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THOUGHT AND ACTION

"To think is to act," says Hugo. Very. Thought is labor. It is the inevitable toil of the intellect as compared with the visible toil of the hands. It is the labor that spells "progress" as against the labor that spells "existence".

Besides—if we must please those who demand to gaze upon deeds—genuine thought invariably becomes physical action. If the performance comes not directly from the thinker, it issues from one to whom the thought has been transferred.

Furthermore, the human race is young. We have as yet no positive proof that direct control of matter by mind is an impossibility. To lift stones by thought! It sounds absurd. But even our present accomplishments would have seemed "meretricious" to a cave man. Who knows what heights we may yet scale?

"I think, therefore I am." This is man's declaration of being. He issues a challenge to the finite and the infinite. He explores, discovers, conquers, seizes and utilizes. The recesses of the brain absorb the visions of the eye and the vibrations of the nerve. That which was mystery becomes explicable. The brain is a transformer. It turns shadow into light.

ECCENTRICITIES

We know a fellow whose good name is engraved on his umbrella handle.

While in Greece they kill their statesmen, over here a lot of us kill time.

Some featherweights hold down heavyweights' jobs.

Some men do not like to meet their obligations but it does not follow that they are bashful.

"Rich employer fails to save 'boot-legger'" says a headline in a newspaper. No, he was not dying after having taken a drink of the stuff he sells—he was only sent to prison.

As a rule, the man with a cool million had a hot time getting it.

Sixteen ounces of gold would be sufficient to coat a wire that would encircle the globe, it is said. We imagine it would take about one per cent of the world's "red tape" to encircle the globe twice.

"It's almost as much fun to see the young folks home from college as it is to see Santa Claus," says the Battle Creek Enquirer. And if their parents see about as much of them as they did of old Santa.

Some climb the ladder of fame and others get pulled up.

Seeing is believing. But when you see double he's best not to believe but half you see.

The height of foolishness is to try to interest a woman when she is powdering her nose.

"It is more satisfying to give than to receive," said the fighter as he knocked his opponent for the count with a hard wallop to the jaw.

"If Jesse James were alive today he would either be the leader of a bandit gang or he would be so ashamed of his exploits of the past that he would reform and 'go straight'," says the Pontiac Post. And then, again, he might join the Ku Klux Klan.

Birds eat 90 per cent of all insects. The other 10 per cent are the 1,000,000,000 mosquitoes that you get in your bedroom in the summer time.

Sun flowers in the form of silage are said to be good for dairy cows. In some places the milk men must feed 'em water lilies.

"Says Crab hobnobs with other sheeps"—headline in a newspaper. Yes, it's true. The other day an old one stopped to talk with us.

FROM THE ECCENTRICCOLUMNS

Forty-four Years Ago

A boy fourteen and a half pounds in weight, who came to New Year's is what makes Hugh McBride feel so big. He considers himself worth a thousand dollars more than ever.

A very enjoyable time was had on the evening of January 1st, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Crawford, in Southfield. The occasion being their thirtieth wedding anniversary. On New Year's night, about seventy of their relatives and friends collected and in company went to Mr. Crawford's house, and all joined in wishing the host and hostess the returns of many a happy New Year.

Mrs. Henry Spicer is on the sick list.

For some time it has been rumored that Willie Jenks and Minnie Van Norman were soon to be married, and a few weeks ago the rumor took definite shape in a few formal invitations to near friends and relatives to attend the wedding at the home of Nathan Jenks, Esq., on New Year's Day, at which time the bride and groom were united in due form, the Rev. Hiram Hood officiating and many heartfelt congratulations of the many friends and relatives present.

Ira Erwin has purchased a new buggy recently. Myum, Myum!—don't we wish we were Ira's girl!

On the Road of Good Intentions



Ira Putnam, formerly a resident of Birmingham, is reported to have committed suicide near Salt Lake City, Utah, by hanging himself. Cause unknown.

While administering medicine to sick horses, recently, George Beatrice received a gentle reminder in the shape of a blow in the middle of the face, injuring his proboscis quite seriously.

Twenty-five Years Ago Through the bravery of William Van Every and Charlie Leet, the life of Vagter Spicer was saved last Monday evening. The latter skated into a hole caused by taking out ice and the timely heroism of the young men are all that saved the boy from a watery grave.

About forty gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Hunt last Friday evening, the occasion being in honor of the twenty-sixth wedding anniversary of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Hunt. It was a complete surprise in every detail, and a very pleasant evening was spent in playing games and watching the old

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Notice!

Taxpayers of Bloomfield Township

TAXES ARE NOW DUE

From December 19, 1922, until January 20, 1923, I will be at the following places to collect taxes for the Township of Bloomfield:—

At First State Bank, Birmingham, all day Tuesday and Wednesday, and Saturday evening.

