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BE SERIOUS AND LAUGH

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The world is usually more occupied in trying to forget its troubles than in trying to remedy them. We prefer to screen our ills temporarily with laughter rather than to disselve them with thought. We are told never to take ourselves seriously—because, if we did, we might become Platos on Socrateses or something equally to be abhorred. The fact is that all of humanity's great leaders have been intensely serious men. Not dismal necessarily. Being serious and being gloomy are two different things. Many of them, most of them in face, have had a decided sense of humon, but they took themselves and their work seriously. Life, to them, meant something real and earnest, a preparation, a training for greater tasks to come. Enjoyment is but the pitful aim of brutes. Man's intelligence is given him for the purposes of progress.

come. Enjoyment is but the pitiful aim of brutes. Man's intelligence is given him for the purposes of progress. Pleasure is simply the oil to ease friction.

Laughter is a good thing, a useful thing, an invaluable thing. But laughter, after all, has nothing in common with happiness, nor perfect contentment with achievement. Shelley remarked that "our sweetest songs are those which tell of saddest thought." Laughter is healthful Laught by all means, but laugh at the right time. You have seen pictures of Edison at work in his laboratory. Notice his expression. You have seen pictures of Both Tarkington, serious and stern. Photographs of Ruskin reveal intensity of purpose in every feature. Examine bust of Dante.

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Life is a serious thing, a thing to be thought about, but it need not be necessarily sad. Go to see Harold Lloyd and Charlie Chaplin and laugh. It's a good tonic. But don't-laugh so much during the rest of the week that your brains haven't a chance. Nobody thinks while laughing. It isn't possible. Alternate once in a while, a laugh and a thoughtful frown. Real problems are not solved by denying them. You have a work to perform and it isn't just in existing and making yourself comfortable.

WHY?

Five years ago the world was supposed to be safe enough for democracy for the war to stop.

But was it? What have we done with the world?

Well, for one thing, while we have abolished a few kings we have set up dictators—absolute military dictators—in Italy, Greece, Turkey, Spain, Portugal, Germany, Russia, Poland, and have set up the largest army in the

world in France.

A fat lot of democracy we have in the world today.

What a joke all this absolute military dictatorship, all this what a joke all ris absolute limitary distaltants, at the militarism is on the boys who died to make the world free!

The world was freer before the war. Life and property were safer, tolerance was broader and human relations gentler and sweeter than they are today. What an awful commentary on the intelligence of the human animal. Here he goes out and slaughters 10 million men and—for what? What good has come out of it? We have shouldered 75 billion of unpayable debt upon humanity, put bonds in the hands of a few for the many to pay interest upon

world without end—and why?

Six American presidents, Harrison, McKinley, Roosevelt, Taft, Wilson and Harding, have begged the congress to authorize the establishment of a world court to work for peace. It is a simple thing. But saber-clankers and jingoes and one hundred per centers prevent the functioning of the court. Plans for world peace are available

ing of the court. Plans for world peace are available a-plenty. But when they are suggested men pick out the flaws and reject them all. And for what?

For war, for force, for the supremacy of the jingo. Is the human animal going to fight himself to extinction and leave a blood-stained world to our wiser brothers, the monkeys and the donkeys?

Why do we claim to be the lords of creation when we have less sense than the birds and the beasts?—William Allen White in the Emporia Weekly

"Warsaw: The Premier, Mr. Grabsky, who is also minister of finance, has formed a committee to organize a state bank of issue." So reads a news tem. It would seem, then that Mr. Grabsky is quite willingsky to grabsky a piece fo most anything for himselfsky. Yea, human nature seems to run truesky or Troztsky even in Russia.

A woman who has probably given to the world one A woman who has probably given to the world one of its most precious possessions, is living in apparent poverty in Paris. She is Madame Curic, who, with her husband, discovered radium. In the meantime civilization will continue to materially reward such blurs on the landscape as Jack Dempsey. But the memory of Madame Curic will live on when the carcass of Dempsey is petrified and his ability to cudgel another is forgotten.

Some of the local owners of Woodward avenue property remind us of the girl who, desiring to mend her ways, said, "Get thee behind me, Satan—but not too far behind." With the aunouncement that Woodward ways, said, 'cet thee beand me, Salan-Jour not too lar behind." With the announcement that Woodward avenue will be 200 feet wide through Birmingham, we will not be surprised to hear someone say, "Make 'er wide, Gov-ernor, but not too wide."

