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rate-them of immense value to us; but in themselves they are only an addition to our already over-bulky collection of bric-a-brac.
LIMITS
The human mind can conceive of nothing that is not limited in magnitude, density strength or ability of achievement. All things upon the earth are limited, and it is the mistake of embryo "logicians" to suppose that an argument or chain of events can be stretched out endlessly in any given direction.

AS SOME ONE HAS TOLD US

Six-years-old tiptoed softly up to the little 'l'w' crib where one of the world's very latest hopes was lying throned and swathed in the coverlets that love had sewn for its coming. Big brother's face was gravely intent, his eyes bright and shining. He stooped far over and gazed down at the wrinkled peevish bit of a face. "Now baby brother," he whispered into one tiny red ear half hid by the clustering black hair, "tell me about God before you forget." Before the world closes in on the new life who have brought to our grayning days. Before work and money and clothes and what people say can matter much to you. Before these earthly things have their way and you lose touch with that eternal mystery and glory of which you were a little part only such a little while ago. Quickly, brother, before you forget! If only we grown folks could remember. There was one who did.—Collier's Weekly.

ARE WE PROGRESSING?

So often do we hear Thomas Edison and Henry Ford classed among the greatest benefactors of humanity that we are in danger of supposing "progress" to mean only the acquisition of things tending towards man's bodily comfort. With all due respect and gratitude to inventors and inventions, the mere distribution of "filivers" and phonographs will not make brutes men nor men divine. These luxuries are pleasant and we are glad to have them, but a man is a man, not for what he is and can be, and not for the material possessions he accumulates.

EMERSON CORRECTLY SAID

Emerson correctly said that society recedes as fast on one side as it advances on the other. We gain but we lose. We roll in motor cars and forget how to walk. We listen to phonographs and grow deaf to the songs of birds. We view moving pictures and become blind to natural scenery. We explain over stage lightings and miss the sunsets. These are but THINGS.

LIFE IS FULLY AS ENJOYABLE

Life is fully as enjoyable, after all, in the absences of automobiles or electric lights, convenient as they may be. The people of Belshazzar's time enjoyed life as much as we do and we enjoy life as much as our descendants will, even though they may take Sunday excursions to Mars or Venus for their entertainment.

THE RECENT DESTRUCTION

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IF WE UTILIZE THE ELECTRIC LIGHT

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Absolute "consistency" is not a "jewel," as often quoted; it is an impossibility. For example; if a building is built 50 stories high why should it not be built 5000 stories high, and then why not 25,000 stories? If a man can jump five feet, why can he not jump five hundred feet? There is also the age-old problem of lifting the calf. It is in less obvious, but equally absurd propositions that certain declaimers love to display their "logic."

That dead-weight "Consistency" should give way to the ever alive and shifting problem of "Relativity." So long as the laws of compensation are in effect, there is no harm in being "inconsistent." There is a saturation point, a boiling point, a breaking point, a turning point, a limit for everything. The architect's of stresses and strains is the same as the school-teacher's problem of dealing with individual personalities, which is the same as the physician's problem of the constitutional diagnosis and overdoing.

All things are dependent upon each other, and because a man's action today appears inconsistent with his words of yesterday, it does not necessarily follow that he is more hypocrite or less a logician. Glue has not the same consistency in warm weather that it has in cold. Likewise the "consistency" of man is dependent upon his surrounding influences. There is always a limit, be it far or near.

VOTE NEXT MONDAY

Next Tuesday, Sept. 4, a special election will be held in Birmingham. It is called for the purpose of receiving the approval of local taxpayers to the issuance of bonds aggregating \$17,500, \$12,500 of which is asked by the Village Commission for a new fire truck pumper, and \$5,000 for installing a heating system and making other repairs in the Baldwin Public Library building.

Every voter who is interested in education and uplift will approve the \$5,000 bond issue. Those who are not favorable to the circulation of books will vote "No." We believe that there will be but few such votes cast.

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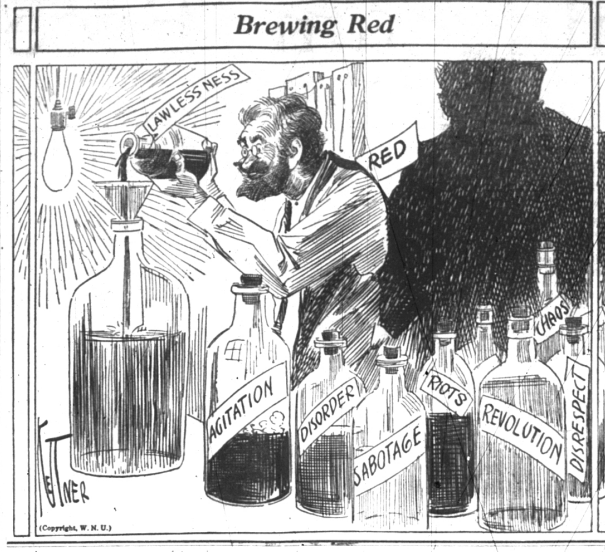
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Short and Maybe Snappy

By G. R. A.
A glance through the society columns of any metropolitan newspaper these days would lead one to believe that "the cream of civilization" is disgusted with the weather. It has been a trifle to cold for them to indulge in their usual summer festivities. A visit to the habitation of "the skinned monkey" class would lead one to believe that cool weather is welcomed by men and women who must perform manual labor for livelihood. Nature tries but has a hard time pleasing everybody at the same time.