At First National Bank, Birmingham, all day Thursday and Friday.

At First National Bank, Pontiac, on Saturday.

Or mail remittance to P. O. Box No. 5, Birmingham.

MABEL A. SMITH

Township Treasurer.

Advertisement for CELOTEX Insulating Lumber. Text: 'We Sell and Recommend CELOTEX INSULATING LUMBER'. Features: 'Because insulation is combined in all its uses. Because it is a perfect plaster-base. Because it is superior as sheathing. Because it is an efficient sound deadener. Because it is lighter than lumber, is sawed and handled the same as ordinary lumber and is so easily applied. Because it is available in sizes that are suitable to all purposes for which it is used.' Contact: Mellen-Wright-Moulthrop Co., Builders' Supplies, Birmingham, Mich.

she has been spending the past few months with her aunt, Mrs. S. K. Winchell, and family.

A quiet little wedding was celebrated at the home of Mrs. Manley Leach on Christmas Day, at which time W. Wamsley, of Troy, and Miss Jennie Leach were united in matrimony by Rev. A. Smith, of Troy.

Several of our citizens mistook the New Year's greeting pealed forth by the Methodist bell, at the home of Miss Jennie Leach were united in matrimony by Rev. A. Smith, of Troy.

THE CHARM OF WINTER

As the snow lies deep in the valleys. Let the kiss of the breeze be chill. We shall laugh at its rustic sallies. In our hearts there is summer.

To the charm of the purple distance. O'er a carpet of satin sheen. We are drawn—and with no resistance. By the pow'r of the Winter Queen.

In her palace are things of wonder. Not a monarch of earth could buy. From the sunset of ruby, yonder. To the softening turquoise sky.

Here are pillars of bronze, upholding. An enchanting and lace-roofed hall. All the sleep of the flow'rs en-folding. Where the silvery shadows fall.

There are pendants of pearl depending. From the traceries far above. In the shades of the ether blending. As the tears on the cheek of love.

Do you long to be crystal-gazing. To discover a world more fair? There was never a glass, amazing. Like this scintillant, clear, pure air.

Let the jewels that men bow knee to. In their caskets of velvet, rest. For the ones you and I shall flee to. Are more worthy of human quest.

A'reas from the angels, flying. To the cheek of the poor, below. And in heavenly splendor lying. On the earth as diamonds in snow.

—Clarence Edwin Allen. Where Lark is Unique. Larks are the only birds that sing as they fly.



The New Hubby is en route Home and he Doesn't Care who Knows it. He just Loves to Shake down the Furnace and Dry Clothes, and as for Settling Down in the Big Wing Chair for a Cozy Evening at Home—well, you'd Never Think he used to Holler "No Wedding Bells For Me!"

Advertisement for RYZON BAKING POWDER. Text: 'SOLD EVERYWHERE RYZON BAKING POWDER you use less'. Includes contact information for Flint Division, Detroit United Lines, and a table of shipping times to various locations.

Advertisement for The Bank of Personal Service, PONTIAC COMMERCIAL and SAVINGS BANK. Text: 'Capital, One Million Dollars THE LARGEST BANK IN OAKLAND COUNTY'.

Advertisement for Peerless Ice Cream. Text: 'BETTER THAN EVER Peerless Ice Cream'. Includes contact information for Birmingham Creamery & Ice Mfg. Co., 420 East Maple, Phone 33.

Advertisement for Snap A Switch. Text: 'Snap A Switch and instantly you have an abundance of the best and cheapest power in the world. Why confine its use to lighting? Take greater advantage of the practically unlimited power at your disposal. Use electricity to help you with your household work. You will save your time and your strength, and you will escape many bothers. A cent or two an hour, or less, is all it costs to run many of the most desirable household helps. The Detroit Edison Co.'

Advertisement for NOTICE! TAXPAYERS OF TROY TOWNSHIP. Text: 'Beginning December 26, 1922, until January 20, 1923, I will be at the following places to collect taxes for the Township of Troy:— At the First State Savings Bank, Birmingham, Thursdays, December 28th and January 4th, 11th, 18th. Big Beaver, Tuesdays, December 26th, January 2nd, 9th and 16th. Troy Corners, Wednesdays, December 27th and January 3rd, 10th and 17th. Clawson, Fridays, December 29th and January 5th, 12th and 19th. Town Hall, on January 20th only. All taxes paid to January 20th will be charged the regular one per cent for collection. After this date the four per cent penalty will be charged. Mail all checks to— LEWIS J. STUMPF Troy Township Treasurer, R. F. D. 5, Royal Oak, Mich.'