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Something That Every Young Person Should Memorize

Frequently young people, befuddled by the complex outlook upon life, come to us to discuss their prospects. More often than not, we find that they have no definite aim. In an obscure way, they are ambitious. They want to succeed. They hope to live normal, happy lives...

History While You Wait

Have you ever wished that you might have lived in the days of Henry the Eighth, of Napoleon, of Joan of Arc, of Constantine? Those days may have been exciting. But isn't it true that things are being recorded in newspaper today which will be in history books tomorrow?

Millions For Men Means Less For Gunboats

President Roosevelt feels that we should continue to maintain 300,000 young men in CCC camps. Some would put the figure at \$50,000, but he thinks 300,000 is sufficient in view of the needs of expanding business and industry.

A National Dilemma

The trouble that Congressmen are having in attempting to determine a neutrality policy for the United States indicates that it is virtually impossible to live in the world and out of it at the same time.

Religion Maintains Standards

While no system of human control works one hundred per cent, many men who would tell would admit that so long as they had a positive interest in religion, they kept their standards high.

Where Woman Is King, Queen And Everything

What a wonderful world this would be if the man all jumped in the deep blue sea! Well, they are trying to do that in perfect world idea in Sabo, off the rugged trails of the Caribbean. It is an idle of woman. Talcott Powell writing in the April Cosmopolitan, says: "There are no young men. They move away either before they marry or immediately afterward, get jobs, slipping centers as competent officers, and return no other than once in every five or ten years. Not five strangers a year visit the place."

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"Today is beyond comparison the most exciting time in the history of mankind. For the first time in recorded history, all the nations of the world are passing through a crisis at the same moment. Today, this month, this year, all civilization takes another step through one of those notably rare periods of transition which form the character of generations to come."

Practical Paragraphs

"Glutton" and "Hog" are horrible words. Moreover, the practice of gluttony and the look of hog-gishness hamper happiness. "Bib" is a horrible word almost as bad as drunkness. While gluttony doesn't make a man quarrelsome or send him home to beat up his wife, it does dull his mind.

GOD HELPS THEM WHO HELPS THEMSELVES

We are becoming absolutely flabbergasted by the constantly increasing proposals to furnish government help to the people of this country. We have developed the greatest crop of theorists who are amazingly liberal with other people's money—taxpayers' money.



WASHINGTON LETTER BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Aluminum Company Becomes Target as Anti-Trust Laws Await Test

WASHINGTON—Four years after taking office, President Roosevelt has finally insisted that his attorney general bring an anti-trust suit against the \$74,000,000 Aluminum Company of America in an attempt to dissolve it. The corporation complains bitterly that it is already "the most investigated company in America."

The Other Chap Says ---

There is praying for WPA demanded. The tenant farmers need priming. Priming is proposed for the slum dwellers, the home owners, the unemployed girls, the unemployed boys, those who want to have pictures, those who enjoy dramatics, etc., etc.

The Wicked City

Hiram Corfodder—Officer, arrested this man. He's trying to see the union station and he's a crook and a swindler! Policeman—How do you know he's a crook?—Because I thought the dad-burned union station from the rightful owner ten minutes ago.

'My Country, 'Tis of Thee'

By T. H. MILLINGTON

The Court Supreme; on Disappointment. The Judiciary Committee stands eight for the President's Supreme Court proposal, and ten against it. Time to favor the President. Some of his supporters require that these New Deal Judges shall be biased in favor of Congress. In short, they insist that Congress shall be the judge of its own acts.

Random Remarks

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt: "I think if you can see the funny side of some things, it's easier now and then." Burton G. Cowles, Dead Letter Division, P. O. Department: "The number of foolish mistakes people make is almost unbelievable."

Jobs in Jest

THIRTY microphones installed in Westminster Abbey for coronation. "At long last" the British are going to crown a king or tell the whole world why. Eighty million pounds of powder and lipstick used by American women in a year, which suggests some sort of a motto. Probably "Save the surface and you save all."

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