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Facts About U. S.
 The United States has an area of 3,738,400 square miles, about six per cent of the earth's surface.

This six per cent contains about seven per cent of the world's people. The United States with six per cent of the area and seven per cent of the people has 60 per cent of the world's telephone and telegraph facilities, 80 per cent of the automobiles and 33 per cent of the railroads.

Two-thirds of the world's gold and two-thirds of the world's banking facilities are in the United States.

The purchasing power of the United States' 130 million people is greater than that of 500 million Europeans or 1,000 million Asiatics.

The United States has the world's highest average wage, shortest working hours, greatest percentage of home ownership, radio ownership, car ownership, and the greatest percentage of ownership of other luxuries.

Even when times of panic and depression hit this country, it is still the world's most prosperous.

This great country as it stands today is a heritage of those who founded it and guided its progress always upward and onward. What shall we do with such a blessed inheritance?

Evils threaten every nation on the globe. Every nation which has rose to great heights in history some time or other fell because the evils which threatened its very existence overbalanced the good.

Crime is one of the forces which wages a relentless fight against any peaceable society. The person who takes no interest in curbing and stamping out crime on the grounds that as long as criminals do not bother them he is not concerned, is grossly deceived. Anything which hurts your nation, your state, your county or your community will indirectly undermine your own home and your own life if it continues to grow.

The following facts about "Crime in the United States", as told in an editorial in the Reidsville Review, should interest every American citizen:

- "The criminal army of the United States is composed of 4,300,000 persons.
- "Two hundred thousand potential murderers are at large who in their lifetime will, in all probability, account for the death of 30,000 persons.
- "Thirty thousand persons a year are victims of murder and manslaughter.
- "A robbery occurs every ten minutes; a burglary every two minutes; an automobile theft every two and a half minutes.
- "Minors commit 13 per cent of the murders, 28 per cent of the robberies, 41 per cent of the burglaries, and 51 per cent of the automobile thefts.
- "The average murderer spends less than 54 months in prison as a result of his crime.
- "Fifty per cent of all prisoners are being released on parole. Of our 13,500 most dangerous criminals, 30 per cent receive paroles, pardons, or other clemencies from one to ten times each".

Income Tax Time
 This is the time of year when about four million Americans are struggling and puzzling over their income tax returns. Slightly over half of those who make returns will be required to pay tax, the others being exempt because of dependents.

The day is coming, just as surely as day or night, when many others will have to pay income tax to the federal government. Lowering the income tax brackets will have its beneficial effect. It will make millions of Americans who are already paying plenty in indirect taxes conscious of the fact that they are paying the government's bill and that they will have more interest in the way the money is spent. Statisticians estimate that the average

wage earner works a day more than one-fourth of his time for the government—meaning that a little more than one-fourth of his pay envelope goes for taxes of various kinds hidden in the price of things he buys.

In other words, a person who works eight hours per day, going to work at seven in the morning and working until four in the afternoon with an hour off for lunch, would finish his work day as far as himself is concerned, at 1:45 p. m., and the remainder of his working day goes to pay taxes.

Peace is not a matter of standing idle. It is an ideal to be fought for with all the wisdom and all of the experience of the past centuries.

Borrowed Comment

BUY HOME PRODUCTS
 (Reidsville Review)

Campaigns for the encouragement of buying products manufactured near at home have been carried on in various communities with varying success for many years. Nearly everyone agrees that the idea is sound in principle but many fail to put it in practice when the time comes to buy.

Any small industry which manufactures a worthy product and sells it at a reasonable price might be enabled to grow large through the loyal support of home people. Its growth would enable it to increase its payrolls, increase its consumption of locally produced raw materials, build up increased taxable wealth, and in every way contribute to the progress and prosperity of the community.

These are trite and self-evident facts which have been put forward time and again, yet many otherwise good citizens deliberately contribute to the upbuilding of distant cities at the expense of their own towns and counties, through failing to patronize home establishments.

The policy of buying at home would do more for the average town than can be accomplished by all the commercial organizations and boosters' clubs which may be maintained. These organizations are needed, of course, but their efforts should be aided by supporting the enterprises already present in the community.

Sunday School Lesson

By REV. CHARLES E. DUNN

Peter Exhorts to Christian Living
 Lesson For This Week: 1st Peter 3:8-18
 Golden Text: 1st Peter 1:15

The First Letter of Peter is one of the most inspired of the New Testament epistles. While not profound it is full of beauty for it reveals the finest flower of Christian devotion.

In form it is a circular letter addressed to small groups of scattered Christians living like exiles in a hostile world. In the next to the last verse of the final chapter we are given a clue as to the place of its origin.

"Your sister-church in Babylon," we read, "salutes you." It seems clear that Babylon, as also in the book of Revelation, is here a figurative name for Rome, where Peter, according to tradition, established his residence and met his death.

It is altogether unlikely, however, that Peter wrote it. In the first place the epistle was evidently inspired by an organized widespread persecution, a "fiery trial" as the author calls it. The critical ordeal described suggests the systematic program carried out by Domitian in 96 A. D., some time after the death of Peter.

