THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

Letters to the Editor

The Neglect of Old People

It is often the case, unhappily, that old sopie are nasicated. The next generation some to wait around like a lot of hungry

On snother occasion I called on a young tady who said; "Come on; den't talk to grandfather." She seemed to be ashamed of him. I spent most of the evening talking to him, but naver called on the young

woman again.

People should show greater respect for gray hairs. We young upstarts have plenty gray hairs to sat the world after without pushing grandpa and grandma off the map.

Philadelphia, June 14, 1921.

To "Keep Company"

the Better of the Evening Public Ledgers

To Assist the Deaf

Bir—A letter in Saturday's paper signed "Lonely" has made me wonder if he or she knows that at 1606 Locust street there is a club for deaf people, which is called the Speech Reading Club of Philadelphia. The membership dues are \$1 a rear, and any one who is deaf is invited to become a rempler. To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

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The membership dues are \$1 a rear, and any one who is deaf is invited to become a member.

There will be found companionship and new interests, people "laughing, chatting and joking," who are deaf, and a heiping and for those who need it. The club-house was established two years age by a mere handful of faithful workers. There all forms of welfare and social work in behalf of the deafened are being promoted, and lives are being made over on a whole and lives are being made over on a whole the deafened in every possible way. It would be the deafened in every possible way. It work Later, when they become better action that in liness, it gives them free instruction in lines are promoted. understanding and sympathy unilmited makes better citizens and more efficient Workers.
The clubhouse is also the headquarters of

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good faith, although names will not
be printed if request is made that
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to be taken as an indorsement of its
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the Speech Reading Bible Class of Philadelphia, an organisation in Itself, which is working to reach the greatest possible number of deafened people. One of the greatest deprivations of many hard of hearing persons is the inability to comfortably understand a sermon or Bible class instruction, and the Speech Reading Bible Class is making every effort to meet this situation by providing special classes, which meet every Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the clubhouse. SOFRIE DU PONT FORD, Philadelphia, July 10, 1921.

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LEWIS W. APPLETON, Jr.

Philadelphia, July 10, 1921.

helps them to chain employment, it makes them for them in liness, it gives them free instruction in lip-reading if they haven't the money to pay for it, it provides a center for deafened soldiers, many of whom are now members of the dub; it offers entertainment, social diversion, friendship, the destruction and sympathy unlimited; it offers entertainment, social diversion, friendship, the destruction and sympathy unlimited; it offers entertainment, social diversion, friendship, the destruction and sympathy unlimited; it is a set of the dubt. en who never stop to think what consequences their senseless sarrulity may have

Jobs on American Ships To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir-I, too, agree with Charles K. Markell

Questions Answered

"Half Mast" or "Half Staff"

Philadelphia, July 10, 1921.

The Century Dictionary defines the phrase as a masical conjuration for opening closed or secret doors and gaining an entrance. As for its origin, it is the charm which opened the door of the robbers' cave in the tale of "The Forty Thieven" in "The Arabian Nights." Sir-Very interesting have been the dis-cussions in the People's Forum on domestic subjects of every character. The homecustoms in the People's Forum on domestic subjects of every character. The homeloving girl these days has to take a back seat. Girls of my acquaintance, who love dancing, theatres, card parties and walking the streets, have all married. Only Mr. Seymour forgot one thing, and that is that men generally pick up the beautifully dolledup girl before a plain, home-loving girl. That is why there are so many unhappy marriages and so many divorces.

G. W. L.

Why So Many Unmarried? To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

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native language of these United States, Pur

Philadelphia, July 8, 1921.

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, as well as requested poems, and questions of general interest will be answered.

"Deaf Smith" County To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger Sir-Can you explain a curious country ame in Texas-namely. "Deaf Smith name in Toxas—namely. 'Deaf Smith County'? Should it be spelled in that way, or as one word, 'Deafsmith'?

Philadelphia. July 10, 1071.

The county is spelled Deaf Smith and perpetuates the nickname of a Texas pioneer named Erastus Smith. Born in Mississippi, Smith went to Texas at a preity early day, and, being hard of hearling, he was called Deaf Smith to distinguish him from others of the same name. He was in the Battle of San Jacinto, and on other occasions rendered public service that caused his name to be conferred on a county. Deaf Smith County is in the northwestern part of Texas.

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—About thirty years ago I read an account of an interesting people, supposed. I believe, to be the inhabitants of the plemented by signs as large and just as prominent, in the Tiddish and other languages. There may be arguments in favor of such a progedure, but I can't see it. I believe that every real American, foreign—
to partake of their meals by placing the born or not, will agree that the sconer this food in a cavity or cupboard in their sides. Government encourages and insists upon but In what book can I find this reference? Government encourages and insists upon but one language in its press, schools and public announcements, the sconer it will accomplish the spirit of one flag and one country and the scorer it will overcome radial opposition and ill feeling.

