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KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN

Everyone should be on the look-
out for dangerous propaganda, even
though the war is over. For some-
time several correspondents in
Washington have been sending out
a lot of stuff destined to poison the
public mind, just as it did be-
fore the war. They're trying in a
veiled way to create sympathy for
Germany, believing American senti-
ment can be made to say: "They're
asking too much of Germany." They
are trying to work up a feeling
too, against England by having the
papers declare: "Ireland is not get-
ting a square deal." Most editors
are throwing this stuff in the waste
basket, but there is danger of some
of them overlooking it. So be on
your guard, and take everything
you read along this line with a
grain of salt. The correspondents
are paid to work up sympathy for
a foreign nation. Take no stock
in it. Remember that you're an
American, and a good American
keeps his hands off the affairs of
another nation.

NO COWS—NO HORSES

Henry Ford says the farmer will
see the day when both the horse
and cow will be done away with.
The horse will go, he says, because
of the auto truck and the tractor;
"He is a 1200-pound hay motor of
one horse power," says Mr. Ford,
"and a little machine half his size
will equal twenty of him." As for
the cow the great auto builder says:
"It is a simple matter to take the
same cereals that the cow eats and
make them into a milk which is
superior to the national article and
much cleaner." Nor is meat essen-
tial. For he describes a scientific
food which will not only take the
place of milk, but of meat.

Henry may be right. He has
done such wonderful things in the
past that it would be hard to find a
citizen brave enough to try him out
in an argument. Maybe he could
go still farther and say the day will
come when there will be so many
different kinds of machines and
chemicals that a fellow can quickly
and cheaply manufacture his own
clothing and do away with factories,
and by swallowing a tablet of this
kind and one of another enjoy an
entire meal without having to waste
an hour at the dining table. Maybe
we'll all have more time for our-
selves by not having to stop to eat,
and maybe the women will have
more leisure by not having to cook.
There really isn't anything impos-
sible in this world, and if they can
convince us that they've found
something to replace the cow—you
know they already furnish us eggs
in the shape of a powder—then we
are willing to admit that Henry
Ford is a prophet and fully a thous-
and years ahead of his time.

A New York man who helped
corner the sugar market last year
has committed suicide. Why didn't
he think of it sooner.

Another thing you can't do is
make a girl believe dish-washing
will make her hands as soft as a
drug store lotion.

FARM LAND DECREASE

It may interest you to know that
a report just sent out by Uncle Sam
shows plowlands in the U. S. de-
creased 7 per cent in price per acre
during the past year. The average
value of plowlands per acre on
March 1 was \$33.73, as compared
to \$36.01 in 1920 and \$38.31 in
1919. It is blamed on declines in
crop prices. The report also shows
that the greatest drop was in Ken-
tucky, due to tobacco price declines.
A year ago the average price per
acre of Kentucky plowlands was
\$70. This year it is placed at \$53.
The highest score is shown by Iowa.
There the average plowland acre is
quoted at \$200 while last year the
value was \$219. Illinois shows the
next slightest drop. Western states
taken as a whole, show a smaller
decrease than those in the east,
north or south. It is also interest-
ing to note that according to the
report, land prices in the United
States are still higher than they
they ever were in history up to the
year 1920.

AN INVITATION

The best way to judge the busi-
ness enterprise of any community is
by the size and frequency of the
ads in the home paper. All read-
ers are strangers until they buy.
The business visitor is a stranger
until he buys a few meals; and the
permanent resident is very much a
stranger at the store he has never
been invited to patronize. The large
display ad attracts and holds atten-
tion and arouses respect and confi-
dence. It cries out "low costs, low
overhead, low selling prices, qual-
ity goods." It dominates the page,
of course, that as the mansion of
many rooms looms up larger than
the shack. All ads are read—big or
little. Everybody knows that, and
the statement calls for no argument.
But the merchant who is seeking
real business success, and who
wants to advertise the BEST way
and to get the MOST for his money
is the one who realizes that the larger
the ad the greater its pulling
power.

ABOLISHING THE "PIT"

Efforts to do away with the Chi-
cago wheat pit, or grain exchange,
are being watched with interest all
over the country. Congress is go-
ing to wrestle with the problem
when it returns to its labors in the
fall, and the question is going to be
one in which not only the farmers
of this country but every resident is
interested. If the "pit" is guilty
of saying what the farmer shall or
shall not receive for his product,
and if it can say just what each
citizen shall pay for the bread he
puts in his mouth, then it appears
that too much power has been de-
legated to a few men who earn their
millions by speculating on the la-
bor of others. But that is a ques-
tion to be threshed out, and every
one should be vitally interested in
it, and should lose no time in tell-
ing his congressman just where he
stands. For, after all, the future of
the Chicago wheat "pit" is largely
in the hands of the individual citi-
zen, and its future depends largely
on just what each citizen has to say
to the congressman from his re-
spective district.

DISTRESSING

Why is it the Los Angeles daily
papers rant about a "society beauty"
and then spoil it all by printing her
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is in being poor is you know you
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