Moreover the excellent Greek of the letter and its strong Pauline coloring are additional arguments against Peter's authorship, for Peter, a simple, Galilean fisherman, knew Greek only imperfectly, and his interpretation of the gospel was at odds with that of Paul.

But we do not need to dwell on the disputed problem of authorship. It is our privilege to read and enjoy this precious little book as a triumphant call to patience in the midst of harsh suffering. Its watchword is hope. At the very beginning the Christian Way is defined as "a life of hope", and this thought is repeated again and again.

The present is very evil, but the future is glorious. Therefore Christians should never be down-hearted, but must persevere, with joyful enthusiasm, in his allegiance to his Master.

And the writer drives his point home by reminding his readers of the compelling example set by Christ. "When Christ suffered for you, He left you an example, and you must follow His footsteps".

TODAY and TOMORROW
 FROM PARKER STOCKBRIDGE

GADGETS
 One of the most useful words in the language, which has come into general use in the past quarter century, is "gadget". It means, as everybody knows, any kind of an implement, tool, attachment or appliance to make it easier to do things which formerly were more laborious.

The history of America is almost a history of gadgets. It might almost be said that gadgets are the foundation of democracy. Certainly they are the outcome of democracy.

In the old-fashioned systems of government, where the common people were vassals of the rulers, nobody cared whether their work was hard or easy. There were plenty of vassals and if one were not from work, he or she was usually replaced. Why bother with giving them tools and devices to make their lives and labor easier?

When we started out in America to build a nation of free men, working for ourselves and not for some overlord, we began to invent gadgets to make our lives and work easier. Now we have simplified the problem of living to the point where, with far less effort, we live in far greater comfort than the highest nobility ever had a century or so ago. We make gadgets work for us, and they keep us in luxury.

POWER
 Most of our gadgets work by electric power. The main difference between the people of America and those of other nations is that we have many times as much power at the disposal of everybody as the others have. Add to the electric power generated in central utility plants the power developed by 30 million automobile engines and by gas engines and windmills on isolated farms, and in independent factory power stations, and every American worker and his family has something like the power of twenty horses to do the hard work for them.

We don't often think of our automobile engines as electric power plants, but a large part of their work is generating current which is stored in the battery for starting and lighting.

I was impressed the other day with a statement by Mr. S. B. Robertson, president of the B. F. Goodrich company, that the current used in storage batteries amounts to more than a sixth of the total electric power generated by the public utility plants.

HOME
 check-up
 It is a pretty poor American home that hasn't some sort of other of electric gadget to make domestic operations easier or more comfortable.

Taking my own house as an average American middle-class home I started to check up on the gadgets we use. I didn't count the electric light bulbs, the first domestic use of power, but the household census of gadgets included the electric motor that runs the oil-burning furnace, an electric water heater, range, washing and ironing machine, electric toasters, waffle-irons, percolator, mixing gadgets, and an electric flatiron.

My wife reminds me that I've overlooked the electric doorbell and the telephone and the electric grinding and polishing wheel that she intends to give me. And we both forgot the vacuum cleaner and her electric sewing machine. We are so completely surrounded wonder if we haven't forgotten some others.

FARM
 production
 One of my neighbors has a large and profitable general farm equipped with a lot of gadgets at which I never cease to marvel. I drove over with him the other day. As we approached the garage he turned on his headlights. That started an "electric eye" to work, and the garage door opened as if by magic.

THE 2 H'S
 Health and Happiness. How well they go together. And how completely one depends upon the other! For who can have happiness without the blessing of health?
 Make your Health program a matter of first importance. Consult your physician frequently. Make him your partner. Be sure to follow the sound counsel he gives and bring his prescriptions to this pharmacy where skilled, conscientious, registered pharmacists will compound them.

HORTON'S Drug Store

My friend has his poultry house lighted by electricity and says the egg production has been greatly increased by footling the hens late thinking it is still daylight. He milks a herd of forty dairy cows by electric milking machines and cools the milk in an electric cooler and separates it with an electric separator.

An electric chopper cuts green fodder into snuffage and an electric slawage hoist, is into the silos. He pumps water for the house and the livestock by an electric pump from a deep driven well.

His latest scheme, which he says is very profitable, is to heat the soil in which he grows early vegetables, by means of electric wires. That gives him ten days or a fortnight's start in getting his produce to market and catching the high prices before the other farmers begin to bring their stuff in.

CREDIT
 installments
 Anybody in America can have any sort of gadget he wants,

simply paying. Anybody who has a job or a bit of property or a savings account bank account or who can show any other sort of evidence that he probably will be able to pay in time for what he buys can buy almost almost anything, anywhere, on long term credit.

The installment system of buying things used to be limited to substantial articles which don't wear out before they are paid for. Now the credit system has been developed to the point where personal character and reputation count as the mortgage on the purchased commodities, as a basis for credit.

I have seen a change since my youth in the public attitude toward debt. We were told, in my younger days, that one should not spend money until he had earned it. Now the young are taught to get what they desire now and pay for it later.

I think we are heading toward a new economic order, if we are not already in it. Perhaps I am

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