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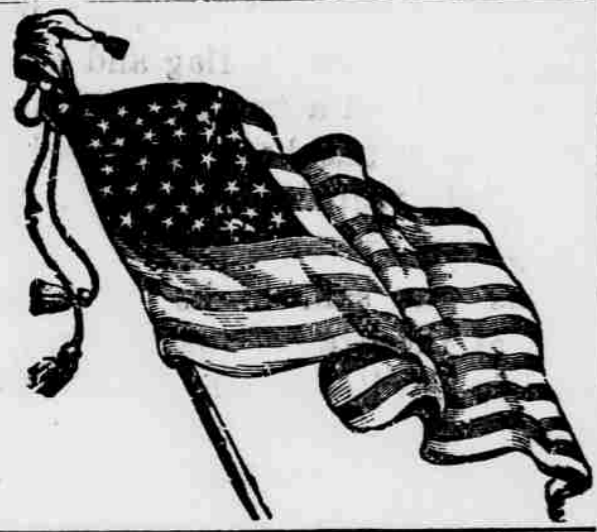
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Tuesday, July 22, 1919



No Willard, is not entirely  
without fame. He is another liv-  
ing example of a has-been.

It is a base slander to even sug-  
gest that women are wearing ging-  
ham dresses now because cotton  
is about as expensive as silk.

The earth, they tell us, is be-  
coming more inflammable each  
day. Only in spots, brother only  
in spots. Some countries are  
still very wet.

No, indeed! We are not offer-  
ing to die for the Kaiser or for  
any other duck. We are just  
hanging onto this old life until  
we pull the last straw with us.

Some of our dear people never  
think of practicing what they  
preach. As, for instance, when  
they make use of the expression,  
"I should kiss a pig."

When a fellow is young he  
wants to be old, and when he is  
old he wants to be young, and  
when he is half way between, the  
Lord only knows what he wants.

In the delectable days of July  
and August we may speak of the  
sunny suns of summer with a  
full realization that they are sun-  
ny.

If King Victor Emanuel suc-  
ceeds in curbing the Italian pro-  
fiteers, we'll be unanimously in  
favor of importing him bodily  
and putting him onto the job in  
this country.

It transpires, however, that it  
was both a sane and a saneless  
Fourth—according to whether  
you are a wet or a dry. And be-  
yond this brilliant remark our  
inquisitive brain declines to func-  
tion.

Under the nation-wide prohibi-  
tion law churches may still use  
wine for sacramental purposes.  
But of course we would not think  
of insinuating that the churches  
may look forward to a rapid in-  
crease in membership.

We were quite staggered a few  
days ago to learn from the news  
dispatches that Prince Ethel  
Fritz of Germany had been with-  
out meat for three weeks. It re-  
minds us of our own meatless  
days.

It is wise at times, to laugh at  
your own jokes. The other fel-  
low may forget to do so.

Yes, brother, it is quite true  
that a man is only as old as he  
feels. We challenge you to a  
game of marbles.

**WANTED—A CREED.**

It is difficult at times, to know  
whether to speak kindly or un-  
kindly of socialism. It is, in fact,  
difficult to talk about socialism at  
all.

The reason is, that there is a  
little uncertainty as to what so-  
cialism is, at least in the average  
mind. There are many doc-  
trines which we once called so-  
cialistic and which are now part  
of a conservative policy. One  
might almost say reactionary, or  
imperialistic.

The term "socialism," as gener-  
ally understood, embraces almost  
anything, from the best to the  
to the worst. In the socialist  
party there is as much divergence  
of opinion as in the republican or  
democratic parties—probably a  
good deal more. It is difficult to  
determine upon labels for any of  
our parties and to classify each  
group under one of them.

For example. There are so-  
cialists who say that all men are  
born equal. This is lunacy. We  
are not. Some men are born  
transcendent geniuses. Some are  
born imbeciles. It is not the fault  
of the imbeciles, but the two clas-  
ses are not equal. That is, unless  
the word "equal" means some-  
thing it has never yet meant.

One man has the manual dex-  
terity to make a first-class paper  
hanger. Unless a man can hang  
a certain number of rolls a day  
he can not qualify for the union.  
It isn't as easy as it seems. Some  
men try for a long time to learn  
it, and never succeed. They can  
only qualify at pushing a wheel-  
barrow. It is unfortunate, but we  
are not all born equal.

Many socialists admit this, but  
declare that we should all be giv-  
ing equal opportunities of learn-  
ing. This is good sense. And if  
this is socialism we take off our  
hat to that part of it.

