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OUR COMMUNITY HOUSE

Life compels us to work for a livelihood. To procure food, raiment and shelter, one must engage in some pursuit that renders service to his fellows.

People would not made to live alone. The nature of man demands social intercourse. We must meet others on a common footing.

So, folks, you see your Community House whenever you can. It belongs to you to make of it what you will.

So the gasoline tax was proposed. It meant that a tax levy of two cents on every gallon of gasoline sold in Michigan should be imposed.

It is a pretty fair one—at least, we presume that this is a pretty fair one—at least, we don't know of a better.

LET THE WOMEN TRY!

Mrs. Gifford Finchot, wife of the governor of Pennsylvania, has proposed to President Harding a unique plan to enforce prohibition.

Men are simple creatures—ruled mostly by the white-hot passion that mingles with their moments of cold calculation.

Can you imagine a going corporation (and that's what the State of Michigan really is) calling a meeting of its board of directors to solve a certain problem.

We have with us the Volstead Act—a bit of national legislation that forbids the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors or beverages in the United States.

—SHORT AND MAYBE SNAPPY—

By G. R. A.

Now that the official observance of "Mother's Day" has passed, would it not be a splendid thing for us to attempt to remember HER every day in the year.

It is said that British Columbia has a lake of Epsom salts—things ought to be pretty loose up there.

Now that May 9 has passed along on its way, we can put the old snow shovel away for the summer and get out for a pot hunt.

What has become of James Couzens, former mayor of Detroit, the swell Washington society swallower who up to now has been so prosperous in Massachusetts with Senator Lodge?

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PEACEFUL MICHIGAN (?)
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Has anybody in Birmingham heard any more about installing decent lights along our main business section?

The State prison at Marquette is reported to have earned \$12,932 clear profit during April.

A New Yorker, speaking of the lack of female barbers in the sun-

R'member

WAY BACK, WHEN YOU WERE A BOY AND COULD WEAR BOOTS—AND NOW

SEE MY NEW BOOTS!

JIMMY BOB, THEY'RE GREAT!

I WISH I WAS A BOY AND COULD WEAR BOOTS!



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A couple of guys in Paris are reported to have beaten a drum for over 60 hours.

New York experts say that children of today are angels, as compared with the children of yesterday.

The former members of German aristocracy are, in most cases, according to press dispatches, having a pretty hard time of it.

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First Northwest Settlers.

In the year 1822 pioneers under Nathaniel Wyeth left Boston to find an overland trail to Oregon. Eight of them reached Oregon at the Columbia River on October 29 of the same year.

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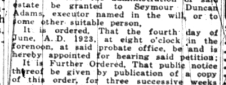
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Who Wants the First Book?

The earliest known book in "The Book of the Dead," written over 3,000 years B. C. It was written at the time of the building of the Great Pyramid (3735-3500 B. C.) and contains incantations to the deities, psalms, etc.

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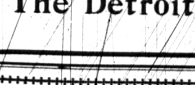
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Daring War Hero

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