THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

Letters to the Editor

What Can He Do?

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—I would like to ask you if you won't print my little plaint in your very interesting People's Forum, and in all seriousness, for I want to ask advice from your readers. It may not seem serious to many of them, for they may not take things seriously at home. It is this: I am a man of a "good family," by which I mean that we are a family who look carefully to education and refinement. Some members have considerable means, but I have only the money that I am able to earn.

While I have a fairly good education, I have not, unfortunately, prepared myself for life as I should have done, and consequently have to work for a salary that makes it almost impossible for me to keep my wife and child in the way I should like to keep them. My wife is of gentle birth and has many friends, also is attractive. The misfortune is that we are compelled to live in such a way that it is almost impossible to keep things going on our income.

I am worried to death all the time that I am not able to lay aside any money in case of sickness or some other misfortune. I skimp myself to the very last degree that we can get along at home. I purchase hardly any clothing, and never go anywhere where it costs money. My wife has full charge of all the funds up to the little required for me to purchase lunches and for carfare.

I would be satisfied, but even at that my wife is continually asking me why I don't buy her this and buy her that, and especially in front of our friends she complains that she cannot get me to buy her this or take her here or there. I cannot understand how it is possible for her to do this when she knows that she has received virtually everything I earn and is getting very much more than I do.

Besides this, she is continually prodding me when I don't get work where I can get more pay in order that we can do as some of our friends do and go with them to places of amusements. She has respectable clothes, as good as my salary will afford buying her, and yet she is always longing for this and that, and I have often wondered if it is not this inclination on the part of married women that often drives their husbands into criminal acts.

Unfortunately, I am proud, and when my wife prods me about not earning enough money I bite my lips and keep quiet. I am too thick that she would be so inconsiderate. I am also too proud to talk the matter over with her and tell her the way certain of our friends do and live; if it grieves her to see it, then we had better remain away from such friends. But I am letting things drift until I am very unhappy and come to readers of the People's Forum for advice, as some advice that the Forum for advice, as some advice that the have already given has been helpful to me.

W. S. C.

Philadelphia, April 2, 1921.

Don't Fear to Plunge

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—I would like to say to "Safety First," who is afraid of attempting marriage on account of a friend's advice, that if he marries with the idea that the woman is an angel, of course he will be disappointed. He should remember that she is human and bound to have faults as well as himself, and he should make up his mind to bear with them, as she assuredly will with him, if she cares anything at all for him. It's just a matter of give and take.

He would do well not to pay too much attention to his young married friend, for a man of good principles would not speak of his wife to another as he seems to have done, even if she were deserving of all he said.

A young man should first make sure he loves the girl and that it is not a mere passing fancy, then take the plunge, and if they both have good common sense he will find that married life can turn out even better than it was pictured.

W. E. W.

Philadelphia, April 3, 1921.

Crusade Against Crime

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—The present crusade against firearms is a move of the right kind, but we must not expect too much. We had crime before the advent of the firearms, and will have it after they are gone. Pointing a gun and demanding money is probably the easiest and safest method of handling that has ever existed—safety for both parties.

We should consider, when legislating against the gun, that in a hold-up where the gun is used the victim, if he does not resist, is seldom injured. In pre-gun times the victim was struck on the head with a club or stabbed with a knife—cut. The gun was a much more "painless extraction." In a gun hold-up the robber seems always to be a large, burly fellow. The small, lean fellows worked as sneak thieves. The modern pistol, however, has changed all this. A mere boy of no remarkable size, with a gun in his hand, can command several possessions and be fairly successful. Making the gun impossible to boys will cut off their career in this direction at least.

The cause of the crime wave has been laid to movies, pool halls, etc. It is quite arguable, however, to point out any one thing and say this is the cause. Everything depends on the boy. What he becomes depends mostly on inherited qualities. The home and can have some influence in getting him to develop the best of his nature. Repeals that tend to eliminate things which appeal most to the worst of one's nature are thus rendered impossible. For this reason we think we ought to be started against drug fiends who set a bad example by breaking the laws, and also against lawyers who defend confessed criminals. Masterful attorneys stage court scenes, train their witnesses and clients in the art of acting, make the jury with subtlety influencing the effect on the jury of every word, look and tone. Escaping punishment depends much on money and getting good lawyers.

The jilted peach woman first confessed to killing her husband, and then later escaped punishment through the aid of attorneys. In the notorious cases attorneys by money delay justice, and the verdicts are found to have only good effect on the morality of our citizens. Such things undermine the foundation of morality. The jilted confessed criminals ought to be at liberty. Every public servant—man or woman—should be heavily bonded before taking office.

