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YOU

(By Edgar A. Guest)

You are the fellow that has to decide
Whether you'll do it or toss it aside.
You are the fellow who makes up your mind
Whether you'll lead or will linger behind—
Whether you'll try for the goal that's afar
Or be contented to stay where you are.
Take it or leave it. Here's something to do!
Just think it over. It's all up to you!
What do you wish? To be known as a shirk,
Known as a good man who's willing to work,
Scorned for a loafer or praised by your chief,
Rich man or poor man or beggar or thief?
Eager or earnest or dull through the day,
Honest or crooked? It's you who must say!
You must decide in the face of the test
Whether you'll shirk it or give it your best.
Nobody here will compel you to rise:
No one will force you to open your eyes;
No one will answer for you yes or no.
Whether to stay there or whether to go.
Life is a game, but it's you who must say,
Whether as cheat or as sportsman you'll play.
Fate may betray you, but you settle first
Whether to live to your best or your worst.
So whatever it is you are wanting to be,
Remember, to fashion the choice you are free.
Kindly or selfish, or gentle or strong,
Keeping the right way or taking the wrong,
Careless of honor or guarding your pride,
All these are questions which you must decide.
Yours the selection, whichever you do:
The thing men call character's all up to you!

Inspect The Flues

"Fire originating from a defective flue,
etc." is the usual way the news story of a
fire begins. And nine times out of ten, a
defect in the flue or chimney is responsi-
ble for the fire.

Sometimes the fire department arrives
in time to prevent serious damage, but
even at best there is some loss. The sad
part of it, however, is that there should
be any loss of property whatever from
such causes. Inspect your flue and chim-
ney today and ascertain whether you have
a firetrap which may cost you your home
or the life of some member of your fam-
ily. Don't put the inspection off. You
may have insurance yourself, but you owe
it to your neighbor, who may be uninsur-
ed, to protect him against possible loss.

Think back over a period of a few
months and recall the number of fires in
this city. In almost every instance, the
fire could have been avoided if an inspec-
tion had been made and the defect cor-
rected.

Mr. Henry Landon, who drives the city
fire truck, has been doing some fine work,
and Mr. C. G. Day, chief of the fire depart-
ment, and his assistants have also render-
ed valiant service. But their services
would not be needed in many instances if
proper precaution were taken by home
owners of the city.

Let's start anew and have a clean re-
cord for the next several months.

A Little Debunking

Every school child should have the op-
portunity to read Owen P. White's article
on the American Indian in a current issue
of Collier's. It does a little debunking
that is altogether wholesome.

The white man's treatment of the
American Indian from the moment the
early settlers set foot upon the soil of
this country until the present time will
forever remain as a dark spot upon the
pages of American history. Perhaps, it
is necessary to teach a glorified story of
the hardy pioneer and his battle against
the terrible Indian in order to instill a
spirit of patriotism in our children, but
our history books do little credit to the
truth. We are speaking of the books we
studied. Perhaps, our modern texts
picture the white man in a somewhat
more truthful light.

Speaking along this line, the Winston-
Salem Journal says:

"His treatment of the Indian for the
past three hundred years will remain for-
ever as a blot upon the escutcheon of the
white man. Encountering a savage peo-
ple who believed they had a right to
dwell upon the land of their fathers and
fought for that right, although their
weapons were only the primitive tomahawk
and bow and arrow, the white man
murdered the Indians with his long-range
rifles, defiled them with his liquor, and
finally, having driven them from their
heritage, penned them up in reservations
like herds of cattle and despoiled them.
Now that Secretary Ickes has determined
upon a new deal for these people, his ef-
forts should meet with the encouragement
of all humane citizens."

The Faithful Servant

Speaking of the death of the Blair chil-
dren and the valiant effort of Nellie Barber,
the colored maid, to save their lives, the
Charlotte Observer paid eloquent tribute to
the faithfulness of the maid in an editorial
Thursday.

"She was a true heroine and a credit to
her race," the Charlotte paper declared.

The main portion of the editorial follows:

The pages of American history have few more
glowing chapters than those which record the
fidelity and loyalty of Southern negroes to
white children they have helped to rear.
Stories of heroism such as that Nellie Barber
portrayed are common throughout this land
where practically every white person has been
watched over in sickness and in health by a
"black mammy" or by a negro girl, whose first
thought was the little bundle of humanity they
guarded.

Negroes have shared the rearing and the re-
sponsibilities of children with a devotion that
approaches mother love. They have stood near
when life first appeared; they have sung their
"white chilluns" to sleep and wiped away
childish tears; they have maintained faithful
watch; rejoiced in the success and happiness,
or sorrowed in the grief that came to those
they loved.

