

**WAR!**  
 The eastern sun must blush in shame,  
 The sky o'erspreads a pall of gloom,  
 The earth must reek with roar and  
 flame,  
 While struggling armies meet their  
 doom.  
 The fiendish wargod now prevails  
 And nations pay his awful toll;  
 In blinded fury each assails  
 And bows beneath the fiend's control.  
 The carnage raves, while devils gloat  
 And thousands die, while thousands  
 more  
 Are maimed for life and nations,  
 smote  
 With lust, are mad for human gore.  
 The frightful conflict wildly raves  
 And all the world looks on aghast,  
 While men become as murderous  
 knaves;  
 We wonder how long this can last.  
 Cruel Want stalks forth with ruthless  
 tread  
 And desolation wastes the land.  
 The best are gone, are maimed, or  
 dead  
 And still the fiend is in command.  
 What gain is there for such a price,  
 What victory can compensate  
 For woe and human sacrifice,  
 Why suffer men so cruel a fate?  
 Must heroes die like brutes are slain  
 And human slaughter thus go on,  
 And men submit to fill again  
 The ranks of those that now are gone?  
 How long, how long can war endure,  
 How long there be such cause for  
 blame  
 When ignominious pretence lure  
 The nations to revolting shame?  
 Howard Phillips.

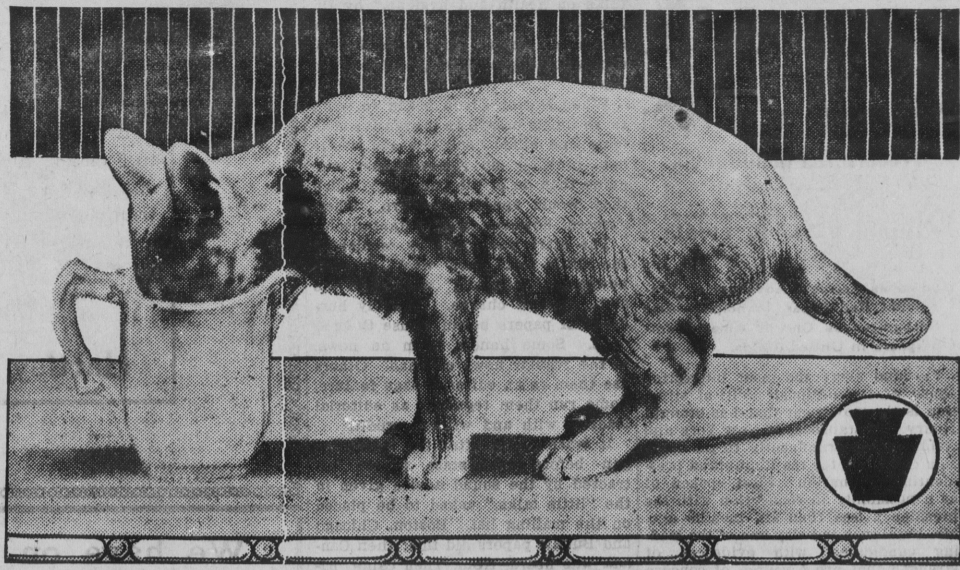
**WELLERSBURG**  
 Mr. DeSales Shaffer who has been  
 working in Pittsburg for the past several  
 months is spending the Christmas  
 holidays with relatives and friends in  
 town.  
 Mr. William Powell auctioneer of  
 Berlin spent a few days in town over  
 Christmas. Public sales are good ex-  
 cesses. There is nothing for sale in  
 Wellersburg, but he seems to think  
 there is at J. E. Shaffer's.  
 Miss Edna Witt spent from Friday  
 till Sunday at the home of Mr. and  
 Mrs. H. M. Poorbaugh of near Glencoe.  
 A very delightful surprise party was  
 given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G.  
 W. Witt, Thursday night Dec. 23 in  
 honor of their daughter Edna's seven-  
 teenth birthday; the evening was pass-  
 ed with games and music, until a late  
 hour when refreshments were served  
 Those present were:  
 Miss Helen Wingerdt Hattie and  
 Mildred Long, Elthea, Lillian and Sus-  
 an Wilhelm, Bertha and Loretta Beal,  
 Dorothy Shaffer, Nora Sturtz, Edna  
 Witt and Messrs. Homer and Ells-  
 worth Beal Earl and Guy Witt and  
 Johnnie Kennell of this place and  
 Elmer Petenbrink, Harry Cook Allen  
 Troutman and Roy Kennell of near  
 Kennell's Mills, Ralph Poorbaugh of  
 near Glencoe and William Ellman of  
 Cumberland.  
 Mr. Wm. Obaker is on the sicklist.