WILLIAM T. HARGIS.

Philadelphia, March 31, 1921.

Criticizes Opponent to Bonus

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—In replying to W. L. Moffatt's letter in the People's Forum about no bonus wanted, I do not say that I am not one of those who are calling for a bonus, as I have seen some service in the Scottish-American War, but I was only a good three months, and I have been in the good old U. S. A. ever since, before the world war and never left it, but shipped over for the war and never saw a trench across the pond. I was a shipping picture poser, either. Now, Mr. W. L. M., if Uncle Sam were to give a bonus of $500, I suppose you would refuse it, of course you would; we all refuse it for three minutes, when it is offered, but we would take it after we had considered it thoroughly pressed. The man then takes the corpse away for his scrapbook.

The New York papers mentioned it several times last week. What next?

Wonder if any of your readers have the answer?

J. W. HILDERNESS.

Philadelphia, April 4, 1921.

Defends Railway Workers

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—In reply to C. P. Wright's letter of March 26, 1921, in the People's Forum of March 30, 1921:

It is apparent from his letter that he has room for only one view on the subject of railroad employes' passes and has drawn exaggerated conclusions from his imagination that might be good for some dream book. His letter fully demonstrates that he does not know what restrictions are attached to the pass question and the number of passes issued per year to employes.

Now, Mr. Wright claims it is offenders on my part to hold up the railroad workers as "models of industry," etc. It is not expressed in such terms, but with pride we hold ourselves to our business and do not interfere with other people's line of business, such as judging what and how much they are deserving of having or getting.

On the whole, these people who are continually criticising the railroad workers should become better acquainted with all conditions pertaining to same before they whether propaganda that causes strife. In the argument let the critics who have anything to say place themselves on record as an example of whatever their profession or calling might be.

You know what my calling is, New. critic, let me know what line of work you are following, and maybe I will be able to tell you just as sarcastically as you tell us how small an area of reasoning you are able to cope with.

J. J. McENERY,
Railroad Worker.

Cheltenham, Pa., April 5, 1921.

A Just Claim to Bonus

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—In reply to W. L. Moffatt's letter in the People's Forum regarding the bonus, I feel that I must disagree with him. Evidently he has made soldiering his business—probably because he would be sure of three square meals a day, a comfortable uniform, and a few dollars at the end of the month.

He seems so patriotic that I doubt if he ever accepted his pay from the government. If he did accept it, he should relieve his conscience at once by refunding same in full at the earliest possible date and thus save Uncle Sam from "going broke" and at the same time help the disabled.

I might say that the drafted men and the volunteers (to which class I belong) in the world war or any other war are men who prefer and love their homes, families and civil life in general, but who are not afraid. I have heard heroes like yourself on this subject before. I suppose you're one of those magazine posers, never did get across, or you sure would have mentioned it in your letter. Did they drag you in the service or did you only volunteer?

So you're a member of the American Legion, are you? Well, you are a fine comrade, believe me, running down your buddies who paraded for miles down Broad street in order to get their bonus. Other states got it. Why not our state? I will write to Senator Penrose for you and see if we can have it stopped. I assure you that I don't need it, for I can starve.

Talking about the Philippine boys deserving a bonus; what for—a three-month battle? What about the poor leather-necks. I think they did more than their share and didn't hide behind any cabbage patches.

A. A. KRUSE.

Just an Ex-Gob.

Philadelphia, April 6, 1921.

The Love Press

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—New York has a new one called the love press, and I wonder can you tell how it started. A red rose is pressed in a most unusual manner and kept by the man as a souvenir.

On their way home he buys the girl a red rose, which she wears till he is making his adieu. The girl then places the poor little rose on the floor and stands with all her to go and fight and win when the time comes. These same men sacrificed positions, businesses, professions and money, and, in fact, everything, and therefore have the just right to claim and accept the very least the government can give them and yet be just as patriotic as Mr. Moffatt.

M. GRUMLEY.

Philadelphia, April 6, 1921.

Questions Answered

Recent History

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—How long after President Wilson sailed for France did he attend the Peace Conference? How long after the Lusitania was sunk did the United States declare war? How long after it was torpedoed did we enter the war? When did he sail for France? When did he return to the United States? W. J. F.

Philadelphia, April 3, 1921.

President Wilson first sailed for France December 3, 1918. The Peace Conference met first January 18, 1919.

He returned to the United States for the closing of that session of Congress, leaving France February 15, and left again for France March 4, 1919. He sailed again from France on June 24, 1919.

The Lusitania was sunk May 7, 1915.

The United States entered the war on April 6, 1917.

