BIRD REFUGES

There is a conspicuous necessity for

preserving wild bird life in a good

many of the agricultural districts of

this country. The Department of Ag-

riculture in Washington informs us

that the destruction of damaging in-

sects by this wild bird life in the Unit-

ed States saves to the farmers no less

than \$400,000,000 annually. This de-

partment, by the way, for a number of

years has been encouraging the move-

ment which provides for community

bird refuges throughout the country on

farms, bird preserves and elsewhere.

And it is interesting to observe that

co-operative preserves are increasing

in proportion each succeeding year.

It is said that hardly any agricultural

pest escapes the sharp wits and beaks

of the wild bird life in the rural dis-

tricts. We shoot to kill birds without

considering the menace in what we are

doing. Food and water supplies prop-

erly provided through these refuges

variety of insects and prove econom-

ically well worth the time and trouble

Now somebody or other has come

forward with an explanation of bald-

ness in men. It completely reverses

the old dictum to the effect that bald-

ness arises from too persistent wear-

ing of hat or cap. The new theory is

that it is the violet ray in the sun-

light which kills the hair and causes

It to fall out. For our part we be-

lieve neither theory, says the Michigan

State Journal. Baldness is a distinc-

tion the Creator has served up from

the beginning against this day when

women have taken everything that ap-

pertaineth to man-his trousers, his

ballot, his tobacco-everything but his

bald head. The distinction of the bald

head is vouchsafed to men as a grand

hailing sign amongst brothers. We

have not yet come to the view that sci-

ence is everything. We still like to

In 1920 two-thirds of our newsprint

was from wood grown on foreign soil.

We paid \$191,000,000 for imported

pulp wood, wood pulp and paper, and

have become to this extent dependent

upon markets beyond our control. As

the forest service pointedly states, we

have mills without forests in the East,

and forests without mills in the West.

Alaska, with its generous growth of

spruce and hemlock, has but one mill.

prices. Nor can Canada be looked to

indefinitely as a source of supply. The

logical remedy is to build more mills

on the Pacific slope while reforesting,

the East, says the Scientific American.

believe in special dispensations.

involved.

mere lay ear, But an im-this new dised: a conquest has hitherto nt will make rate navigation in thus reducing the hazng by a large margin. this, however, it is all somestupefying to the average lay-He feels as though things were ning over his head which are raught with his weal, but also possibly freighted with his woe. Here is a new force of nature which man is rapidly harnessing, and before he has managed to harness the forces in his own nature which impel him to misuse the forces of nature which he has already harnessed.

Since life is so precious and the human engine so valuable, all of our efforts to extend the average duration of each individual's usefulness and productivity are of infinite value. The average duration of human life is 51.5 years. Scientists figure that if we eliminate easily preventable diseases this would be 60 years. If in addition we were to save the children that are now wasted needlessly in infancy the country would have approximately 20,000,000 more healthy grownups, each producing at least \$3 a day, Floyd W. Parsons writes in the World's Work. Therefore, it is plain that by simply raising our standard of hygiene we may effect a saving of \$60,000,000 each and every twenty-four hours. Here is an economy worth practicing, in view of the fact that the war, as wasteful as it was, cost us only \$35,000,000 a day.

Countess Wanda Lubrenska is in Paris, having fled from Russia. The war killed her husband, father and five brothers. Her five children are dead-one killed by a runaway horse, second by scalding, third by fire, fourth in a building collapse, fifth during a riot. While the countess was telling her tale of woe to friends in Paris, she fell downstairs and broke both legs. How does your lot compare with hers? Have you troubles or the year just think you have? We are never so badly off but what things might be worse. That is worth reombering, in the blackest nous-ilch always comes just before the nrise of a new play.

Marconi succeeds in talking by wire-ess 100 miles with absolute secrecy. He has some kind of a radio device hat virtually makes it impossible for nyone to "listen in." Only a question of time until new discoveries will give to radio communication all the privacy of a private telephone line. Science is neglecting that side of wireless at present, and concentrating on broadcasting. It is a crafty piece of scientific salesmanship, to make the radio industry grow like asparagus. For that purpose, the less secrecy the better. Secrecy is the extreme opposite of advertising.

London pastors are divided over the question of a person's right to sleep in church. One preacher wants slumberers undisturbed, but draws the line at | will eliminate the terrorism of a wide snoring. That seems fair enough. A snorer is apt to wake up somebody in the next pew.

The 10,000 tourists who left New York for Europe in one day recently could not have carried along less than \$5,000,000 and yet the old country complains that the United States'is doing nothing to relieve its financial

Grand jurors who advise the substitution of electrocution for hanging, while offering no consolation to those who disapprove of capital punishment, at least show they are in favor of modern improvements.

"Nature supplies an abundance of everything," declares a Yale professor. Not of wisdom, tolerance or unselfishness. Nature goes too much to voice and appetite and not enough to justice and reason.

A Pennsylvanian complained that a charivari party made "heathenish noises" beating on pans and drums. But it could have been worse. They might have played saxophones and

Yes, women are more efficient as detectives than men in catching the shoplifters in the stores. Imagine a man who could remember what a cus-

Marconi has made many visits to the United States and has never yet failed to have a hopeful word about wireless. This time he has almost trailed "statie" to its lair.

manded by this program, out vascy higher penalties will follow our pres-

The recent sale of a 1-cent British Guiana stamp, issue of 1856, black on carmine, for 300,000 france at an auction of the famous Baron Ferrari collection, illustrates the lengths to which philatelic enthusiasts will sometimes go to obtain their coveted treasures. All of which is one more example of purely relative value. Of itself of practically no intrinsic worth whatever, such is the human sense of things that for the gratification of a whim of the lightest type men are willing to pay a king's ransom, when thousands, perchance but a few hours' journey away, may be in greatest need of daily

Keep your mind filled with creative thoughts and we will all be squeezing your hand and congratulating you for one thing or another-possibly for making good with the manhood that is yours. And that, as you know, is a devil of a big accomplishment-better than leading the sales force, writing a successful play or a best seller, or performing any other stunt that wins the plaudits of the mob.

A Boston pastor has been ousted because in saying grace he prayed: "Thank Thee, O Lord, for the French fried potatoes." That form of grace is not only unconventional, but it might lead to insincerity. Suppose, for instance, suggests the Houston Post, there had been carrots on the

There was once a time when the hurrying bicyclist was considered a menace to the human race that should be abolished by the military if necessary. That, however, was years and years ago.

A market note says sugar has been advanced in price, a reminder of the days when a grocer required a certificate of good moral character as a preliminary to selling a customer a pound at 30 cents.

The Siamese national anthem has 64 verses, and as is the case in our own country with the "Star-Spangled Banner," there are probably any number of Siamese who can hum them all.

When it comes time to beat the rugs, father agrees that short skirts give freedom of movement.

Horse sense will restore stable con-Skill, money, energy and time are de ditions.

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