, Go back to God as white as you came— The kingliest warrior born!



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