The President was reelected at the November, 1916, election.

German Lutheran Church

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—Where stood the German Lutheran Church when General Henry Lee delivered the funeral oration in memory of George Washington on December 26, 1799, at Philadelphia?

W. L. WATTS.

Philadelphia, April 5, 1921.

The Zion Lutheran Church stood at Fourth and Cherry streets.

Answers Mr. Duffy's Problem

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—In answer to William Duffy's problem published in the People's Forum of the 24 inst., to arrange thirty men, fifteen being Americans and fifteen foreigners, so that every ninth man shall be a foreigner, I beg to submit the following:

Arrange so that Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 20, 21, 25, 28 and 29 are Americans; then each ninth man, beginning at one and counting through to or ending at nine, will be a foreigner, provided that each ninth man be thrown overboard at the end of each count.

EDW. BAYNHAM.

Philadelphia, April 1, 1921.

Roy C. Jackson answers this problem in the following way:

The thirty-sailor problem of William Duffy in the issue of April 2 can best be solved by making use of the little couplet:

"Four numbers and and art
Never will fame depart."

Now take the vowels, E I O and U in regular order. The first vowel in the couplet is O, the fourth vowel. Put down four American sailors. The next is I, the fifth vowel. Put down five foreign sailors. The rest is E, the second vowel. Put down two Americans. The next is A, one foreigner. Then I, three Americans, then A, one foreigner; A, one American; E, two foreigners; E, two Americans; I, three foreigners; A, one American; E, two foreigners; E, two Americans, and A, one foreigner.

Author of Famous Hymn

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—I would appreciate it if you would tell me who wrote the beautiful hymn "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus."

MRS. W. G. BIERDON.

Philadelphia, April 6, 1921.

The hymn was written by George Duffield and was set to music by G. J. Webb. In a revival in Philadelphia in 1858 the Rev. Dudley Tyng was the recognized leader. While standing by a piece of farm machinery on his place the sleeves of his coat became entangled in the gearing. His arm was drawn into the machinery and torn off, and he died soon after. His dying message was "Stand up for Jesus." This supplied Mr. Duffield with a theme for his hymn. He read the hymn at the close of a sermon which he delivered on the Sunday following the death of his friend. Set to the music composed by Mr. Webb, this hymn has become famous and useful.

"C. C." describes a poem containing the following verse:

"Love came over the amethyst hills,
The hills by the berry sea;
Straight from the amber glow of the dawn,
Over the hills to me."

poetry or prose: "A rose to the living is worth wreaths to the dead"?

V.

Philadelphia, April 5, 1921.

You probably refer to Nixon Waterman's poem "A Rose to the Living":

"A rose to the living is more
Than sumptuous wreaths to the dead;
In filling love's infinite store,
A rose to the living is more
If graciously given before
The hungering spirit is fed;
A rose to the living is more
Than sumptuous wreaths to the dead."

Favorite Scotch Poem

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—Will you please print the poem entitled "Cuddle Doon," and name the author.

R. S. A.

Merchantville, N. J., March 29, 1921.

You no doubt mean the favorite Scotch poem.

BAIRNIES, CUDDLE DOON

The bairnies cuddle doon at night,
Wi' mickle faught an' din.
"O, try an' sleep, ye wankrife rogues,
Your father's comin' in."
They never heed a word I speak;
I try to act a groon.
But aye I hap them up, and cry,
"O, bairnies, cuddle doon."

Wee Jamie wi the curly heid—
He aye sleeps neat the wa'.
Bangs up and cries, "I want a piece."
The rascal starts them a'.
I can an' fetch them pieces, drinks,
They gisp awee the soup.
Then draw the blankets up an' cry,
"Noo, weanies, cuddle doon."

But ere five minutes gang, wee Rab
Cries out, frae 'neath the claes,
"Mither, mak Tam gie ower at once,
He's kittlin' wi' his taes."
The mischief's in that Tam for tricks,
He'd bother baith the toon.
But aye I han them up an' cry,
"O, bairnies, cuddle doon."

At length they hear their father's fit,
An' just before he hed oureth,
They turn their faces to the wa',
While Tam pretends to snore.
"Has a' the weans been guidd?" he asks,
As he pits off his shoon.
"The bairnies, John, are in their beds,
An' lang since cuddled doon."

An' just before we hed oureth,
We look at our wee lambs.
Tam has his arm roun' wee Rab's neck
An' Rab his arm roun' Tam's.
I lift wee Jamie on the bed
An' as I strath each cheon
I whisper till my heart fills up,
"O, bairnies, cuddle doon."

