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THE SLACKER LISTS

The Messenger announced last week that beginning with this issue we would publish in installments as furnished by the war department the names of those who were listed by the department as slackers, but we have decided not to do so.

It seems that the list is full of errors and newspapers are slow to publish the names, wishing neither to do a possible wrong to any one nor run the risk of libel suits.

Mr. Weeks, secretary of war, has already apologized for one error in the case of a lieutenant, who was unjustly listed. In some cases, it seems, men who were dead when the draft call came were listed as slackers when they failed to respond. In other instances young men were put down as slackers who volunteered before the draft law became operative and were actually in service overseas or in training at home.

Real slackers, of course, get no sympathy, and the man who dodged military service deserves to be held up to the scorn of the country.

If it was as easy to lay up riches as it is to hunt trouble, we would all be millionaires.

Ouija board players are not the only ones who like to commune with departed spirits. The old soaks would like a chance at it.

"Kissing is a national crime," says an Oklahoma doctor. It might be added that a pecan-headed nut, although not national.

Statistics show that there are eight million people in this country who cannot read English and four million who cannot read in any language. Such ignorance is lamentable and a disgrace to a civilized nation.

If the 100,000 auto drivers who lost their lives last year in the attempt to push a locomotive and string of cars off the track could return to earth and speak they would tell their fellow autoist that it can't be done.

The United States boasts of about ten million automobiles, and when a fellow starts across the street in any large city it seems that everyone of them shows up the drivers all step on the gas.

Be reasonable about indulgence in luxury. The need for thrift is perennial. You will never be worth a continental unless you acquire a home, a wife and anywhere from one to fourteen kids. Then you will have something to live for.

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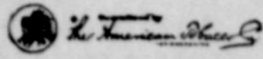
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It's Toasted

SOME SMILES

Jimmy—Father, yesterday at school I made 100 on my studies.
 Father—That was fine, what studies did you make it in?
 Jimmy—Fifty on spelling, and 50 on arithmetic.—Boys' Life.

Father—(to Sammy coming home in a bedraggled condition)—Great Scott! how you look!
 Sammy—Yes, Pa I fell in a mud hole.

Father—What! and with your new pants on.
 Sammy—Yes, I didn't have time to take them off.

"Want to be a musician, do you? Then I advise you to take up either the bagpipe or the violin."

"Why so, father?"
 "Because when there's any paying to be done, I notice it's the piper and fiddler who are the preferred creditors."—Boston Transcript.

Young Jack eyed the new arrival critically for a few moments, then looked up and asked: "So you're my grandmother, are you?"

"Yes, dear. On your father's side," replied the old lady, with a smile.

"Well, you're on the wrong side; you'll find that out quick enough," remarked Jack, without shifting his gaze.

Well Concealed

Some people in peacetime will be interested in the young man who went into the Army. On enlisting, he expressed the fear that he would face ridicule on account of his religion. After three years in the Army he was asked how he had gotten along. "Fine," he replied "they never found it out on me."—Christian Register.

Try This

Mrs. Styles—"I see by this paper that a woman in a Western town has hit upon a novel plan of obtaining a separation from her husband without going to the expense of court proceedings."

Mr. Styles—"That's interesting. What has she done?"

Mrs. Styles—"Why, she sent her husband out to match a piece of dress goods and told him not to return until he matched it. He's still out."—Yonkers Statesman.

American Soldier's Big Pay

Gen. Foch, head of the allied troops, gets 33,000 francs a year.

An American second lieutenant at Coblenz gets \$2300. Since the rate of exchange is 14 1-2 francs to the dollar, his pay equals 33,350 francs.

It is said that the 15,000 American troops cost Germany more than the 80,000 French. With a dollar worth from 60 to 65 marks the buck private getting \$36 a month has a greater income than some of the high German officials. And he lives that way. A fine meal can be purchased for 30 marks—about 50 cents—and the privates along the Rhine live like gentlemen. Their officials say they also behave like gentlemen, a drunken soldier being rarely seen.

Heavy Financing Needed

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A New One—Teaching Typewriting by Music

The Tyler Commercial College of Tyler, Texas, in line with the progressive policy that has made it the largest business college in America, recently conducted some experimental tests with music in their typewriting class, and found the results so gratifying after thorough and exhaustive trials that they have adopted it as their regular method of teaching.

At first glance it seems almost laughable to combine music with the clatter of a typewriter in a business institution. But a little study makes the remarkable results that have been obtained perfectly clear. Which typist will do the most work and the best work? The one who writes spasmodically, in jumps and starts, who writes one easy, familiar word at "ninety miles an hour" and has to slow down to pick out the next word because it isn't easy, striking one letter hard and the next one light because he writes in sprints, or the typist who writes easily along at a steady, regular, constant speed, striking all letters exactly alike, and not slowing down for difficult words because he has learned to maintain a constant speed. It is obvious that the typist who has a regular, even touch will be faster and more accurate.

And the best known way to develop this regular, even touch is to start the student in with music, having him write in time to the music, which can be fast or slow in accordance with the ability of the class. Continued practice with the phonograph fixes the habit of regular, rhythmic writing, which means Speed and Accuracy.

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The former President, having bigger things to think of than postmasterships, had put a large class of these officers under civil service rules, ordering that the one standing highest in the competitive examination should be appointed. President Harding changes this so that one of the three highest shall be appointed. It is explained that this gives "more liberty of choice," and that the one who stands highest in the examination is not necessarily the best for the place. The order affects 13,000 postmasterships, all in important places.

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Drawing the Line

An infatuated girl sometimes thinks she could live on romance, but she knows she couldn't dress on it.—Dallas News.

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