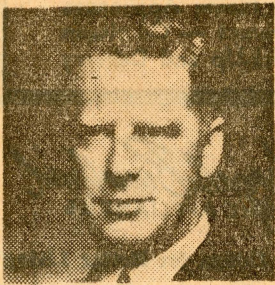


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It Seems to Me

"We Forget That Germans and Japs Were The Enemies . . . Start Pulling Each Other Apart"

NEW YORK.—Driving to the office this morning, George Spelvin, American, thought as follows:

"Still, I don't know, because, wherever you looked in the stores, why any little no-account night-shirt or a piece of lady-pants with a ribbon on it, why it was \$28 'and we can't guarantee delivery,' and if you go into a restaurant they cut your ears off and fry them in deep fat, and here I certainly wish I could get even a look at a new car and put some money into circulation for something useful but I can't even buy a set of chains and I hope nobody is asking me how those kids are expecting to get by on \$25-\$30 a week to start, especially with a wife and baby or a baby on order and I certainly don't wish I was that poor Truman with all those strikes and you can't tell how it goes with Russia.

"Although I bet if I was to meet some Russian and we could speak some language to get along together why I would find he was a pretty good egg because they say they like to drink and as far as Communism is concerned why that seems to be strictly export goods because it seems like there is a small bunch of head bosses and they live on caviar and highly seasoned viands like our New Dealers and you can't tell me those ordinary Russians enjoy getting their gizzard blown out just because the big guys decide to take over China or Turkey and I just never could understand why, if they are so dead set on rescuing oppressed minorities, they don't set up a couple of thousand of those good, luxurious trains on those efficient Communist railroads and give them a nice warm strip of land along the Black Sea instead of needling the Arabs all the time.

"AND, still, if it was me, you wouldn't find me investing my savings in some nice little house with a yellow tile bathroom and all like that, and then, after I get gypped by the plumbing manufacturers and the contractors and the inspectors, well, then the OPA says I have to rent it for \$37.50 a month because I notice that Harry Hopkins did all right for himself, leaping from \$15,000 to \$25,000, and they all like a profit in their own line and the way the old man took that John Hartford for that \$200,000 don't look like he was indifferent to a nice clean-up, and yet those veterans simply have got to have houses to live in, or there will be hell to pay.

"And just to think, we were hollering murder about extravagance and balance the budget and a lot of our cities are just like a mess of old, run-down ruins, and then we whipped up factories all bigger than anyone ever saw before, and barracks and battleships for a war and we sent things all over the world and built warehouses and docks and railroads and now we say we can't even build a million or so houses for the boys who did the fighting and let them pay for them on time because that would upset the economic system whereas the economic system has got so you don't find anybody willing to take a chance building a house for rent.

"WELL, if I was Truman, I would want to crawl up in somebody's lap and bawl my eyes out or check out some night in a car with a good set of tires and the old lady and the kid and the dog and I would head for some place like Wyoming or Montana where they have good fishing and hunting and you can buy you some lumber and some nails and I would get a couple of the neighbors to help me slap up a nice warm little shack and, after all, it isn't so long since that is the way they done out around Missouri and Kansas where he come from and I bet his mother can tell him about times when they didn't have gas-stoves and electric lights and some of them lived in sod-houses but they were solid people and most of the mothers taught the kids good lessons and they grew up American and now Harry is President of the U. S. A.

"Because, the way I see it, well, I don't know but it seems to me if they had of been working for a ten per cent raise or, say, anyway fifteen, they would still be ahead of where they are now, when you consider they are off the payroll for fifteen or twenty weeks and meanwhile nobody can get a new car so people went around spending all these millions for a lot of trash merchandise for Christmas that nobody wants, anyway, but you had to do it or you felt like a heel and it would be better to give them the cash

money and tell them to save it for when they can buy something really useful and nobody gets any benefit, but the air is full of arguments and lies and we all forget that the Germans and the Japs were the enemies and start pulling each other apart and here I am late again but after all I can't control the blizzard, you know, so if you are dissatisfied with my work, well, of course, undoubtedly other arrangements doubtless can be made.

Gadgets

By Science Service.

Electric heater for homes has a rectangular base, and an arched top covered with a grill that extends well down the elongated sides. Cold air enters at the bottom and flows upward over hollow ceramic posts supporting nichrome heater-wires. The heated air passes out through the grill.

Improved metal sheathing for roofing and sidewalls, known as Plastipitch, consists of steel sheets coated with a chemical compound that adheres to the metal under all weather conditions and protects it from rusting and chemical fumes. The elastic coating is not injured by bending.

Gripping device, just patented, will hold one or more paint brushes, when of in use, suspended with their bristles in a suitable fluid to keep them soft. It consists of two springy strips of wood or metal held apart with blocks at each end. The brush handle is inserted between the strips.

Electronic fuel gauge for airplanes uses the basic principle of a change in the electrical capacity of a condenser when the dielectric changes from liquid to air. It includes a tank unit, which is a simple condenser; a power unit, which contains electric and electronic parts; and a cockpit indicator.

Magnetic stirring apparatus uses a rotating magnetic force within a housing upon which a laboratory flask may be placed, and a steel magnet enclosed in glass which is placed within the flask containing the liquid to be stirred. In use the magnet in the flask revolves, following the rotating magnetic field.

Glasses, to protect eyes in bright daylight for later night vision, look like ordinary sun glasses, as shown in the picture. They prevent temporary night blindness due to excessive exposure to bright sunlight. They transmit only 15 per cent of the visible light and absorb glare and ultraviolet and infra-red rays.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"You and your big mouth!"

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