Therefore, can't the city officials having the maintenance of the plor under their direction be prevailed upon to add signs printed in English only and thus force foreigners to learn that language.

Philadelphia, July 18, 1921.

Appropriations Made Last Session To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir-Please tell me what appropriations



adelphia, July 18, 1921. The total of the appropriations made by the second season of the Sixty-sixth Congress, covering the fiscal year ending June 80, 1921, was \$4,859,850,387,80 Of this amount the Army has \$802,658,865; the Navy, \$482,279,574; the Postoffice, \$402,875,190, and the sundry civil list, \$487,100,805.

"D. L. 8."—Madame Curie's name is pronounced as if spelled "koo-res." giving the "oo" the same sound as in the work "cook."

"W. W. L."—A consular agent is an of-ficer subordinate to a consul general or a consul, exercising similar but limited pow-ers at a place different from that at which the consulate general or consulate is situ-ated. He acts entirely under the direc-tion of his principal, and is usually a local

Poem and Songs Desired

"A Neat Little Clock" To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledgert
Str-I am very anxious to obtain a poem
that contains the following lines:
"A neat little clock in the corner;
It stands and it points out the hour,"
Also the poem containing the lines:
"The now fifty years since the clergyman

In his clear, ringing votoer With this ring HENRY T. YOUNGMAN.
Philadelphia, July 10, 1921.

"The Castle of St. Elmo" To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledgers
Sir—I shall feel much obliged if you publish the poem called. I think, "The Castle
of St. Elmo," and beginning thus:
"Long the castle of St. Elmo had the noble
knights defended." S. A. L.
Fhiladelphia, July 10, 1921.

"It Turns to Thee" o the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—Can any one tell me where I can find the poem containing the following lines: "When the world's sorrow, working only death.

And the world's comfort, caustle to the

wound.

Make the wrung spirit loathe life's daily breath. As jarring music from a harp untuned. It turns to thee, O Ged, it turns to thee."

MRS. W. L. O.

Philadelphia. July 10, 1921.

"Belated Wanderers" To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—Could you assist me in locating the following quotation:
"O dear, brave heart. God bless thee.
Whereson'er in His great universe thou art today."

W. S. L. Philadelphia, July 10, 1921.

"A Child's Game" To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—The inclosed poem. "A Child's
Game." may not be the one desired, though
it conveys the idea of "a closed door." Philadelphia, June 26, 1921.

I have so longed and longed to know What lovely things the children find When they have gone beyond the door. But not a child that's left behind

Pas ever been; for when they go
He will not ever let them back;
And when he beckens them, and we
Stand tiptoe, watching for the crack.

And oh! within that darkened room



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"E. C. L." asks for the poem containing these lines:

'Oh, the bills and woods are sorgeous with their tints of red and gold.

And I stand and same each morning at the new scenes that unfold:

And I feel a deep contentment and a sense of holy biles.

"M. T. D." asks for a poem the lines, "Eleven cents for miss dollar bill for lace,"





The Coal Situation

A Word of Warning to Customers of the William M. Lloyd Company.

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shows why winter coal should be bought now:-"Secretary Hoover and Interstate Commissioner Clark warn consumers of coal to stock up while they can, or carry their own risks of shortage and higher costs. That is cold comfort for hot days, but it is the situation as it stands, and long has been evident. Coal could have been bought cheaper a month ago, and will probably cost a little more in succeeding months. There is a chance that it may cost a great deal more if the official advice is re-

it may cost a great deal more if the official advice is rejected, and there should be a buyers' panic during a winter storm and interruption of supplies. The coal companies cannot mine coal for storage. It the up wage money too fast, and the storage problem, which is small for individual consumers, is unmanageable on a great scale.

"It is a curious situation. Anthracite has been produced more abundantly than last year, and some small operators are selling above the official price of the large producers. Bituminous has been under-produced compared with recent years, and buyers are indifferent. They see that there are plenty of cars and plenty of coal, in fact, too much coal for profit by high-cost producers, who are idle. They fail to consider that, nevertheless, a season's supply cannot be mined and carried in a month or two, and that belated buyers will have to pay what the market asks, and this year will get no sympathy. They are gambling on the chance that if they make enough trouble Government intervention in some way will lower costs and prices. Experience has shown that Government intervention is of doubtful benefit, and if beneficial is too slow to cheapen this year's supply."

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