**THE NEW FEED RULING**  
 The new State Agricultural Com-  
 mission, through Secretary Patton,  
 has ruled that all manufacturers or  
 importers of feedstuffs be required to  
 so mark their packages that the buyer  
 can tell at a glance just what he  
 is buying in what percentages the  
 ingredients are mixed. This ruling  
 supersedes the old so-called "sliding  
 guarantee," by which unscrupulous  
 dealers found a loophole through the  
 law.  
 No honest dealer ought to object to  
 this. Indeed, the reputable manu-  
 facturer and importer ought to stand  
 by the department in its enforcement.  
 It protects them from the operations  
 of dishonest dealers who undersell  
 them in the open market to look like  
 the best and most expensive. The  
 purchaser, beyond question, has a  
 right to know exactly what he is get-  
 ting.

**TELEPHONE COMPANY TO  
 PAY 20 CENT TAX.**  
 Judge Ruppel recently handed down  
 an opinion in which he fixes twenty  
 cents as the annual pole tax to be paid  
 by the Somerset Telephone Company  
 vs. the borough of Meyersdale, a suit  
 in equity. The borough officials for  
 some time past have been inspecting  
 the poles of the telephone company  
 and charged a tax of 50 cents each.  
 They claimed the inspections were  
 made six, eight and ten times a year  
 under the police regulations. The Som-  
 erset Telephone company claimed the  
 tax was exorbitant. The court stated  
 it was unnecessary to make such  
 numerous inspection and decided  
 that until further notice the tax  
 on each pole should not exceed 20  
 cents. The court stated the tax on  
 poles should not be for a source of  
 revenue, but should cover only such  
 expense as the borough would be put  
 to in making examinations for the  
 safety of residents.

**Children Cry  
 FOR FLETCHER'S  
 CASTORIA**

**THE CAT'S BREAKFAST**

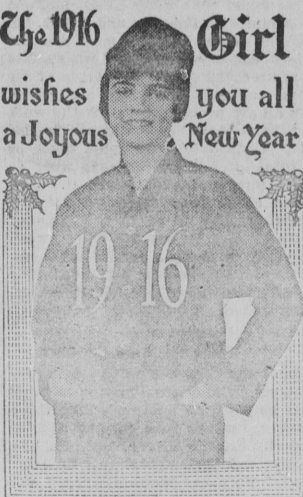


It is hard to blame the cat in this instance; the opportunity was altogether too tempting, and the milkman came at four o'clock and the householder arose at seven. Kitty was on the job first.  
 How is your milk delivered? In properly capped and sealed bottles or in any convenient receptacle which is set out for the milkman? Unfortunately the old custom of setting out miscellaneous receptacles is still continued in many places.  
 Too much care cannot be exercised in regard to your milk supply, particularly if it is used for feeding infants. At this season of the year it is not difficult to secure its delivery at a sufficiently low temperature, but during the warmer weather it should not be allowed to reach a temperature of over 60 degrees Fahrenheit.  
 Care should be exercised that the tops of the bottles are not contaminated by handling with soiled fingers. Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, Commissioner of Health, has issued a special warning against the refilling of bottles without the proper sterilization after they have been once used for the delivery of milk. This should be insisted upon by the consumer; otherwise they may be a ready source for the transmission of disease from houses on the milkman's route where disease exists, to the homes of other consumers.

