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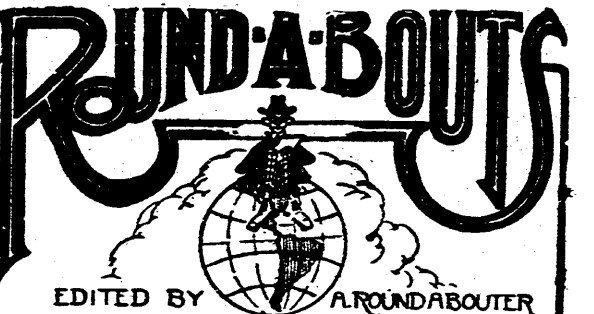
## Science and Nature

By GARETT P. SERVICE

## More Truth Than Poetry

By James J. Montague

## Answers to Questions



### The Zoning System

**Z**ONING cities, as proposed by Charles G. Edwards, president of the Real Estate board of New York City, is a good idea, not only in the opportunity it affords for beautifying various sections of the city, but also in stabilizing property values and making permanent the residence districts.

Mortgages, it is said, must have shorter terms in cities than in the country because of risk of value depreciation by intrusion of objectionable industries. Only the other day, in Chicago, a residence section was "ruined" by the "invasion" of a "class" of citizens who were not wanted by those already in possession. It has been possible also, for persons holding a "spite" against citizens of a settled residence district, to injure the value of property in the district by introducing disagreeable features contiguous to the property of those against whom they hold their grudge.

It is perfectly legitimate, and probably entirely legal, to enact regulations defining the class of structures to be erected within specified zones, the uses of these structures, and such other restrictions as may be required by a majority of the residents of the district.

The zoning system enables cities to segregate themselves into distinct entities with special facilities for regulating their affairs in matter of improvements, beautification and personal comfort or convenience.

The chief merit of the proposition, however, is in its stabilizing effect upon property values. Within the several zones it will be possible to maintain the average of value and to increase it as the residents make the section more desirable for the purpose of its uses.

### THE RULE OF REASON

(A former grand duke is now cashier of an Austrian bank.)

Grand dukes are men I rarely meet,  
So who am I to say  
That they have not the sort of feet  
That walk the narrow way?  
They may enjoy the Golden Rule  
And neither smile about  
Or even teach in Sunday school,  
Though that I rather doubt.

But they were spenders in their time;  
Before their jobs they lost.  
They had a noble and sublime  
Contempt for what things cost.  
They rode about in limousines,  
And charged 'em to the state,  
The public dipping up the reins,  
With which to pay the freight.

When used to wealth, it frisks a man.  
As everybody knows,  
To buy on the installment plan  
His furniture and clothes;  
To have to wear a last year's hat,  
To save the cash to meet  
The rental of a dismal flat,  
Upon a dingy street.

And so, though I do not imply  
That people could not trust  
A man with wealth in days gone by,  
But only just.

Were one employed in my bank  
I patronized, I swear,  
That I should hurry down and yank  
My money out of there!

**PROOF**  
It is not surprising that Mr. Bryan does not believe in evolution. He began life as a politician without any office, and—well!

**KEEP AWAY**  
Travel into the Balkans is difficult because of the rush of royal families coming out.

**RUSHED**  
Between peace conferences and golf matches, Lloyd George gets precious little time to run England.  
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### UNCLE SAM SAVES RENT

By FREDERICK J. HASKIN

WASHINGTON, D. C.—In the vigorous hunt for more ways to save a dollar, congress is keeping an eagle eye on the government's housing bill. The government clerk may work in a granite masterpiece of Greek architecture that suggests a large and lavish scale of administration, but the classic edifice is run on a strictly modern, save-the-pennies basis.

The government is the largest property owner in the United States, and its buildings are worth several million dollars, it owns offices all over the country. These include 126 postoffices, ranging in value from the small town buildings worth only a few thousand dollars to the Chicago postoffice, which cost more than five million.

Economy is now the watchword in the management of all this property. Take the stucco buildings which sprang up to house the army of war stenographers and flimsy clerks in the capital. About 48,000 war workers have departed and whole blocks of the tempos, as the war buildings were called, have been struck like circus tents. But some are needed because Washington still has twice as many clerks as in pre-war days.

