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 AN ARTISTIC MISFIT

The October issue of The Ladies Home Journal has a reproduction of a painting by one who is supposed to be a very celebrated artist. This represents Abraham Lincoln as a young man splitting rails, with a book very convenient to be used while resting. If the artist had split half as many rails as we have, he would never have run such a picture as this on the unsuspecting public.

In this first place, it illustrates rails as being about seven feet long, while every true woodsman knows that they should be nine or ten feet.

In the second place, the wedge is being driven in straight in the end of the log—the butt end at that—while we all know that wedges are driven at right angles to the log. Moreover, this picture shows a large limb within three feet of the ground. Even if limbs grew this near the ground, and they don't, Lincoln was far too sensible a man not to have selected nice straight trees for this purpose at a time when they were abundant.

We notice, too, that the man which is used is shaped like a croquet mallet and not a great deal larger. Mallets of this kind are useful for driving stakes for a circus tent but would never be used by a self-respecting woodsman for splitting rails. Even if this were the proper shape, it is not more than five inches in diameter, and would be entirely too light for practical purposes.

One of the most serious defects in this picture is the fact that the axe handle is of the curved variety such as are manufactured by our friend Adrian Shuford at Conover. The machine for turning these axe handles was not invented until long after Abraham stopped splitting rails. When Lincoln wanted a new axe handle, he did not go to a store and buy one, but selected a nice young hickory, split out the handle, shaped it down with his pocket knife and then with a piece of broken glass trimmed it down to exact size. It makes us tired to see Abraham Lincoln with modern implements in the year 1833.

HOOVER'S BIG JOB
 The most difficult position to hold in this country, next to the presidency, is that of food administrator. Mr. Hoover and his state assistants, including Mr. Page of North Carolina, have to deal with a public that has been accustomed to abundance, that cannot believe that anything will be scarce in this wonderful country. Even though the food administrator may not succeed in obtaining prices that the wage earners can pay, it should not be overlooked that his efforts at least have a tendency to prevent open speculation in the necessities of life and to shift the added cost of the gamblers on to the public.

It is difficult for us to believe, however, that there will be a scarcity in anything. We might expect a shortage in sugar and meat, but not of a kind to alarm.

As a matter of fact, many food-stuffs are short. The tremendous demands of our armies and the armies and civilian populations of our allies are taxing the productive power of the farms, and it will require saving to tide the country over until another harvest. Mr. Hoover, however, is having difficulty in making us realize this.

For the first time in the history of American agriculture have farmers been able in the last few years to receive unusual prices for their crops. Heretofore, as we have tried to bear in mind while paying the grocer, the farmer has been the under rail, and he has been a long time climbing to the top. He has come into his own at last, and it is to be hoped that prices for his products always will remain so good that he can educate his children, lay aside something for a rainy day, and enjoy more of life as he marches along.

LOSS OF OUR TRANSPORT

The sinking by a submarine of the American transport Antilles homeward bound with the loss of 67 lives, of which 16 were soldiers, is one of those incidents that may be expected to occur at intervals during the war, as much as it is to be deplored. Fortunately the transport was not carrying a cargo of soldiers, as it carried on the trip to France, and the loss was comparatively small.

The unfortunate affair will serve to emphasize anew the fact that the United States is fighting a ruthless enemy and that it can expect no more consideration as a belligerent than it received as a neutral. It is war, as painful as the fact is to contemplate.

Americans will mourn the loss of these brave men, but they will be all the more determined to make it unlikely that future Americans will have to go to war to save their country from a foe whose rule of action is to make existence terrible for every individual or nation that does not bow before his imperial will.

Germany is attracting all attention possible to Alsace-Lorraine, probably in the hope of dividing the allies on the question. The allies are united as to Belgium, which must be returned, but there is a difference of opinion when the question of the lost French province comes up. It is suggested that one reason why Germany is centering attention on Alsace-Lorraine is because it has more interest in Russia just now and would be willing to trade with France at the expense of Russian territory. In any event, the public would do well to place little confidence in official talk from Berlin—it may mean something entirely different, and it may be a trap.

Lenoir is now enjoying electric current during the day, good rains on Buffalo creek kindly assimilating some of the water than fell above that good town during the past several days.

It is explained that the reason no air raids have been made on English towns recently is because the moon has not been right. From which it will appear that all sorts of sowing is done by the moon.

Superior court judges not only may guide public opinion, but they can show their faith by their works, as Judge E. B. Long of Statesville is doing. He has put \$650 into Liberty Bonds.

These be glorious days, and a trip to the woods and fields is worth while.

Coming Pastime Nov. First



"POOR LITTLE RICH GIRL"

THREE OF A KIND

Milwaukee Sentinel.
 Arthur Shattuck, the brilliant Wisconsin pianist, has given his entire income \$60,000 annually for the maintenance of European musicians pauperized by the war. His private yacht he has offered to the American government. His splendid apartments in Paris, which he has maintained for years, he has turned over to Belgian refugees. He is now living on what he earns from his work as a musician.
 Wright Patterson, a sailor whose parents live in Chicago, was in Sydney, Australia, 10,000 miles away when he heard of America's entrance into the war. He started back immediately and has enlisted at the Great Lakes training station to do his bit in the great fight for democracy.
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Being member of National Electric Light Association the president Mr. Lieb, has advised me of a large shortage in technical electricians in United States as elsewhere and wants young men of that line of thought to take lessons and learn the business. Immediate employment at large wages can be had. To this end American School of Correspondence has sent me certificates for free scholarship to be given to a good young man, which will be done October 24 by applying in own handwriting with recommendations attached, then will award it through the Record.

M. E. THORNTON.
 the Yukon Gold company, Canada, has just quit a \$50,000 a year job to volunteer in Uncle Sam's cause. He is now serving as a major in the United States army at a salary of 3000.
 Three of a kind, these men are. It is the spirit which rules the breasts of such patriots as these that will win the war.

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