**THE TASTE OF DEATH**



Is consumption hereditary? Many people ask this question, and until comparatively few years ago there were many who answered it in the affirmative. Many physicians were of that opinion. Investigations, according to Commissioner of Health Samuel G. Dixon, however, have proved conclusively that this disease is the result of infection from the tubercle bacillus.  
 When the parents suffer from this disease, however, unless they observe strictly the rules of hygienic living and exercise care they may readily transmit it to other members of their family. Mothers suffering from this disease should be particularly careful not to be guilty of following the example of the mother in this picture—taste the baby's food herself with the same spoon which she uses for feeding it. Unfortunately this is all too common a habit, as almost everyone can testify from their own observation. It is almost certain to result in the child contracting tuberculosis. The temperature of the baby's milk can be satisfactorily tested by dropping it on the forearm, and if it is necessary to taste it a separate utensil should be used. This is one of the many things which the visiting nurses from the Tuberculosis Dispensaries of the State Department of Health are on the watch for constantly. They visit all the patients who go to the Dispensaries, in their homes and advise them how to exercise due care, in order that other members of the family may not be exposed to the disease from which they are suffering. It is through carelessness in the homes that tuberculosis is transmitted from parents to children and not through heredity.



**The 1916 Girl  
 wishes you all  
 a Joyous  
 New Year**

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reach. The hand of detraction cannot dim its gloles nor the tears of repentance wipe away its stains. Its good and evil, its joy and sorrow, its truth and falsehood, its honor and its shame we cannot touch. Sigh for them, blush for them, weep for them if we will; we cannot change them now.  
 The years that are before us are a virgin page. We can inscribe them as we will. The future of our country rests upon us. The happiness of posterity depends upon us. The fate of humanity may be in our hands. That pleading voice, choked with the sobs of ages, which has so often spoken to deaf ears is lifted up to us. It asks us to be brave, benevolent, consistent, true to the teachings of our history, proving "divine descent by worth divine." It asks us to be virtuous, building public virtue upon private worth, seeking that righteousness that exalteth nations. It asks us to be patriotic, loving our country before all other things, making her happiness our happiness, her honors ours, her fame our own. It asks us in the name of charity, in the name of freedom, in the name of God.

**THE PLEA OF  
 THE FUTURE**  
 By HENRY ARMITT BROWN

**THE OLD YEAR  
 AND YOUNG YEAR**  
 By NORA PERRY

Said the year that was old:  
 "I am old, I am old,  
 And my breath hurries fast  
 On the wild winter blast  
 Of this thankless December,  
 Ah, who will remember,  
 As I shivering go,

The warmth and the glow  
 That rose like a flame  
 When I came, when I came?  
 For I brought in my hands  
 From utopian lands  
 Golden gifts and the schemes  
 That were fairer than dreams.  
 Ah, never a king  
 Of a twelve-month will bring  
 Such splendor of treasure  
 Without stint or measure  
 As I brought on that day,  
 Triumphant and gay!  
 But alas, and alas,  
 Who will think as I pass  
 I was once gay and bold?"  
 Said the year that was old.  
 Said the year that was young,  
 And his light laughter rung:  
 "Come, bid me good cheer,  
 For I bring with me here  
 Such gifts as the earth  
 Never saw till my birth,  
 All the largess of life,  
 Right royally rife,  
 With the plans and the schemes  
 Of the world's highest dreams.  
 Then hope's chalice filled up  
 To the brim of the cup,  
 Let us drink to the past,  
 The poor pitiful past,"  
 Sang the year that was young,  
 While his light laughter rung.

**A Thought For the Opening Year.**  
 A cheerful disposition is a great benefit not only to its possessor, but to all who come in contact with him. The person who never permits his uncharitable side to gain the upper hand is in his own cheerfulness a radiating source of good will. Happiness, like misery, is contagious. And just as no one can calculate the amount of harm to other people's dispositions done by the chronic grumbler it is impossible to conceive of the vast amount of genuine good that we owe to the considerate kindness of those who are blessed with light hearts.

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