Summer will soon chase away spring after spring has chased away the present winter. And, unless the new well develops pretty soon, we'll all be chasing around for

Paid your winter taxes yet? Aren't these lovely ter evenings we're having lately?

LIVIN ROOM LYRIGS

AS I SEE HER

To you she may look different than to me, But, feebly told, here are the things I see: A girlish little elf near five years old, Whose hair is silken, and in color gold.

And in the sweetness of her soft brown eyes I catch the look of something that defies These halting words of mine to tell you of—A look of laughter, tenderness, and love.

And in the smiles that ripple o'er her face, As in the sweetness of her childish grace, As in the sweetness of her childish grace, My eyes behold a winsomeness so rare I know of naught with which it might compare.

It seems to me that surely Heaven smiled When God released, for earth, this little c To you, she may look different than to me But then, I am the baby's Dad, you see!

"PROGRESS"

By James B. Wood of Franklin, Mich.

As the days begin to lengthen and the cold begins to As the days open to topic to the strengthen and the comfort of your fire sends a warm glow through your heart;
As you gossip with your neighbor or recline with pipe and

paper,
Do you ever think how this old world has prospered from the start?

As you sit beside your fires and read books about your

As you sit besale your lies and teach sires,
sires,
How they worked and toiled to clear the land on which
your dwelling stands;
As you sit and read and ponder, is it not a source of
wonder
How these hardy men could do this with no weapons
but their hands?

How they worked and strived and struggled and the happiness they smuggled Was from just a little picnic, maybe once or twice a

year. As you turn the histories' pages of those near-forgotten

ages
In the comforts of your own home, do you sometimes shed a tear?

They knew not the joys and pleasure that we have with

brimming measure,
Life to them was one long struggle that their families
might exist.
In the age that you are living, can you help but feel thanks-

giving
As you read of the knocks and bumps and hardships that you've missed?

Perhaps your anger waxes as you think about your taxes And you feel that "Uncle Sam" to you is being quite

unjust.

If you wish to solve the mystery, just dig up your country's history,
Just drop back and join those pioneers whose bodies now are dust.

Just yoke up a team of cattle, get the bumps and get the

or rattle
Of an oxeart that is hauled to town o'er roads of corduroy.
Would you, then, be surely willing, though your tax be but a "shilling."
To change places with your great-grandad when he was but a boy?

Now you're privileged to travel over nice smooth roads of

gravel.

And you feel so warm and "comfy" in your modern new sedan.

Let your thoughts turn to your sire as he struggled in the mire.

And then tell the world you're martyred, my good friend, sir, if you can.

When you feel inclined to grumble to yourself, just take

a tumble.

Think how science has progressed since your great-grandad was a "kid":
Then your fate will smile with gladness and you'll cast away your sadness.

away your sadness, you'll doff your hat to progress and the many things it did.

Ago.

Parks is visiting friends

Sixteen degrees below zero with living here.

Ilving here.

John and George Purdy were the boys that carried off the prires the shooting match on Friday last.

In Last week Resben Adams of Franklin gave word to his soni-law words to dinner the coming Sunday as his other soni-law, Mr. Clark Dam was captivating in a charming the shooting match on Friday last.

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25 Years Ago.

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Last week Thursday Bre'r Theo Bookham started his furnace fire with the usual result when kerosene oil is used. He was badly burned about the face and his eyebrows, lashes and whiskers singed off. Dr. Shaw is rapidly curing the roasted man.

Miss Bertha A. Bigelow will leave tomorrow for New York City where she will act as hridesmaid on the event of her brother's wedding.

Many of Mrs. Foster's former puls are glad to put themselves under instruction to learn the cake

Miss Jennie Peck has returned from a few days visit with Mrs James Pierce in Detroit.

Pontiac's post office is to be mov-ed to the new Jackson Block opposite the Gazette office and the change pleases many patrons.

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Mrs. Julia E. Benedict attended DEFAUL e graduation exercises of a class of pupils at the Central High School Detroit last week. Miss Mabel wson graduated with high honors reiving a recommend to the train-t school for teachers.

According to a letter from the Honorable Freed L. Woodworth, Collector of Internal Revenue in this district, many persons have a misunderstanding regarding their liability in filing mischool between the second of the second of

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