The tempos near Potomac park stand on leased land and the lease is about to expire. Furthermore, the owners want the higher rate of rent, and if the government turns the property back to the owners, it must tear down its stucco buildings and even pay for the structures that become two). But this apparent saving of the center of the roof simply accords with the curvature of the earth's surface, so that buildings which are at the same distance from the center of gravity. In other words, the roof is geodetic level. Water would stand on it without flowing in any direction. If, however, the walls of the buildings were parallel with one another and the roof were flat in the sense of being a plane at right angles to all the walls, the center would be two inches below the edges, and truly below because nearer the center of gravity of the earth, so that rain water would run toward the middle of the roof. If the roof were two miles across the center would be depressed eight inches.

### Costly Oratory

**T**HERE is altogether too much debate in Congress and especially in the senate where the rules are more lax than in the house, over trivial and futile subjects. There is, in the senate, an "irreconcilable" minority of Republicans whose chief industry seems to be nagging the administration, and reinforced by a self interested faction of the Democratic membership, endeavoring to embarrass the policies of President Harding and his advisors.

This opposition, essentially demagogic in its purpose, is entirely futile because the administration is loyally supported by a partisan majority pledged by its party to perform specific functions and to consummate clearly defined policies for the better government of the American people. Blathering oratory cannot change the determination of the government, and the demagogues are aware of that fact; their sole purpose is to spread dissension and suspicion among the people with the ulterior purpose of strengthening their own faction on the floor of Congress.

These tactics are an expensive luxury for the taxpayers of the nation, but of course the demagogues are not concerned in that relation. They are disloyal to their party and their constituencies, but they are not worried by that fact. Their quarrel is personal and it doesn't matter to them who foots the bill.

### Uniform Censorship

**W**ILLIAM C. DE MILLE writes informally and convincingly to the Los Angeles Times on "Motion Picture Censorship," in the course of which he "resents the discrimination which is being exercised against this new art by subjecting it to restrictions to which no other art is subjected."

Herein Mr. De Mille exposes the injustice of all censorship as exercised in America today. Discrimination is the ingrowing evil of all blue laws, the gangrene that eats at the vitals of even salutary reforms. It is cowardly legislation that makes evil of one thing and permits another to go unchallenged. If the movies are censored under state or federal law, the theatre in every phase should be subjected to the same censorship; books, newspapers, even the pulpit and the censors themselves should be censored by somebody. Our personal habits in one particular at least are under censorship. The uplifters, however, dare not attempt to place a blanket censorship on all the pleasures of the people. If they did there would be no more censorship in America. The reformers are aware of this probability, and they are wise to confine their activities to the movies.

### An Effective Remedy

**R**ECKLESS and incompetent automobile drivers are still numerous in San Diego, as indicated by the report of the health department for the month of May which lists three deaths, forty persons injured and 210 accidents from this cause.

At least half of these persons were utterly incompetent to handle their machines, and it is likely that more than two-thirds of them would have failed to pass an examination by a garage apprentice in the rudimentary principles of automobile driving. Speed laws will never prevent these "accidents." A competent driver can drive his machine safely in all circumstances at sixty miles an hour; an incompetent driver will maim and kill at a speed of only ten miles an hour.

These incompetents should be deprived of the use of their automobiles. The penalty of every "accident" should be confiscation of the offending vehicle upon conviction of the driver; the accident should be prima facie evidence that the convict is incompetent to drive an automobile and therefore a public menace to be suppressed.

### A Free Booklet Of Meat Facts And Recipes

All kinds of meat are so expensive nowadays that intelligent buying is a very necessary measure of economy. You can't tell what meat is best by looking at the price per pound. You must know how much of that pound is waste and how much nourishment there is in the remainder. The Government experts in nutrition have prepared an authoritative booklet on the economical use of meat in the home. This booklet explains the meat as food, the amount of food value in various cuts and their relation to meat prices, the actual and apparent cost of different cuts, as well as economical and attractive ways of preparing meat for the table. Every housewife should write today for a copy of this economy booklet.

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### UNCOMMON SENSE

By JOHN BLAKE

**LOYALTY**  
It is not surprising that the word "traitor" is the bitterest reproach with which a man can be loaded.

In every human heart is installed a sense of loyalty. It is the business of the parent to be loyal to the child he has brought into the world.

Nothing is more beautiful, or more deserving of respect, than the sight of a mother and father staunchly standing by a son who has gone wrong, or a daughter who because of ignorance or bad associations, made an irreparable mistake.

Nothing is finer than to see a son or a daughter stand by parents in a hour of adversity—even standing by parents who have done delinquent wrong.

Shakespeare's noblest tragedy, "King Lear," is a moving story of a lack of loyalty to a kindly father, more treachery which cost him his reason.