When war laid a heavy hand on the south
many years ago, none were more faithful
than those negro servants who stayed behind
to carry on with their white mistresses.
Throughout the years they have remained
faithful. Few white mothers have ever found
those to whom they intrusted their children un-
true.

Life has its many heroes. Some go down,
unhonored and unsung. Others get the plaudits
and glory of a thankful people. Nellie Barber
might have saved her own life, but she wil-
lingly and gladly made the supreme sacrifice to
save those she loved. She was a true heroine
and a credit to her race.

"Drinkers Still Buy Off Bootleggers," says
headline in state daily over story from De-
troit. And that indicates the course the
federal government must take if the boot-
legger is to be banished—no tax on liquor.

The Book

the first line of which reads,
"The Holy Bible," and which
contains four great treasures.

By BRUCE BARTON

VIRTUOUS LOVE

Another group of sayings is given under the
heading, "These also are the sayings of the wise";
and the last chapter of Proverbs is the work of an
anonymous writer, presumably a woman, and possi-
bly Bathsheba, that remarkable lady who deserted
Uriah the Hittite to become the favorite wife of
Israel's greatest king, David, and mother of the
wisest, Solomon.

There are two other Old Testament books which
come to mind in connection with Solomon. The
first is the "Song of Songs," which, as the first
verse says, "is Solomon's," but whether this means
by Solomon or concerning Solomon is a question. It
is a poem about a young girl who lived in the north-
ern hills. Solomon saw her on his travels and want-
ed her for his harem, but her heart was true to
her shepherd lover. When the ladies of the court
praised Solomon to her and demanded, "What is
thy love more than any other?" she answered
stoutly, "My beloved is mine, and I am his."

She was carried off to Jerusalem, but she slept
fitfully. "I slept but my soul was awake," she said.
In her dreams she found herself wandering all
about the streets of a strange city, looking for her
lover. Finally her loyalty was rewarded. Solomon
would not hold her against the hunger of her heart
and returned her to her Galilean swain.

This is the story, somewhat involved in the tel-
ling but clear enough to any one who will take time
to puzzle it out. When you read the type at the
head of each chapter, however, what do you dis-
cover? That this old-fashioned love song is "an
allegory of Christ and the church!" Nothing could
be more absurd. The "Song" is not a religious
book in any sense; the name of God does not occur
in it. Its theme is the triumph of virtuous love
over all the riches that a king can offer. Simply
that and nothing more. When you see how dili-
gently certain annotators have worked to squeeze
all the life and humanity out of the Bible you
wonder how the Book has lasted so long. Its vital-
ity, in spite of the bad offices of its friends, is the
most powerful argument for its inspiration.

Ecclesiastes is the other book commonly attrib-
uted to Solomon because the first verse reads:

The words of the Preacher, the son of David,
king in Jerusalem.

Modern scholars seem to think that some obscure
writer of a much later date wrote the book and that
the resplendent Solomon gets the credit—a quite
plausible conjecture. It is too bad we cannot be
sure about the authorship, for the writer, whoever
he was, left us one of the greatest masterpieces.
Frederick the Great called it the "book for kings,"
and insisted that every monarch ought to read it
regularly.

"Now is the winter of our discontent," said one
of Shakespeare's characters. And there have been
a lot of that kind of winters since his time, too.—
Springfield (Ohio) Sun.

If Europe starts another rough and tumble war
the United States won't be too proud to fight, but
the hope is it'll be too smart.—Ohio State Journal.

Timid money, a financial note reveals, is now
rushing into the United States. Our personal mon-
ey, we believe, ought to sympathize heartily with
it. That's pretty darned shy, too.—Boston Herald.

PUBLIC PULSE

This is a column open to the pub-
lic for free expression. The
Journal does not assume any re-
sponsibility for articles printed
under this heading, and neither
endorses nor condemns them
Please be as brief as possi-
ble.

WOOTEN REPLIES TO CRITICS OF N. R. S.

March 2, 1934.

Dear Mr. Editor:
Please allow me a few lines in
The Journal-Patriot.

Many have come to me and
asked me to answer an article in
the Public Pulse Column signed
by Mr. Berlie Foster.

First, I want to state to your
readers that this article was writ-
ten through ignorance of our
regulations as to placements by
the National Reemployment Ser-
vice. I invited Mr. Foster to our
quarters, as stated by him, in
order that he might be enlighten-
ed. Hence, the article.

Second, I want to state that
our office is not a relief office as
many think, but a Reemployment
Service. We are directed to make
placements of unemployed who
are registered in our files, giving
preferences to unemployed veter-
ans with dependents when
qualified for the kind of work to
be done.

