

## HOW'S YOUR MIND TODAY? BETTER OR WORSE?

$\mathrm{N}^{\mathrm{EW}}$ ing infapers the country over are publishTen Best Books I Ever Read." These interTen Best Books I Ever Read." These inter-
views are interesting, primarily because they views are interesting, primarily because they
reveal such a variegated taste on the part of the men and women who do most of our
modern writing. It is likewise interesting that modern writing. It is likewise interesting that
every author interviewed declares that it is almost impossible to choose the ten best from all the books he has read,
The libraries of the world are packed with
fine books on every conceivable suject fine books on every conceivable subject. On the shelves of our vast storage houses for
books any person may secure any worth-while books any person may secure any worth-while so far that human experience of every sort has been recorded in books, now available to
anyone. And yet hundreds of masterpieces
rest on the shelves of lit
without being taken out
 Man has advanced through the ages only in
direct proportion to his mental improvement He will progress in the future only as he im-
proves his mind. proves his mind.
What
What applies to man in the generie sense
applies to the individual. applies to the individual. Every time you in
crease your store of knowledge you improve yourself. You have only to reach out for any information you desire.
On the vast shelves of our public libraries are entertainment, knowledge, where men of the past move interesting characters across the
stage of Fiction and where history with all the stage of Fiction and where history with all the
lesson it teaches is brought down to date for us.
Read one book a week. It is better to re
most anything than to read nothing at all.

## WHAT SUPER-POWER MEANS TO COUNTRY

GOVERNORS of states interested in larger $G$ electric power production, such as the great Colorado river project affecting irrigation and
electrification in five states, are to hold a conference. Electricity, entirely under public regulations,
costs less today than in 1914 . Super-power, costs less today than in 1914. Super-power, the next extension of our central station prim-
ciple, will further cheapen it. A million new ciple, will further cheapen
users were won last year.
users were won last year.
Our electrical investment is over five bilions and owned by nearly two million people, who
put in last year $\$ 750,000,000$ more. The splendid plan of super-power, now in part realized
in sections of the south, the Pacific coast, and
the middle west, will mean stil more billions the middle west, will mean still more billions
for power stations and transmission lines for power stations and transmission lines.
Dividends and interest on these bilions must be paid to keep money flowing into the new be paid to keep money flowing into the new
system. But super-power will more than pay its way in cheaper current and new services for home, farm and factory. Engineering ob-
stacles have been overcome, but not the postacles have been overcome, but not the po-
litical and legislative obstacles. State laws litical and legislative obstacles. State laws
must be harmonized and bettered to clear the way.

## SAVING COUNTY ROADS AND MONEY AT ONCE

SUPPLEMENTING the state highways which Sare being built as trunk roads by various western states, many individual counties have
adopted a definite program of hard-surfacing adopted a definite program of hard-surfacing the side roads leading into these main traffic For years.
For years many county roads have been
surfaced with gravel or crushed rock result a fine hard road base has been created. Modern automobile traffic tears these roads to pieces, causing constant repairs and more rock. To eliminate this heavy maintenance
oads, which already have a substantial base, with an asphaltic concrete pavement, thus new gravel or crushed prack every few months One fact has been clearly demonstrated, and that is that a substantial road base such as
these old roads mean more to the life of the these old roads mean more to the life of the
pavement than increased thickness in the pavement itself if placed on a poor base. Thus is the grading and base of the old road utilized at a great saving to the taxpayers and at a minimum of expense for a shockabsorbing wearing surface.

## LOOK OUT FOR THE MONEY-EATING SHARKS


#### Abstract

$1 \begin{aligned} & \text { He newspapers recently carried a pathetic } \\ & \text { story of an-aged couple }\end{aligned}$ story of an aged couple who invested and lost $\$ 35,000$ in worthless stocks. It was every cent they had in the world, and all of their lifetime savings. Their money was fooled away from them by the glittering promises of an unscrupulous broker who promised to make them millionaires. It is because the lutely without mercy, and full of people who


believe that they can get something for nothing, that our poorhouses and penitentiaries heartbroken.
Don't be fooled into thinking there is any easy road to wealth. Hard work and prudent investment secure the only lasting prosperity. There are reliable investment bankers in every community who are only too glad to
give honest advice to those seeking a place to give honest advice

## COAL BARONS BETTER BEWARE SUBSTITUTES

DisPatches from all parts of the country apartment houses, factories and public buildings, instead of coal.
For several years the public has been subjected to periodical coal strike, with resulting hardships from lack of fuel and unreasonable
prices.
The public interest in the coal industry has
apparently apparently been lost sight of by both the operators and the miners, coal can cripple a
The day lack of coll whole nation is drawing to a close. The Electricity, fuel oil, and gas are the coming substitutes for coal in the average home and factory,
Public
Public utility plants operated by coal will ase oil or operate their own
Coal mining will get the same lesson that is eventually meted out to any industry that in its operation loses sight of the public inwill take its place.

## SHORT JABS AND JOLTS FROM FAR AND NEAR

[^0]When France gets out of Germany depends on what she gets out of it.-Washington Post.

In view of the situation in the Ruhr it is difficait to understand how the expression -Detroit News.
European audiences are telling Mr. Volstead that America is still a trifle damp. Mr. Volstead should sreply, "Thanks to your assist-
ance."-Dallas Journal.

There is a good deal of talk as to Coolidge's problem. There is nothing to it. It is very easy of solution. Just let him subscribe to the
Literary Digest and the editors of the country will tell him what to do and how to do it Warren (Ohlo) Tribune.


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[^0]:    God made the country, but man made the country club,-Muskogee (Okla.) Phoeníx.

    The harassed housekeeper is inclined to think that the finest sight in
    anthracite.-Providence Journal.

    President Coolidge finds it impossible to halt the Coolidge boom. That's what we call

    The worst faults of secret diplomacy are hat it is never secret long, and almost never diplomatic.-New York Morning Telegraph.
    "Ford won't run except under compulsion." We have one of the darned things with a dis-
    position like that.-Assoclated Editors (Chiposition ike that--Assoclated Editors (Chi-
    call