Read it if you have not read it. Read it again if you have. It is one of the greatest stories of life that has ever been written.

Loyalty to a country is necessary to the preservation of the country. Loyalty to the men and women whom it has protected and sustained in its hour of need, it will crumble.

Loyalty to a partner in business, to a friend or colleague, to all are beautiful manifestations of fine human nature. It proceeds from a high sense of honor.

In marriage a contract into which both partners enter with their eyes open, loyalty is highly essential. It should be based on mutual love and trust, and it should never be violated.

A man who takes a wife under his protection should be willing to put up with any infirmities of temperament rather than be disloyal. If he is disloyal because of foolish infatuation he should never be allowed to become the husband of another woman.

The family, the home, the nation and all business institutions are founded on loyalty. It is a basic quality, and, fortunately, it is one of the most widely distributed of the qualities that are bestowed upon human beings.

I have heard of "raining pitchforks" and "raining dogs and cats," but it remained for a local paper to head an article "Baby Shower."

Did you ever notice the husband of the woman who boasts that she has "a mind of her own?"

So many Fords were parked on Second street yesterday that the water from their radiators ran in streams down the gutter.

Dear Editor: Has it ever occurred to a single San Diego woman that she may ultimately pay for the time that it takes for a clerk in the store to wait on her? The city is that distributed, each woman paying in proportion to the amount of a clerk's time that she consumes.

If you have any doubt that "men are but children of a larger growth," just watch the crowd that gathers around a hand-organ monger whenever one comes to this fair town.

A disgruntled householder recently told the Montezuma County Herald that he had two runabouts in his family—one that he bought tires for and one that he bought clothes for.—Kansas City Times.

Women, according to a San Francisco man, are getting worse all the time. His first wife was practically good, he says; his second wife only fair, and his third wife no good at all. Personally, I'd like to hear about those three wives and have to say about this man. If they ever do talk, I'll print it.

Dear Sir: A young lady recently made the acquaintance of a man who deals in real estate. Just the other day she wrote him this remarkable letter:

"May I not interest you in: The Northeast Quarter (N¼) of Section Two (2) in Township One (1) North of the Waist Line, Range One (1) West of the Third Principal Meridian, all in the County of Heart and State of Affection."

Under the pen name of Ouida.

What minerals are contained in celery?—E. E. S.  
A. Iron, potassium, magnesium, calcium and phosphorus are found in this plant.

Why is Brazil called the Land of the Holy Cross?—O. M. H.  
A. Pedro Alvarez Cabral, who is generally credited with the discovery of the country, named it Terra de Santa Cruz, which is translated the Land of the Holy Cross.

Which is of more value to the farmer, the quail or the owl?—E. M. L.  
A. The biological survey says that the owl is of much greater value because it destroys much greater number of farm pests, particularly field mice.

What kind of fish are used in making beads?—M. K.  
A. The scales of the ukelei fish are commonly used in the making of artificial pearls. The fish is found in European waters.

What kind of animals produce shoemakers' brushes?—C. K.  
A. The best shoemakers' brushes are produced by pigs that inhabit cold countries. Formerly most of them came from Russia, but now China and the United States are supplying a large part of the market.

Do foxes ever band together like wolves?—W. I.  
A. Foxes never hunt in packs.

Does salting meat decrease its food value?—L. W.  
A. The nutritive value of meat is only slightly diminished after 14 days salting, but after a longer period meat is greatly altered, and it is also to be considered that salted meat is more difficult of digestion than fresh. There is no loss of nutriment from smoking meat, and smoked meat is as digestible as fresh.

Unless there is a sharp reaction from the present tendency toward efficiency and economy there will be no more elaborate monumental edifices in department buildings, six-story foot ceilings, fireplaces, thick walls and laboriously carved room decorations such as are seen about the city and many buildings and other government buildings conspicuously absent from recent government construction.

Confession is not only good for the soul, but it usually draws a lighter sentence.

**FAMOUS SAYINGS OF FAMOUS MEN**  
(Not Recorded by Any History)  
George Washington, after throwing the dollar across the Delaware: "They may say I never told a lie, but they can't say I never threw my money away."  
Napoleon on his way back from Moscow: "We didn't freeze here!"  
King Canute, after ordering the sea to go back: "I might as well have been giving orders to my wife."