The bairnies cuddle doon at night
Wi' mirth that's dear to me:
But soon the big world's cark an' care
Will quatten doon their glee.
Yet, come what will to jibe an'
May He who sits abeen,
Aye whisper, though they pass to battle,
"O, bairnies, cuddle doon."

"W. L. L." would like to know if anyone can give him the origin of the expression "Getting down to brass tacks." He is unable to locate it in any slang dictionary or book of quotations.

Poems and Songs Desired

Odd Poetic Conceit

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—I am desirous of securing an odd poem in which each stanza rhyme with a word which echo answers, with a slight change in spelling or pronunciation. One stanza ends with the word "matrimony," and echo then answers "matter of money."

W. S. L.

Philadelphia, March 31, 1921.

"A Rose to the Living." Etc.

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—Can you tell me where to find the

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Sketched on the right is a combination frock of taffeta and Georgette crepe, with a beaded medallion trimming the bodice. In navy or black, sizes 36 to 44, at $18.75.

The other dress in the sketch is of navy blue tricotine over a foundation of charmeuse. It is embroidered in black-and-henna or in black-and-Copenhagen. Sizes 14, 16 and 18 at $30.

Foulard Dresses $16.50

Designed especially for young women, these frocks can be had in navy and brown. The overskirts are cut full and show clusters of cording. The bodices are piped with contrasting Georgette.

Plenty of Gray and Navy Blue

—the most fashionable colorings of the Spring—among Canton crepe dresses, many of which are copies of French dresses. $29, $35 to $45.

Fringed frocks, another Paris idea, are in Canton crepe and crepe satin, at $39 and $45. (Market)

Women's Sample Oxfords and Pumps Special at $5.40

If you can wear size 4 or 4½, width B, you can save a tidy sum on your Spring footwear.

All the fashionable styles and leathers are represented and the shoes are in perfect condition. The *wholesale* prices would be a dollar or two more if sizes were complete. Quantity is limited to 400 pair. (Chestnut)

Half the Low Price for Embroidered and Dotted Voile—55c Yard

Voile with more body than a regular weave—really a tissue voile—and 36 inches wide. Woven in America, but adapting the unusual ideas of foreign artists. Some have cords and stripes and large embroidered spots. Some have big blocks of color with black ribbon-like strands seeming to be slipped through each block. Others have curious figures or large blocks with embroidered dots. Almost every color wanted for women's and young girls' frocks from the cool Nile green and becoming pinks and blues to dark browns and navy.

All half and less because the maker had a small surplus—and there will be no more like it after this lot is gone. (Central)

40-Inch Canton Crepe at $4

Beautiful quality in lovely shades of surf green, silver, Harding blue, tan, brown, navy, black and white.

40-Inch Charmeuse at $3.25

An especially fine quality in navy, brown and black.

35-Inch Silk Jersey at $2

In white, flesh and pink, especially desirable for sports wear. (Central)

Perfect for Capricious April—Sun-and-rain Umbrellas Special at $7.50

—Exactly half what similar ones were last year! This is April, you know, and bright sunshine is apt to turn into showers quick as a wink!

Bright striped taffeta covers with wooden shanks, bakelite tips and the most attractive handles! Some have bakelite rings and others have leather handles.

Knockabout Umbrellas, $1.35

Every household needs an extra umbrella of this type during April. These are for men or women and are of stout cotton with tape edges. Women's umbrellas have silk wrist cords; men's have plain or carved mission handles in conventional shapes.

Women's Silk-and-Cotton Umbrellas, $3.75 and $4.50

Handles are trimmed with bakelite and have bakelite rings or silk wrist cords. (Central)

Table Cloths at $1.85

58 inches square, of a fine linen-finished cotton damask. Several pretty circular designs to select from.

Hemstitched table cloths of a heavy quality mercerized cotton damask are 62 x 68 inches at $2 each. (Central)

For Baby's Sleepy Time—Blankets at $1

Pink or blue soft cotton blankets, in designs of bunnies, teddy bears, flowers or figures, are 30x40 inches.

Scalloped blankets of the same sort are $1.25.

Pillows at 25c

Of floss covered with white cambric. At 50c, of floss covered with pink or blue sateen. At $1.25, of down covered with pink or blue sateen. 12x16 inches, a nice size for carriage, crib or bassinet.

Dainty pillow slips are 35c to $1. (Central)

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8 x 10 feet, $5	6 x 9 feet, $4.50
9 x 12 feet, $6.50	8 x 10 feet, $6.50
	9 x 12 feet, $7.50

The first group is one that an importer had to turn into quick money and the other is our shipment of rugs made especially for us in Japan and contracted for when prices were lowest.

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