George Ade, famous humorist, advises people to scatter seeds of kindness by hand and not by machinery. Perhaps George is right, but we've always been under the impression that machinery works more faithful than do humans. Mechanical power transmission lines seldom break down, whereas the spirit that dictates for kindly things often fails to punch the time clock in the morning.

It is said that 210 tons of silver are used each year in the motion picture industry for photographic purposes. Now that this is known all that remains to complete statistics is to find out how much the public pays in gold for each ounce of the stuff that has made the American eagle famous.

Sebastian Cabot discovered Newfoundland many, many years ago. About the year 1497. All Cabots are said to be from one tree, genealogically speaking. Thus we can see that it was an apple tree—and that the present Senator from Massachusetts may be one of the our kind.

Premier Bourne of France is here hailed as the most illustrious statesman in the world. They said that same thing about the former German Kaiser back in 1914. France, a nation that long has boasted of its art, its beauty and its various other accomplishments, is now playing the role of "the world's greatest by" in her native land.

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WIN FROM LYRICS

By CHARLES S. KINSMON of Birmingham
FIVE YEARS OLD
And now the baby's five years old. An armful sweet, for me to hold! Her baby looks have slipped away. And in its stead we have today. The sweetness of a little child. Tender, girlish, pure and mild. With girlish pride in style and dress. And childish touch in each caress.

She loves to wear her "Sunday clothes" And strut in a dainty, airy pose. Then turn to me with laughing eye. As she goes gayly tripping by. And then she'll get her doll and cart. And play the Little Mother's part. Then after while she'll come to me. To play that we are having tea.

She ruins to meet the every night. And squeals with childish glad delight. As up she leaps in by embrace. And pulls by cap and pats my face. I squeeze her tight and smack her lips. Then from my arms she gently slips. And hand in hand, we proudly go. Into the house—my heart ago.

No finer days could ever be. Than these glad days God gives to me. I hope that as I go my way. I'll see the joys of every day. And thankful be for every one. And give my thanks when life is done. And Mary Jane—oh, child of mine. May girlish sweetness or be thine!

with the mentalities of their progeny.
One of the most pathetic things that could happen to anyone would be to have one's natural talents stunted and starved. To find it impossible to blossom forth what Nature intends for each germ of life is a distinct loss to both the individual and the world. Humans are like seeds planted in a garden; they need constant watering, hoeing and weeding. Indeed, the most tragedy of life's episodes would be to plant a lot of grass in Birmingham and expect it to flourish in emerald sheen—though we may have the most fertile soil in our midst, and the rains are still thirty for a real drink. Birmingham is poor territory for the sale of garden hose.

The staggering sum of a million dollars per week is spent on chewing gum in the United States. Alloying twenty-five cents to each stonographer, that would mean that four million office girls climb in tune with their typewriters. That would mean a lot of clerks if the power exerted upon chewing were mechanically harnessed. It would make the power obtained from the Niagara Falls seem like the River Rouge.

Replying to your queries, "What are the comparative merits between Pumps and an elevated tank for Birmingham?" Could they fill an elevated tank with our present bumper there is no comparison between booster fire truck and an elevated tank. Booster trucks were designed for use in tower and cities where fire economy pumps of large capacity, but low pressure are used, their purpose being to raise the low pressure fire water to the level of the hydrant and the nozzle of the hose in event of a fire.

Birmingham has no pump of a capacity to supply suction to any boiler, worth buying, therefore, the purchase of such an equipment for Birmingham would be a waste of the taxpayers' money, as its benefit in event of fire would be limited to the pump capacity for the rest of the time it would stand in the engine house, except when used in parades. What we need is well on the second floor of our homes. A booster would not furnish this. An elevated tank of the right capacity and proper elevation would furnish this water twenty-four hours a day, three hundred and sixty days a year. Such a tank would cost very little if any more than a first class booster.

As to filling such a tank, there are high pressure pumps and an extra boiler at the pumping station for which the taxpayers have paid. If these pumps are not being used for any benefit, either of these pumps would fill the tank at night when young boys in spite of the fact they would have to operate the extra boiler and put on an extra fireman at night. NONSENSE.

For fire protection, until the new pump and boiler are completed, steps should be maintained on both boilers twenty-four hours a day and one of the high pressure pumps kept warm, then in event of fire the high pressure pump could be put into commission and kept going by starting on the low pressure pump from two to four good fire streams, fifty to sixty pounds could be put out by any fire at Woodward and Maple Avenues. The booster fire truck could not do as well, from the fact that no one of its pumps will furnish enough water to supply the booster pump.

Yours for all of the people, all of the time.
Sincerely,
Richard B. Hewitt,
Registered Mechanical Engineer.

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