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The average American has made a down payment on the home, and has only five more installments to go on the family car, his radio and household furniture.

A full page advertisement, sponsored in the Tokyo press by a Japanese patriotic society, advises the United States that peace in the Orient will be realized instantly when the United States recognizes Japan's position as the greatest power in the Orient.

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PARAGRAPHS

American Place Names: Preserving "Duck, Wagon, and Uncle Arkansas."

One Way: If you want to know how jobs will turn out, observe when they turn in—Woonster Record.

Douse Him!: "Another optimist," says E. E. "The fellow who went from hunting with an axeophone under his arm—Boston Transcript.

Judged By Their Acts: A tourist is a person who thinks a farmer wouldn't care if somebody took a dozen eggs of him.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Relegated to the Rear: The average Vice President feels like a spare tire strapped on behind—Shoe and Leather Reporter.

Can't Find Him: There is no such insect as a "This housefly. Kill him a thousand times and he comes back, monner than ever.—The Toledo Blade.

Here It Is: One thing the artistic film station has done has been to render it needless to go to Europe to study architecture.—Los Angeles Post-Dispatch.

Two Chances: The things commonly used to provide an education late in life are a correspondence course and a set of children.—The Honolulu World-News.

Rather Neat, This: Teamsters fall roughly into two groups: The flip kind, and those who introduce the distinguished in a tone of reverence as if he were being unveiled.—Detroit News.

Nats Don't Help Either: No, Bogert's help did not make a political party stronger or more secure. In fact, the labor the party will go to pieces.—Boston Transcript.

So Touching!: Woman (to beggar who had eaten a whole apple pie)—"You seem to have a good appetite!" Beggar (with tears in his eyes)—"Yes, madam, that is all I have in the world which I can rightly call my own.—Literary Digest.

A Drop In The Pocket: Pat was engaged in putting a water main into the workshop Saturday morn, and the boss saw Pat dolefully examining his pay check. "Mistake in your wages?" he asked. "Oh, no," replied Pat, "but I was just wondering whether me or the water would be in the workshop first." Person's weekly.

For The Best Reasons: Willie-A little boy fell down today and some of the kids laughed. Mother—Well, I hope you were not one of the unkind children who laughed. Willie—Nyah, I was the little boy who fell down.

Justifying Nickers: It is a pity that we have no more efficient government.—Atchison Globe.

People's Column

The Eccentric is pleased to receive communications from its readers. All communications will be signed, but signatures will be confidential upon request. Letters must be mailed to the office by Tuesday noon for publication in the following issue.

Reference is made to an item in your issue of April 21, headed MILL TAX TO BE LIVED FOR LIBRARY. From inquiries received by some of the members of the Board the impression seems to exist that we are asking for an unusually heavy tax levy. The item says that "last year only \$11,000 was levied and collected."

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