In respect to our committee,
Messrs. J. C. Reins, chairman; N.
B. Smithey, Royal Prevette, D. J.
Brookshire, Cland Doughion, and
Mrs. W. R. Absher, I want to say
that their ability, business judg-
ment, and fairness can not be
questioned. I want to state fur-
ther that they have spent a lib-
eral amount of their time, serv-
ing on this committee without
compensation, and they have
made the placements without
prejudice but strictly according
to our regulations and directions.
We admit that we are not per-
fect but we are open at all times
to make adjustment after prop-
er investigations.

With limited quota, it has been
impossible to place more than
one-eighth of our applications
and a majority of these place-
ments have been our legal prefer-
ences, veterans with dependents.
This is why we have made no
more placements of relief cases.

I want to state further that
this office, absolutely, has no
dictator except those in author-
ity at Raleigh and Washington.

I want to extend an invitation
to all kickers of N.R.S. place-
ments to visit our office and we
will be glad to discuss any part
of this service with you. I, or the
committee, will be glad to meet
you face to face and discuss any
question in a fairminded way and
we are proud of the fact that we
have a clear conscience and not
ashamed to bring anything out
into the open that we have done.
We are not the type to take ad-
vantage of anyone through col-
umns in the newspaper.

No one is responsible for this
article but me. The above are
facts and I challenge anyone to
question the truth in them.

R. L. WOOTEN.

HARD TO FOOL

(Winston-Salem Journal)
Sales tax supporters have dis-
covered that it is impossible to
catch Congressman Doughton nap-
ping on that issue. Even Govern-
or Ehringhaus found the chair-
man of the house ways and means
committee wide awake and thor-
oughly alert.

"Farmer" Bob hasn't been going
to congress all these years for
nothing. His long experience in
public life enables him to see
through all sorts of schemes and
propositions that come before
congress much more quickly than
an inexperienced representative
would be able to.

Veteran foe of the sales tax
method of raising revenue, wheth-
er in state or nation, Mr. Dought-
on was quick to discern the real
significance of Governor Ehring-
haus' appeal to the North Carolina
delegation to back a federal statu-
te permitting sales tax states to
levy a tax on all purchases by
their citizens outside of their own
state.

The purpose of this plan is to
break down opposition to the sales
tax so that the people might per-
mit it to become a permanent part
of their tax system.

Mr. Doughton was prompt to
oppose this measure, evidently
because he is not willing to lend
his influence to any program in-
tended to boost the sales tax any-
where in this country.

To be sure, there are other rea-
sons why a chairman of the great
ways and means committee of the
house might oppose such a bill as
the governor of North Carolina is
advocating.

For, as the News and Observer
points out, "if sales taxes can be
levied on articles in interstate
commerce by the states why not
other taxes? Why not other re-
strictions on free trade between
the states?"

"It is going a long way to pro-
tect so questionable a tax as that
on consumption to scrap all the
merit of the free trade between
states which the union of the
states provided and to return to

APPROVE OF CONGRESS
that is exactly what Governor Ehringhaus and the tax collectors propose.

The preservation of states' rights is one thing. The destruc-
tion of national free trade is an-
other. The United States will em-
bark upon a perilous course, even
a course which is a denial of the
purpose of the union of the states,
if it permits any move to stifle
the free movement of trade in the
United States by taxes at state
borders."

As the effect of the proposed
measure is studied by members of
congress, we are not surprised to
find them in no hurry to act on
Governor Ehringhaus' request.
The interstate sales tax bill has
apparently been pigeon-holed, at
least for the present.

In the meantime, it is signif-
icant, we think, that the one mem-
ber of the North Carolina delega-
tion in Washington who has as-
sured the governor of his whole-
hearted support of the measure is
Congressman Warren. He comes
from the first district, way down
in Eastern Carolina, where the po-
litical leaders live who were main-
ly responsible for forcing a sales
tax on the industrial workers of
the Piedmont section.

Most of the other Tar Heel con-
gressmen have been content, we
understand, merely to tell the gov-
ernor that they will give his ap-
peal "serious consideration." They
are not asleep, either.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

Question: Can a grower sign
a single Corn-Hog contract for
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lords?

Answer: Yes, provided all the
land is rented on a cash basis.
However, where the land is ren-
ted on shares from one landlord
and for cash from the other the
contract must be signed by that
landlord from whom the land is
rented on shares. Where all land
is rented on shares a separate
contract is required for each
parcel of land. Each contract will

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fy a mysterious marine animal
which was washed ashore on the
Querqueville rocks near here and
which bears a resemblance to
published descriptions of the so-
called Loch Ness monster in Scot-
land.

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