# THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

#### Letters to the Editor

Need Tax Reduction

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledor:

Sir—It is the duty of the public officials
at City Hall to see that there is a tax raduction and an assessment reduction for the
relief of the poor house awners as soon
as possible. I know personally, and am
mure that there are thousands, of men who
have been forced to purchase their homes
on a "shoestring," and have put in them
everything they were previously able to save,
and they stand at present in the position
of losing everything they possess. The city
must come to their assistance, or there are
some to be many more idle and homeless to be many more idle and homeless

In hard times like these, when every the is feeling the pinch of poverty, we naturally look to our city government to give the rally look to our city government to give us as much relief as possible, and I have yet to see where there has been any effort on the part of the powers at City Hall to come to the relief of the people, if not in securing work for them, at least in not taking from them the little they have saved.

Food continues high, as does coal. The winter is upon us, and the cellars of the winter is upon us, and the cellars of the thousands of small two-story houses are cill without coal in their bins, as the occupants have no money to buy it. All that the families can scrape together has to go for city taxes and oxyling interest on mortsages.

## "Our Mothers" Did

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ladger:

Sir-I am tired of the defamation of the
old siris by the young dappers and squabe old girls by the young flappers and squabe in the People's Forum columns. They are continually saying that four mothers' did not dress thus and so, did not bob their hair, wear short skirts, powder rouge, etc. What do these young folks think our mothers were? Manikins? I want to assure them that mothers were risht up to shuff in their day and were as much slaves, so called, to the dictates of Dame Fashion as are the girls of today.

And why shouldn't they be? They were in the same business of enticing the male of the species. They did use powders and paints and put up their hair in the latest style, whichever way that might be, and they wore hustles and were wasp-waisted. God bless them: and toppied about in high heel shoes and wore bis and little hats as eccasion required. Girls, stop defaming your mothers. They did all I say and will admit it. We are proud of them.

Philadelphia. October 5, 1921.

Extending the Friendly Hand

To the Editor of the Eusning Public Ledger:

Sir—There was a time—and not so many
Years ago—that there was a real friendly
spirit egisting in Philadelphia, but I notice
each year that this is being extended less
and less, and it is most unfortunate. There
was a time when Philadelphia really deserved its title of "City of Brotherly Love,"
and I cannot account for the reason that the
member have changed the way they have said
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Poople have changed the task and and the eighth chapter of Zachariah.

I was not born in Philadelphia, and some poers ago I was a traveling man, and everywhere I went—that is, before I came here to live—I used to speak of Philadelphia as have such as the sound of the Eugening Public Ledger:

Sir—How many co-operative societies as live—I used to speak of Philadelphia as have ing the most warm-bearted and humane people of any city in the country. I believe I was right then, but I do not believe that persons, as a rule, who study Philadelphia Cotober 2, 1921.

Societies co-operative in character are statement all over the world, and while no data are available regarding this number. It is estimated that between 30,000,000 and

No matter which way I turn in Philadelphia.
It should not be with a chip on the shoulder.
No matter which way I turn in Philadelphia.
It seems to me that I feel the chip. Year by year I feel my acquaintances narrowing to a very small margin, and for the

We owe to every fellow man a certain amount of courteey and friendliness, and it should not be grudgingly given. How many, have a had any experience of setting the cold shoulder turned to them on all sides, and for no reason other than that the people are getting more and more narral the people are getting more and more narral than the containing the rules governing purchase of discharge from the army. This rescinds of courteey and friendliness, and it L BAKER.

Hopes for Definite Action

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Bir—It is to be hoped that the conference on unemployment called by the President to meet in Washington will result in something more substantial than has emanated from most substantial than has emanated from most such conferences, committees of in-vestigation. Federal surveys, etc. There have been so many flukes among such that the average man is rapidly losing all hope of any relief through Government agencies, and such frame of mind bodes no good to

The immediate opening up of great im-provements by the State and Nation ought to go a long way to improving the unem-ployment situation, and to the average man.

People's Forum will appear daily Evening Public Ledger, and also Sunday Public Ledger. Letters ing timely topics will be printed, as requested poems, and questions eral interest will be answered.



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

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there seems to be no reason why such cannot be proceeded with. This country needs the improvements and men need the

Sees No Discrimination

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Simmething will have to be done or there is
soins to be great suffering here this winter.

If not even worse than that, and it is due
to the absence of forethausht on the part of
the city officials to come to the relief of the
people, whom they can benefit, if not by
giving them financial assistance either in the
way of work or otherwise, at least by not
taking away, in taxes or high assessments,
the little they are able to accumulate,
GEORGE T MATHESON.

Philadelphia, October 6, 1921.