We have not yet attained to  
this consummation, but we ought  
to try by legislation. Many a  
man's best faculties remain unde-  
veloped because he has to earn a  
living at a very early age. He  
has no time to train these dor-  
mant faculties, and is therefore  
at a disadvantage in competing  
with the rich man's son.

It is unquestionably an advan-  
tage to a rich father, and there  
is no sense in taking that  
advantage away. That is bolshe-  
vism. Give everybody the same  
advantage in education; it is sim-  
ply a matter of taxation. There  
is under a brilliant intellect which  
under present conditions, never  
works at full pressure for the be-  
nefit of mankind.

The truth of the matter is, that  
we are still lacking a sane and  
sensible creed. If the best in all  
parties could be grouped into one  
new creed we might come some-  
where near to the point of Uto-  
pia. But it will never be done in  
the life of the present genera-  
tion.

"It Looked Like a Battlefield in Eu-  
rope," Said Mr. C. Dunster

"Was staying at a hotel in a small  
Pennsylvania town. Early one morn-  
ing I went to the stable to hire a fig  
and was shown a pile of dead rats  
killed with RAT-SNAP, the night be-  
fore. Looked like a battlefield in Eu-  
rope. Three sizes 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold  
and guaranteed by R. J. Madry, Whole  
sale Grocer, Scotland Neck, N. C.

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wives of the soldier boys who were in  
camp or abroad, from Scotland Neck,  
Rosemeath, Conocanara and Palmyra  
townships are asked to communicate  
with the Commonwealth, which is act-  
ing for the ladies committee, giving  
the names and present address of  
their boys. This is needed for Scot-  
land Neck's "home coming". Please  
write at once with this information.

"I Wouldn't Go Camping Without Rat-  
Snap," Says Ray White

"Wife and I spent our vacation  
Yeamping last summer, smell of cook-  
ing brought rats. We went to town,  
got some RAT-SNAP, broke up cakes,  
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Having qualified as Administrator  
of A. W. Outerbridge, deceased, late of  
Halifax County, North County, I here-  
by notify all persons having claims a-  
gainst the estate of said decedent to  
present them, duly verified, within 1  
year from the date of this notice, or  
said notice will be pleaded in bar of  
their recovery. All persons indebted to  
said estate will please make imme-

mediate settlement.  
This the 11th day of July, 1919.  
C. F. BURBOUGHS, Administrator.

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PARTMENT.

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MAKE IT THEN YOU WILL MAKE NO MISTAKE IN PAT-  
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SUCCESSORS TO CLEE VAUGHAN.

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This Week**

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PRICE TO MOVE QUICKLY. YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO  
MISS THIS BARGAIN IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN A  
PIANO.

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THER FURNITURE, SUCH AS REFRIGERATORS, OIL  
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fencing.**

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OR SOME ONE WILL BE WHISPERING ABOUT YOU  
TO HER. BETTER COME IN HERE AND LET US  
FIT YOU UP WITH SOME NEW CLOTHES AND SILK  
SHIRTS WITH TIES, HANDKERCHIEFS AND HOSE  
TO MATCH.

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less jacket, lined with pink silk and  
white satin collars and vest. Find-  
er will please return to Miss Blan-  
che Savage, Scotland Neck, N. C.

**Chamberlain's Tablets**

These tablets are intended especially  
for stomach troubles, biliousness and  
constipation. If you have any trouble  
of this sort, give them a trial and  
realize for yourself what a first class  
medicine will do for you. They only  
cost a quarter.

**—NOTICE—**  
Having qualified as administrator  
of J. E. Bowers, deceased, late of Hal-  
ifax County, North Carolina, I hereby  
notify all persons having claims a-  
gainst the estate of the said decedent to  
present them, duly verified, to me, or  
to my attorneys, Kitchin and Smith,  
within one year from the date of this  
notice, or said notice will be pleaded  
in bar of their recovery. All per-  
sons indebted to said estate will please  
make immediate settlement.  
This the 12th day of July, 1919.  
B. F. Bowers, Administrator

**HERE AT LAST**

Guess there is not any doubt but that summer has struck  
us good and plenty. The weather the last few days has  
been torrid enough to make the porch the only cool place  
in the house. And you can't be comfortable on the Porch  
without Porch furniture—That brings you here, especially  
if you want to get the best value for your money.

**Scotland Neck Fur-  
niture Co.**  
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