Reason Why That Department of the Service Would Be Most Appropriate for the Town Drunk.

WAY! BEST PLACE FOR HIM

The town was not exceptional. It had a weekly newspaper which had an editor who ran it seemingly on natural gas, and it had a town teller of fish stories, and it had a town pump. But this town wouldn't be complete without a town drunkard, and this town, somewhere in America, of course had him. The drunkard, as is usually the was the subject for much earnonversation among the children. and home-loving elders would hold him up as a horrible example to their worldly ignorant heirs. This drunkard was not unusual, either. He had his sprees, and his alternating moods when he would "hit the sawdust trail." The war came on, and it shared with the drunkard as a topic of equal importance for the town. Many of the boys enlisted. Some of them went into the infantry; others into other branches of the service.

One evening the banker's little son tame in earlier than usual from his inevitable baseball game.

"The old drunk's enlisted!" he announced breathlessly to the family, who always did manage to get started enting before the young son did. "What?" demanded his father. "I

saw him drunk this morning." "Yes. I know." replied the son. "Everybody saw him drunk. But Tom McDonald, the big kid that goes to high school, and is a sophomore, an' umpires our games, an' thinks he knows everything about everybody. well, he said he did. 'Ole Drunk's gone again,' I said. 'Yep,' answered Tom. 'I heard he'd joined the tanks.' Now, what do you think of that?"

"He'd better join the navy," muttered the banker, as he slowly buttered his war-bread.

#### AFRICAN DEMAND FOR LACES

Trade of That Section Sure to Be Well Worth Cultivating, According to a Consular Report.

No laces, embroideries or dress trimmings of any kind are produced in West Africa. Of machine-made goods, principally cotton, large quantities are imported, being supplied chiefly by England, France and Switzerland, The native women use them in embroidered under and top skirts, chemises, chemisettes and kimonos.

This is true as regards the native women in all West Africa, even in the far interior. They fancy the top chemisette, or short chemise, worn as a klmono. For the most part the goods are embroidered, but many have begun to wear garments with insertions and laces. Light figured and flowered voiles and dimities are well liked in

Senegal. Many of the women are seen wearing some of the best qualities of these goods, especially the voiles, though, of course, the cheaper grades of the dimities find a larger sale. While no statistics of importers are available, the trade undoubtedly is of sufficient importance to cultivate. All the large importers are more or less interested in these articles, as in cotton goods generally, and would appreciate samples with price lists,-Consular Report.

New and Powerful Explosive.

substance superior to all others. Of | good, recent years, however, its place has been threatened by other compounds which bid fair to replace it. One of the most promising of these is lead azide, a salt of hydronitric acid. This acid forms a great number of salts, as mercury azide, silver azide and sodium azide. Large crystals of lead azide and mercury azide have been found to be very sensitive to mechanical shock, says the Scientific American, the sensitiveness increasing with the size of the crystals. Even the breaking of a single large crystal is said to bring about explosion. Crystals as large as 3 mm, in length, when dry, often explode when brushed with a feather.

Contrivance Defies Germs. A Bultimore woman, Miss Cornelia

F Ac. has devised a simple scheme to prevent the possibility of contamination when making use of a common drinking glass. It consists of a square of rather stiff waxed paper, folded through the center, and when desiring a thirst quencher of any kind the paper is placed over the edge of the glass and the lips then can not come in contact with the glass and therefore there is no exchange of germs. A supply of these papers can be carried conveniently in the purse or pocket, or they may be made more substantially of celluloid or some other equally suitable material and one of the lip protectors made to do a prolonged term of duty.

Self-Sacrifice.

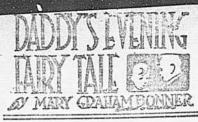
"Has the war made any change in Spongeleigh?"

"I should say so!" "In what respect?"

"Spongeleigh says that in view of the fact that his friends are buying Liberty bonds and contributing to war philanthropies, he considers it his patriotic duty not to borrow more than \$5 at a time from any of them."-Birmingham Age-Herald.