Sees No Discrimination

Simmething Public Ledger:

Sir—Referring to a letter by an ex-service
man who complains against employers not
giving work to ex-service then and charging
that the employers give preference to for
eliments, the writer wishes to say that exservice man are given preference, and it
always has been that way. Any service man
who herridges any man a new car dose
not show the right spirit. Any man who is
driving a new car toriay certainly earned it
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between the ages of twenty-one and thirtyone were draffed. Men who enlisted before the draff made a sacrifice and should be taken care of at ouce. The names of these nien should be published. Also it is the dutievery one to report any man who is known be a slacker. I don't know of a man Philadelphia, September 30, 1921.

#### Questions Answered

Northwestern Mounted Police the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir-Please tell me the number of n onatituting the Royal Northwe olice of Canada Philadelphia, October 1, 1921.

The Royal Northwest Mounted Police of Cenada consists of fifty-five officers and about twelve hundred selected menjurisdiction of the 'mounties.' as they are popularly known throughout the Northwest, extends over Alberta, Saskatchewan, New Manitoba, the Northwest territories and Manitoba, the ? Tukon territory.

"Girl" in the Bible Sir-Where is the exact place in the Bible

The word "girl" occurs in the third verse of the third chapter of Joel, while the plural

Sir-How many co-operative societies are

40.000,000 people participate in such ganizations for one purpose or another.

To Purchase Discharge that I have found so very many To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

> Philadelphia, October 1, 1921. Discharge of enhated ment from the regprevious rulings to the contrary.

> > "Darby and Joan"

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir-Picase state what is the origin the story of Darby and Joan and wers thay teal personages? G. W. WHITE. Philadelphia, October 2, 1921 Parby and Joan were an old-fashioned, conservative married couple, famed for their long life and domestic fellisty. They are to have lived more than a century agir Healaugh, a willage in the West Riding of Yorkshire, Darby and Joan are the hero and herolne of a bailed "The Happy Old Couple," of uncertain authorship, al-

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sometime ascribed to Prior. Accord ins to Timberley, however, the author was Henry Woodfall, and the originals John Larby (printer, of Bartholomew Close, who died in 1730) and his wife Jean. Woodfall was an apprentice in the service of Darby.

Surrenders in World War To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger. Sir-A says that Bulgaria quit first be World War, but B says it was Turke the is correct? J. L. K.

Philadelphia. September 30, 1921. Neither is correct, although Bulgaria su was the first nation to surrender, on De-cember 16, 1917, followed by Rumania on May 6, 1918, Bulgaria on September 29, 1918. and Turkey on October 30, 1918.

Dry States Before Prohibition the Editor of the Public Ledger: Sir-What States were dry before national prohibition became effective? H. A. L. Philadelphia, September 30, 1921.

These States were dry prior to December. Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Aichigan, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pragon, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennesseo, Utah, Virginia, Washington and

#### Poems and Songs Desired

Sir-I am anxious to know the history he much-repeated epitaph as follows: "Beneath this stone lies Catherine Gray, Changed to a lifeless lump of clay," Can a reader give it to me? J. S. L. Philadelphia, October 1, 1921

"With the Girl I Sing" to the Educe of the Evening Public Ledger -Can any of your readers give me ete verses containing these lines:

And when that hay was blooming grass, And decked with flowers of spring. flawer was there that could compare With the lovely sirl I sing MRS W. L. ARCHER. Philadelphia, October 2, 1921.

"The City's Greatness" To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Str I am destrous of securing a poethrough your People's Forum which tains the following verse: "I heard of the cluy's greatness, And I came from afar to see

The wonderful place called London.

And its spiender dazzled me But I closer looked, and the gloss Faded: It was but a show. Black fog fell over the city. In lieu of the sunset's glow." H. W. L.

Philadelphia: October 1, 1921, "The Wonderful Sack" To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger.

Sir-The caption on the verses asked for y 'H. W. L.' in Priday's issue should be The Wonderful Sack.' and not 'The Apple Rouse.' They can be found in the old ndependent Fourth Reader which was in use in the echools of Des Moines, Ia., some years ago. I cannot remember all the verses, but the next two are as follows: She had no wood to cook her food. And but one chair to sit in:

## Last spring she lost a cow that cost A whole year's steady knitting.

She had no money in her till:

She was too poor to borrow:

With her lame leg she could not beg
And no one cheered her sorrow.

There are about twenty-four verses.

P. McN.

Philadelphia, September 18, 1921. "Sailor Boy's Farewell"

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

The second stanza as I remember it ra Farewell to father-blessed hulk! In spite of metile, spite of bulk,
His cable soon may slip.
But while the parting tear is moist
The fias of gratitude I'll hoist.
In duty to the ship."
I believe that I have never seen the vere

in print, and I have searched for them far and wide. I wonder if it will be possible for any of your readers to give me the complete poem. S. L. GREY, Philadelphia, September 25, 1921.

