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LITTLE THOUGHTS FOR TODAY

Dost thou love life? Then
waste not time, for time is the
stuff that life is made of.

—B. Franklin.

Out of the moment now
Rises the god To-Be
The light upon his brow
Is from eternity.

—Wheeler.

PARAGRAPHS

Best wishes for your happiness in
1932.

Now that our New Year's resolutions are all broken we may reassume our usual good opinions of ourselves.

Girls! It's Leap Year—just the time for bringing your secret heart troubles out into the open. According to the *Encyclopedia Britannica* it's an old Scottish custom.

After all, exams are just another angle of the student depression problem.

OUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

We wonder if everything has been said pro and con New Year's Resolutions. Who knows? Anyway Y-Editor intends to get her say so whether everything has been said or not. Please overlook all repetition.

The Right Honorable President of the United States has been quoted, if not on the new year and its resolutions, at least on the Depression. Even Amos 'n' Andy have contributed to the opinion of the general public their ideas of new resolves. And it seems to us that these two comedians have come as near approaching the truth as anyone, with their sardonic "I Dissolve—I Dissolve That—"s. For it seems to us that no sooner are resolutions made than they are dissolved, as the apt quotation of the black comedians implies.

But, even though we are eternally breaking our good resolutions almost immediately, don't you agree with us that even the thought or intention of "doing better" has been worthwhile? And, even if we don't keep it, let us resolve on something right now at the very beginning of the baby year 1932. What is that Something? THE DEPRESSION, of course!

The Depression is here; it has been here for a long time; and (in spite of all the optimistic predictions of the Editor of *Ballyhoo*, the president of the American-Blah-Blah Steel Mills, and the Head Man of the "Dokies") it will probably be here for some time to come. Don't get the idea that the policy of this paper is to be pessimistic just to be different. All we want to do is to instill in ourselves, as well as in others, a brand new resolve (since the depression is here), to bear it with a Wide Grin! And that's our New Year's Resolution. Will you help us keep it, at least until the printer's ink dries on this issue? Thanks! !!! In return, may we wish you a very Merry-Christmas-that-has-been and a very Happy-New-Year-to-come!

POETRY

THE NEW LEAF

He came to my desk with quivering lip,

The lesson was done.
"Have you a new leaf for me, dear Teacher?"

I have spoiled this one!"
I took his leaf, all soiled and blotted

And gave him a new one, all unspotted,
Then into his tired heart I smiled:

"Do better now, my child!"
I went to the throne, with trembling heart.

The year was done.
"Have you a New Year for me, dear Master?"

I have spoiled this one!"
He took my year, all soiled and blotted

And gave me a new one, all unspotted,
Then, into my tired heart he smiled:

"Do better now, my child!"
—*Author Unknown.*

END AND BEGINNING

One New Year's Eve, as they were getting tea,

"The End is God," I heard my grandma say,

"And God is the beginning," looking at me,

My mother added in her quiet way.
And then they spoke of New Year and of Old,

Of sunny morning following starry night,
The room, their voices were dusk—

soft; pale-gold
Their simple words as mirrored candle light.

"I am the Beginning and the End—" Ah, yes;

He said it long ago, but now I hear!
"Who said it, grandma?"—"God!"

—Strange loveliness,
Flooding that room, blazed down that ending year!

And always, on a New Year's Eve, as then,
I listen for those luminous words again!

MUSICAL BURGLARY

The turn was over, and the oboes trice was silent for a while.

"I say," said the conductor, leaning down to speak to his first violin, "whatever key were you playing in?"

"Skeleton Key," returned the violinist readily enough,
"Skeleton key," echoed the conductor, "whatever do you mean?"

"Fits anything," was the reply.
—*Wentworth Blade.*

DEPRESSION QUESTIONNAIRE

The following questionnaire is made out for the benefit of those who wish to determine their knowledge of events in the past and present. Read the questions over once and if there is any uncertainty as to the correct answers it is permissible to spend any length of time in reading current magazines and newspapers. Any economic authority may be consulted and any church service may be attended. All notes must be laid aside when the final test is taken. Time must not exceed two hours and answers may be checked by the list at the end of the test.

1. What famous phrase has been on the tongues of men, women and babes in 1931?

2. What will be the outstanding phrase of 1932, 1933, 1940?

3. What caused Stephen Leacock to say, "What we need now is consumption, extravagance, music, cigars, chewing gum—in short, a Happy New Year?"

4. On account of what did a British authority say that our civilization is coming to a crash around the 8th of February?

5. What makes winter, spring, summer and fall vacations popular with the banks?

6. Why don't we have more optimistic people like Stephen Leacock?

7. Why didn't the kid brother get a baby blimp for Christmas?

8. Why didn't your husband give you that Hispanio Suiza for Christmas?

9. If you haven't a husband who didn't you—whatever you call him—give you that rose quartz cigarette case with tourmaline clasp from B. Altman?

10. What made a western university student admit he wears card-board in his shoes?

11. What, according to ministers, has been a godsend to remind the people of their frivolity and wickedness?

12. What, according to educators, can be avoided in the future if everyone receives a course in economics?

Answers

1—The depression. 2—The depression, the depression, the depression—maybe. 3—The depression. 4—The depression. 5—The depression. 6—Because of the depression. 7—The depression. 8—The depression. 9—The depression. 10—The depression. 11—The depression. 12—The depressions.

Prehistoric Grime

Visitor (looking over fraternal towels): "Don't you know roller towels are against the law?"

Brother: "Oh, yes, but that one was put up before the law was passed."