Cause for Thanks.

"I met a real optimist the other day," said the war hospital surgeon, "a fellow to whom I certainly doff my hat. He had lost a leg and when they picked him up the first thing he said was: "Thank God It was the leg with the rheumatism!""



PROUD CLOCK.

"It's funny," said the hall clock.

"Tick-tock, tick-tock," said the living-room cleck, not far off, "will you tell me what is funny? It's a most peculiar thing for a clock to say 'It's funny' for no reason at all."

"But I have a reason," said the hall clock.

"That's all right, then," said the living-room clock.

"You apologize, do you?" asked the "Well, no, not exactly," said the liv-

ing-room clock. "What do you do, then?" inquired

the hall clock. "I tick and I tock and I keep the

time, ha, ha," said the living-room "I'm cracking a little joke myself."

"Why won't you apologize?" asked the hall clock.

feel I should. I said I thought it was silly and peculiar for a clock to say think it's peculiar at all. So tell me your reason for saying 'It's funny,'" ended the living-room clock.

"Of course, situated as I am in this fine position in the hall," said the hall clock, "I hear a great deal that is that our people don't take the home is going on. I see the people com-

"You also see them going out," said the living-room cleck.

shall I continue my story?"

"By all means. I won't interrupt again," said the living-room clock. "I hear the people talk, grown-ups



"Oh, Dear, I Wish I Weren't So Fat."

and children. How some of them can talk! My! But they talk and they talk and they talk."

"Well, let them," said the living-room "Don't we tick and tock, tick and tock, tick and tock?" "That's a wise speech," said the

hall clock, "and I'll forgive you this time for interrupting."

"I didn't think about it," said the living-room clock. "I forgot I was interrupting again.

"I cannot say that I object to the people talking so much," continued the hall clock. "Of course if I did object to it I don't suppose I could do any-For many years mercury fulminate thing about it. I might stop and get has held its place as a detonating run down, but that wouldn't do any

"It's always so foolish to run down and get out of order. It takes such a long time to get fixed again."

"One would think," said the livingroom clock, "that you were a doctor or a trained nurse or something like that, instead of being a hall clock."

"Why?" asked the hall clock. "Well, all that chatter about getting run down and out of order," said the living-room clock, "sounded to me like a doctor or a trained nurse or a persen giving advice."

"That's all because you hear the people talking about their illnesses in the living room," said the hall clock. "I spoke in the correct way for a clock to speak. But I must tell you what strikes me as being funny."

yes," said the living-room clock, "you must tell me. We don't want to end off talking about something different from what we started with.

"Well, it wouldn't have mattered so much if we had finished it right away and then gone on to talk of something else. We have finished the first thing we were talking about," said the hall

"It strikes me as being very funny when I hear the people talk about their figures. It seems that each person has one figure, and a figure means a person's shape. A little girl will come in and say: 'Oh, dear, I wish I

weren't so fat. I'd like to be thinner.' "And a grown-up lady will say: "I wish I could put on more weight. My

figure is not what it should be.' "It strikes me as being very funny," said the hall clock, "because each person only has one figure whereas we have figures all over our faces. I have figures in twelve places and they are all right and just as they should be.

"Yes, it does seem funny to hear people talk about their one figure when a clock has so many figures and never has to worry about any of them at all! It makes me feel very proud Indeed!"

Sammie Knew. "Sammie," said the visitor, "do you

know why people use the expression,

blue Monday?" "Sure," said Sammie, "that was the day I spilled the bluing on ma's lace curtains when the lady came to wash."

Well Known Civic Leader Shows How a Vegetable Garden Will Cut The Family Store Bill In Half

Atlanta, Ga .- (Special.) - "Few people realize the actual money-saving power of the home vegetable garden and what it can be made to contribute in the way of food for the family table," says President H. G. Hastings, of the Georgia State Chamber of Commerce, and the Southeastern Fair, in discussing the matter of food supply for the South in 1919.