Mr. 'Bouts: A writer in the Union has made an effort to show that the city firemen are not actively engaged at their line of work but a very few hours each year. However, did he ever happen to think that the fireman is always on the job, never knowing when he is going to be called out? For instance: The fireman's life is one of dread. And lacking little charm. As soon as he gets into bed, they turn in a flash.

**FIREMEN'S FRIEND.**  
A great many people who haven't had a bath in years are always bragging about the "cold plunge" that they take every morning.

**THE EASTBOUND WRIST WATCH**  
Watch—Person who picked up lady's gold wrist watch, Waterbury, on Eleventh street going east, Monday noon, Jan. 16, please return to owner.—Lost "ad" in K. C. Times.

Dear Sir: Could anything be more beautiful than these two verses from an old poem in my scrapbook:  
I know as my life grows older  
And mine eyes have clearer sight,  
That under each rank wrong some-where  
There lies the root of right.

And I know when my soul speeds onward,  
In grand eternal quest,  
I shall cry: I look back earthward.  
"Whatever is—best!"  
—DAILY READER.

That's right, professor, while some folks are praying for people, other folks are praying on them.

**This from Life:**  
Once upon a time there was a drinker who ran short of funds with which to buy liquor. So he started a "dry" movement, so that liquor would be legally prohibited, in order that he might get a job as enforcer.

**WHAT HAS BECOME OF THE O. C. MAN**  
What has become of the O. C. man who used to say that San Diego women were over-dressed?  
UM: From whirring jaws her happy hum Thrills all the air with nearly hum Yet not quite dumb, bewitching thrum  
Of aromatic airs that come From where she sits and chews,  
From yum, yum,  
Her dainty waist a sticky gum As to her rhythm I succumb  
And wish I were of chicle some For then I'd sail like candy crumb  
Down to sweet throat into her tum!  
—Cartoons Magazine.

"I am not myself today," said a Natick boy, looking at the Miss Flossie Ferrisill #1, Brooklyn Heights.  
"Be whoever you will, excepting yourself," replied Flossie, "and you will make a bunch of friends."

Brooklyn Bridge is a lawyer in Dennison. O. This one is beyond my headlining ability.

**CONFESSIONS OF A CYNIC**  
I see a scientist says parsimony will sustain life, but I am quite sure they will never sustain mine. I don't believe the women try half as hard to ensnare the men as the men think they do.  
I never saw a hotel lobby hound with a lady whom I ever gave credit for having a nickel in the world.  
I can't see that a high-toned Airedale is anything but a dog, and a blamed hound is anything but a dog. I have no sympathy for any old stiff with a million dollars who is vamped by some flapper. He ought to know better.  
I don't believe the majority of men care whether women wear short skirts or long, and I don't believe it makes any difference whether they care or not.  
I have a great love for any reformer, but I prefer him to a bum who doesn't take care of his family.  
I don't believe the crease in a man's trousers amounts to very much until it isn't there, and then it amounts to a great deal.  
I don't believe in every bird who wears a silk hat on Sunday.  
I never believe they ever raise anything on foot, but prices.—New York Mail.

**WHAT DOES JOE MANEFACTURE?**  
Joe's Span has taken a lease on a building from Mrs. L. Dwyer, and will remove his Apolstry factory to that location.—East End News in the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The boast of heraldry, the pomp of power,  
And all that beauty, all that  
wealth, all that glory, all that  
awe,  
Await alike the inevitable hour—  
The paths of glory lead but to the grave.  
—THOMAS GRAY.

It is a lot easier to make enemies than friends, but a lot of us act as if we didn't know it.

Many Americans get a lot of pleasure out of bragging other Americans from having any.

Every now and then, once said Luke McLuke, you see a big girl who shows so much of her legs that you get the impression that she is wearing her little sister's skirts.

Change cars!

**Talc \$10,000 a Ton**  
A small can of talcum powder at the corner drug store costs 25 cents, which is at the rate of about \$10,000 per ton. How much of this does the producer of the talc mine receive? A report of market conditions shows that he sells the finest grade of his product for about a ton.

But who wants a ton of even the finest kind of ground talc? Consumers demand that it shall be scented with expensive perfumes, medicated with suitable drugs and chemical and boxed in attractive form. So the final cost bears little relation to the actual value of the raw material. A high degree of fitness is one of the principal requirements which the producer must meet. The finest wire screen that is possible to make is not satisfactory and the product must be screened through Swiss silk or similar material.—Engineering and Mining Journal-Press.

**Abe Marlin**

Th' best of all th' more daylight movements is washin' th' window.  
Well, anyhow, th' third business man I seen a good long rest.  
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