#### "Forget It"

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—Please print in the Evenno Public Labora the inclosed poem. "Forget It," which was recently requested. L. C. Philadelphia. October 3, 1921. FORGET IT

If you see a tall fellow shead of a crowd. A leader of men, marching fearless and proud.

And you know of a tale whose mere telling Would cause his proud head to in enguish

It's a pretty good plan to forget !t. If you know of a skeleton hidden away In a closet and guarded and kept from the In the dark, and whose showing whose sud-

den display Would cause grief and sorrow and life-long It's a pretty good plan to forget it. If you know of a thing that will darken

Of a man or a woman, a girl or a boy. That will wire out a smile, or the least way annoy
A fellow or cause any gladness to cloy. It's a pretty good plan to forget it Also sent in by Mrs. J. L. Ward.

"Mrs. L." asks for a peem entitled "November."



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## The High Visibility of Detectives

By J. P. McEVOY

THE only secret to be found in con- | rubber heels at important street cornection with Secret Service is the ners and invariably, in order to make

Certainly there is nothing in the range of human comprehension more To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—When I was a boy, nearly fifty years ago. I heard recited a little poem of six stanzas that might be appropriately called "The Sallor Boy's Farewell to Home." I committed it to memory at that time and have retained it there, with the exception of the first stanza, of which I can now recall only three lines, as follows:

Wait, wait, ye winds, while I repeat A parting signal to the fleet.

Whose station is at home."

The second stanza as I remember it rain than a detective in the act of being secret. Every furtive glance is a confession of his mission. Every world, the first stanza, of which I can now recall only three lines, as follows:

Wait, wait, ye winds, while I repeat A parting signal to the fleet.

The second stanza as I remember it rain high type, "I am a detective. I am shadowing a subject." He might then he taleven for the fleet. ing in high type, "I am a detective. I am shadowing a subject." He might then be taken for a burglar in dis-guise by the boobery who daily demonstrate their capacity for such naivete by buying oil stock, betting on wrestling matches and joining the Ku Klux

> DETECTIVES, plain clothes men, Secret Service operatives—call them and order.
>
> This will leave the city to the banwhat you will; everybody else does—
> usually are to be found, very easily
> found, in fact, in pairs. In pairs like
> ham and cabbage, lettuce and tomatoes, fried eggs and pants. They stand
> in the lobbies of office buildings directly facing the elevators and glance
> sharply at each passenger as he files
> past. They park themselves on their

themselves more inconspicuous, engage in intimate back-slapping conversations with police sergeants and cap-

When operating in residential districts they often use an automobile, parking in the most conspicuous place on the street. Of course, the idea is to merge themselves with the numerous automobile bandits also parked along the street, and in this way escape sus-picion. Unfortunately, the bandits look like detectives and the detectives look like bandits, so their purpose is de-

BUT the high visibility of detectives need not trouble the timid citizen. A new idea is being worked out in large cities. The plan is to arrest and jail all the law-abiding citizens and all the police officers who wish to maintain law

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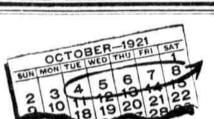
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# Why It Costs You

The trend of living costs, as the Baltimore Sun observes, "is the most important issue in the average household of America to-day." When, therefore, this trend is upward, especially in foodstuffs, as during the past few weeks, father and mother naturally wonder a bit anxiously if this upward trend indicates the end of price reductions in many lines and the beginning of a new era of increasing costs. If prosperity is waiting for prices to come down where people can buy, then the reverse movement has a meaning to every onebanker, merchant, or toiler - and if the toiler happens to be among the millions of unemployed, his interest in this subject is apt to be especially acute. Reasons for the recent advance, from profiteers to short crops, come from all sides. The 70-per cent. increase in the price of cotton, thus giving Southern farmers more money to spend, is also advanced as a reason by Wallace's Farmer (Des Moines). "Labor costs, coal costs, high interest rates, and high freight rates" - each has contributed to the rise in food costs, maintains the Memphis Commercial Appeal, which further declares that "war profiteers are seizing upon a natural demand to advance prices."

A careful examination of the editorial pages of newspapers in all parts of the United States has been made by The Literary Digest, with a view toward seeking the causes of high living costs, the tendencies for a rise or drop in them, and the remedies suggested for the relief of the public.

In the leading article of The Literary Digest this week, October 8th, the result of this examination is presented, and it makes enlightening reading, indeed.

Other articles that are particularly timely and of undoubted interest to the general public in this number of The Digest are:

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