"Uncle Sam, through the United States Department of Agriculture," said Mr. Hastings, "estimated the value of the vegetables produced last year in home gardens of the United States at three hundred and fifty million of dollars. This means that much actually saved by the garden makers from their store bills.

Whenever there is lack of food or "For the simple reason that I don't money to buy food, no matter whether it be due to world-wide food scarcity, boll weevil damage or other cause, 'ht's funny,' without any reason, but, the first word 'Uncle Sam' passes out as long as you have a reason I don't to the sufferer is to make a good big hone garden. Why? Because the right kind of a bome garden is the quickest, cheapest and best source of food supply there is.

"The great trouble here in the South garden seriously enough, or give it the attention that its importance as a food producer and money-saver justi-It is mostly made with a 'lick "Bright clock, bright clock, tick-tock, and a promise' and the cultivation and tick-tock," said the hall clock, "Well, replanting it gets during the growing season is mostly of the unfulfilled promise kind.

'With the present and certain-to-becontinued high food prices on the one hand, and the very great uncertainty as to the price that cotton or other cash crops will sell for next fall, it is a time above all others to play safe.

"This is no time to gamble on cotton. None of us can tell within 15 cents a pound what it will sell for next fall. The farmer who makes few or no store debts for food, producing his own and family needs on home acres, is safe regardless of cotton prices, and he is the only one who is safe.

"The right kind of a home garden maintained all through the season and given a square deal in the way of cultivation, is the greatest store-bill-cutter on record. A quarter to half an acre garden for the average family wiil cut the store bill in half."



Well to suffer is divine; Pass the countersign, "Endure Not to him who rasily dares,

LET US REMEMBER. A woman's hands should have as much care as her face, for they are

fully as much in evidence. Do not use a stove-lid lifter or a stick of wood for a harmer; have a tool box in the kitchen where such things may be quickly found. Bruised pails and gouged fingers are painful and

often stay with us for months. There is no economy in using old or worn-out utensils; learn to keep up-to-date equipment in the kitchen. A workman is known by his tools.

Use small wooden spoons for stirring and avoid burns, as they never get hot in the dish over the heat.

. Have a soap shater, in which gather all pieces of unscented soap to use in the dishpan; this will be a saving of both soap and the hands.

Save steps by using a tray or a wire dish drainer in removing dishes from the dinie chole. One trip saved is mental effort and many worth time at maps may be divided by ten.

When standing for any purpose, such as ironing, if a stool is not convenient to use, fold a heavy rug to stand upon. The spring urder the feet will make a great difference, taking the pressure off the tired feet.

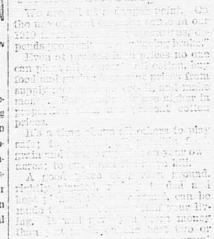
Good sharp knives, a reliable can opener and a good knife sharpener will save the temper which is often ruffled by poor tools.

A bottle of kerosene should be kept near the sink, which may be rubbed after each washing with a cloth dampened in the coal oil; this will take off soil and clean the sink much quicker than any powder or soap will do.

A roll of soft absorbent paper is invaluable in the kitchen. It may be used to wipe up spots on table or floor, or to remove waste from dishes, thus saving in the dishwash-

When food burns on, in a dish, do not scrape it, but put a teaspoon of soda and enough cold water to cover the bottom and let it simmer for an hour or two: then if there are any obstinate spots, rub with a piece of pumice stone, which will not leave bad scratches to roughen the surface.

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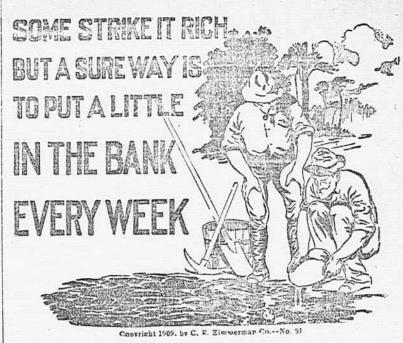
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